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Enjoy these pages and notice the festive sights, sounds, and sensations that are to be experienced around us.

Christmas table decoration workshops with Annie at Rosa Rugosa in Mill Hey, a woodland walk at Bolton Abbey, a family day trip to Woodbank and Santa Land...these are just a few of the lovely options available to us. Pull out and save the two page programme of sparkling happenings in Haworth too. As ever, enjoy this month and make the most of it!

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early themes carry over into her published novels. Dated 19 August 1830, this particular manuscript, which has never been published, recounts how a murderer is driven to madness after being haunted by his victims, and how 'an immense fire' burning in his head causes his bed curtains to set alight, prefiguring the well-known scene in Jane Eyre, in which Rochester's insane wife sets light to his bed curtains. If you've never visited the Museum and seen one of these little books for yourself, we urge you to do so. These rare and precious manuscripts are among the most popular of exhibits with visitors and never fail to enchant.

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Whether you love it or loathe it, you have to admit that the run up to Christmas is usually challenging.

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When it comes to choosing the perfect gift, the one piece of advice we try to impart to our customers is, "Keep it Simple."

Consider a gift as a communication. When you give a present to someone, what you are actually doing is speaking to them. This may seem obvious but somehow we forget it when we go to choose a present. Ask yourself first, "What do I want to say to this person? What sentiment do I want to convey?" Then move on to, "What can I give them that will communicate this?"

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Nathan's Favourite Pumpkin Tart

This is a delicious way to use up the flesh from carved Halloween pumpkins. The tart can be served either warm or cold. For Nathan, it is perfect when served warm with ice cream!

Ingredients

1 Pack ready rolled shortcrust pastry
450g pumpkin cut into small chunks
100g soft brown sugar
Pinch of salt
½ tsp each of cinnamon, ginger and nutmeg
1 tablespoon honey
3 eggs, beaten
Grated zest of 1 lemon and juice of ½
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Method

Remove pastry from the fridge an hour before start. Grease and dust with icing sugar a 20cm flan tin. Line the tin with pastry, leaving some excess over the edge to prevent shrinking. Place the lined tin in the fridge for 30 minutes. Preheat the oven to 180C / gas mark 4. Prick all over the bottom of the tart with a fork, cover with greaseproof paper and weigh down with rice or baking beans. Bake the pastry case blind for 20-25 minutes, remove from the oven and let it cool slightly. Carefully trim off the excess pastry from around the edge of the flan case and remove the baking beans and paper. To make the filling, steam the pumpkin for around 15 minutes, until very tender. Press down on the cooked pumpkin to remove the excess liquid. Allow the pumpkin to cool then place in a blender with all the other ingredients except the eggs and puree until smooth. Add the eggs and blend again. Pour the mixture into the pastry case and bake for 55 minutes or until a skewer comes out from the centre clean. Allow to cool in the tin. Remove from tin and dust with icing sugar. Enjoy!



