

December 2024



NEWS & EVENTS FROM COLLINGHAM, HAREWOOD & LINTON

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Collingham's Christmas Lights
Friday 6th December at 6pm
for Turn On at 6.30pm

In our Churches



**Anabelle, Archie and William,
with Bishop Anna
(Bishop of Ripon)
on Sunday 3rd November,
in St Oswald's**

**Busy activity at the
Methodist church as
Christmas Shoe Boxes
are packed for the charity
'Children in Distress'**



**Children at Lo:Go
preparing their
Remembrance themed
artwork**



**Fun and Crafts for the youngest
members at Teddy Praise**





From the Vicarage



The Church of England's 2024 theme for the festive season ahead is:-

“Follow the Star: Calm and Bright”.

Those who are well versed in ‘*all things Christmas*’ will realise that the words draw upon two traditional, well-loved Carols.

The reference to “Following the Star” brings to mind those apparently wise and studious individuals (*We Three Kings*) who after contemplating the night skies set out on their hope-filled journey. Although traditionally in church we do not greet those star-gazing individuals until after the first flush of Christmas (January 6th / Epiphany is the day we celebrate the arrival of the Magi or Kings), we should always remember that they are a silent presence throughout our whole celebration of Christmas. It is just that they are still faithfully putting one foot, or one camel hoof, in front of the other and haven't yet quite reached their destination. I have always loved the fun tradition of positioning the three Kings of the nativity-set somewhere in the church, or in my own home, at a distance away from the rest of the nativity scene and gradually moving them a little closer over the period between 24/25th December and 6th January. Day by day, or when I remember, they inch their way to the heart of Christmas while the rest of us all party on regardless. They eventually make it, but by the time they do, others are busy packing ‘*all things Christmas*’ safely away for another year! Those mysterious late arrivals remind us that the light of stars and love, and the hope and faith found in the manger are not gifts offered for one day only, or even one short season of the year. They are on offer for stragglers and late comers; they are available all year round!

But what of the “Calm and Bright” of our opening phrase – words from the world-famous carol, *Silent Night*? Will there be Calm in our frenetic build up to ‘*all things Christmas*’? If we realise already that it is unlikely to be so – how can we create some space for breathing in the calm and peace we need, for breathing out the calm and peace which others crave, for sharing the life-giving calm and peace for which our troubled world longs?

Finally, to borrow (*and adapt*) from a slightly different genre of seasonal song, my hope and prayer for you all this season would be that “Your *Christmas Days* be Merry and Bright!”

But may they also give you moments to share the beauty of Calm and peace, and may the love and joy at the heart of this season continue to accompany you well beyond the first flush of ‘*all things Christmas*’.

See separate *Christmas insert and publicity*, on the back cover, for events, services, timings of ‘*all things Christmas*’!

Love and Prayers

Carolyn –

The Rev'd Carolyn A James



Village Groups and Societies

Collingham Retired Men's Forum

November has been an exceptional month for the Collingham Retired Men's Forum. It has seen the promotion of a new chairman who is a long time member and who will lead us well. Our two other officers , treasurer and secretary are fantastic men , both over ninety and have made way for younger chaps at our recent AGM.

We have a speaker each meeting and , again, they have been excellent this last month . One speaker was a local retired teacher who is devoting her life to out - of - school activities for young disadvantaged children in the poorer townships and countryside of South Africa . This inspirational lady taught us much about her work and the current situation over there . On another occasion a gentleman spoke knowledgeably about the naval battle of Jutland which was quite the major sea battle of all time and we were told with great insight about this affair. This battle followed the German navy's bombardment of Scarborough which was evidently the first time civilians had been deliberately targeted in wartime. 500 shells rained down on the town , killing seventeen.



We were invited to view the Audley Retirement Village in Scarcroft. My goodness what a splendid lunch we enjoyed . It had been prepared by an ex royal chef! It is quite an amazing place.

I remind readers that some forty of us meet each Tuesday around 10am. at the Methodist Church Hall in Collingham . New members are most welcome . Pop along and see if you enjoy the occasion. We are always grateful to the members of that church who serve us refreshments . They are very kind .



Patrick Dawson .

