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Editorial

Amidst all the fear and uncertainty brought about by the Coronavirus, this truly awful worldwide pandemic has sparked a real sense of community spirit in Charvil amongst the residents. We have all come together to do our bit, whether that is part of the COVID-19 Help Team or by simply communicating and offering whatever help possible to neighbours and those more vulnerable in the village. Others have brightened up our days with the amazing pictures and creations in the windows of their homes for everyone to enjoy and cheer us during our daily exercise. The enforced lock down was a difficult period for many, but for those lucky enough to venture out it became a time to explore what beautiful walks and countryside Charvil has to offer, we are blessed to have this all on our doorsteps.

Although some measures have been relaxed and life is slowly beginning to return to a semblance of normality, it is still the time to exercise caution. Please follow all the latest Government advice especially regarding social distancing, face coverings and of course regular and thorough hand washing and between us we can help to keep transmission low and hopefully continue with our new normal.

Over the summer we have introduced a new family annual tennis pass which has gone down extremely well and the courts have been well used, the sports fields have been regularly used by local clubs and just lately we have been able to reopen the Village Hall and have welcomed back some of our regular hirers and look forward to when others will be able to follow.

Again thank you to all the volunteers who give up their time and deliver the newsletter to all residents and also to those who contribute with pieces of news or information. Special thanks to Fiona Mowlem for always assisting with the cover of the magazine and for her most beautiful photographs that are taken around Charvil. Please do continue to share your thoughts and highlight your issues and concerns by contacting the CPC team using e-mail or www.charvil.com

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable end to the summer.

Amanda Burton, Assistant Clerk



Chairman's Foreword

As we continue to wrestle with the COVID-19 pandemic, 'full lock-down' has become 'partial lock-down', and then maybe 'increased lock-down' again, while at least some aspects of our society are attempting to return to normality. However, I fear that we shall also see a process of "two steps forward and one step back" for many months to come. At the risk of preaching mainly to the converted, if we are to fully return to normality, it is going to require a greater level of responsibility among the general population than we have unfortunately experienced to date.

If the above sounds like the 'Nanny State' then unfortunately that is what may be required. In the village we have experienced numerous incidents of the tennis courts and MUGA being broken into, while clearly closed, and there have been numerous evening 'gatherings' on the playing fields with no attempt at 'Social Distancing' but with very considerable litter left lying around, and that has obliged us to re-lock the car park in the evenings. On this subject, my sincere thanks to Mick Bicknell and his team for all their hard work, both for providing and maintain the additional carpark gates while we arrange for more robust replacements, and also for providing and installing the additional bollards alongside the gates. Thank you, Mick. Sad to say, it is situations like these which could very easily lead to the re-introduction of lock-down here, as we have already seen further north. It really is up to all of us, for the greater good, to follow the rules, however inconvenient these may be.

On a lighter note, as I write, your Council is now in the process of re-opening many of the village facilities, albeit on a limited basis to start with. The Village Hall and the hall section of the Pavilion are now available again for bookings by low-energy groups of limited size and with clear 'social distancing' conditions. Outside, the tennis courts and cricket strip are already available for hire, and the MUGA and play parks are now open again. However, none of these outside facilities will be 'sanitized' (we simply do not have the staff), and it will therefore be the responsibility of each user to undertake their own sanitizing. The Council very much hopes that it will be able to return to full normal use of all these facilities over the coming months, but this will depend on how carefully we all follow the rules.

On other issues, those who follow the Council's other posts will know that we have recently lost two stalwart council employees. Nobody who has spent any time in the village can have failed to see one of the Parish Council's longest serving employees, Roger Burns, quietly going about his job, keeping the village's roads and hedgerows spick and span. Apart from his other long-term involvements with the Village Society and with the Village Fete, and also his assistance to many users of the Village Hall, Roger's high-viz jacket, litter-picker and black sacks have long been a regular feature around the village. However, after fifteen years on-the-job, Roger is calling it a day and hanging up his litter picker! I am sure that not only the Council but all local residents will join me in taking this opportunity to wish him 'all the best' in his retirement. And so, from all of us on the Council, and from the residents of Charvil, thank you Roger for a job well done!

Our other loss is Mike Weldon. Mike joined us in 2018 and took on the newly created role of Village Warden, a role which turned out to include pretty much anything and everything! Mike stepped in wherever he was needed and well exceeded all our initial expectations for the role. He quickly became a valued member of the council team for the two years he worked for CPC, and particularly in the smooth running of the Hall and Pavilion. He was not only a keen and able litter picker (nothing escaped his eagle eye) but a genuine master of all trades; there seemed to be nothing that he couldn't turn his hand to, and all with a really cheerful and positive attitude. Big shoes to fill and another team-member who will be sorely missed. Thank you again Mike.

While talking about changes in personnel, I must also mention our Councilors. There has always been a gradual turn-over in Councilors as members move on into other areas; however, in the last couple of months two Councilors have resigned their positions. Jo Akeju was only with the Council for just under a year but quickly joined the Planning Committee and made very useful contributions to that team. I must also mention Adrian Keward who joined the Council in October 2017 and has always been a major contributor to all discussions. He has Chaired the Amenities Committee for some time and will be sorely missed in both those roles. I take this opportunity to thank both these two Councilors for their work and their contributions to the village. Having said that, two new candidates have now applied to join the Council, and I will update the village on this in my next Foreword.

Finally, at the time of writing we have so far had a pretty good summer, and if the rest of the village is anything like me, our gardens have received considerably more attention than in previous years, although (perish the thought), a little more rain would have been helpful! And so, in summary, let me take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and COVID-free remainder of the year. Keep safe everyone.

Jim Gillett, Chair: Charvil Parish Council

Edited Extracts from the Minutes of Parish Council Meetings

Meeting held on 16th March 2020

Open Forum – No residents attended. It was resolved to suspend Standing Orders to discuss issues not on the agenda as a result of the emerging Pandemic restrictions, and how Council was intending to operate until further guidance was forthcoming. This was unanimously approved. It was further resolved to suspend face to face meetings indefinitely, but to allow Council business to continue, powers would be delegated to the clerk and respective chairs until such time as there are alternatives put in place. This was again unanimously approved. Cllr. Hartley announced that the fete would be cancelled this year, and there was some discussion about the Neighbourhood Plan. The clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with James McCabe to discuss the process.

