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## WELCOME

2017 is the 'Year of Legends' – come and discover the legends of Wales

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### Tickets Box Office

01970 632 548  
events.library.wales  
Discount given to parties of 5 or more

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- C** Event held in Welsh
- E** Event held in English
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- T** Simultaneous translation provided

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## AT A GLANCE

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### January

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### Exhibitions

Come and explore the National Library's remarkable collections on display in our galleries. Whether it's your first visit, or you've been here before, you're assured of a warm welcome. All our exhibitions are free and families are welcome. Complete your visit with a unique shopping experience in our gift shop and enjoy views over Cardigan Bay in the relaxed atmosphere of Caffi Pen Dinas.



#### Arthur and Welsh Mythology

***Hengwrt and Gregynog Galleries,  
until 16.12.17***

There is in Wales a long and rich tradition of storytelling. The Mabinogion, folk legends and local myths and tales have formed a part of our cultural inheritance from very early times to the present day.

In our exhibition, Arthur and Welsh Mythology, we will meet some of the most colourful characters from our mythology, and present their stories on the pages of manuscripts, on the canvases of artworks and through our vast screen and sound archive.

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Image: Branwen © Ivor Davies



**Legends!**

**Upper Central Hall, until March 2018**

An opportunity to come 'face to face' with Welsh legends from the National Portrait Collection.

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Image: Together Stronger © Owain Fôn Williams



**What's New? Recent Acquisitions**

**Gregynog Annexe, 16.09.17 – 16.12.17**

An opportunity to see some of the most recent treasures to the Library's collection.

Image: Dylan Thomas © Philippa Jacobs



**Cover to Cover**

**World of the Book, Ground Floor, until 03.02.18**

We trace the history of the book on its journey from Egypt to e-book, looking at types of books, the process of creating a book, and books as works of art in themselves.

Image: Old King Cole, the smallest book in the world



**Must see...**

See some of our national treasures – the Black Book of Carmarthen: the earliest surviving manuscript written in Welsh.

Wales is the land of song, and you can see our national anthem, Land of my Fathers, the Hafod vase, and much more!

*Free admission*

Image: Hafod Vase

## CAFFI PEN DINAS LIBRARY SHOP

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### Caffi Pen Dinas

Caffi Pen Dinas prides itself on providing quality food freshly prepared on site, using local Welsh produce.

Come along and enjoy the range of sandwiches, panini, jacket potatoes, homemade soup and daily specials. Hot and cold beverages are served all day and why not indulge in our delicious homemade cakes?

*Caffi Pen Dinas is conveniently situated near the main entrance, and is family friendly with easy access. We are open from 9.00am until 5.00pm Monday to Friday, and from 10.00am until 4.00pm on Saturdays.*

### Shop

The Library shop offers unique, well-crafted items, handmade and unusual crafts and gifts inspired by the Library's collections.

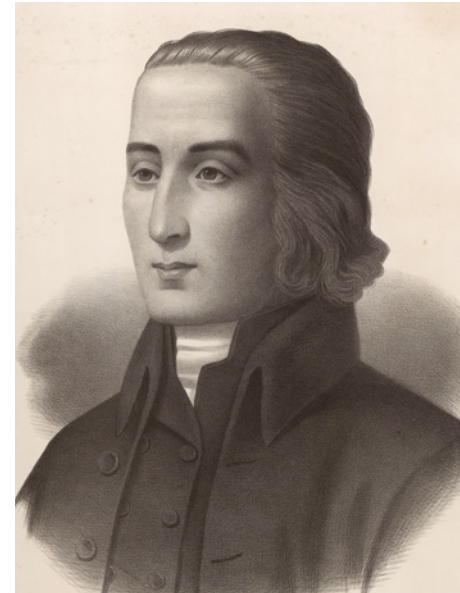
We sell beautiful homeware, quality jewellery hand made in Wales, toys, books, CDs, and much more...

*We are open from 9.00am until 5.00pm, Monday to Saturday.*

**Online Shop:** [siop.llgc.org.uk](http://siop.llgc.org.uk)

## TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

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**Wednesday 6 September**  
1.15pm

### Williams Pantycelyn trwy Lygad ei Lythrau Professor E. Wyn James

This talk is an opportunity to view the life and works of William Williams, Pantycelyn, one of Wales' cultural giants and an author of international status and significance, through his own letters, in the year that marks 300 years since his birth.

*Free admission by ticket*

Image: William Williams, Pantycelyn



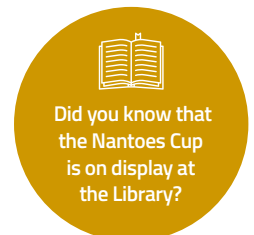
**Saturday 16 September**  
2.00pm

### NLW Friends Event: Strata Florida: Sacred Landscape and National Identity Professor David Austin

During recent research work, the Abbey has been slowly revealing the full extent of the original design following the Lord Rhys' re-foundation in 1184. It was on a grand scale and incorporated a number of unique features for a Cistercian Abbey. These extend the meaning of the place back in time and left a strong legacy for the future. The talk will showcase current evidence for a hypothesis that the intention of Lord Rhys and the monks was to create a 'national' institution as one component of a wider ambition for Wales.

