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COMMUNITY NEWS

MAY/JUNE 2024

From the Chair

Thank you for taking the time to read this month's edition of the Parish newsletter. Your interest and engagement with community matters are greatly valued, and your ongoing support is much appreciated. I hope each of you had a wonderful Easter, filled with joy, warmth, and some well-deserved down-time.

We will unfortunately be losing two of our councillors. Cllr. Helen Reynolds has been a great supporter of the Community Garden in Cuckney. We will miss that support - and I will personally miss her skills with a set of pruners! And after many years of faithful service to the Community, Cllr. Georgina Smith has decided to retire from the Council. We owe her a debt of gratitude and wish her and Mike every success in their future endeavours.

I am pleased to provide an update from the March meeting of the Parish Council. Once again, the issue of speeding on the A60 was a focal point of discussion among councillors. In response, we have reinstated a group dedicated to addressing this concern. Councillor Gemma Palmer will be updating you on our efforts and how you can contribute to tackling this issue.

In other news, the Council is collaborating with the Afternoon Tea Ladies for a special event commemorating the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. We cordially invite you to join us for an afternoon of seated tea with friends followed by a film. Further details can be found on page 5 of this newsletter.

Moreover, the Council has decided to participate in the initiative to revive Norton and Cuckney Village Hall. Responding to a request from the Cuckney Village Hall Scheme charity, we have agreed to become a Corporate Trustee.

Despite the current state of disrepair, we are committed to working alongside the charity and building owners to rejuvenate the hall.

Regarding plans for a new hall and car park on the A616 by the playing field, securing funding has proven challenging due to the absence of a thriving village hall. We recognize the importance of such facilities for our community and neighbouring areas. While we acknowledge differing perspectives on this matter, we believe it is imperative to take action.

Revitalizing the existing hall presents the most viable starting point. If we cannot secure funding for a new hall in the near future, the current facility may remain our only option for some time.

We appreciate your ongoing support and engagement in these endeavors. Together, we can ensure the vitality and resilience of our community facilities.

Cllr. Nancy Wright



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History Society

The meeting in March, given by *Chris Weir*, centred on the life of Jesse Boot (1st Baron Trent) who took the small pharmacy created by his father and turned it into a pharmaceutical behemoth. Despite his being plagued by ill-health all his life, Jesse and his remarkable wife Florence, created shops that were breath-takingly beautiful and sold paintings, home-furnishings as well as medicines - so very different from the sanitised stores of today. Their care of for their workers in their Nottingham factory should be considered alongside the Quaker Cadbury family.

The meeting in April was given by Maggy Watkins, who gave us a delightful talk about the history of Clumber Park. It was amazing to see the photographs of the great house, the grounds as they were and the selection of fruits and vegetables which came out of the kitchen gardens at all times of the year.

Her talk on 'The Scandalous Duchess', will be re-scheduled for later in the year.

The talk on May 13th will be given by Tom Fremantle and is entitled Nelson's Mistakes & Mistresses, That should be interesting, learning about some of the seafarers antics.

The talk on June 10th entitled Henderson's Relish has been cancelled by the speaker and now we will have a get together bringing any old photos, memories and stories of our locality to share. As usual the start time is 7.30pm. Please note that these meetings will take place in Norton & Cuckney Village Hall.

There is a charge of £5 for the May talk, including light refreshments and the June get together will be free of charge. As always guests are most welcome.

Richard Bower

Anti-Social Behaviour

It is important to be able to report any issues in the local area, so that we can not only solve individual cases but also are able to build up a bigger picture for the the area and create lasting solutions.

For information on how to report Anti-Social Behaviour, please go to [Bassetlaw.gov.uk](https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk), from the Homepage, go to Community and Living, Community Safety, Anti-social Behaviour.

Useful contact numbers can be found on the back page of the newsletter.

However, please remember if you do have any ASB issues that you want to report to me confidentially, you can always contact me directly, in confidence, as your District Councillor on charles.adams@cllr.bassetlaw.gov.uk.