Clerk's note: due to the situation evolving very rapidly, it was not possible to arrange a meeting, and priorities changed to deal with more pressing issues. The clerk will pursue when the time seems appropriate..

Planning, Environment and Highways Committee – The minutes of the meeting on 2nd March were noted. The main topic at that meeting was the Local Plan, and the Council's response to the proposals. Out of this meeting was formed a working group to draw the Council's response together, and it was resolved to approve these responses which was agreed unanimously. The clerk was asked to put this response on the website, and to share with the local journalists who had shown an interest, but Council felt writing a letter as well was unnecessary.

Meeting scheduled for 20th April 2020 Cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions

Planning Environment and Highways Meeting held on 4th May via Zoom

Highways - The Speed Indicator Device is now by Chiltern Drive on Old Bath Road, and the statistics during the Lockdown suggest that while traffic is much less, the average speed has gone up to over 30mph, and many people are now driving closer to 40 mph. The fastest speed recorded was 75mph.

Environment - There was a long discussion about the environmental audit for the Village Hall carried out at the last meeting, and what actions could be taken from this. There was enthusiasm for bat boxes, wildflower areas and other ideas to improve biodiversity. There was also enthusiasm for the idea of approaching WBC to see if we could develop the area behind the Village Hall as a Community Orchard. This would mean a further Asset Transfer. The Committee would like to ask the Amenities Committee to alter the Conditions of Hire to try to reduce the use of single use plastics and would like more signage in the hall to encourage recycling. The feeling was that the Council should promote the terracycle campaigns in Twyford in both the hall and pavilion. The Committee also wanted environmental cleaning products to be used in the hall. There was a consensus that there needed to be a full energy audit of both buildings, which would feed into a Replacement Policy for things like fridges, boilers etc.

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Meeting held on 18th May 2020 via Zoom

Amenities Committee – There were no meetings in April or May. The issue of opening the tennis courts and car park was discussed now that Government guidance has changed to allow people to drive to a place to exercise and to allow people to play tennis. It was resolved to open the car park and to allow the tennis club members to use one court at a time providing they book it first with the assistant clerk so that social distancing could be maintained, and to allow residents to purchase an annual pass but they too must book their slot with the assistant clerk, again to ensure social distancing could be maintained. *The Tennis Club have since informed the Parish Council that they do not wish to use the courts until restrictions are lifted further.*

A second issue for discussion was to plan how to re-open the buildings safely when the Government allows community buildings to open again. It was decided that this would be discussed further at the next Amenities meeting.

The ROSPA reports for the playgrounds and MUGA were noted. It was also noted that the repairs to the wet pour at St Patrick's Recreation Ground highlighted and approved last year had finally been done.

It was resolved to approve the repairs highlighted on this year's report at St Patrick's as some of them were reasonably high risk and it would seem like a good idea to get the work done while the playgrounds remain closed. This was approved unanimously.

It was also noted that repairs to the goalmouths at East Park Farm are due to be undertaken shortly.

Amenities Committee Meeting held on 8th June 2020 via Zoom

To note the correspondence between CPC and CCTC regarding the opening of the courts and the possible resumption of CCTC use of the tennis courts, and to consider the points raised by CCTC - Cllr Keward summarised all of the correspondence including the final email from CCTC which stated that due to the restrictions in place relating to the COVID-19 pandemic that CCTC cannot run and is now dormant until further notice, in addition they feel the request for a more detailed members list was unreasonable. The Amenities Committee believe that the request for full name, address and type of membership is required as the CPC needs to have the ability to validate who should be on the courts outside of the CCTC scheduled time slots. It was suggested that given the uncertainty of the current situation and restrictions placed by Government that CCTC may want to consider cancelling their contract with CPC for the rest of this season and that a new contract be drawn up that is fair and equitable for both sides. Jim Gillett is to draft an email response to CCTC with this suggestion in mind and circulate to the Committee for approval prior to sending.

To discuss and decide what processes and/or measures need to be implemented in readiness of the facilities and buildings re-opening when restrictions are lifted - The Assistant Clerk presented an expanded list that had previously been noted by Adrian Keward along with draft documentation from WBC outlining risk assessments for the opening of buildings. It was decided that signage reminding users on the 2m social distancing rule on the floor outside the buildings be looked into rather than throughout the building and a quotation sought for a pull up banner with instructions regarding COVID-19. It was agreed that the Village Hall be opened with a staggered approach – phase one would be only regular hirers to begin with and no party bookings. The smaller groups permitted to begin with, and as restrictions ease and other activities allowed that we would prepare for phase two and allow the larger groups back but always in line with the maximum capacity number which would need to be identified in relation to what social distancing measures are in place and any activities deemed too high risk – high intensity gym workouts etc. If the Main Hall is vacant, the groups using the Committee Room will be invited to use the Main Hall for their session instead but with no change to the charging rate. All start and finish times for sessions in the Main Hall and Committee Room are to be carefully staggered. Finally, phase three when party bookings can be accepted. The Kitchen is to remain closed and no access to anyone until restrictions eased. Toilets will need to have a sign put on the exterior doors to indicate vacant/engaged. Any changes to cleaning regime would need to be considered and would depend on building usage. Hand sanitisers dispensers have been purchased and will be installed in the entrance foyer, Main Hall and Committee Room. Hand Towel dispensers will be installed in the toilets whilst the hand driers are taking out of action temporarily as per Government recommendation. As uniform groups are unlikely to return this term, the opening of Pavilion not to be considered before September. An Addendum to the Conditions of Hire (specifically related to COVID-19) applicable to all facilities is to be drawn up and circulated to the Committee for approval. Once granted, the Addendum will be sent to all regular group hirers for signature. The Clerk believes that no specific permissions need to be sought from the insurance company provided we stay within all Government guidelines.

To consider a permanent solution to closing/locking the car park at East Park Farm - It was agreed that a permanent solution needs to be found.

Meeting held on 15th June 2020 via Zoom

To retrospectively approve the felling of the storm damaged tree at St Patrick's Recreation Ground at a cost of £550 – It was resolved to approve this which was done unanimously

Amenities Committee – The meetings of 8th June via Zoom were noted.

