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OCTOBER 2019

Dear All,



The world we live in today seems to be getting more and more complicated as the events surrounding Brexit, or no Brexit, are being broadcast on all possible methods of media projection. Brexit seems to be everywhere you look and listen.

The views being presented to us are all filled with passion and emotion and it is difficult to actually determine fact from fiction; truth from lies. Everyone seems to have something to say; and what they say is influenced by what they believe. However, one of the biggest issues I recognise is that the discussions which are developing are often not respectful towards the other people with a voice in the debate. I remember at the time of the Scottish referendum, asking whether or not Scotland should separate from the rest of the United Kingdom, some people in my previous parishes asked me how I was going to vote. My response was a simple and gentle one, 'I'm not telling you.' My intention was not to be disrespectful, but the motive behind my response was also simple, 'Irrespective of the outcome, I will still be your minister.'

It's difficult in today's society to be seen as neutral

People are often suspicious of others, particularly if their view on a specific matter is different from theirs. Certainly, Jesus was not a neutral person. However, His position was always to uphold the weakest and the vulnerable. He was also very clear on one thing; we are to give to the authorities what is theirs and give to God what is God's: in other words, Jesus would support our discussions and debates on all things political but He would also call us to do so with respect for the other person. And, ultimately, Jesus would encourage us to come to God in prayer, for guidance in these matters.

The next few weeks will continue to be challenging. Actually, no matter what happens at the end of October, the next few years will be challenging. In saying this, irrespective of how matters progress, whether upholding your own views or being contrary to them, I hope that you will find that, should you need help or support, you can approach the church. As I have said before, Jesus came that we may have life and live it to the full. Living our lives to the full in today's world may need a bit of extra support. I hope that, should you need such support, you would just ask.

Yours in Christ., *Graham*

FAIRLIE PARISH CHURCH HARVEST THANKSGIVING



The Harvest Thanksgiving Service is on Sunday 29th September at 9.45am

DIARY

Sun 29th	9.45am 4.30 – 5.30	HARVEST THANKSGIVING Quiet Time in Church
October		
Tue 1 st	2.30pm	GUILD 'The Hunterston Brooch'
Thu 3 rd	10am	Short Prayer Time in Church
	10.30 - Noon	Kirk Café
	6.15pm-7.30pm	Brownies
Sun 6th	9.45am	Morning Praise
	10.45am	Fairtrade Stall in Session House
	6.30pm	Bible Discussion (Millennium Room)
Wed 9 th	1pm-3pm	Knit & Natter in Millennium Room
Thu 10 th	10am	Short Prayer Time in Church
	10.30 - Noon	Kirk Café
	6.15pm-7.30pm	Brownies
Sun 13th	9.45am	Morning Praise
Thu 17 th	10am	Short Prayer Time in Church
	10.30 - Noon	Kirk Café
	6.15pm-7.30pm	Brownies
Sat 19th	4.30 - 6.30pm	Messy Church
Sun 20th	9.45am	Morning Praise
Thu 24 th	10am	Short Prayer Time in Church
	10.30 - Noon	Kirk Café
	6.15pm-7.30pm	Brownies
Sun 27th	9.45am	Morning Praise
	4.30 – 5.30	Quiet Time in Church
Thu 31 st	10am	Short Prayer Time in Church
	10.30 - Noon	Kirk Café
	6.15pm-7.30pm	Brownies
November		
Sun 3rd	9.45am	Morning Praise
	10.45am	Fairtrade Stall in Session House
	6.30pm	Bible Discussion (Millennium Room)
Tue 5 th	2.30pm	GUILD 'Joint Guild 'Crossreach'
Thu 7 th	10am	Short Prayer Time in Church
	10.30 - Noon	Kirk Café
	6.15pm-7.30pm	Brownies

FLOWER DELIVERIES



29 th Sep.	Pam Wilson
6 th Oct	Elsie Rhodes
13 th Oct	Christine Thomas
20 th Oct	Anne Tyler
27 th Oct	Pat Johnson

Grateful thanks to Pat Johnson, Greta Fisher, Elsie Rhodes, Mr&Mrs Henderson and Frank Donnachie for their donations to the church flowers.