Cllr. Charles Adams

Upcoming Elections

We would like to remind you that there will be elections for the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Mayor of the new East Midlands Combined Authority will be taking place on 2nd May 2024.

To exercise your right to vote in these important elections, please remember to bring photographic identification with you to the polling station. Acceptable forms of ID include a passport, driving license, or any other form of photographic ID that is official and valid.

Your ID will be required to verify your identity before you can cast your vote. If you don't have photo ID you can obtain a voter certificate from Bassetlaw District Council for free to prove your identity by calling 01909 533 252.

A reminder that the polling station for residents who usually use Norton & Cuckney Village Hall will be the Greendale Oak.

D-DAY 80th ANNIVERSARY

6th June 1944 - 2024

I suspect there are very few readers of this newsletter who do not know the meaning of this time in history. This year will be the 80th anniversary of the landings on the Normandy beaches of Omaha, Utah, Gold, Juno and Sword. Marking the beginning of the end of the Second World War as allied forces landed on the European mainland in Operation Overlord.

Why D-Day? – interestingly there is no reason for this. In military parlance we talk of D Day and H Hour just to mean specific dates and times. The D and the H have no actual meaning beyond this.

It is hard to imagine the thoughts in the minds of the troops as they boarded the landing craft in a rough English Channel off the coast of France and prepared to land on some of the most fortified territory created. The Germans had been using slave labour to build the massive construction of the fortifications since the fall of France at the beginning of the war. Barbed wire, mines, machine guns, bunkers, artillery – the infamous 88s - all faced the allied troops as they landed. To be in that first wave of troops landing must have been terrifying – in Napoleonic terms – the Forlorn Hope. The opening scenes of 'Saving Private Ryan' are widely regarded as Hollywood's only really successful attempt to recreate the atmosphere of that day.



One of Hobart's 'Funnies'. A section of bridge built on a tank chassis

As ever in war – invention had been busy – Hobart's funnies were adapted tanks and vehicles designed to break through the obstacles – mine clearance tanks, bridge-layers, matting layers, tanks designed to float (some did and some did not, as was found out in disastrous trials off the south coast of England at the cost of many young lives).



This scene was recreated in 'Saving Private Ryan'

However, wave after wave landed and despite huge casualty numbers the beaches were held – a 'beach head'. Once this was established more supplies could be landed. An artificial harbour – Mulberry - was erected to facilitate the supply lines. The allies had landed. The liberation of Europe had begun.

The last surviving D-Day veteran has died now. We must never forget their sacrifice and courage on that day. For our carefree day at the beach – they gave their lives!

*Cllr. Kelvin Wright VR
Colonel (Retired) L/RAMC*



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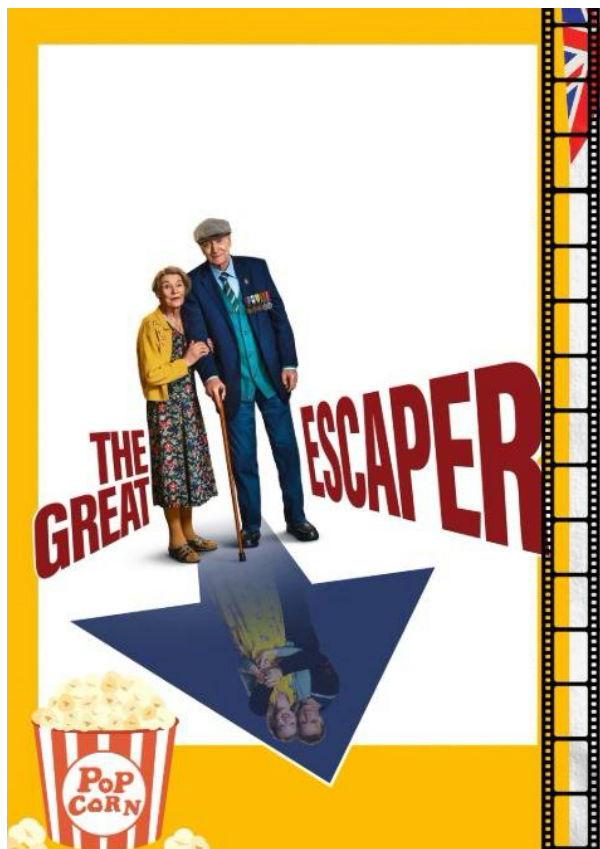
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COME AND JOIN US

THERE WILL BE AN EXCLUSIVE SCREENING OF 'THE GREAT ESCAPER' TO MARK THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE D-DAY LANDINGS, FOLLOWING A SIT DOWN AFTERNOON TEA, EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND WITH ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION.