The discussion regarding tennis was noted and the position taken by the Amenities Committee on this matter was approved. The Chair has written to the tennis club and is now awaiting reply. It was agreed to advertise the family pass more widely, and with signs on the notice board at East Park Farm and on the gate. A plan is being formulated to bring the buildings back into operation when the Government gives the go-ahead. A football team is hiring the fields at East Park Farm for training in line with the current social distancing guidelines.

Planning Matters considered at recent Parish Council Meetings

The Council had no objection to the following applications:

- 200959 Application for proposed erection of a single storey rear extension, including the insertion of 5 rooflights, part conversion of existing garage to create habitable accommodation, plus changes to fenestration at 5, Kilowna Close
- 200890 Application for the proposed erection of a first-floor side extension to existing ground floor side extension at 58 Old Bath Road
- 202001 Application for the proposed installation of an Air Ventilation Column on land north of Norris Green
- 201011 Application to changing existing panels to vertical Cedar Boarding at 43 Chiltern Drive
- 201269 Application for proposed garage conversion into habitable accommodation including the insertion of 3 roof lights, plus replacement of existing flat roof over garage with a flat roof at a higher level at 39, Chiltern Drive
- 201314 Application for the proposed raising of the roof to create additional first floor accommodation, with the erection of two storey front/ side extensions and a part single storey, part two storey rear extension, following demolition of existing garage at 11, Old Bath Road
- 201299 Application for the proposed erection of a detached ancillary outbuilding following demolition of existing shed at Ramblers, Beggars Hill Road
- 201466 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension with 1no roof light at Rowanlea, Old Acres Lane

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Council Comments on the following applications

200890 Application for the proposed erection of a two-storey side extension and single storey front porch extension at 58 Old Bath Road – as Councillors had neither studied the plans nor visited the site, a decision as to whether to comment would be made after the meeting *Clerk's Note: After examining the plans it was agreed to allow the clerk to respond as follows:*

Charvil Parish Council would like to object to this application for the following reasons:

- 1. Currently the property is chalet style common in Charvil. This proposal would mean losing any sense of the original building style, as the roof would be raised beyond the original roofline, and it would be out of keeping with the other extensions carried out on this stretch of the Old Bath Road. There is also no subservience to the existing building, which is again out of keeping with other nearby extensions. Moreover, it will create a massing effect in an area that has a largely spacious feel.*
- 2. The house is within a metre of the next-door dwelling (the boundary must be even closer), so to have a second floor added and extended to the rear so close to the boundary is inevitably going to have a negative impact on the neighbouring property to the west. The two-storey side extension will also impact negatively on the neighbouring property to the east. The two-storey rear extension will extend further back than either of the neighbouring properties, and this will inevitably affect the amount of light in their properties, particularly the dwelling to the west. As the rear extension is to the north, this will increase the negative impact on both dwellings. All of this is contrary to the Borough Design Guide.*
- 3. The plans show a flat roof over the single storey part of the rear extension, with balcony windows. This would mean an unacceptable loss of privacy to all the neighbouring properties.*
- 4. The materials suggested for the extension are out of keeping with the surrounding area, which is largely redbrick as was common in the post war development that makes up most of this part of Charvil. Again, this is contrary to the Borough Design Guide.*

5. *Council is concerned at the loss of parking spaces, as all homes on this part of the Old Bath Road are blessed with large front gardens to allow for multiple vehicles, but by allowing the loss of some of this frontage to dwelling space, this will only allow for the regulation two spaces (there are three on the block plan but that seems ambitious), and increases the likelihood of on-street parking on a very busy road.*
6. *With the loss of the garage, there is no alternative provision for such things as bike storage, and this is to be regretted in the current climate.*

Further to the Council's comments laid out in a previous submission, having seen the rear of the property, there are fresh concerns. Although the application form states that no trees or hedges will have to be pruned or removed to build the extension, there are a number of shrubby trees and a cooper beech that will either be within the area of the extension, or very close to it, and are likely to be damaged, if not removed, to allow the extension to be built. Also, there is a mature eucalyptus to the rear of the property, and given that the remaining garden is likely to be landscaped to compensate for the loss of the rest of the garden, Council has fears for this tree as well.

All are highly visible from the Old Bath Road and would be a significant loss to the street scene.

201444 Full planning change of use of buildings and land from agricultural use to general industrial use (Class B2). Removal of two unlawful structures (Retrospective) at Newland Farm, Loddon Drive – *The clerk was asked to comment as follows:*

1. *Charvil Parish Council objected to the previous application 191788, for a similar change of use plus the retention of two unauthorised buildings. This is now subject to a planning appeal, but the Parish Council still believes the reasons for refusal are still valid and apply to this application as well.*
2. *This application includes information required regarding traffic assessments etc, and it seems that the Borough is happy with the conclusions reached by the consultants. The Parish Council disagrees and still believes there is a hazard to users of the shared use path that runs alongside the A4, which also serves as a route to school and a National Cycle Route.*

There is anecdotal evidence from the school children that they have had near misses with vehicles turning into the site from the A4. Moreover, the Parish Council disputes the likely number of vehicles entering and exiting the site each day, given that one business based there is a minibus company and a sign of success would be increased vehicle movements, and another is a used car showroom, again with success depending on increased vehicle movements in and out of the site. This second business is not particularly advertised now – probably because it is unauthorised, but if given permission, it is highly likely that there would be increased awareness, with a subsequent increase in vehicle movements.

- 3. This application also has a consultants' report regarding the flood risk, and this has also been accepted by the Borough Council as evidence that flooding is not an issue. Again, the Parish Council disputes this. There is photographic evidence of the flooding from 2013, and the emergency services who had to attend the unfortunate blaze were reportedly hampered by the mix of floodwater and electricity. Moreover, in the Borough's own Local Plan appraisal, the area that these buildings are in is Flood Zone 3 (b) and would not be regarded as suitable for development.*
- 4. At least two of the buildings that have permission are subject to the condition that if no longer needed as agricultural buildings within ten years, they should be removed. This was because development would not have been allowed normally but the agricultural need was accepted and so the exception was made. The site is in the Countryside, and as such would not be suitable for industrial use – the argument that there is a need for such enterprises to support employment is weak, given that there are similar sites to let in the area already.*
- 5. The application suggests that there are suitable transport links to reduce the need to drive to the site. Given that most of the businesses based there are either car based, or linked to various trades, it is highly unlikely that many employees would use either public transport or bicycle. Even if they were inclined to do so, the public transport links are poor and far enough away from the site to be an unattractive option for most people, and safe cycling to the site is limited to access from Reading, Charvil and Twyford.*

For these reasons, the Parish Council believes this application should be rejected.

