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No. 169

October 2014

Road closure likely to last until December

The eastern approach to Youlgrave looks set to be closed until well into December, with work to renew gas mains between Alport and Hawley Bridge due to start in the next few days.

According to roadside notices from National Grid, the closure will take effect from Wednesday 8 October and last up to ten weeks (mid December), with the official road closure notice allowing the road to be shut until 22 December. The work will involve laying new gas mains along the stretch between Alport (Dark Lane) and Hawley's Bridge (the junction with the B5056). The Bugle understands that there are no plans for traffic lights as the work is likely to involve digging up the middle of the road, so it will be completely closed during that time.

Despite the likely length of closure, the County Council's Highways Department has said that it hopes that the road will re-open sooner if work progresses quicker than anticipated. They have also said that they are currently investigating other options to try to speed up the re-opening.

The official diversion, from the A6, is along the B5056 to the A5012 at Grangemill, and either via Friden or Long Rake into Youlgrave.



But exactly when will the road to Alport, Youlgrave and Middleton re-open?

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Wednesday 22 October, 4pm-7.15pm

Winster

Monday 20 October, 2pm-5.30pm

No appointment required. Please call the surgery if you unsure of your eligibility - 01629 636207.

LOST CAT

Chocolate point adult neutered male Siamese called Harry Hope, lost at Middleton-by-Youlgrave on 24 August. He was wearing a light blue collar with a blue bell. He is micro-chipped and an alert has been activated via the Anibase Locate Hotline.

Harry went missing for two weeks in April and was found in Youlgrave, so we haven't given up hope!

Thank you

Kirsten Hope, tel 07717 571770

Youlgrave Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

Fun QUIZ evening

Friday 17 October Youlgrave Village Hall

£3 entrance to include soft/hot drink and snacks at interval (over 18's are welcome to bring their own alcohol). All welcome, don't worry if you haven't a team, we will fit you in.

YOULGRAVE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - WOMEN'S SECTION



Coffee Morning and Awareness Day

In aid of the Poppy Appeal Reading Room

Saturday 18 October, 10am-12 noon

£1 entrance fee, included refreshments. Cake Stall, Bric a Brac Tombola, Jewellry and Raffle. Please come and join us.

Help wanted for The Monday Club

The Monday Club is looking for someone to step in and take over some weekly jobs, which I can't manage any more. If anyone is interested please contact Lise Marple on 636287.

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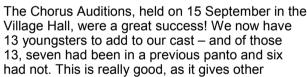
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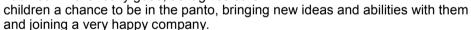
Thank you!

GARDEN PARTY: Youlgrave Royal British Legion (Women's Section) would like to thank everybody who helped and attended our Garden Party in June. Special Thanks to Claire Atkinson for letting us use her lovely garden. We raised the grand sum of £525.80. It was a marvellous afternoon enjoyed by all. JB

BUDDLEIAS: I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who kindly and generously went to the effort of collecting their buddleia and lilac dead heads for the well dressing collection. Be assured they will be used well. Judith Orchard

Panto Chorus auditions – a great success





Our new Choreographer, Kim Robinson, put them through their paces with a simple but effective dance routine, Director Nic Wilson set them a very amusing acting challenge and I gave them an easy way to sing an old favourite thus everyone had a good time "front of House!"

The real fun of the evening, we later discovered, was in the Social Room, where the children's parents and carers had gathered to meet the Backstage Team over a cup of tea or coffee, served with biscuits. It turned out that many of the parents had also been in the pantomimes themselves (some few years ago) and they had a wonderful "catch-up" session together! We also managed to recruit some of them to help with the next production, so a really good night all round!

If you missed it and would still like to be involved in the show in some way, do get in touch through the Website (yvh.org.uk/panto) or speak to one of the Production Team, we would love to hear from you.

Jan Wilson, Producer



Royal British Legion's Women's Section Derbyshire – Annual Purse Presentation

Two members of the Royal British Legion Women's Section in Youlgrave, Shirley Brassington and Margaret Bristow, were honoured in a recent ceremony.