WELCOME TEAMS



29 th Sep	W Hastie, Mrs R. Jarvie, Mrs D Stewart Mr J Stewart, Mrs P Black, Mr J Black
6 th Oct	Mrs M Rankine, Miss M Keir, Mr J Riddell Mr J Henderson Mrs C Thomas
13 th Oct	Mrs A Tyler, Mrs E Rhodes, Mr F Donnachie Mrs A Gregory, Mrs J Miles, Mrs S Kirkwood
20 th Oct	Mr J Whittaker, Mrs A Ellor, Mr I Hunter Mrs P Wilson, Mrs J Busby
27 th Oct	Mrs C Brown, Mrs F Grant, Mrs M Gilchrist Mr R Wilkinson, Miss C Gardner
3 rd Nov	Mrs E Clark, Mr J Cowan, Mrs L Cowpe Mr A Holden
10 th Nov	W Hastie, Mrs R. Jarvie, Mrs D Stewart, Mr J Stewart, Mrs P Black, Mr J Black

COFFEE ROTA



29 th Sep	Elsie Rhodes	Lynn Whittaker
6 th Oct	May Cowan	Maureen Rankin
13 th Oct	Ann Gregory	Marion Gilchrist
20 th Oct	Christine Thomas	Shona Kirkwood
27 th Oct	Pat Johnston	Jennifer More
3 rd Nov	Elsie Rhodes	Lynn Whittaker
10 th Nov	Christine Thomas	Shona Kirkwood

READERS



29 th Sep	Ann Ellor	568583
6 th Oct	MaryAnne Jarvie	568752
13 th Oct	May Cowan	568793
20 th Oct	Ann Tyler	568421
27 th Oct	Judith Howieson	568314
3 rd Nov	Pam Wilson	568653
10 th Nov	Pat Johnston	568424

FAIRLIE PARISH CHURCH

welcomes you



MORNING PRAISE Sundays 9.45am

MESSY CHURCH Third Saturday 4.30pm

QUIET TIME Last Saturday 4.30pm - 5.30pm

SHORT PRAYER TIME Thursdays 10am

KIRK CAFE Thursdays 10.30am - Noon

GUILD MEETINGS First Tuesday 2.30pm

THE GUILD



Welcome to all our members. I hope that you enjoyed the summer. This year's theme is "Companions on the Road", so we try to arrange some of the meetings to include this thought. The first will be on Tuesday, 1st October, when Mrs. Garrett will give a talk on The Hunterston Brooch. A few of the committee have already heard this and say that it is excellent.

On 5th November. it is our turn to host the Joint Guilds with Largs. A speaker has been arranged from Crossreach, the social care branch of the Church of Scotland. It would be good to have a lot of support from our own Guild that day.

A warm welcome will be given to all ladies **and** gentlemen. Please do come and join our group.

BIBLE DISCUSSION

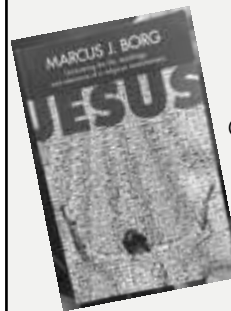
Bible Discussion using
Marcus Borg's 'Jesus'

Sunday 6th October

Come and join us in the Millennium Room
6.30pm Just for an hour

Prilla Thorburn 01294 822956

Next meeting Sunday 3rd November



South Beach House celebrates 60 Years

South Beach House, our residential care home in Ardrossan, is celebrating an anniversary this year!

Margaret Cassidy (below, left), manager for over 44 years, led a special service and reception reflecting on the 60 years South Beach House has been home to many, many people.

Special guests included Rev. Tanya Webster, Convenor - Bill Steel and CEO - Viv Dickenson.

Tributes were made to staff (past and present) and thanks given for the ongoing support of the Friends Group and members of the local community.



eco congregation



Many of us were unaware that we had such an important area of sea grass just off our beach and its importance in capturing carbon.

In fact, it captures carbon up to 35 times faster than tropical rainforests; it releases oxygen and provides a nursery area for small fish and invertebrates.



A project, led by Sky Ocean Rescue and Swansea University, is about to use 1,000,000,000 seeds when germinated and grown into plants to restore an area of 20,000m² in Dale Bay, Pembrokeshire this winter.