The following applications were approved by Wokingham Borough Council:

- 200267 Householder application for the proposed erection of a part first floor part two storey side extension at 15 Gingells Farm Road.
- 193028 Application for the proposed erection of a two-storey side extension including garage conversion to create habitable accommodation, plus single storey rear extension at 8, The Hawthorns.
- 200408 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey side and rear extension and conversion of the garage to form a self-contained 'granny' annexe at 43 Chiltern Drive.
- 200456 Application for the proposed erection of a two-storey front/side extension, following demolition of existing garage, single storey side extension, following demolition of existing side extension, plus single storey rear extension with the insertion of 3no. roof lights at 3 Strathmore Drive.
- 200547 Application for the proposed erection of a two-storey front extension, first floor rear extension, insertion of two enlarged front dormers, two rear dormers and 9 no. rooflights, plus internal alterations and changes to fenestration at 101 Old Bath Road.
- 200959 Application for proposed erection of a single storey rear extension, including the insertion of 5 rooflights, part conversion of existing garage to create habitable accommodation, plus changes to fenestration at 5, Kilowna Close.
- 200890 Application for the proposed erection of a first-floor side extension to existing ground floor side extension at 58 Old Bath Road .
- 201269 Application for proposed garage conversion into habitable accommodation including the insertion of 3no. roof lights, plus replacement of existing flat roof over garage with a flat roof at a higher level at 39, Chiltern Drive.
- 201001 Application for the proposed installation of an Air Ventilation Column on land north of Norris Green.
- 200847 Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension including the insertion of 1no. roof light, loft conversion to create habitable accommodation including the erection of a rear dormer, plus insertion of 2no. roof lights at front elevation at 68 East Park Farm Drive.

The Following Application was refused by Wokingham Borough Council

200001 Application for the proposed erection of a front/side two storey extension, front single storey extension to create canopy roof for porch. Also, to raise roof height and eaves level with new front facing dormer and 2no rear roof lights to main roof following part first floor rear extension and changes to fenestration at 58, Old Bath Road

The Following Application was withdrawn

200116 Application to vary conditions 2, 6 and 7 and to remove of condition 10 of planning consent 152510 for the proposed erection of a four-bedroom, two storey dwelling. Condition 2 refers to the approved documents; condition 6 to the scheme of landscaping; condition 7 to parking provision and condition 10 to the retention of the garage for parking. The variation is to allow for an increase in the size of the porch, changes to parking and landscaping, and conversion of the integral garage. Retrospective at 1a Milestone Crescent

201011 Application to changing existing panels to vertical Cedar Boarding at 43 Chiltern Drive

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14 September 2020	Amenities Committee Meeting
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Extract from draft minutes from Parish Council Meeting held on 20th July 2020 via zoom.

To consider a request from the Borough Councillor to contribute to the cost of improving the road surface on Milestone Avenue:

The Borough Councillor had explained previously that originally the funds were to come from the Borough Council, but on closer examination by the engineers, the work was going to cost far more than first envisaged. As most of the residents want the work done, they are prepared to pay for it themselves, but the Borough Councillor wanted to know whether the Parish was willing to pay £20,000 (which is 40 % of the precept) toward the project. She explained that the road would not be adopted but would be maintained. The Parish Council felt that to spend such a large amount of money to benefit relatively few residents, who had chosen to live on an unmade road, was not the best use of Parish funds – if it were to benefit the whole of the northern part of Charvil, they may view it differently, but the Parish priorities should be on schemes that will benefit as many residents as possible, so it was resolved not to accept this request which was carried unanimously.

PLANNED INFRASTRUCTURE AND RECREATION IN CHARVIL

As the Parish Council was not able to hold its Annual Parish Meeting this year, we are taking this opportunity to explain the Council's outline plans for community facilities within the village. There has been much debate recently around house building in the area, and particularly in Charvil. We all have our own views on this, and there is undoubtedly further debate yet to be had. However, what is clear is that some level of further house building in the area is inevitable. The obvious result of this additional housing will be an increase in the number of local residents, which of course means that further necessary infrastructure (schools, doctors, recreation etc etc.) will be required within the community. This additional community infrastructure is paid for (at least partially) through a levy on the house building, termed the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Most of this levy goes to the Borough Council, but a small part comes directly to the Parish Council, to invest in its own local 'community infrastructure'.

As residents of Charvil will know, the Parish Council currently manages two 'community hubs' within the village (the Village Hall and the Pavilion), both of which (until the COVID-19 crisis) were always pretty fully-booked.

However, those residents who have used it will also know that the Pavilion was not very well-constructed when it was first built, and is now in a relatively poor state of repair. It would of course be possible to keep patching it up, but this would not be a long-term cost-effective solution or good value for money, and would still not make up for its relatively limited facilities. As a result, the Parish Council is currently undergoing an assessment of how this building might be replaced with a well-constructed, fit-for-purpose sports facility, which (ideally) might also cater for other much needed uses (e.g. maybe a play-school, Guides/Scouts, and other 'social' uses, yet to be agreed).

If the Council is to achieve this, then it will need to use all the funds provided by its share of the above CIL, together with all its current (limited) reserves, along with (in all likelihood) considerable further borrowing. Cash will inevitably be the limiting factor. There is currently a feasibility study being undertaken by the Council, and the results will not be known for some months yet; however, if we can achieve what we are currently hoping, then the aim will be to provide a well-designed and properly built sports and social facility on the East Park Farm site, and which will be an asset to the community for very many years to come. We will keep the village updated as plans progress.