6TH JUNE 2024 15:00 HOURS

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CELEBRATING 80 YEARS PARISH COUNCIL SINCE THE D-DAY LANDINGS

D-DAY 80th ANNIVERSARY - AFTERNOON TEA AND FILM

For our next tea boxes, we are joining the Parish Council for an exciting new venture to commemorate 80 years since D-Day on 6th June (please note the change of date. There will be no May tea boxes).

Whilst it will still be possible to collect your teas as usual from the Village Hall (2.30-3pm) or for local deliveries, we hope that most of you will join us at the hall where tea boxes and hot drinks will be available to enjoy at 3pm before a screening of *The Great Escaper*, starring Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson - a beguiling tale of an elderly man who absconds from his care home to join the celebrations to mark the 70th anniversary of D-Day in Normandy.

There will be a limit on numbers for the film screening, so please do let us know if you wish to attend as soon as you can.

Again tea boxes will cost just £5 with all proceeds being donated this time to the Royal British Legion.

The Great Escaper tells the real story of Royal Navy veteran, Bernard Jordan, who went "A.W.O.L" from his care home in 2014 to attend the 70th anniversary of D-Day in Normandy. It stars Michael Caine & Glenda Jackson in her final screen role.

The Parish Council is underwriting this free event but there will be the opportunity to support the hall with a raffle on the day.

Please notify Cathy by Thursday 30th May, stating whether you prefer a traditional or more savoury 'Gents' tea if you would like to place an order - tel 07773 282734 or cathy.hp@btinternet.com.

You are most welcome to attend the film screening without having a tea but we would be grateful if you would let us know this in advance too. If you would like to join us but need transport, please let us know when ordering your tea and we will endeavour to help. Do join us if you can for this lovely opportunity to get together at our village hall.

Cathy Brown

Cuckney Play Park *Cllr. Conor Marples*

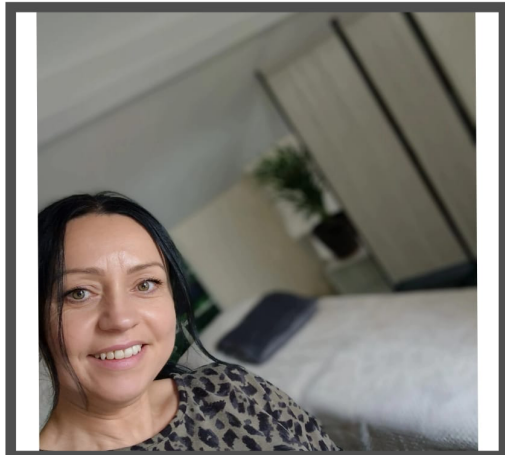
Work continues on Cuckney playpark and the Parish Council would like to thank District Councillor Charles Adams for his grant, which has been used to purchase a new picnic bench. We would also like to thank the Villages of Welbeck Association, who have assisted in applying for funding to replace the other two picnic benches. We hope this application will be successful too.

With the restoration of the roundabout surface complete and guarantee work on the climbing equipment progressing, I am happy to report to the community that we can now look towards the future of the playpark. I'd like to thank everyone who has contacted me regarding this vital community asset. Your interest, suggestions and general encouragement are very much appreciated and I hope to take as many ideas forward as possible.

Filling the space left by the zipwire is the top priority and I am in contact with our play equipment providers, who are in the process of preparing design drawings for this area. These free, no obligation drawings are vital to obtain grant funding and I hope to share them with the community in the future.