Winter Coffee Mornings Organized by Collingham Bowls Club

The Bowling Club's monthly Coffee Morning in the Green Room of Collingham Memorial Hall is on **12th December**. Coffee and cakes will be served between 10am and 12 noon. Everyone is very welcome to come and meet old friends and make new ones.



Linton Antique Society



Humphry Repton's Red Books Thursday 12 December 8.00pm Linton Memorial Hall

Red Books, you ask – what are they? Well, they were what we would now call marketing tools.

Devised by the 18th century landscape designer Humphry Repton, they were books of drawings with flaps and overlays revealing 'before' and 'after' views of how his aristocratic clients' estates would look if they engaged his services. Dr. Patrick Eyres will talk about Repton's work for wealthy Yorkshire clients, concentrating on the Red Books for nearby estates at Harewood, Armley and Oulton.

You can become a member of the Society for just £30, individual, and £55, joint, which gives access to all the presentations during the season. You can join through the Society's website www.lintonantiquesociety.org.uk or by contacting the Membership Secretary on 0113 345 1815. Non-members are welcome: the entrance fee is £10, which counts towards the membership fee if you join on the same night.

Christmas Music with Collingham Band



Local events include:

Collingham Christmas Lights:

Friday 6th December in the Orchard Garden at 6pm

This event is organised by the Parish Council and includes mulled wine and mince pies.

Wetherby Dickensian Market:

Sunday 6th December: The Market Place 11am - 12 noon

Temple Newsam House:

Saturday 14th December: The Long Gallery, at 1pm - 3pm

Carols at CALSA:

Friday 20th December from 6pm

Carols and Candles:

Sunday 22nd December. St Oswalds: at 6pm



With events further afield this gives Collingham Band a busy festive season. Please come and join us.

Linton News

With Shirley Lawrenson

The annual Remembrance Day Service was well attended as always and the Memorial Hall were really grateful to everyone who helped to make this a special occasion. It is really sad to think all these young men from a small village, including two sets of brothers, gave their lives on our behalf. It would have been good to see more young people at the commemoration but I guess that Saturday mornings are busy with other activities.

The Christmas Fair will have already taken place by the time you read this and lets hope Santas schedule enabled him to visit. The Christmas lights will have been switched on making the village look pretty and cheering up the dull days.

Linton should also be looking resplendent after the Christmas Wreath workshop. It is always amazing that such a variety of wreaths are all produced from the same basic materials. It is always a pleasant social occasion too.



We have had two enjoyable visits to Look North Opera with the season resuming in January. Sadly one of the group cannot attend the next performances so we now have a ticket to spare if anyone is interested. We have transport there and back so parking is not a problem.

The Walking Group has had a year of lovely walks and will be having the usual Pot Luck lunch following the December walk. Likewise the Coffee Morning group has also arranged a lunch for December 12th.

My very best wishes to all readers for a memorable Christmas.



Collingham School News



Call for Action Week:

Just before half term, the school was thinking about how important it is that children have the confidence to use their voice and initiative, to become courageous advocates for a chosen cause.

They started the week by thinking about the importance of using our initiative and our individual liberty to become agents of change. The children have been using these skills when identifying solutions to different problem-solving scenarios. They have been learning about role models in our society who have already answered their call to action.

Over the course of the week, the school welcomed various courageous advocates to learn about what their 'call to action' has been.

Year 6 studied the 'Call to Action' of Bex Wilson, a Deputy Headteacher from a school in Burmantofts, Leeds. She started a charity you will have heard of - Zarach. Her 'call' has not ended yet, Zarach are now spreading even further so that they can help to reduce bed poverty across the country. Year 6 were truly inspired by Bex: 'Everybody can make a difference, even if it's small. "She is an inspiration to lots of people." -Emerson. "I'm so happy that there are people in this country who can do these things like her." - Thomas. The children in each class have identified an issue, discussed what they can do about it and have created an action plan for the year.