*Admission by ticket £4.00, free to NLW Friends.*

Image: Professor David Austin



## TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

**Wednesday 20 September**  
10.00am – 5.00pm

### Open Doors: In the Frame

Exclusive behind the scenes access to the Library's art collection and the Royal Commission's archival areas. Original archival material and artworks from both establishments will be on display. These provide an opportunity to see the storage facilities of work by Sir Kyffin Williams, and the industrial landscape artist, Falcon Hildred, together with the Arts and Crafts architect, Herbert North.

**Places are limited therefore booking is essential.**

Each tour will last approximately 75 minutes and will combine the Sir Kyffin Williams collection repository and Royal Commission storage areas.

Tours in Welsh will be held at  
10.00am + 2.00pm

Tours in English will be held at  
11.15am + 3.45pm

*Free admission by ticket*



Image: Self Portrait, Kyffin Williams © 1968



Image: Tŷ Unicorn, Falcon Hildred ©1810



Image: Farmer on the Mountain, Kyffin Williams © 1984-1990

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**Thursday 28 September**  
7.30pm

### Y Gadair Wag

Hedd Wyn, the young poet from Trawsfynydd, was killed in the trenches one hundred years ago, before he was proclaimed Chaired Poet of the 1917 National Eisteddfod. He became a symbol in Wales and across Europe of the waste and horror of the Great War.

Using film and experimental techniques, this new show by Ifor ap Glyn, National Poet of Wales, directed by Ian Rowlands, looks at Hedd Wyn's life and works alongside other WWI poets, exploring the themes of loss and identity.

The Empty Chair forms part of the wider Barddoniaeth Colled | Poetry of Loss project delivered by Literature Wales, funded by the Welsh Government's Cymru'n Cofio Wales Remembers 1914-1918 First World War Centenary Programme, and in partnership with the Government of Flanders and Snowdonia National Park Authority.

*Admission by ticket £9.00*  
*Bar available*

Image: Ifor ap Glyn © Rhys Lloyd



Did you know that the winning ode 'Yr Arwr' ('The Hero') in Hedd Wyn's own hand is held at the Library?



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**Wednesday 4 October**  
1.15pm

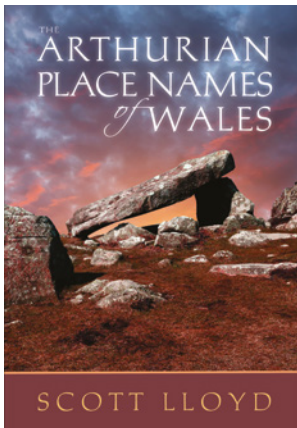
### What's New?: Recent Accessions

Library Staff reveal some of the latest treasures to join our collections.

*Free admission by ticket*

Image: Tirlun, Gwilym Prichard  
© Claudia Williams [c. 1994-1995]

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**Wednesday 11 October**  
1.15pm

### The Arthurian Place Names of Wales Scott Lloyd

Place names associated with the figure of King Arthur are widespread across Wales and this talk will explore the origins and developments of these names and their connections, real or otherwise, to the wider Arthurian legend.

Scott Lloyd is the author of *The Arthurian Place Names of Wales* recently published by the University of Wales press.

*Free admission by ticket*

Image: Book cover

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**Saturday 21 October**  
11.00am + 2.00pm

### Hinterland - Ceredigion Landscapes

David Wilson photographer, Ed Talfan and Ed Thomas creators and executive-producers talk about the hit TV crime series and their new book about the landscape that inspired them to set the location in Ceredigion. The discussion will include a screening from the series and the opportunity to purchase signed copies.

*Free admission by ticket*

Image: Book cover

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**Wednesday 25 October**  
1.15pm

### Pontarddulais – a Cradle of Creativity Donald Treharne

A look at the work and life of artist Elizabeth Vera Bassett (1912–1997) and sculptor Ezzelina Gwenhwyfar Jones (1921–2012), both of whom achieved during their lifetime an international platform for their artistic output, but received scant attention in Wales. This talk aims to illustrate the great joy and variety in their work.

*Free admission by ticket*

Image: The Cardinal, Ezzelina Gwenhwyfar Jones

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**Friday 3 November**  
5.30pm

### Welsh Political Archive Annual Lecture: Gender, Power and Knowledge in the Welsh Academy

Professor Teresa Rees  
DBE FAcSS FLSW

The National Library of Wales is a testament to the collected knowledge and ideas of scholars, creative writers and artists produced over many years. But who constructs the knowledge we value? Who makes the decisions about what we deem to be 'excellent', and on what basis? This lecture explores the 'gendering' of the concept of 'excellence' in our intellectual activities. To what extent are sex and gender properly addressed in the development of bioscience and medicine, of design in engineering and in the planning of public services? As the Welsh Government invests in science and scientists to make Wales a smart country based on a knowledge economy, it is timely to examine gender, power and knowledge in the Welsh Academy.