The Bakewell branch of the RBL Women's Section hosted Derbyshire County's Annual Purse Presentation at the Town Hall, Bakewell on Friday 29 August. Branches of Allestree, Belper, Chesterfield.



On Long-serving Youlgrave branch members Shirley Brassington (left) st. and Margaret Bristow (right) receive their certificate from the Rt Hon of Patrick McLoughlin MP.

Ilkeston, Littleover, Mickleover and Youlgrave were also present.

Guest of honour was the Rt Hon Patrick McLoughlin MP for Derbyshire Dales and Secretary of State for Transport and he was welcomed by the County Chairman Mrs Angela Swift.

The Purse Presentation is the highlight of the County's calendar, the day when the branches present the culmination of their fundraising efforts over the year.

Patrick McLoughlin said on receiving the purses how proud he was to be here on this occasion and the Women's Section are to be congratulated on the amounts raised.

Mr McLoughlin proudly did the honour of presenting County Certificates of Appreciation to two Youlgrave members: Shirley Brassington, the retiring Chairman, and Margaret Bristow, the retiring Secretary of Youlgrave, in recognition of the hard work they have put in for their Branch.

Mrs Jan Buxton, the County Treasurer, was very proud to announce that even though there had been changes in the year end, this year the County Purse totalled £8.154.00.

She thanked the branches most sincerely. A job very well done. These monies according to the branches wishes are to be donated to Head Office for the benevolent schemes they administer along with small amounts to both Head Office and County for their administration.

Sam rides to national success

Huge congratulations and well done to Youlgrave's **Sam Young**, aged 13, who over a long season of motorcross racing has won the AMCA Motorcross Inter Junior North West England Championship.

Not letting any pressure get to him, the championship went all the way down to the last race where anything more than a sixth place would make Sam the champion – which he succeeded in doing. And there was even better news for Mum and Dad, who promised a new bike at the beginning of the season if he won the championship (maybe not thinking it was possible!). On the way to winning the championship in such great style Sam managed to attract a bit of sponsorship from R R Motorcycles of Bakewell, and this has all helped to ease the pressure on Mum and Dad's pocket a little!

Well done, Sam, we are all very proud of you. And thanks to everyone who came to support him on the way, especially Jack and Emily who are Number One supporters every week.



Sam in action and on the way to winning the championship.

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A packed autumn ahead for Youlgrave WI

A packed autumn is promised for our W.I. as we prepare for our BIG EVENT on October 25th – the annual Coffee Morning – with various stalls, etc (see advert below).

The September meeting rose to the occasion with six tasty loaves from Andrew from his deli/bakery in Crich, and his knowledge of kneading, plaiting and knotting was fascinating.

The afternoon party for some of our former members was a huge success and much appreciated. The supper Club outing to Owlerton will be reported on (in full detail!) next month, and the Chatsworth Concert was most enjoyable.

On 8 October we have a celebration of our 95th year to look forward to at Hassop Hall, and a Reading Room Supper Club special on the 30th when pointed hats, etc, will be apparent as we have Hallowe'en hilarity with cheeses and a Beetle Drive. Craft group will meet on the 6th and 20th at Jean's at 2pm, and our October meeting is on Tuesday 14th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This will be a chance to be crafty and creative before Christmas, so do just come along if you are interested in meeting our W.I. ladies and find out more about us.

Liz Hickman

Coffee, cake and good company at...

...Youlgrave's annual Morning Coffee for Macmillan Cancer and Medicins sans Frontieres. It was a lovely gathering in the Reading Room. evervone was most generous, and up to now we've raised over £460 to split between the two Barbara charities. the raffle distributed prizes and Val guessed nearest on the 100s and 1000s on the cake (4900ish) and gave her £2.50 winnings back.



We had a lovely team of

helpers and bakers: Barbara, Dianne, Deb, Eddie, Jean, Joan, Mel, Sian, Val and Dawn at Peak Feast – thank you everyone. And, well done, Youlgrave.

Thank you from an ex-teacher!