As well improving the current safety surfacing, options to improve the accessibility of the equipment and grounds are being explored, such as a path to the new basket swing, as well as a permanent track and exercise area for all residents. Grant providers will, quite rightly, favour proposals that not only meet the recreational needs of residents, but also promote health benefits and are inclusive for all, and any developments will only be possible with this outside funding.

There is still much to do, but I encourage everyone to visit the playpark as the weather improves and the Parish Council will always be interested in your feedback and suggestions.



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View of repair made to a large 'pot hole' in the roundabout surround in Cuckney Play Park

Local Government Act 1972
Section 87(2)

CASUAL VACANCY

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1. Following the resignation of Councillor Helen Reynolds there is a vacancy on the above Council.
2. A By-election to fill the vacancy will be held if, within 14 days (not counting Saturdays and Sundays and certain Bank Holiday periods) from the date of this notice, 10 electors for the Parish give notice in writing claiming such an Election to the Returning Officer.
3. The address of the Returning Officer is:-

Queen's Buildings,
Potter Street,
Worksop,
Notts. S80 2AH
4. If no such notice is given, the Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-option.

Dated: 15/04/2024

Signed

(Clerk to the Council, the Proper Officer
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Norton Play Park

The Council has received a number of reports of residents in Norton about the state of the fencing. The Parish Council has approached Bassetlaw County Council regarding this matter.

We will keep you informed when we receive a response.

LOCAL FOCUS - At A Crossroads?

Cllrs. Gemma Palmer & Matthew Evans

The Parish Council has taken on the issue of addressing traffic concerns; as local residents, too, we are very much concerned, like the rest of the community, about the ever-growing trend of car incidents within the Parish. While the Parish Council doesn't have direct powers to address the problem, we are considering various options.

As part of our strategy, we will be exploring the feasibility of acquiring speed indicator devices to deter reckless driving behavior and promote adherence to speed limits. These devices serve not only as visual reminders for motorists but also as valuable data collection tools to inform future initiatives.

Additionally, recognising the importance of community engagement and feedback, we are in the process of creating a user-friendly form for residents to report car incidents on our website, including instances of speeding or other road-related issues that will be, so please take a look and help us capture data. *We hope to announce the launch of this form on our website and on Facebook in the near future.*

By harnessing the collective insights and experiences of our residents, we aim to develop a comprehensive understanding of the challenges we face and implement targeted solutions that prioritise the safety and well-being of our community and take the data back to Nottinghamshire County Council's Highways Authority for review.

The roads in Britain are a busy place. Road users are increasing and people are taking different forms of transport such as bikes, motorbikes, mopeds and so on.

When it comes to navigating roads safely, as a Driving Instructor I see the public misusing all road types on a daily basis, especially at a crossroads that are less controlled with traffic signals and/or

markings.

I see poor judgement, hesitation, poor position placement, poor and/or misleading use of signals, road users beckoning others on by flashing lights or waving others through and the inappropriate use of speed on approach.

One bad judgement call can end in serious and/or a fatal collision!

Let's Educate

You are responsible for your own actions and play a vital role in the actions and decisions others then make around you as a result.

Ask yourself: When was the last time you refreshed yourself on an updated Highway Code?

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/driving/highway-code-road-safety>

Heard of Saccadic Masking?

When you are approaching a junction, or looking to turn left or right, your eyes do not capture one continuous image as often the head/eye movements are too fast. The saccades created between fixations are a danger, and another road user could fall within these blind spots and not be seen. The faster you move your head, the shorter the fixations and the longer the saccades, therefore increasing the risk of not seeing another road user.