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What has happened six months of difficult conditions for all to accommodate. These are not good times and where help has been offered by a great support team within the village. My sincere thanks go out to a resident in Wenlock Edge for all her support in setting this up.

There are still organisations out there who can assist you if help is needed. The Council website has a lot of information to help.

Covid-19 cases in Wokingham Borough:

We know of about 612 (time of printing) out of 100,000. We have been fortunate in Charvil, I am aware of only four cases, and with all these cases the individuals are now well. Stay Safe and keep your distance, we still have a long hill to climb.

Drug issues:

I have received a number of complaints about youths and POSSIBLE dealers of drugs within the car parks of Park Lane. I have spoken to the Police and have been assured that patrols will be undertaken more regularly within the offending areas.

We have new Police officer and PCSOs joining Sergeant Ashlee beginning of September. PC Adam Young, PCSOs Ed Hobart and Emily Treadgold. Sergeant Ashlee will be introducing all new officers to me in September.

In the meantime, if you are able to capture number plates, just send me the photos. Under no circumstances put yourself or family in any form of danger.

Milestone Avenue:

The residents have got together to work with WBC on tarmacking the road, not to a main road standard but enough to assist with the constant dust issues. I asked the PC to assist the residents with an initial amount of money to assist them. This was refused on the grounds that there are a small number of people living down Milestone Avenue. I am disappointed with the PC as I always thought that no matter where you live in Charvil all members of the public are equal!!

House Building in Wokingham:

The government are planning that a white paper will allow easier planning regulations and for communities to be more involved. Brown sites, especially within urban areas. WBC are constantly fighting any development and with Grazleys off the list this just adds further pressure to all areas. We need to lobby your MP's. Lobby The Rt Hon Christopher Pincher MP Minister for housing. If we can get over the 100,000 mark this has to be brought to the House of Commons. So we need everyone in the borough to assist the WBC in making it clear NO MORE.

The Borough of Wokingham is so stretched with vast amounts of housing already being or built where you won't be able to move for traffic, thus resulting in business who will have to make decisions to move out of the areas.

Fly Tipping:

I am calling the environment side of WBC on average once a week reporting fly tipping, especially around the re-cycling bottle bank area. This is NOT a refuse area only for re-cycling of bottles, if you are caught and reported there can be a fine up to five thousand pounds. The tips are open, I know you have to book, but the new system is working and not causing back up of vehicles. Please respect your green areas, they are few and far between.

Waingels Road

Network Rail have as agreed that the storage land would be put back to as is, of which they have done. Even though I received complaints that the field would never go back to as is, I had a little more faith and want to say Thank you to Network Rail for putting everything back to as was.

Foster Caring

WBC have a shortfall of Foster Carers if you would be interested in fostering please contact WBC or give me a call and I can direct you to the right people to talk to.

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Neighbourhood Policing Team Update



Superintendent Felicity Parker, the Police Area Commander for Bracknell Forest and Wokingham Borough, is in the process of developing the Independent Advisory Group (IAG) for Wokingham Borough and would like to connect with people interested in getting involved.

Message from Superintendent Felicity Parker...

The purpose of the Independent Advisory Group is to get local people involved in policing. Members of the IAG are there to bring challenge to me as the leader of the local command area, to provide me with ideas and a steer on how we can better police the area. I can also ask the group for advice when facing any particular issues; whether it being an issue that is of national interest that is putting a spotlight on policing, or something that is affecting the local community.

The group can help me understand what more I need to do to support residents, younger people, or those in the minority in the community.

The meetings take place in the evenings, last approximately two hours and are generally every 3 months.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the IAG, there is an application form to complete and then a brief (virtual at the moment) meeting with me to discuss the role further.

To join the Wokingham IAG, applicants should navigate to the Careers (Join Us) section on the external website - www.thamesvalley.police.uk, then navigate to Roles, Vacancies and then search 'IAG' which is always carrying open vacancies.

Contact us

- Email: You can contact your local neighbourhood team via TwyfordNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk– please note this email address cannot be used to report crimes or for any urgent matters.
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Charvil Parish News

New members of the Council Staff

We are very pleased to welcome two new staff members to the Parish Council team - Keith Hayward who is taking on the role of Caretaker for the two buildings (Village Hall and Pavilion) and James Hines who has started as our new Litter Warden, both have been residents of Charvil for sometime and we look forward to them joining our team.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Sadly during the Covid-19 lockdown period, the lack of places to go and things to do has brought an increase in the amount of anti-social behaviour in parks and open spaces. Incidents have been reported throughout the Wokingham Borough and have affected us locally and in neighbouring villages.

It would be extremely helpful if all incidents could be reported to the police directly and that those reporting the problem obtain a Unique Referenced Number (URN). This is vital as it allows a true understanding of the scale of the problem to be understood.

East Park Farm Car Park Night Closure

Many of you will have noticed that the car park has been closing at 8pm in the evening and reopening at 7am the following morning. This measure was implemented in response to the anti-social behaviour taking place regularly at night and has so far proved successful. The Council have invested in a permanent locking solution and the operation of the new car park hours will continue for the foreseeable future.

Bottle Bank

Wokingham Borough Council are doing their best to maintain the weekly bottle collection. However, if you arrive at the banks to find them full, please do not leave the bottles against the banks—this causes a real hazard to everyone, instead please return at a later date and try again.

If there are any problems with broken glass or other litter related to the Bottle Banks, please use the self-service reporting service on the Wokingham Borough Council website:

<https://selfservice.wokingham.gov.uk/services/litterbin/> or telephone them on 0118 974 6000.

Charvil's Trees – The VJ Tree

This August will be the 75th Anniversary of VJ Day, all celebrations this year will have to conform to the current Covid-19 government guidelines. Back when Charvil celebrated the 50th Anniversary of VJ Day in August 1995 an Oak tree was planted in the grounds of Charvil Village Hall. It commemorates the end of World War II in Japan in August 1945. A Charvil resident from Cheviot Drive who was also a Burma Veteran, planted the tree alongside members of the then Parish Council. This included Margaret Gimblett who organised the ceremony (Charvil's Pavilion in East Park Farm is named after her). I am glad to say the Oak tree remains and is looking healthy, however the plaque has not survived.