It is estimated that 92% of sea grass has been lost in the last 100 years due to pollution from the land, dredging, trawling for scallop, anchors and boat propellers. Should this information not make us more determined to resist the proposed destruction of our own patch?

In Lincolnshire there has been a trial set up with the University of Leeds and the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust to put the grass cuttings from 4,000 miles of verges to good use. These are being put into anaerobic digester, which then produces methane. When converted and added to the National Grid produces enough energy to supply 1,000 homes. The cutting slows down the grass growth and helps to protect the wildflowers. In the winter, when there is less mowing, the digester can work by using slurry or food waste

In August we used 31c/m of Gas, as against 39 in 2018; our Electricity use was 978kWh, in comparison with 314kWh in 2018. Why?
Ann Gregory

BLYTHSWOOD SHOEBOX APPEAL 2019



It is easy to choose gifts for people who have so little. Shampoo, a pair of socks, a notepad, a small toy, a bag of sweets - things we take for granted will seem like luxuries to people living in poverty. By filling a shoebox with simple things you can bring a smile this Christmas.

In October posters will be on the notice boards at church and the Village Hall and leaflets available there too. I'd like to appeal beforehand for shoeboxes, sellotape and Christmas wrapping which can be handed into church or to me, Ann Tyler. The things to start collecting are all types of toiletries (not talcum), stationery especially notepads and coloured pencils, face cloths, underwear, hats scarves and gloves for all ages, and sweets (not loose or lollipops or chocolate) with best before no earlier than March 2020.

It is really good to fill a box for someone you relate to eg child, teenager, man, woman, but this can be quite expensive, so fill as much as you can and we will complete it. Or contribute any of the items listed on the leaflets and we will do the rest.

Helpers will be needed for the sorting and filling which will take place early November. Thank you to Michael and Shirley for including us in their Silver Wedding Charities and for their generous donation towards transporting boxes.

For further info contact Ann Tyler or Alison McKellar.

NORTH AYRSHIRE
foodbank

Fairlie Church continues to donate generously to the foodbank.
Thank you !

The church is generally open on MON, WED, THU, & SUNDAY mornings for food to be left in the baskets at the rear of the church.

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NEWSLETTER COFFEE MORNING



We had another successful coffee morning on Saturday 14th September raising **£1860.51** (few wee bits of money yet to come in and added to the total – with final figure will follow at a later date.) Along with the small advertisements we include each month this goes a long way to covering the cost of printing. Answers to the Flower Quiz for 2019 are printed below. Catherine Brown was the winner.

More Newsletter Deliverers Please

We need another couple of volunteers to help in the delivering of the newsletters once a month. The two areas we are looking to cover are as follows:

- Fairlieburn Flats and Fairlieburn Gardens
(26 newsletters in total)
- Keppenburn Avenue
(20 newsletters in total)

Thank you, Please call Carol McDowell (07929878517)



Name the Flower

1. PUTIL
2. NUASCRLUN
3. EUQIALIAG
4. GAPNAIFNIR
5. NEDACAHIRTA
6. UNPIL
7. IPMULENDIH
8. NASHILSUIT
9. ORSPOWND
10. CEPMUHRIY
11. ONEMENA
12. RASIEFE
13. TINACINAO
14. ARTGUHBEIN
15. COOKYHLH
16. LOVIA
17. LAZINI
18. POCSIMNOSE
19. NARMUGIE
20. LERBEELHO
21. LUIPARM
22. ENAGOBI
23. NEDRIAAG
24. TANDARNIC
25. SIRSANUSC
26. CANHACEIE
27. MSIARTAOREL
28. NIPTAUE
29. KEYLOSECUHN
30. TOYSSOIM

- TULIP
- RANUNCULUS
- AQUILEGIA
- FRANGIPANI
- ACIDANTHERA
- LUPIN
- DELPHINIUM
- LISIANTHUS
- SNOWDROP
- HYPERICUM
- ANEMONE
- FREESIA
- NICOTIANA
- THUNBERGIA
- HOLLYHOCK
- VIOLA
- ZINNIA
- MECONOPSIS
- GERANIUM
- HELLEBORE
- PRIMULA
- BEGONIA
- GARDENIA
- CARNATION
- NARCISSUS
- ECHINACEA
- ALSTROMERIA
- PETUNIA
- HONEYSUCKLE
- MYOSOTIS



Guns or People

Sunday 6th October at 3pm in St John's Stevenston.
Guest speaker Rev. Kathy Galloway of the Iona Community.