- Year 6 decided on tackling pollution in our local waterways, specifically, the beck and Collingham Beach.
- Year 5 decided that their call to action would focus on combatting loneliness.
- Year 4 would like to focus on poverty
- Year 3 The children want to help improve road safety in our community focusing on speed limits, parking and speeding drivers.
- Year 2 would like to support the Wetherby Food Bank
- Year 1 would like to support WISE which helps to combat loneliness in the community

Reception would like to be Litter Pickers and encourage others to pick up litter.

We wish the children every success in supporting these initiatives.



Speaking of initiatives! The school welcomed Jo Palin, (Tower Captain of the Bellringers at St Oswald's Church) into school assembly, to introduce the children to training handbells. Two teachers, followed by 6 children, took on the challenge to play 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star' and received enthusiastic rounds of applause. When the children were asked if anyone would like to learn to play the handbells for Christingle Service and Christmas, the response was overwhelming. The children may move on to greater bells as they grow up. Let the training begin!!

As you can imagine the build up to Christmas is underway. The children are beginning to prepare for their Christmas performances.



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Mary Wood (Chair of Governors)

Community Lunch Club



A reminder that Lunch Club is back for the winter. At our first lunch back, in November, it was lovely to see so many familiar faces and lots of new ones too. All welcome - bring a friend/ neighbour. This month we will meet on the Tuesday 3rd, from 11.30am at the Memorial Hall in Collingham.

Church News

Christmas Flowers: This year Helen Barrett, and the wonderful flower arranging team, will be decorating St Oswalds' for the Christmas season. We would be very grateful for donations towards the cost of purchasing these flowers. Helen has placed a donation 'tin' in the back of the church for anyone who would like to contribute.



Christmas Shoe Boxes: On Monday 28th October, several Collingham ladies met together in the Methodist Hall, and were joined by friends from East Keswick, to have a morning wrapping and filling shoeboxes with lots of 'goodies'. The charity 'Children in distress', has an appeal each year for the Christmas boxes to be filled for orphan children in Romania.

It was an enjoyable and worthwhile morning resulting in 44 boxes being filled. These, along with an £80 donation and extra supplies, were sent off to the main collection centre.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed in any way.
Local Pastor Eileen.

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What is Parish Share?

Following the breakdown of the Church Finances which we published in last months magazine. Those of you read the article, probably noticed that by far and away the largest item was Parish Share. The Diocese has produced a document detailing this somewhat mysterious element, which is unfortunately too large to reproduce in our magazine.

The following are some of the main points:

Parish Share is our largest source of Diocese funding by far. All the money received through Share is spent directly on having clergy in our parishes. In 2023, Parish Share provided £12.1 million of the total income of £20.4 million, but that was £1.8 million below the figure received in 2019.

The Diocese in 2025 expects to spend £22.1m, of which £16.4m will be on front line parish clergy and their homes. It aims to raise £12.3m through Parish Share, which will cover 75% of the cost of parish clergy. The remainder is covered by other income sources such as National Church grants, parochial fees, investment income and rental income.

In 2019 Parish Share contributed 95% of the cost of clergy in our parishes. The lower level of Parish Share received post Covid means that income alone, even with additional revenue from investments and property sales, is insufficient to cover clergy costs. Reserves and property sales must be increasingly used to bridge the gap.

Every £100 of Diocese money spent:

- £55 Towards paying Clergy and curates in parishes
- £19 Towards maintaining clergy property
- £9 Towards Parish and schools support
- £6 Towards ministry and mission supporting candidates for ordination, training of curates and lay readers. Supporting children's work.
- £5 Shared central support running the Diocese
- £5 National church grants
- £1 Retreat and outdoor centres

Now for the difficult part, how it is calculated

It uses a combination of the following factors:

Clergy Deployment - Two thirds of the request is due to the allocation of clergy, with total share split by the number of clergy roles in the Diocese.

Church Attendance - The Usual Sunday Attendance, with total share split by total attendance across the Diocese to give an average cost per attendee.

Socio Economic - The combined Clergy Deployment and Attendance Factors are then reduced or increased based on the relative deprivation of your parish.

These can then be further adjusted by additional caps depending on the particular Parish

Further reading is available in the document "Parish Share" a copy of which can be found in St Oswald's.