To help minimise the risk of collisions by 25%, I instead encourage my pupils to scan in sequence:

Look Left

Look Ahead

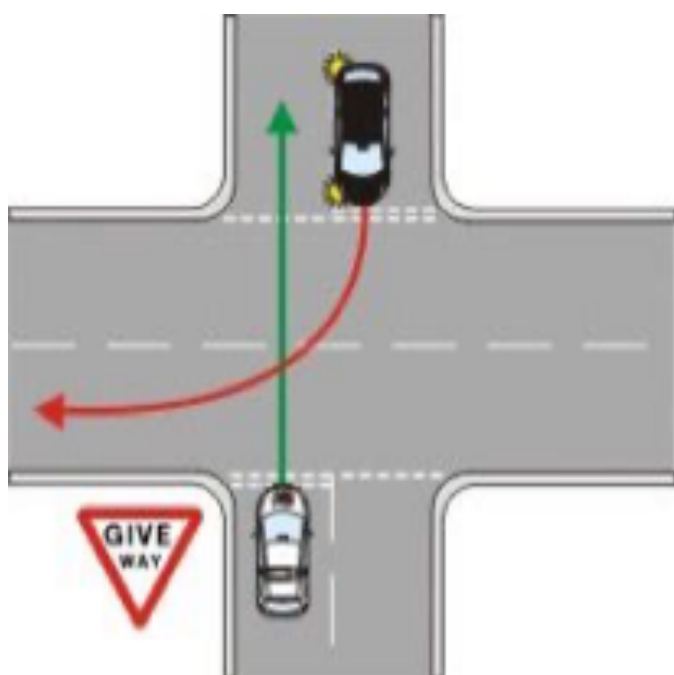
Look Right

Each with a small pause in between, depending on how busy it is, I encourage they do this sequence at least twice before proceeding.

The general rule for priorities when emerging from crossroads is that right turning traffic should give way to oncoming traffic.

Even if you don't have priority, the other driver may want you to proceed before them, so try to watch carefully and work out what they are planning.

This can often be the pupils I teach and some roads users downfall's as they either feel pressured and or assume it's clear as they have been beckoned on. Never assume, nor have a stranger on the opposite side of the road tell you it's clear, check with your own eyes first and proceed when safe.



Cuckney Crossroads

At Cuckney crossroads there is a STOP sign and solid white line. Make sure to fully STOP and scan more proactively as your view is much more restricted and you yourself are often hidden from other road users line of sight. There is no difference here in priority so treat it like the usual crossroad rules, (see above).

Drivers on a main road have priority over drivers on a minor road. Vehicles travelling straight on or turning left have priority. That means that drivers turning right will have to wait for a gap in the traffic before making their turn.

Maintaining a safe following distance and remaining vigilant for pedestrians and cyclists are also critical. When manoeuvring through a crossroads, exercising patience and courtesy is key, ensuring the safety of all road users.

In conclusion, our progress in addressing speeding on the A60 reflects the collective commitment of our community to prioritise road safety. Through collaboration, education, and awareness, we are making strides towards creating safer roadways for all. As we move forward, let us remain steadfast in our efforts to promote responsible driving and enhance the well-being of our community.

If anyone would like further support with Driver Education and or would like a refresher in their knowledge and or skills about any aspects of driving, the. please do get in touch and I would be happy to help:

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St. Mary's Cuckney *Revd. Nigel Stones*

'And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work' 2 Corinthians 9:8

Hello, I'm Revd. Nigel Stones, and I would like to introduce myself to those who don't yet know me as the curate serving here in our churches at St Mary's, Norton-Cuckney and St Winifred's, Holbeck. After ordination last July, I have been getting to know people better from the communities here in the local areas including the Cuckney CofE school and other community gathering places. I am most grateful to all who share in the mission of St Mary's and St Winifred's churches and my passion for these churches surviving whilst serving in the community is fuelled each week that passes by. I think of all those in the past who have joined in worship, been baptised, married and found their final resting place here, not to mention community events that have been celebrated as we move through the seasons of the Christian calendar each year.

For this reason, speaking on behalf of the church, I can say that we are truly grateful and give thanks to all those who financially support the work at St Mary's and St Winifred's churches. These beautiful historic buildings are expensive to maintain, not only to provide occasional offices of baptism, weddings and funerals, but also to serve the community in regular worship. To enable this, thousands of pounds each year is spent on heating, lighting, maintenance and administrative costs. We therefore rely upon people giving both their time and financial support to ensure that we and our future generations can enjoy what we and many before us have enjoyed in the past.