Largs & District Historical Society & Museum

Here we are in October, with the Museum open this year from May to September, just four afternoons a week (Thursday to Sunday). There are new volunteers helping out, all of us learning more about Largs and its surroundings each week. (Have you ever been into the amazing Skelmorlie Aisle?)

The Museum itself, with freshly painted exterior, sports new display cabinets, fresh arrangements of some local favourites, and a new reference area. We have tables, with the occasional chair, available for people to browse some of the locally relevant material we hold, and visitors seem to be enjoying delving into their individual topics of interest.

Our programme of winter afternoon talks gets underway in October - Monday 7th - syllabus below. Talks are open to all. In addition, this year we plan to allocate time for a regular 'research day' at the Museum when members will be able to concentrate on specific interests, either their own or with others on request. The Historical Society is fortunate to have its own premises to work in.

LARGS MUSEUM
Skelmorlie Aisle
and
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Considering the Museum itself, as ever we have much to do continuing what was begun earlier this year. In our stores we have uncovered untold slides, postcards, newspaper clippings, and photographs - all to be reassessed. This work has already begun, and will continue throughout the winter, while displays for 2020 are in preparation. Anyone with an interest in history, local in particular, will find something to intrigue - worth investigating, worth developing.

Largs and its surroundings have inspired so many over the centuries: the Clyde has launched men and women, as well as ships, across the globe. We live in an area with a remarkable past - exploring its people and its places is a reminder of its potential for the future. Young people please take note

Do visit us, either in the summer when the Museum is open, or in the autumn and winter for an interesting talk, a chat with friends, or a serious bout of research.

Fiona Hamilton

Mon 7 th October:	Dr John Riddell	2.30pm Largs Museum	'Ayrshire's Small Harbours'
Tue 12 th November:	Iain McGillvary	7.30pm St Columba's Session House	'Alexander 'Greek' Thomson'
Fri 24 th January:	Alec Galloway	2.30pm Largs Museum	'The Future of Stained Glass'
Mon 24 th February:	Margo Graham	2.30pm Largs Museum	'The History of Lace'
Mon 23 rd March:	Frank Alexander	2.30 pm Largs Museum	'Nuclear Attack - Skelmorlie Secret Bunker'

OPEN DOORS DAY Sept 2019

We were pleased to welcome Mr Jim Miller back to Fairlie Church on Doors Open Day back in September.

Jim is the man who built the matchstick model of our church in 2000. It was an opportunity to thank Jim once again for the model which sits in church.



KNIT and NATTER

The hats and scarves for the Shoebox Appeal are increasing nicely as are the baby hats. We received a lovely thank you letter from Royal Alexandra Baby Unit in Paisley for the ones already given. Donations of wool of any description will be gratefully received as Alison can weave fancy wool into scarves, as well as being used by the knitters. We welcome beginners or those who haven't knitted for a while.



Next meeting is on **Wednesday, 9th October** from 1 to 3pm in the Millennium Room. Come along for a cuppa, cake and chat.



BRIDGE for BEGINNERS / NOVICES

Bridge is an endlessly fascinating game which is enjoyed by many. If there is enough interest it is proposed to run a Bridge Class in the Semple Centre starting **MONDAY 14th OCTOBER** at 7.30pm
If you are interested please call Joe Brown on 01475 568200

Fairlie's Village Hall



As most Fairlie residents will now be aware North Ayrshire Council is considering relinquishing its lease of Fairlie Village Hall. Similar consideration is being given to those other community halls not owned by the Council as it strives to make savings in its revenue budget. If the lease in its current form is relinquished the Council's support for the hall's running costs will end. In a worst case of no alternative funding being agreed this could result in the village's community hall and library being closed. As a formality the Council is consulting on the proposal. Around 120 local residents attended an information session at the beginning of September, while a web site

www.north-ayrshire.go.uk/yourvoices

will remain open for comment until 30th September.