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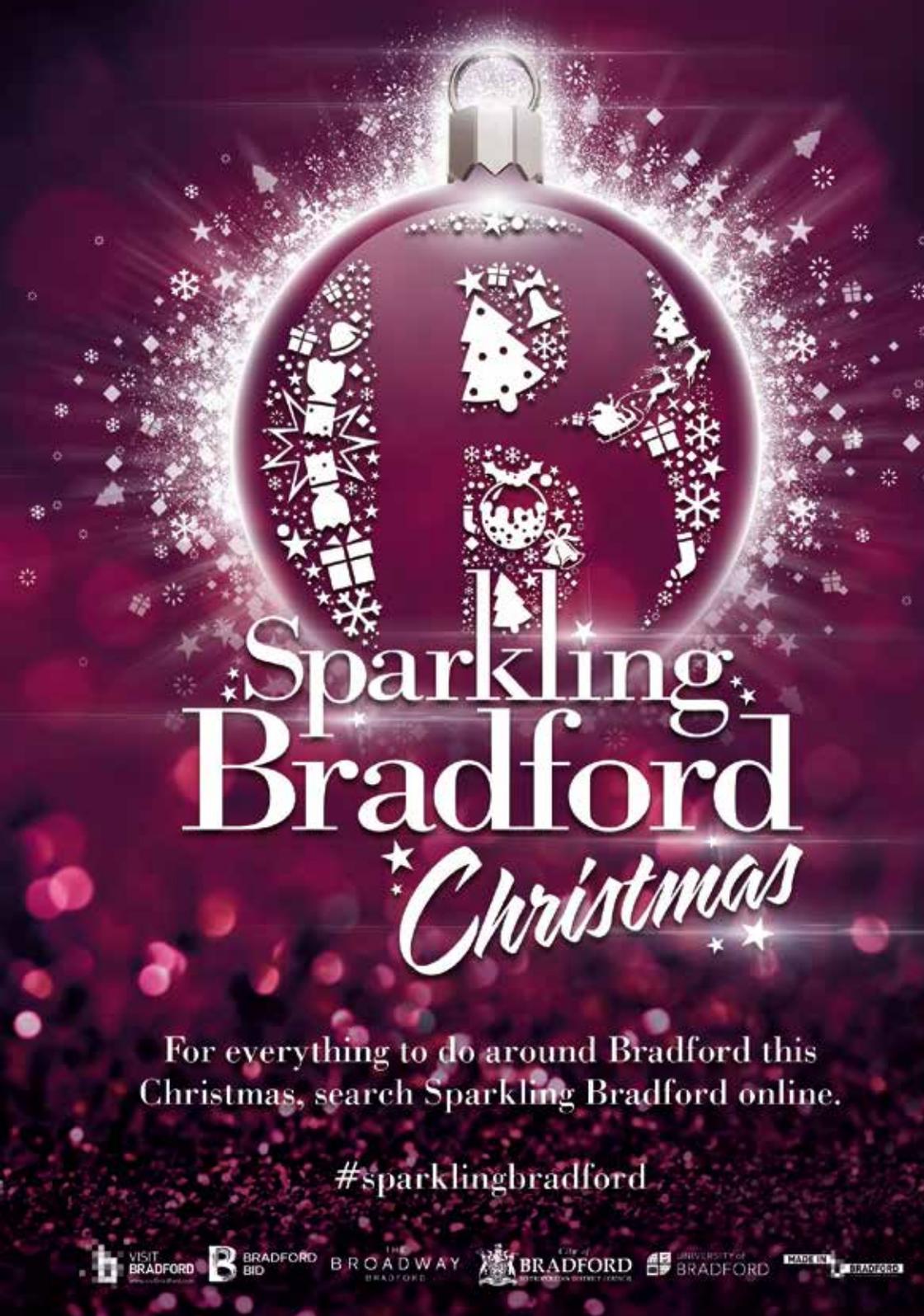
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**30th November / 1st December -
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Haworth's first ever Christmas light switch on will take place between 4-6 PM at the iconic Christmas Tree at the bottom of Main Street hosted by BBC presenter and fund raiser extraordinaire **Harry Gration**. He'll arrive with **Santa on his Sleigh** accompanied by **Cinderella and her Prince Charming**. There'll be a packed two hour show to kickstart our *'Christmas in Haworth'*.

The fabulous **Christmas Craft Market** will be open in the Old School Rooms from 10AM – 4PM.

To keep you warm from the inside out, the award-winning *Bronte mulled gin and wine stall* will be opposite the Church steps.

Sun 1st December features more fabulous entertainment from **Same Difference** plus vocal perfection from **Bacapella**. **Haworth Ukelele Group** are popping up everywhere and **James Hutton** will sing some Christmas Classics. **Wilkinson's famous fairground organ** will also create joyful music at the bottom of Main St. *For all kids young and old, Santa will waiting for your visit in his sleigh at the top of Main Street.*

The Christmas Craft Market will again be open in the Old School Rooms from 10AM – 4PM - and all weekends up until Christmas.

FLAMING & FESTIVE

**7th & 8th December -
Torchlight
Weekend**

A family favourite, benefiting Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice in Oxenhope, this sparkling spectacle puts the magic into everyone's Christmas. As the sun sets on picturesque Haworth village, flaming torches & light wands illuminate the path for the procession up the cobbled street where all are welcome to sing and join in. Pop along to West Lane Baptist Church and enjoy their **Christmas Tree Festival**.

Sat 7th December Noon - 4:30pm. **Bazzmatazz**, the high energy dance troupe from Halifax will have you moving and swaying to their beats throughout the day. **Great Yorkshire Morris** will be out and about performing as will **Sowerby Bridge Morris**.

Saturday Torchlight Procession: Gather at 4:45pm at the bottom of the cobbled Main Street where you will join the **West Yorkshire Police Band**, our **Fire Juggler** and the **Manorlands Flaming Torchbearers**. Song sheets in hand and with your best singing voice, you will set off up the street as part of the procession, pausing in places to sing or watch the fire juggling display.