Sarah Swatridge, Tree Warden

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Caring Charvil

Almost from Day One we had leaflets through the door offering help with shopping, collecting prescriptions, dog walking etc. Thank you to those volunteers who acted so quickly and continue to serve as Street Champions.

There has been an increased sense of community. Just recently a neighbour's dog escaped while she was putting out her rubbish. Straight away two separate neighbours hopped on their bikes, one going left and one going right. A father and son got in the car to search further afield meanwhile another neighbour loaded a picture of the dog with its description on to the local Facebook page and another neighbour soothed the dog owner and offered tea. I'm glad to say it all ended happily and the dog is safely home.

When there was a shortage of flour, I heard of someone wanting to make their son a birthday cake. Two neighbours instantly offered what flour they had.

I was delighted when, at last, I spotted some in the Co-Op/Texaco Garage. It felt so good to get hold of self-raising flour! And I was able to text a friend to tip her off, knowing she'd not been able to find any either.

It's good to share information, letting people know what's now open, who is doing a good take-away service or in need of help.

Thank you to everyone who, like me, walks around Charvil. It's so good to pass the time of day with a cheerful smile, even if we're very careful to avoid each other and stay at least 2 metres apart. Don't forget to wave if you see someone passing by – it might be the only human contact they have that day.

We're all in this together and together we'll get through it...we'll be a stronger community partly because we've had a chance to get to know our neighbours better.

Charvil Women's Club

Charvil Women's Club meets one evening a month throughout the year at Charvil Village Hall. For ten of the twelve meetings we listen to a speaker, we also have a summer outing and a meal or trip at Christmas. We are a small group of about 25 friendly ladies. The club has been run, on a voluntary basis by Shirley Newman for the last 22 years. Shirley is now stepping down. She is looking for someone to replace her. If this is something you feel you can do, whilst adhering to current restrictions, please contact Shirley on 0118 934 0589.



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Creative Charvil - A Resident's Observations

If nothing else the Coronavirus has shown what a creative lot we are in Charvil!

I love The Water Meadows and often walk there. On our walks we always look out for the deer and other wildlife. Since March we've seen a change in the seasons and enjoyed beautiful weather.

An added bonus has been to find painted stones. We've seen a variety of pebbles displaying the NHS rainbow with its cheerful colours. Then there have been a series of stones with pictures inspired by Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. These have been truly amazing. The attention to detail is incredible. Someone has spent a great deal of time on these and shared their skills with strangers. Thank you.



Walking around The Hawthorns a few weeks ago we began to notice soft toys, mainly teddy bears, sitting in the windows of several houses. Our children have grown and we've yet to have grandchildren so we had no idea what this was all about. I gather it's for the many children out walking with their families looking out for bears to spot. It was inspired by the children's book *"We're Going on a Bear Hunt"* by Michael Rosen. What a lovely idea, so simple and yet so effective.

On wet days we've had to be more creative with our indoor exercises. Fortunately my husband's an ex- PE teacher, so there's no excuse!

It's been lovely too to stumble across a box in someone's driveway full of enticing paperbacks and a sign saying 'Help Yourself'. My book group decided against a Zoom version, instead we decided to catch up on all those books sitting beside the bed waiting to be read. And now they have been read we're swapping them.

It's been fun to return from a walk only to find a book on the door step, or a pile of magazines. Once I came home to a bundle of rhubarb!

I've also swapped recipes, poems and DVDs. In fact I have never watched so many films in my entire life! Many better than I'd expected.

You may have been one of the lucky people to have found a little yellow duck in the village. The Little Yellow Duck Project was started in order to make people more aware of the importance of blood and organ donation. Knitters throughout the world, including Charvil, make little yellow ducks, name them and leave them with a gift tag explaining how you can register your find. You get to keep the duck.



Showing how much we appreciate the NHS and all the key workers has turned into quite an Arts Trail. We've seen NHS rainbows painted on windows, chalked on the pavement, made out of ribbons, crocheted, created in a mosaic style or made out of coloured hearts carefully threaded together in little chains.

People made red, white and blue bunting and flags for the VE Day celebrations – and got the chance to get them out again for the VJ Day 75th anniversary on Saturday 15th August.



Many have been busy in their gardens and what a delightful display of colourful pots and hanging baskets we've seen. It's a shame we're not being judged for the prettiest village!

I've seen many people out with their cameras taking pictures of the wonderful display of bluebells in the spring or the Red Kites flying above or the swans with their seven cygnets on one of our many lakes.

Others have been busy making masks for themselves and for the NHS.

We've certainly discovered new paths on our walks. We've enjoyed starry nights and picnics, not to mention cycling on practically empty roads. The simple pleasures in life have never been so important.

Sarah Swatridge

We'll Steam Again...

During lockdown the Nation mourned the passing of Dame Vera Lynn who died at the age of 103.

Born in 1917, she was known as The Forces' Sweetheart. She was one of Britain's best-loved entertainers who was particularly popular during World War II.

Her name will always be synonymous with the song 'We'll Meet Again' which I am sure was played at many, social distancing, VE Day street parties back in May. The words were more poignant than ever this year, as during lockdown many of us were separated from our loved ones and we were not sure exactly when we'd be able to be reunited.


In the mid 1980s Dame Vera Lynn had a steam train (No. 3672) named after her. It had originally been built in 1944 for the British Army but since then it had many owners and many names/numbers.

The Vera Fund was launched in 2013 by the North Yorkshire Moors Railway who then owned the steam engine. Their aim was to raise enough money to give it a complete overhaul.

Maurice Gardner, an Oxford Artist, famous for painting World War II planes, painted a picture of The Dame Vera Lynn steam train which was then offered as a raffle prize in Woodley and won by our very own Madeleine Boyce from Charvil.





For all the latest news, events and much more don't forget to visit our website www.charvil.com or follow us on Facebook 

Reading Cigarette Card & Postcard Club

Covid 19 has caused an immense shut down of the hobby, both nationally and locally. The hobby relies on the opportunity to acquire new postcards and cigarette cards for one's collection and the pleasure of meeting like-minded fellow enthusiasts. The national lockdown on meetings, antique fairs, and specialised card fairs has hit the hobbies badly. The Reading Club Fair held annually for the last 29 years, planned for July at Reading Rivermead Centre had to be cancelled. This Fair was the biggest of it's kind in the UK, with dealers and collectors coming from many parts of the UK. And was also the main source of annual income for the Club.