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DECEMBER SERVICES & ACTIVITIES @ ST OSWALD'S

All are most welcome to the church's regular or occasional events

DATE	TIME	SERVICE
Sunday 1st December ADVENT SUNDAY	8.30am 10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist
Wednesday 4 th	9.30am	Eucharist (<i>said</i>)
Friday 6 th	10am – 11.30am	'Teddy Praise'- <i>Methodist Church Hall</i> <i>Story, Activity, Song & Fun for</i> <i>pre-schoolers and carers</i>
Sunday 8th 2nd Sunday of ADVENT	8.30am 10.00am <u>4.00pm</u>	<i>Said Eucharist</i> <i>Sung Eucharist</i> CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
Wednesday 11 th	9.30am	Eucharist (<i>said</i>)
Saturday 14 th	2.00pm	Harewood Carol Service – <i>Harewood Village Hall</i>
Sunday 15th 3rd Sunday of ADVENT	8.30am 10.00am <u>6.00pm</u>	<i>Said Eucharist</i> <i>Sung Eucharist (& Sunday Club</i> <i>in Methodist Hall)</i> CAROLS & LESSONS <i>in Church</i>
Wednesday 18 th	9.30am	Eucharist (<i>said</i>)
Friday 20th	6pm	<i>Community Carol Singing – email/phone to</i> <i>check arrangements</i>
Sunday 22nd 4th Sunday of ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVE	8.30am 10am <u>4.00pm</u> <u>11.30pm</u>	<i>Said Eucharist</i> All Age – <u><i>with Sunday Club</i></u> <u><i>Nativity</i></u> CRIB SERVICE MIDNIGHT MASS
Wednesday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY	10.00am	FAMILY EUCHARIST & CAROLS
Sunday 29th	8.30am 10.00am	<i>Said Eucharist</i> All Age Eucharist & Carols
Wednesday 1st January	-	<i>No Midweek Service</i>

From St Oswald's Registers:-

Baptism:

Sunday 17th November – **Laurence Henry Hare**



Confirmations:

Sunday 3rd November - **William Harkins**
Anabelle Hooper
Archie McCann



Funeral:

Thursday 24th October – **Eileen Pearsall**

From the Methodist Church



Happy Birthday Jesus – A Christmas Reflection

In the stillness of the night and the shadows of the stable, where the cattle gently mooed and the newly born babe quietly murmured, Mary, exhausted and yet exhilarated, gently laid her head upon the breast of Joseph, and fell peacefully asleep. Joseph sat with his arm around Mary, and just looked on. Was this really happening? Tonight, God Himself had been born. Tonight, God had entered this world, HIS world, in the helpless form of a baby, born to be the Saviour of the World. Such Meekness, such Majesty.

“Jesus.” Joseph gently breathed, “Jesus... Saviour...” he spoke slowly and quietly.

“What a wonderful name”. Joseph looked at the Son of God lying there in the manger. “A name full of promise, a name full of hope and salvation”.

Suddenly, noises from outside startled and jolted Joseph back from his musings.

Not wanting to wake Mary, nor the baby, he remained still for a moment. When he realised someone was coming into the stable, he sat upright and was amazed to see some shepherds. Joseph wasn't afraid, but he did wonder where they had come from. Mary woke up then, with the disturbance, and rubbed her eyes.

Who was this? Shepherds? “Here he is! Just as the Angels had told us, here he is!”

An excited shabby looking shepherd hurried over to the manger. “Shh” said another following on behind, “don't wake him!” “Let's have a look”, yet another bundled in and pushed his way forward. “Wow! the baby, the Son of God!”. With that the three of them fell on their knees in front of the crib. Two more stood in the shadows of the doorway seemingly awestruck, too fearful to enter the stable. “It's so wonderful, so marvellous”. The shepherds were just so overjoyed. “Praise God, we've brought a gift”, and a lamb was placed by the crib side.



“Truly this is an amazing, awesome night”, said Joseph when he had the chance to speak. “You are welcome. Come in and look and worship him”. Joseph ushered the other men in from the doorway and a young boy followed. Kneeling by the manger, the boy gazed in wonder at this tiny baby who now had his eyes wide open. “He's looking at me, he's looking at me!” the young boy's face lit up and his eyes shone. “The angel told us he would be wrapped up in cloths and lying in a manger, and he is!”. The boy reached out and held the baby's hand, and baby Jesus gurgled. After a few minutes, the shepherds gathered their cloaks and staffs and left the Holy family in peace.