(Light Wands will be available to purchase on Main Street at No.84 The Cabinet of Curiosities or No.111 Hawksby's Gallery)



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Sun 8th December

From Noon- 4:30pm **Voices of Yorkshire** bring the beautiful sound of a traditional Christmas choir to the village. **Bazzmatazz** return with another round of festive syncopation headed up by leader & choreographer, **Bazz Robson**. **James Hutton** vocalist & former opera singer will also serenade visitors throughout the afternoon.

Sunday Torchlight Procession: Gather at 4:45pm at the bottom of the cobbled Main Street where you will join the **Hebden Bridge Band**, our **Fire Juggler** and the **Manorlands Flaming Torchbearers** to sing your way up the hill. The procession ends at the foot of the steps to the Parish Church. **All are welcome to attend the candlelit carol service that begins at 6pm in St Michael's Church.**

Thurs 12th December **Parsonage Museum free entry for locals & Late night shopping on Main Street.** Join us for a glass of sherry and the chance to see the Parsonage dressed for the Christmas season. The Museum shop will be open. *After 5pm, entry is free to visitors providing proof of residence in BD22, BD21, BD20 or Thornton. Last entry 7pm.*

The Haworth Christmas Bauble Hunt - We have displayed ten handcrafted baubles painted by Crossroads, Haworth and Stanbury School children in windows up Haworth Main Street. 'Bauble hunt' sheets can be found in most establishments, so join in the fun and keep the whole family entertained. **Happy hunting...**

JOY TO THE WORLD

**14th & 15th December -
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Both days 12noon- 4:00pm A weekend when **Traditional Brass Band** sounds plus **Pipe Ensembles** fill Haworth Village with joyful Christmas music.

Sat 15th December features **Hebden Bridge Brass Band**, **Haworth's very own Brass Band & City of Bradford Pipe Band**.

Sun 16th December showcases **Hebden Bridge Brass Band**, **City of Leeds Pipe Band**, plus the vocal delights of **Bacappella**.

Thurs 19th December **Late Night Shopping 'til 8pm**

Many of the village shops including the **Bronte Parsonage shop** will remain open until 8pm offering seasonal specials and festive treats.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING
**21st & 22nd December -
Nativity Weekend**

The true Spirit of Christmas visits our Village. Gather round the Christmas tree at the bottom of Main Street at 2pm. Meet the nativity donkeys who will be available to pet. Join Jesus, Mary, and the donkeys as they make their way up the stone setts searching for a resting place. Experience the Christmas story anew. All angels & shepherds welcome. The Nativity procession will be accompanied by the **Golcar Brass Band** on both days.

4pm Saturday 21st December,
A Stroll Through The Past: A walk around Haworth with Adam Sargent, storyteller, telling traditional Victorian ghost stories. Meet by the Christmas Tree at the bottom of Main Street at 4pm. Free Event.

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Living with Loss Social Group meet every third Tuesday in the month at 2pm, at **Christ Church Oakworth**. A place to come for a friendly chat with others who know what it is like to have lost loved ones, with a cuppa and cake.

Holden Art Group meet on the First Thursday in the month at 7.30pm at **Christ Church Oakworth**. Regular guest artist techniques demonstrations. All welcome whatever your artistic talent. See oakworthchurch.org.uk for regular updates.

Keighley Mens' Forum meet every Thursday morning from 9.45am to about 11.30am. The Forum is open to men over retirement age and after refreshments we have a guest speaker for an hour or so. 1, **Devonshire Road, Keighley** (only 3 steps to manoeuvre). Weekly dues are just £2 and there is an annual membership fee of £5 per member which also gives our members membership of Keighley Playhouse.

Every Friday 10am to 12pm **The Shed** - Oakworth. Wood work and a range of handicrafts.

Laycock & District Women's Institute meet on the Third Thursday in the month at 7.30pm in **Laycock Village Hall** All welcome

Every Monday 11am-12pm **Health Walk** starting from West Lane Baptist Church. All Welcome.

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Every Tuesday 12.15pm **Oakworth Senior Citizens Luncheon Club** at **Oakworth Methodist Church**
Sun 3rd Nov **Thanksgiving and Remembrance Service** at **Christ Church Oakworth**.