Dear Friends
I want to say a very heartfelt and sincere thank you for all your kind words, good wishes, cards and gifts as I retired from teaching at Youlgrave School. I really have been most overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity.

Youlgrave is a very special place, with a fabulous community of people and an outstanding natural environment, no wonder I stayed for 28 years!

Now, as I move on to the next chapter of my life I will remember the School, and village with much affection.

Thank you again, and best wishes to you all.

Paul Hayes (retired)



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YOULGRAVE HORTICULTURAL SHOW 2014

After such a great summer. most flowers and vegetables had been at their best before this vear's annual horticultural show, now in its 75th year. However. the gardeners. bakers, children, wood turners and photographers from around



Flowers on show at the Village Hall.

the village did not disappoint us and once again the Youlgrave Horticultural Show, held on the first Saturday in September, was a resounding success.

Maureen Capewell won best floral art display with a beautiful arrangement. Tony Frost won the Silver Cup for the best local gardener and Wendy Wilson took away the trophy for the most points in the baking and handicrafts sections.

Mr Ollerenshaw collected trophies for the most points and best exhibits in the vegetables and flowers sections. His tomatoes also won the best in the show. Joseph Shimwell won the best exhibit in the children's section for his amazing welded tractor and trailer.

Nicola Walker's wonderful sweet peas won the Plowright Cup, with Brenda Harrop winning the Mort Egg Cup for the best eggs on show. Josie Hawkins delicious coffee and walnut cake was judged the best exhibit in the baking section.

Val Cornish's home grown compost won the Sustainable Youlgrave trophy.

The Horticultural Society would like to thank Dougie Oldfield for his brilliant auctioning skills which rounded off a great day.

We would also like to send enormous thanks to everyone who spent so much time and effort entering the show, especially all the children. The writing, photographs, baking and models were truly amazing.



Joseph Shimwell and his winning entry.

Church Farm Diary, October 2014



Chris Hancock, our local plumber, called us the other night to say that we had a burst water pipe in

one of our fields. It was the Severn Trent Water supply, as the pipes run through our fields from Conksbury Lane to Alport. We went down to see all this water coming up out of the ground, so Michael rang Severn Trent to report it.

When we walked over the grass it was moving, the water had gone between the turf and sub soil and water was rushing through the wall and making its way to the river.

We went down again later to find a hole had appeared where we had been walking. It was an old mineshaft that the burst had found, so we were lucky not to have gone down it! The Severn Trent men worked till about 2am putting in a new pipe and Dakin helped out with the ICB.

If anyone in the village had no water that night that was the reason.

At this time of the year on the farm maintenance takes place before the machinery is put away for the winter, and there is always some wall building and fencing repairs to do and repairs on the buildings.

The cattle are still grazing in the fields as there is still plenty of grass. With a supplement of corn and grains they are looking very fit and healthy.

The best news we have had this month is the arrival of our sixth grandchild, Alice. She was born in the early hours on 22 September in a great rush, to Elizabeth and Mark (I'll show a photo next month).

Marjorie Shimwell

Sausage rolls

Ingredients

For the quick flaky pastry 6oz butter 8oz plain flour Pinch of salt

For the filling

1lb good quality pork sausage meat 1 medium onion peeled and grated 2 level teaspoons fresh sage

1 egg beaten

Method

The butter needs to be rock hard from the fridge (sometimes I put it in the freezer). Then dip the butter in flour and grate it with a course grater (if you keep dipping the butter in the flour it makes it easier to handle). Add this to the flour and salt making sure that all the butter is covered with the flour and mixed well and crumbly. Add enough cold water to form a dough that leaves the bowl clean, using your hands to bring it together.

Put the dough into a plastic bag and put onto the fridge for about 30 mins. Mix the sausage meat together with the sage and onion.

Roll the pastry to form an oblong as thin as you can, cut into three strips and place the sausage meat in each strip, brushing along one side of the pastry then roll the pastry over the top and seal making sure that the seal is underneath. Press lightly and cut into individual rolls each about 2 inches long. Snip v-shapes on the top of each roll and brush with egg. Place on a baking sheet and cook for about 25 mins Gas mark 7, 425f.