We also cancelled our Annual Dinner a much-loved event in the Club's calendar.

Most collectors of postcards and cigarette cards are from the older section of the population and enjoy the camaraderie of meeting fellow enthusiasts. The Club's programme of talks, auctions, buying and selling, card competitions all ceased abruptly, but we look forward to a safe re-opening in due course.

Meanwhile the only opportunity to buy and sell cards are on-line through e-bay, delcampe, and specialised electronic auction houses which have kept the hobby available to collectors and sellers, but unfortunately without the all-important social discourse vital to the enjoyment of the hobby. Another important link in the hobbies chain was broken due to the ceasing of publication of the hobby's own Picture Postcard monthly magazine which had been around for 50 years and kept us in touch nationally. It's closure was brought about by the loss of revenue due to the sudden zero advertising requirement for Fairs.

However, we all look forward to our re-emergence from this 'hibernation' period. At least it gives us an opportunity to tidy, research and file away all our treasured purchases from earlier times !!!

Keep safe everyone and a happy return to re-opening of Charvil Village Hall for all of us.

Details of the Club, it's location and programme can be found on the website : www.readingpostcards.com

Charvil Rainbows

Some of the Rainbows have been busy creating poems, here are a few to share with you:

Strawberry Strawberry

It's good to eat

Strawberry Strawberry

It's my favourite food

Strawberry Strawberry

It tastes yummy

Strawberry daily eat

By Rabani Ahluwali age 6



Strawberries are sweet

They're so good to eat

If you go to Gray's Farm

You'll find them at your feet!

If they're a bit pale

You don't need to fail

Make some jam

It's tastier than ham!.

By Morwenna Buckley age 6

Carrots , peas and broccoli

Vegetables are good for me

In my snack and in my lunch

Veggie sticks are good to munch

Carrots, peas and broccoli

Vegetables are good for me

By Faye Crowe age 7



I love to eat apples oranges too

Bananas and kiwis are so good for you

Strawberries and pineapples they are so yum

Pears aren't my favourite but don't tell Mum

By Melissa Crow age 7

Caterpillar Club

Unfortunately we have not been able to meet since March and, with current guidelines in place, we are not able to provide a date as to when we will be able to restart the group (not before January at the earliest). We wish everyone well and do check our facebook page for any update.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CharvilCaterpillarClub/>

Jewel Tones

After thirty years of running the girls' choir, it has been very strange not to have any rehearsals or performances for a whole term! The Spring term was such a good one for the choir – we won the Youth Choir section of Let's Sing Reading 2020 at The Hexagon in February and then had a lovely concert at Norden Farm Centre for the Arts in Maidenhead to celebrate the last thirty years. This was just before lockdown and the last time I saw the choir members! We have kept in touch via a weekly e-mail and plans are going ahead for the Autumn term. New music has been chosen and includes When you believe, Electricity, Ordinary miracle, California dreamin', a medley of Disney movie ballads and Truly brave. We are hoping to start rehearsals in some format from September. We have a couple of spaces for new members so if any girls between the ages of 11 and 18 would like to join us, please get in touch.



Sapphire

The ladies choir had to finish rehearsals back in March but are hoping to resume from September. The choir were due to take a choral exam in July but this has been moved to the Autumn term. We have some great new music to start working on including And so it goes, You've got a friend, Jonah, Elijah rock and My land. We have all been keeping in touch via a weekly e-mail which contains a musical joke, some vocal exercises and a quiz. We have a couple of spaces so if any ladies would like to join us, please let us know. Our rehearsals are held on Monday evenings. We are a small and friendly group. Most of our songs are in three parts and it will help if you can read music a little.

Suzanne Newman – Musical Director

0118 9340589 suzanneynewman@btinternet.com

Sonning Floral Arrangement Society

The Sonning Floral Arrangement Society began 2020 looking forward to a busy year. But not so busy. We were only able to enjoy two Demonstrations before the Coronavirus hit us and we do not know when we will be able to fully meet again in these uncertain times.

Therefore, in appreciation to members loyalty the Chairman and Committee have decided to give free membership to all paid up members of 2020. We may have to hold a few fundraisers, ie: coffee mornings, afternoon teas etc. with the popular bring and buy events. Garden visits or any other events members can suggest, to help us balance the books. We are always open to suggestions.

We are working on next year's programme. Some of the cancelled demonstrators have agreed to return to us next year.

We are endeavouring to keep members informed as we are a successful and happy Society and the Chairman and Committee will work hard to repay our members for their loyalty and understanding.

A brief update to all residents from AFC Reading:

The last few months have certainly been a testing time for all and we're excited to very cautiously be returning to football. As *FA guidance* is updated, the club is following the direction issued to provide grassroots football and sporting opportunities to the children in and around Charvil.



Our club continues to go from strength to strength, however, the pandemic has presented many challenges, not least that our usual form of fundraising had to be cancelled. We'd welcome donations and sponsorship. If you're in a position to help or would like to get involved / know of someone who'd like to join a thriving club, we would be delighted for you to join us. Contact Ethan@AFCReading.com for more information.



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AFC Charvil Update



AFC Charvil is Charvil's FA Chartered, affordable, community, not for profit, youth football club providing fun footballing opportunity for local boys and girls from the age of 5 through to the age of 18.

The club has at least one team in each age group that play on Saturday mornings in either the East Berks Football Alliance (EBFA) league or the Berkshire Youth Development League (BYDL). Both leagues provide excellent structures for all our teams to find competition with local teams of closely matched capability meaning all of our games are fun and enjoyable for the players.

Our club was started in Charvil and the majority of our players, FA qualified coaching staff, referees and committee come from Charvil or the surrounding communities.

Season 19/20 Update:

The COVID-19 pandemic has obviously impacted sport since February, but this is insignificant in comparison to the impact the virus has had on our community. AFC Charvil want to express our support and condolences to anyone in our community that has been impacted this year. We also wish to thank the front-line workers that have worked so hard throughout to keep our community functioning.