Tues 5th Nov **Cross Roads & Lees Church & Chapel Ladies Group** St James Church Hall, Haworth Road, **Cross Roads 7.30pm** Bedpans & False Teeth speaker Denise Aldard

Thurs 7th Nov 7.30 pm **Oxenhope Methodist Women's Fellowship** meet at The Chapel, West Drive. Demonstration on making chutney.

Fri 8th Nov The Shed Group 10am to 12pm **Brush Up on Art** - 4 Week Art Course at Oakworth Village Hall Contact KHL Tel: 01535 677177 to sign onto the course - £2 Free places are available

Fri 8th Nov **Haworth Cinema Film Yesterday (12A)** 7.30pm West Lane Baptist Centre.

Sat 9th Nov 11am - 4pm **Haworth Artisan Food & Drink Market** The Old School Rooms, Haworth Third Artisan Market of the year. Featuring a range of food and drink suppliers, raising funds for Manorlands Hospice.

Sun 10th Nov 10.45am

Remembrance Sunday Memorial Service Holden Park Oakworth
Mon 11th Nov **Haworth and District Women's Institute's** November meeting will be held at St James' Church Hall, Cross Roads at 7.30 pm. Speaker - Ian Tomlinson talking about Stained glass. All welcome.

Mon 11th to Sat 16th Nov **Haworth**

West Lane Baptist Amateur Operatic Society 7.15pm each evening and 230pm on Saturday. "Iolanthe" Gilbert & Sullivan comic operetta. booking details can be found at www.haworthamateuroperaticsociety.co.uk and www.facebook.com/HaworthBaptistWestLaneAOS
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Turs 21st Nov 7.30pm **Oxenhope Gardening Club, Oxenhope Community Centre**, Shaw Lane Oxenhope. The speaker Annie Milner from Rosa Rugosa of Haworth. Annie will be demonstrating how to make Christmas arrangements using material from the garden. Mince pies will be served. Non members, £5

Thurs 21st Nov 7.30 pm **Oxenhope Methodist Women's Fellowship** meet at The Chapel, West Drive. Salvation Army Chris Brown.

Fri 22nd Nov 7pm **Natasha Harper sings 40's, 60's and present day tunes along with sounds from DJPhil.**

Tickets £10 includes supper at Cobbles & Clay, Main St. Haworth. Doors Open at 7pm. Live music from 8:30pm.

Note: This event is to benefit WVCR (Worth Valley Community Radio) Come learn more! All welcome.

Sat 7th Dec 2pm **Oakworth Village Society Christmas Fair** at Oakworth Village Hall.

Thurs 28th Nov **Oxenhope Antiques & Collectors Society** 7.30pm at

Oxenhope Community Centre, Speaker: David Allen - Exploring Your Antiques and Collectables. Bring along something to talk about and have it valued. Visitors welcome - For more information contact Christine on 07974 785489

Sat 30th Nov & Sun 1st Dec 10am - 4pm **Christmas Craft Market** Old School Rooms, Haworth. Entertainment throughout the day in Haworth. Santa will also be on the Main Street. (see page 20/21 for full details).

Sat 7th & Sat 14th Dec **Sparkle your Christmas pop-Up Events.** Festive hands-on workshops for the whole family. Fun gift making, Cupcake decorating, Pimp-your-Christmas Jumper, Upcycled Madness, and much more! Upstairs at Pennybank, Haworth Main Street. **Follow & Like Upstairs at Pennybank on Facebook** to find out more. Or contact pennybankhouse@gmail.com

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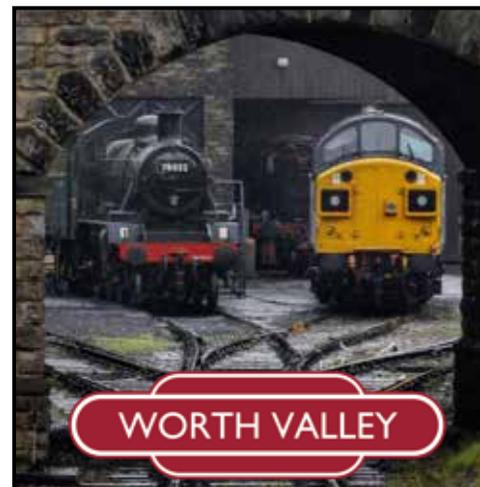