Youlgrave-Bangbutt Village Link

EBOLA HELP

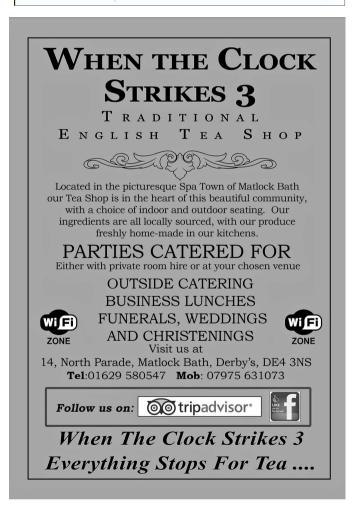
Sierra Leone is so much in the news at the moment with the Ebola crisis that it needs all the help we can give. We are sending £1,150 to Sierra Leone as our contribution, from our fund raising events in the village. If you would like to give an extra donation to help combat this terrible disease, please contact one of the named people below. Let's hope it doesn't reach us...

Our annual Harvest donations are due now and soon we will be sending out our request letters. If you are not on the list and would be willing to contribute annually to our worthwhile work in Sierra Leone, please contact Dianne Hewitt on 636580, Glenys Moore on 636477 or Barbara Scrivener on 636601.

Annual donations help us to budget for the work we can do, however small, and don't forget if the donation is Gift Aided, we can claim back 25p for every pound donated, from the Income Taxman! For the last three years we were able to claim back just over £1,000. BS



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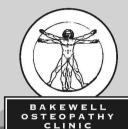
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The bright blue sky glistening above us The wind, moving across my face. God is the soft clouds floating through

the calm blue sky.

The cold wind shooting through my hair. God is like a rainbow, shielding us from harm

And like an explosion of fireworks in the night sky.

God is like a lovely delicious meal and the taste of cream in a caramel.

God is like the twinkling stars shining in the night sky and the wind whispering in my ear.

God is the sound of water trickling down a smooth rock and is the water in the sea.

God is the feel of fur on animals and is like a pillow of softness.

God is like the smell of the biggest cake baking and is like the snap of a meringue. Like the smell of freshly grown grass and my mummy's perfume.

God is the sound of excitement in the air like a fire crackling in the wind.

A fire that keeps us warm on a cold night, God wears a cloak that swishes in the breeze.

God is the softness of nature. God is the Light of the World.

Poem written by the children of Class 2, All Saints School, Youlgrave

Can you help with corn dolls?

Is anybody willing to come into Youlgrave School to knit or make corn dolls with the children? If you would like to volunteer please contact the school on 636289. Thank you.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES 2014

For those new to the Project, shoeboxes, covered with Christmas paper, are filled with all kinds of goodies, and then sent to needy children.

What happens to the shoeboxes is shown quite dramatically on a DVD. If anyone would like to borrow one, they are on the table just inside the church with the leaflets explaining all about the Project. More leaflets are available in the local shops and churches/ chapel. It is important to read the leaflet carefully, as it lists suitable items to go in the boxes and more importantly, things we are not allowed to send. Please make sure vou collect a leaflet so vou stick the label in the leaflet on to the box, giving the age and sex of the child. This is very important. Then please put an elastic band round the box. If you would like to visit warehouse the Chesterfield, where the shoeboxes are collected, checked and sorted. please ring Barbara on 636601. The filled shoeboxes should be

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Sunday 16 November, for the

11am service.

In All Saints church on Christmas Eve at 5pm. We have a willing Mary (Nikki Leach, nee Shimwell) and baby Jesus (Georgie), but lack a Joseph! Any offers?! For more information/offers please ring Barbara on 636601.

The latest from Bangbutt Breeze and Wilson – THEY`RE BACK!

The hugely popular duo Breeze and Wilson return to the Village Hall early in November. Toby and Graham play and sing acoustic country music; roots, blues, a hint of blue grass, tuneful and with infectious rhythms. On their last appearance in Youlgrave they delighted a packed hall with their superb playing and sublime harmonies and are in great demand both in this country and in Canada.