The writer would suggest that the consultation provides the opportunity for the Fairlie community to do more than simply argue for the continuation of the status quo. Used wisely, it enables the community to give serious thought as to whether in the 21st century it really needs a 'village hall', and if it agrees it does, whether the present building is best suited, and best placed, to meet that need in the years ahead.

The initial reaction to any potential closure of a community facility is to oppose – writing letters, lobbying politicians and setting up an action group are activities commonly employed. There will be persons in Fairlie who will be doing this and there is of course precedent for the success of such actions throughout Scotland. But it is far from clear as to whether success will favour Fairlie. The Council has to make savings and like so many throughout the UK it has identified funding of community centres, halls and libraries as one of many necessary proposals. And even if Councillors agreed to continue to support some of the halls under threat it would be no surprise if Fairlie was not one of those.

On the reasonable assumption that the present lease will be terminated, with the whole cost of the village hall then falling on the Trust which owns it, it is possible that existing funds will allow the hall to remain in use for a few more years. But then what? Is there sufficient interest and support within Fairlie to thereafter raise the funding required not just to cover electricity, insurance and such, but to undertake repairs to a building built in 1892? The Community Association Committee, who manage the hall on behalf of the Hall Trustees, work very hard but like other village organisations are far from overwhelmed with

applications to join. And there is no sign of a modern day Charles Parker, who paid for the building of the hall, currently resident in Fairlie!

The above realities need to be acknowledged and various fundamental questions then addressed. First, is there still a need for a community hall in Fairlie? The village today is one very different from that which saw the hall as the main venue for social activity. Over much of the hall's existence there was no radio, television or internet, very few motor vehicles and a close knit relatively small community nearly all of whose residents lived within easy walking of the hall's central location. But today's residents obtain their entertainment within their homes, Largs is only a short car or bus journey away and an evening in Glasgow for a concert or show is easily achieved. Thus fewer and fewer village residents now make any use of the hall, and then mainly for small group activities.

It will be claimed by many, including no doubt those who seldom use the hall, that Fairlie 'must' have a village hall as a centre for the community. Accepting that argument, what are the requirements for such a centre, and are these consistent with the present hall? The writer would suggest that there are two principle ones – a large flexible open area readily adaptable for a range of uses, and ease of access with adequate parking. The present hall satisfies neither. Its internal space is constrained by many fixed features while its location on the edge of a trunk road, with no off-road parking spaces, is a major deterrent to usage.

So rather than seek to prolong the life of a facility which despite the many improvements made is still a 19th century structure located next to what is now a very busy road, should it not be accepted that it is no longer what today's Fairlie community needs? If Fairlie is still able to justify the need for a community centre - and the strength of the response to the Council's consultation will be very important in that regard - should we not be looking at providing one custom built for the 21st century in a location with appropriate parking and easy access? Should time not be taken to see who in the community really wants a community hall and what they want to use that facility for? And if there is widespread support for a new custom built facility, how many will come forward to plan how that can be achieved? Consulting widely, preparing a specification and outline design, finding a site, obtaining costs, developing a sustainable business plan, raising funds, all take time, experience and effort. Even if the Council was to offer assistance for such studies who in the village is going to try?

So what does Fairlie do? Let the Community Association struggle on to try and keep the present hall going, or does the village make some real effort to get a new more appropriate community facility? The Council's consultation closes at the end of September!

John Riddell

ROAD CLOSURES OF A78 in OCTOBER

We have been advised of the following:

Weather Permitting

Road resurfacing of A78 in FAIRLIE

Starting Friday 18th October at 8pm, the A78 will be resurfaced in two sections.

North section Bowling Club to Jetty Road and South section Causeway to Kaim View.

Friday 18th October 8pm during the night, the surface will be removed from the north section and then during daytime on Saturday 19th it will get a first layer.

Saturday night 19th 8pm onwards the south section Causeway to Kaim View the surface will be removed and its first layer put on Sunday 20th.

Then Sunday night of 20th the north section will be top surfaced.

Monday 21st 8pm till 6am the south section will be top surfaced.