At this time, I would therefore like to welcome you to visit our churches for times of worship and indeed for other events. Times and dates are printed in our Community News magazine. Also, if there is anything that you are able to give, either free time or financially, to preserve the upkeep of our sacred places in our community, then this blessing would be gratefully received.

Thank you and take care, Nigel.

St. Winifred's, Holbeck

The Parish Council has gifted a bench to St. Winifred's, to replace one outside the church that has become dilapidated.

We hope it proves useful to those members of the church and to visitors who have need of it.

Events

St. Winifred's Church, Holbeck are planning a 'Hymns & Pimms' on Sunday, 23rd June at 4pm at the church.



Both churches hope to hold further Summer Events and special Services. These will be advertised by posters and social media.

Churchyard 100 Club

The winners in February were Christine Halewood (no. 36) and Ron Smith (no. 45)

The winners in March were Ian Poucher (no. 56) and Andrew Morris (no. 79)

Congratulations!

Community Diary *(Church services correct as of May 2023)*

Sunday, 5th May 10.30 am	Holy Communion followed by by Annual Parochial Church Meeting 11.30 am / 6th Sunday of Easter	St. Winifred's, Holbeck
Monday 6th May	Early May Bank Holiday	
Thursday 9th May 7.00pm	Full Parish Council Meeting	The Education Room, Harley Gallery
Sunday 12th May 10.30 am	Morning Prayer / 7th Sunday of Easter	St. Mary's, Cuckney
Monday 13th May 7.30 pm	The History Club	N & C Village Hall
Wednesday 15th May 2.00 pm	The Villagers Group	Norton & Cuckney Village Hall
Sunday 19th May 10.30 am	Morning Prayer / Pentecost	St. Mary's, Cuckney
Sunday 19th May 10.30 am	Morning Prayer / Pentecost	St. Winifred's, Holbeck
Sunday 26th May 10.30 am	Holy Communion / Trinity Sunday	St. Mary's, Cuckney
Monday 27th May	Late May Bank Holiday	
Sunday 2nd June 10.30 am	Holy Communion / 2nd Sunday of Trinity	St. Winifred's, Holbeck
Thursday, 6th June 3.00 pm	D-Day 80th Anniversary Afternoon tea and film	Norton & Cuckney Village Hall
Sunday 9th June 10.30 am	Morning Prayer / 3rd Sunday of Trinity	St. Mary's, Cuckney
Monday 10th June 7.30 pm	The History Club	Norton & Cuckney Village Hall
Thursday 13th June 7.00 pm	Full Parish Council Meeting	The Education Room, Harley Gallery
Sunday 16th June 10.30 am	Morning Prayer / 4th Sunday of Trinity	St. Mary's, Cuckney
Sunday 16th June 10.30 am	Morning Prayer / 4th Sunday of Trinity	St. Winifred's, Holbeck
Wednesday 19th June 2.00	The Villagers Group	Cuckney Cricket Club
Sunday 23rd June 10.30 am	Holy Communion / 4th Sunday of Trinity	St. Mary's, Cuckney
Sunday 23rd June 4.00 pm	'Hymns and Pimms'	St. Winifred's, Holbeck
Sunday 30th June 10.00 am	Joint Benefice Cafe Church	Venue TBC
Sunday 7th July 10.30 am	Holy Communion / 4th Sunday of Trinity	St. Winifred's, Holbeck

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Dog Fouling / Fly-Tipping

Enforcement Officers from Bassetlaw Council will prosecute dog-owners who persistently do not clear up after their dogs.

The Officers will patrol areas that receive the most reports via the Bassetlaw website. The more incidents that are reported, the more likely it is that something will be done. The system is simple to use; **bassetlaw.gov.uk/report-a-problem** or call the dog-fouling and fly-tipping reporting line on 01909 533533

Pot Holes and Road Issues

Reporting potholes or other road Issues couldn't be easier, thanks to the MyNotts app.

The app allows you to report most highway issues directly to the County Council. All you need to do is go online and download the MyNotts app from the Apple Store or Google Play to either your phone or tablet.

Additionally, you can call the pothole reporting line on 03001 235000.

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