Ask anybody who came last time and they'll tell you – it's an evening not to be missed.

BREEZE AND WILSON: Saturday 8 November, Youlgrave Village Hall at 7.30pm, tickets £6 adults, £3 under 16

Audience members are invited to bring their own food and drink. Crockery, cutlery and glasses will be provided.

Proceeds are for Bangbutt infant health and clean water and sanitation projects in Sierra Leone www.youlgravebangbutt.org

Report from annual Leprosy Mission meeting

The Annual Leprosy Mission meeting was held at the Wesleyan Reform Chapel on Wednesday 24 September. A small but committed and cheerful group of people came and, as ever, enjoyed what Pamela Levens told us. She showed us a Power Point presentation, and talked about the success stories of the Mission to help leprosy sufferers; and in particular the ways surgery could be used to help cured sufferers to use their hands and fingers again. We gave her a large bag of the used postage stamps that we save in church. We were amazed to learn that in 2013 over £122,000 was raised by selling stamps and other collectables, such as coins, postcards, cigarette cards, old match boxes, medals. Maybe we should start collecting them as well?! Altogether during the afternoon over £330 was raised, plus the profits from the sale of Christmas cards and other Christmas items. There are still a few more donations to come and anyone else wishing to make a donation, please contact either Mary Turner (07765671844) or Barbara Scrivener (636601) Thanks yet again to the faithful supporters who always come!

Wanted: More food for bees

wonderful we've summer experienced. I think we were all expecting to be buying pots and pots of local honey from the Bee group hives. After all what's it all about if not to produce honey? The colonies of bees collected honey through to June, feeding their increasing brood and getting to the stage of producing the extra for us, then they ate it all up during June. This is not unusual and is often referred to by beekeepers as 'the June gap'. They then worked hard collecting more again, and by August we saw the 'supers' (collecting boxes) starting to fill. Then they ate it all up again, so by September when we would have collected the year's supply, there was none.

So why? What was wrong? There is no other reason to be found, except that there is no 'forage' food for them in this area at those times. Hives in towns and cities do much better these days due to the prolific variety of flowers in gardens, flowering from early to late months through the year's seasons. Our honey bees are indicators of other nectar dependent creatures, such as butterflies, hover flies and wasps and the food chain dependent on those. So it suggests we have a problem.

I am making arrangements to move my personal hives to areas of plenty, during those months next year, but I would love to be able to say in the future that the people living here took measures to make sure every month had plenty of wild flowers for all wildlife. Possible solutions may be to convert areas of cut grass, or free land to wild flower areas, plant flowering trees, plant simple garden flowers with short nectaries – the bees have short tongues. If anyone has other ideas of how to solve this problem, or would like to help, please contact me.

Judith Orchard, (01629) 630202

Bradford River Action Group project fund launched

Bradford River Action Group (BRAG) was set up in 2012 in response to the concern that Youlgrave residents felt about the drought that saw our beautiful river become a dry bed of stone. The group has been active in raising awareness of the river, most notably through the publication of Christine Gregory's book A River In Time.

BRAG now runs under the umbrella of Youlgrave Community Land Trust (YCLT) and with a small cash surplus it is seeking to fund projects within the village that relate to the Bradford or wider issues of water conservation.

If you would like to apply for grant funding please contact Pat Coleman at info@patcoleman.co.uk (07957 423526) for more information on the grant criteria and how to apply.



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Dawn gives Peak Feast new bite

September saw the ownership of our village bakery, Peak Feast, change hands after the previous owners moved to the sun. Head Baker **Dawn Skinner** now owns the business, having worked there for the previous six years.

Dawn has exciting plans for the bakery, which include a new website and a new and expanding product range. Dawn also hopes that Peak Feast will now become an integral part of our vibrant village community.

Whilst the core of the business is still supplying the area's cafes, pubs and restaurants, they now sell a selection of individual slices of cakes, traybakes, Bakewell Tarts, biscuits and savouries from the bakery during the week.