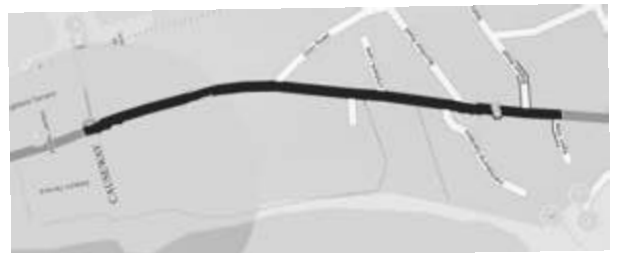
Tuesday 22nd at night 8pm till 6am both sections will be lined.

The south section work will mean no access north from houses south of Causeway and no access south for houses north of Kaim View.

NORTH SECTION, JETTY ROAD to the BOWLING CLUB



SOUTH SECTION, CAUSEWAY to KAIM VIEW



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Rambling ROSE

I have just been along to Coalport (why is it still called COAL?) - anyway it is Monday and a bank holiday and they are not working at the moment, so I thought that was strange when I rang that the Gentleman answered. Along I went and he came to help, me going up to the desk, I asked him why he was working when the cranes were not, Oh he said this is an English Bank Holiday, but I am Scottish! They are always delightful at the desk, and I always come away smiling.

I have a very confused Camellia flower which normally flowers in the spring; there it is in the middle of the plant blooming away. It too must be confused also by "Climate change"!

I have a beautiful bush called Leycestra Formosa, years ago I saw it in the glen, and stole a wee bit I was told it spreads so to put it somewhere safe and so I did outside my window so I watch it often, the summer flowers are lovely and the bees and birds always go up and peck at the flowers (which hang down). Then these flowers turn in the winter as the same attraction to the birds that are always pecking at the pods. I looked it up in the catalogue, no sign, then next I went to my wild flower book, and there it was.

The name David means beloved, (my grandson will love that - that's one over his brother!) An individual who is present in the moment and who is loved, cared for and accepted. In the New Testament he is known as a man after Gods own heart, a prophet, speaker of truth, a fore father of the Lord Saviour of the people of God.

I have lots of beautiful Japanese Anemones in the garden, some dark pink and some white, no idea if they originated in Japan. My RHS garden magazine says they can take over, but I find them easy to pull out, they wave about, and in the evening and early morning their petals close so at this time of year, they are most welcome to me in the garden.

Deep Peace - A Celtic Benediction.

Deep peace of the Running Wave to you
Deep peace of the Flowing Air to you
Deep peace of the Quiet Earth to you
Deep peace of the Shining Stars to you
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you

I think that is so nice, somehow it says it all..

After the reading one Sunday about keeping the Sabbath sacred. I felt I had to agree with that, I was brought up that way when I was young, and have always only wandered round just looking and seeing my weeds happy as they know they won't be pulled out. To me it is nice to relax for a day. Mind you I always water the things in the greenhouse, and anything in the house that needs it.

The papers have been full of items about 'Nessie' recently. I too went binocular hunting in Loch Ness and I too didn't see "Nessie", but I too saw a splash of water, the other day looking out on the sea between the ore terminal and shore I saw a huge splash, not the monster but perhaps a few eels deciding to emigrate South. I was sorry I didn't take a photo. Another mystery never solved!

Rosemay Jarvie

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Messy Church

By the time you read this we'll have had our opening Messy Church when we looked at being a *Generous Giver* and Harvest. Everyone was asked to bring something for our Blessings Basket which will go to North Ayrshire Foodbank.

Fruit and vegetables were used to make little creatures with spines of fruit and to create printed hangings. Grass seed, compost and old pop socks made little caterpillars which will become hairy caterpillars if watered and cared for. A wee science experiment will encourage us to have God's influence in every part of our lives. Happy snakes and ladders help us think about our giving part of our time, energy, friendship, care and gifts to others.

At our celebration time, we had a visitor from Jesus' time who told us about giving in his time. We followed this with a tasty harvest meal with our families and friends. Messy Church is for everyone, no matter what age, so come along and bring your family, friends and neighbours. A special thank you to Michelle's for donating the sandwiches for our Messy Picnic in June. They were delicious. **All are welcome.**

Next Messy is on **Saturday 19th October** from 4 to 6pm.



NEXT ISSUE

The Newsletter next edition will be the
NOVEMBER issue
Last date for copy will be Tue 22nd October
and sorting will be on Wed 30th October

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