All football activity ceased as the country went into lockdown. Following strict COVID-19 guidelines set by government, the FA, our local leagues, and our own club we have gradually returned to training and football activity. We have been training in preparation for the new season for over 6 weeks – this has provided a much needed release for the kids who had been struggling with lockdown, with the lack of sport and who had been missing out on the social engagement that football brings.

2020 to date has emphasised the importance of youth sport on the physical, mental and social wellbeing of our players and their families.

Going in to the 2020-21 season we recognise the hardship faced by members of our club family and with our club principles of delivering affordable football to our community we will be offering discounted annual subscription to our players. We budget to make an operating loss this year but we do so to support the community in which we are based.

Community Football Alliance:

We have been working increasingly closely with Woodley Saints to develop a local community football alliance:

- Provide community-based footballing opportunity to all children, teens and young adults in the Woodley and Charvil area
- We are volunteer led, “Not for Profit” clubs providing affordable footballing opportunity
- To ensure all have fun with friends whilst involved in football activities in a safe and secure fashion
- Develop:
 - Children, teens and young adults through football
 - Each players footballing ability to play at an appropriate standard
 - Opportunities for broader footballing engagement throughout our communities
- Jointly we will support:
 - Our players, our volunteers, our committees and our families
 - Each other (Woodley Saints & AFC Charvil) to ensure the stability and longevity of our clubs
 - Berkshire County Sports Club (BCSC) that is “Home” to both clubs
 - Our communities of Woodley, Charvil and Sonning

AFC Charvil Appoint Andy Richie as Technical Director of Football:

I am really pleased to announce that as part of our developing Football Alliance with Woodley Saints we have together appointed a Technical Director of Football (TDOF) to work with both clubs in assisting our coaches.



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The role of TDOF has the purpose of developing the footballing standards of each club to ensure that each club can provide the best possible football experience and development path for every player.

AFC Charvil is a "Football Club" and we have a long tradition of doing everything we can to provide the very best, fun footballing environment possible. There should be no reason that our not-for-profit, community based, volunteer led club with teams focussed on friend groups cannot provide the quality of football development offered by the "Academies", "Soccer Schools" and football businesses that we encounter in the our league fixtures.

The TDOF will work with the alliance, each club committee, and all coaches to develop club football philosophy coaching best practices and coaching guides/tuition.

We have been in long discussion with Andy Ritchie, our FA mentor from the last couple of seasons, about him becoming our TDOF and am pleased to announce that we have successfully secured Andy's services.

Andy was born and lives locally. Andy is passionate about the philosophy and principles of our clubs and our Football Alliance. Andy has a hugely impressive football pedigree and is an expert in youth development through football. Andy's experience includes spells looking after youth football, academies and futsal for Charlton, Chelsea, Crystal Palace, Southampton, West Ham and Wycombe Wanderers. Andy will now be able to highlight amongst those clubs his role in developing football talent (and fine young people) for the mighty AFC Charvil.

Year 1 Kids - Development Squad Recruitment:

During the summer AFC Charvil have been running free of charge taster training sessions on a Tuesday evening for current Foundation class kids to come along and see if they enjoy football, like our club and to give them the chance to meet potential future team mates.

If your young player (going in to year 1) is interested in playing football then please get in touch or come along on a Tuesday night at 17:30 at the Piggott School 3g pitch in Wargrave.

Whilst the clubs existing qualified coaches have volunteered their time to get this age group started, we will be very keen to find some new coaching staff to look after these young kids and manage their team as they progress through the age groups.

From September 2020 these kids can join our AFC Charvil u6 Development squad that will spend a year training, having a few practice games and preparing to enter the EBFA league at u7 5v5 in Sep 2021.

Players, Coaches and Committee - Get Involved:

AFC Charvil welcome everyone young or old interested in football to come along and join in:

PLAYERS: The club continuously recruits players of all ages for squads that grow as players get older and match formats expand from 5v5 through 7v7, 9v9 up to full 11v11.

Players can come along for trial sessions free of charge throughout the season and training only subscriptions are available for those who would like to get involved but may not yet feel ready (or may not be available) for weekend games.

CLUB STAFF: Our club cannot operate without the fantastic contributions of our club staff. All our FA qualified coaches, managers, referees and committee members are volunteers who give their time to provide the footballing experiences for our players.

AFC Charvil invest in our club staff providing training, support and FA qualifications for all our coaches and referees without whom our games would not happen.

If you have any interest in contributing to your local community football club, in any fashion, then please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Sponsorship Opportunities:

AFC Charvil are committed to making football affordable for all our players, providing the lowest possible membership subscription fees and investing all our income back in to the running of our club. We are fortunate to have a number of sponsor organisations who help our teams in return for publicity, involvement with youth football and for contributing to our local community.

We recognise that many businesses and their employees will have faced serious impact in 2020 and therefore appreciate and fully understand that this year may not be an appropriate time for businesses like yours to be financially supporting our club.

We are not therefore approaching any of our sponsors with formal sponsorship packages for the 2020-21 season but we do rely on the ongoing support of our club sponsors in any way you feel is appropriate and achievable – if this can be financial then we are leaving the value to you as we can tailor the publicity of your business based on how you would like to proceed.

The club has the ability to advertise your business on our website, on our social media channels and in our regular communications. We can also offer shirt sponsorship but we would have to cover the cost of printing your logos on any of our kit.

Our decision to reduce subs for the coming season means a reduction in our income. Given the COVID-19 circumstances we anticipate elevated costs this season as we will have to make provisions for football under COVID-19 guidelines from government, the FA, our leagues and our own club directives to ensure we provide a safe environment for players and their families. Therefore AFC Charvil anticipate and have planned to make an operating loss this season and any financial support will help alleviate this position.

Wherever possible throughout the season, AFC Charvil will be doing all we can to bring together our community in a COVID safe manner. We want to help provide social outlet to our club family so that we can all recover from this difficult time. As valued club sponsors you will of course be invited along to all of our events.

If you or your contacts would be interested in sponsoring AFC Charvil then please get in touch to learn about our sponsorship packages for the 2021/20 season.

AFC Charvil can be found on facebook, at our Pitchero website (www.afccharvil.com) or please contact chairman@afccharvil.com.



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