The bakery is exclusively vegetarian so all of their product range are suitable for vegetarians and, where stated, vegan friendly. No animal fats are used in any of their products and it also goes without saying that they only use local free range eggs.

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Brownies visit Bankside Wildlife Garden...

Recently the Brownies visited Bankside Wildlife Garden. We took fishing nets to the pond so we could scoop out the weeds. We found frogs, tadpoles, waterboatman and watersnails. Maggie Ford showed us a slow worm which looked like a baby snake, but it isn't.

We went inside the willow sculpture, which was like a big den made out of twigs. Some of us saw some other sculptures, including some musical ones. One Brownie accidentally put her soft toy into the fishing net



and forgot to take it out before putting her net into the water so when she took the net out again, her chipmunk was soaking wet, we all found it funny! It was really good fun and we all enjoyed it

By Caitlin McCloy & Daniella Murray, 1st Youlgrave Brownies

...and Youlgrave Brownies go cosmic!



Cosmic Camp is a camp celebrating 100 years of Brownies. It was held at Cannock and organised by a lady named Sarah Trinder. It wasn't just Sarah who planned it, there was a team that helped organise this incredible camp! There were a load of fantastic activities all day, everyday while we were at Cosmic. Anyway, the camping was fun because I was with some of my Youlgrave Brownie friends. Four of us went from Youlgrave — Velvet, Delilah.

Emily and me. Some of the activities were: the spiral mountain, a bouncy castle, bag decorating, dancing to reach for the stars and the incredible greasy pole which I'd say was the best thing! **Erin Murray**

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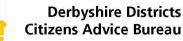
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Youlgrave Wildlife Notes: September 2014

The prolonged fine weather has contributed to a long season for both insects and wild flowers. Butterflies were still common at the time of writing. I have seen small tortoiseshell, peacock, red admiral, speckled wood and comma throughout the month. The insect stars though were two elephant hawk moth caterpillars in a garden on Main Street on the 12th (see photo). Numbers of hibernating small tortoiseshells continue to increase in the church tower and you

have to duck your head as you enter the chamber in ringing dislodge case vou (as well as some saving vourself damaged skull). There have been occasional dragonflies in the garden too, probably southern hawkers.

Wildflower numbers are still holding up well, with 58 species in

bloom on the 15th. Bats have been quite common in the garden around dusk, no doubt taking advantage of continuing insect numbers. Garden birds are now starting to flock again after separating for the breeding season. A flock of about 20 goldfinches are again starting to visit feeders, a family of greenfinches have been emptying my black sunflower feeder and sparrows are making guite a lot of noise in our tree arch. The summer visitors seem to have all gone now. I had a very good report of house martins collecting on roofs, wires and a conservatory down New Road on the 3rd. The numbers built up to a hundred or more then, at 4pm, they all departed. The swifts went last month and my last sighting of both swallows and house martins was over the New Dam on the 12th. This is very similar to previous

years and these may well have been on migration rather than birds that nested locally.

One summer visitor that has not yet gone however was a chiffchaff in the garden on the 20th. Chiffchaffs are normally migrants, but increasing numbers are now seen in the winter, though not necessarily the same individuals that nested here.

It would seem that I have been unlucky not to have heard owls this year, as I had

a report of tawny owls hooting regularly in the Dale. It has been a good month for birds of prey with sightings of kestrels,

sparrowhawks,

buzzards and even peregrines. Dippers can be seen on the river, though some rain would be useful to keep water levels up. Birds to look out for next month will

be the winter thrushes, redwing and fieldfare. These normally arrive here towards the end of October.

Our visiting chicken is still around and looking very plump, as I have been feeding it under the bird table. Though I haven't seen hedgehogs recently there have been some tarry looking droppings on the lawn that look promising. Please do not set fire to old wood stacks this autumn without dismantling them first in case there are hedgehogs hibernating there.

My thanks to Paul, Mike and Simon for their contributions and please keep them coming in.

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Elephant hawk moth caterpillar

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