As the Shepherds heard the Good News from the Angels and responded, so we can hear the same message today. As Joseph welcomed them to worship the Saviour of the World, God welcomes us to worship Him. What is our response? Let it be as John Francis Wade writes, “Oh Come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!”.

May you know the presence of the Christ Child in your hearts and homes this Christmas.

God bless

Eileen





December News Update

Christmas Lights

A reminder that the switch on for the new lights in Collingham will take place on December 6th. The band will play from 6pm and the lights will be switched on at 6.30pm. Mulled wine, soft drinks and mince pies will be served as usual.

Linton lights will be switched on at around 4.30pm on 23 November during the Christmas Fayre at Linton Memorial Hall which is open from 2pm to 5pm.

Beck Wood

The work in the car park is now almost complete, protecting footpath users and helping to minimise surface disturbance at the entrance. Wildflower planting in the area will follow.

Grants and Works

At the November meeting, grants were approved to help support the Winter Luncheon Club at Collingham Memorial Hall, and the maintenance of Orchard Gardens.

Monies were also approved for work to upgrade and repair items in Collingham playground.

Linton Gateway Features

For a long time, we have been aiming to introduce sections of narrowed road at the entrances to Linton. The intention was to slow down traffic. We have been advised by LCC that these are not appropriate at the preferred locations which are not even suitable for zig zag saw tooth markings at the edge of the carriageway. We are still intending to install the crests as discussed in the August Newsletter and a footway on Linton Lane from Kiln Hill to tie in with the existing path.

Phone box Library

Community-minded volunteers are sought to adopt the phone box library in Linton. It requires regular sorting, and light cleaning, to keep the choices relevant and provide turnover of stock.

Speeding Vehicles

Speeding continues to be a problem that concerns the Parish Council and many residents. Unfortunately, the device adjacent to Piccolino's continues to be faulty and repair has been requested again. Otherwise, the latest figures at the end of October are: Linton Lane: the number of vehicles is slightly less than in the previous 5 months.

There was a slight dip in the numbers exceeding 30 during August and September but this has reversed with nearly 30% breaking the speed limit in October; this is inappropriate but represents an improvement on earlier figures. The top speed recorded was 95 mph which is both dangerous and shocking.

Leeds Road: vehicle numbers were up significantly from August and September but are now back to the levels seen in June and earlier. The percentage exceeding 30 has increased to in excess of 42%. The top speed was 71 mph which is similar to other months. Harewood Road: going up is not a full month due to data storage limits; however, over 23% broke the speed limit which is again unfortunate but shows a downward trend. The top speed was an appalling 117mph.

Harewood Road: going down is again not a full month. Just over 10% broke the speed limit which is down on the usual figures with the top speed 69 mph which is also slightly less than usual. It may be that the visits from the police mobile speed enforcement units are being effective. Our aim remains to remind and inform drivers when they have exceeded the speed limit, as well as to collect data about the volume and speed of vehicles. This data helps us to demonstrate the severity of the issue to the Police and local authorities with whom we share the figures. After a resident objection permission has now been granted for a permanent hard standing on Harewood Road to provide another spot for the mobile speed enforcement vehicles.

Council Team News

Marianne Moses was co-opted to the Parish Council at the November meeting: she is a returning councillor having previously served for several years. She is warmly welcomed. If you have interests in being a councillor or helping in any particular area, please contact the clerk as per below. We may be developing specific working groups that you might wish to join.

Our clerk Claire Cooper can be contacted at:
clerk@collinghamlintonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Bridgewood Green

Miller Homes has provided the following contact details. We are aware that these numbers are not always answered but Miller Homes have assured us they will put measures in place to improve their availability:

Senior Site Manager – John Rowan 07743 976 066

Head Office – Emma Wigham on 0870 3364600

Assistant Site Manager – Martyn Wilson on 07742405556

Miller Respect Help Line 08000836867 (Out of Hours)

Ward Councillor Ryan Stephenson remains the main point of contact should your query not be resolved: ryan.stephenson@leeds.gov.uk

Crime Prevention

The crime statistics for August were:

Linton. One criminal damage and one public order; total 2 crimes reported.