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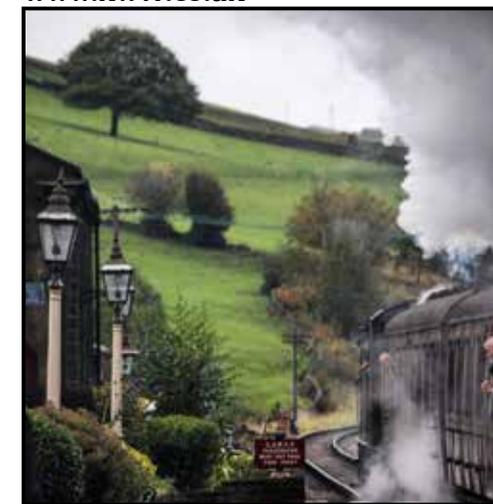


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evenings and the roaring fire in the booking hall keeps out the winter chill. It is nearly time to welcome Father Christmas as he joins us on board our Santa Specials, which run weekends from November 30th to December 22nd plus Christmas Eve. Tickets continue to sell fast, so please do book soon if you wish to travel from a particular station, because many services are already nearly full. Travelling with Santa and his Pixies is always a great family favourite, with the decorated trains, Winter Wonderland at Oxenhope and gift from Santa all adding to the great atmosphere.

With so much going on, I do hope that you will consider making a nearly-new year's resolution to join us board as a volunteer. We provide full training for the wide range of roles that are required to keep the wheels turning. You can help front-of-house on the stations or on the trains, as well as behind-the-scenes on civil and mechanical engineering, and in the myriad of roles that are necessary to keep the wheels turning. Full details of how to join as our volunteering team, as well as how to book the Santa Specials are on the website.

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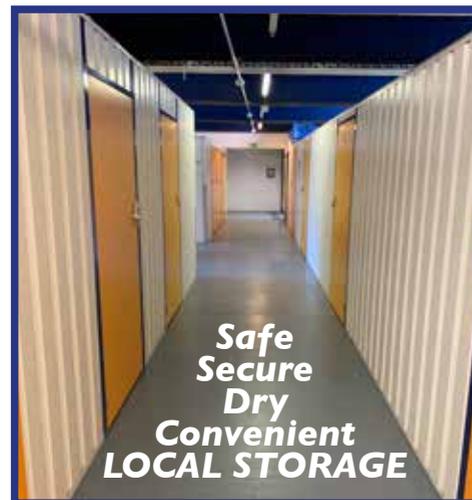
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by David Hanson, Haworth Physio

Bungalow legs – a condition suffered by the elderly is growing and is now becoming increasingly recognised by the medical profession.

Many people, having reached a certain age, decide to 'downsize', either into a retirement flat or a bungalow. In either case, the absence of stairs is noticeable and often one of the deciding factors when choosing the new home. Although this might seem like a good idea in preparing for later life, the impact of not having stairs in the home needs careful consideration. Stairs play a vital role in the maintenance of functional strength. Climbing stairs works all of your major lower-body muscles, including your glutes, hamstrings, quadriceps and calves. It is also a weight bearing exercise.



Weight bearing exercises are activities that make your muscles work against gravity. Walking, hiking, playing racquet sports, jogging and stair-climbing all fit into this category. Climbing stairs means that the bones of your lower body must work to support your weight, and that extra load will trigger an increase in bone-building cell activity.

Bone density is especially important as we age. Maximum strength and bone density peaks at around the age of 30. After this there is a slow decline in both our physical strength and the density of our bones. Continued decrease in bone density can lead to a condition known as osteoporosis.

Osteoporosis is a disease that weakens bones. It is a 'silent disease', with no symptoms until a sudden fall leaves you with a painful and unexpected fracture of the hip, wrist or of the vertebrae in your

spine. Osteoporosis can affect anyone at any age, although postmenopausal women are particularly at risk. Bone density in women is regulated by the female hormone oestrogen. As oestrogen levels decline around and after the menopause, bone density also begins to fall. The benefits of undertaking regular weight bearing activities are especially important for this particular cohort of the population.

Those living in bungalows (or actively avoiding stairs) may well be denying themselves a vital exercise activity. The old adage of 'use it or lose it' certainly applies in this case. If this is you (or someone you know), then seek to redress this imbalance

by taking stairs rather than a lift where possible, finding steps to climb when out walking, or using a stepper machine if you go to a gym. These simple measures will help to prevent those unwanted, and potentially harmful, bungalow legs.

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