Collingham. One burglary, one other theft, one shoplifting, one vehicle crime and one violence or sexual; total 5 crimes reported 3.

There has been a recent report of a rogue trader in the area, operating without consideration for health and safety. Please check any tradesmen employed are not posing a risk to others. The run up to Christmas and the associated shopping can lead to increased thefts; please lock valuables left in vehicles out of sight and be mindful that dark nights can make it more obvious when houses are left empty or when presents are on display. Please look out for your neighbours when they are away. Report anything suspicious as you see it: some of the best deterrents are alert watchful neighbours. See the police website for other tips on crime prevention:

[Advice and information | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](http://www.police.uk)

Gully Link:

Highway gullies are the drains covered by a metal grid, usually found at the edge of a road. From time to time, they get blocked, particularly at this time of year. You can report them directly to the Leeds City Council Highways team using the following link: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/environmental-health/drains-and-gullies>

Useful Flood Contacts:	
Environment Agency Incident Hotline (24hrs a day) Please report any concerns with assets or blockages to a watercourse through the Incident Hotline so it can be logged and sent to the right team to deal with.	0800 80 70 60
Check for flooding	Check for flooding - GOV.UK
Prepare for flooding	Prepare for flooding – GOV.UK
Local and national weather information including weather warnings.	www.metoffice.gov.uk
Flood Re can help people who live in a flood risk area find affordable building and contents insurance.	Flood Re - A flood re-insurance scheme
The National Flood Forum provide further advice and support on a range of flood topics.	www.nationalfloodforum.org.uk
Property Flood Resilience Toolkit The Flood Hub. This toolkit contains all the resources you need as a basic introduction for your property to become more flood resilient.	Property Flood Resilience Toolkit The Flood Hub
Bluepages – UK Independent Flood Directory	Blue Pages
Your Local Resilience Forum - tips to help you and your community be prepared for a range of emergencies, not just flooding.	West Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum
Yorkshire Ready Together – a conversational tool to help you be prepared and ready for all types of emergencies.	Yorkshire Ready Together chatbot
Communities Prepared – Information and Training for Emergency Response	Communities Prepared – A Groundwork South Project



Collingham Memorial Hall

ACTIVITIES

Art Group
 ArtVentures for Kids
 Badminton Clubs
 JMF Dance School
 Kickstart Kamps
 Ladies Forum
 Martial Arts
 Number Train
 Pre-School Group
 Snooker
 Supper Club
 Tiny Dancers
 Toddler Group
 Union Dance Classes
 Zumba Class

The Memorial Hall has been at the heart of the village for over a century. Plans to enhance and refurbish the building are being put together and we are looking for some additional help to get things moving.

**Do you have any special skills to be able to offer help with this exciting project?
Funding applications? Project Management?**

If so please contact Philip Skelton on 07801 651790 or philipskelton@icloud.com or alternatively leave your contact details on the form on the Hall website <https://www.collinghammemorialhall.co.uk>

Further information available from our website

www.CollinghamMemorialHall.co.uk



Parish Council Facebook Page

The Parish Council has its own Facebook page: **Collingham with Linton Parish Council**. We post information regularly about the work we undertake and publish information about issues affecting Collingham and Linton.

Website

For further details and information about the work of the Parish Council, please go to www.clpc.info

Charity not Christmas Cards

The following families have once again made donations to charities of their choice instead of sending Christmas cards to their friends in the villages, and would like to take this opportunity to wish them a happy Christmas and a great New Year:

Ian & Christine Barnes, Guy & Nicola Davis, Martin & Christine McPherson, David & Hilary Medley, Ingrid Moore, Peter & Barbara Morse, Peter & Jan Robinson, Stephen & Christine Widdison



Mrs Jacky Galton and family wish all their friends and neighbours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2025. A donation in lieu of Christmas cards will be made to St Gemma's Hospice, Leeds.

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collingham.preschool@icloud.com

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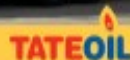
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