*Free admission by ticket*

Image: Professor Teresa Rees



**Wednesday 1 November**  
1.15pm

### The Sounds of Sinai: A Sonic Intervention in the Book of Exodus

Professor John Harvey

In 2016, Professor John Harvey composed 'Image and Inscription' – a sound art work, which was subsequently released on CD with the National Screen and Sound Archive of Wales.

His research explores the transformation and fusion of the text within the framework of biblical studies, biblical painting, landscape studies, music, and film adaptations and scores portraying the story of Moses and the Israelites.

*Free admission by ticket*

Image: Professor John Harvey



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Did you know that the Library holds over 950,000 photographs in its collection?

**Saturday 4 November**  
10.00am – 5.00pm

### LENS 2017: Celebrating Photography

Lens will offer a day of presentations and talks from prominent figures in this field. Speakers include Sebastian Bruno, Richard Jones, Christopher Webster van Tonder, Gerallt Llewelyn, Bernard Mitchell and William Troughton.

*Admission by ticket £10.00*

*– to include tea /coffee during registration (discounts given to groups of 5 or more).*

*Lunch will be provided at Caffi Pen Dinas at a reasonable price.*

Image: Roy & John The Ascot Gents  
© Bruce Cardwell



**Wednesday 8 November**  
1.15pm

### Rewriting The Mabinogi

Professor Matthew Francis

The Mabinogi has long fascinated readers all over the world with its tales of war and enchantment, adventure and romance. Professor Matthew Francis of Aberystwyth University reads extracts from his new Faber version, and discusses the challenges he faced in transposing this medieval prose classic into contemporary English poetry.

*Free admission by ticket*

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Image: Professor Matthew Francis





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**Wednesday 15 November**  
10.00am – 3.30pm

### Explore Your Archive Day

A full day of events celebrating our archives and collections



11.15am

### Gallery Talk: On the trail of King Arthur

Dr Maredudd ap Huw

In the company of the curator of our Arthurian exhibition, we journey from Wales, through England, to the rest of continental Europe. What connects the King of the Isle of Britain to the Queen of the Fairies? How did a fearsome opponent become a stalwart friend? Discover how Arthur captured the imaginations of a continent, and became the most famous of all kings.

A Welsh gallery talk will be held at 10.00am

*Free admission by ticket*

Image: King Arthur, 1634

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1.15pm

### Locating the Legends: Archaeological Tales from the Royal Commission's Archives

Scott Lloyd of the Royal Commission discusses myths, legends and archaeology, drawing on examples from over a century of archival accumulation by the Royal Commission.

*Free admission by ticket*

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2.15pm

### Tour: A behind the scenes tour of the Library\*

*\*Charge payable for tour. See page 24 for further details.*



Did you know that the first reference to Arthur appears in the Book of Aneirin, which is held at the Library?



**Saturday 18 November**  
2.00pm

### NLW Friends Event: Henry Vaughan – a poet of Breconshire

Dr Elizabeth Siberry

Elizabeth Siberry, co-editor of *Henry Vaughan and the Usk Valley* published in 2016, will talk about the life and work of the seventeenth-century poet, who was born, lived most of his life and died in the Usk Valley.

He was known as The Swan of Usk, and his grave, at Llansantffraed church, is now a site of literary pilgrimage. He has not always been well remembered in his own county or in Wales, but Elizabeth will discuss his later reputation, drawing on sources from the National Library's extensive collection.

*Admission by ticket £4.00, free to NLW Friends.*

Image: Olor Iscanus

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**Wednesday 22 November**  
1.15pm

### Place and Myth in Poetry

Hilary Davies

Hilary Davies talks about the importance of place for her writing and reads from her work to show how place has shaped her poetry.

*Free admission by ticket*

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Image: Hilary Davies

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**Wednesday 29 November**  
1.15pm

### Cysgodion y Paith Cefyn Burgess

Wales' foremost textiles designer discusses his work, his creativity and his inspiration, following his recent visit to Patagonia.

Free admission by ticket

Image: Tai Michael D. Jones © Cefyn Burgess



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Tickets  
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**Wednesday  
6 December**  
12.00pm – 7.30pm

### Christmas Shopping

An opportunity to search for the perfect gift for your family and friends at the Library Shop and Craft Fair.

The day's events will include traditional Christmas dinner in Caffi Pen Dinas (12.00 – 2.00pm), Presentation in the Drwm: Bewnans Ke\*, Guided tour of the Library\*, a visit by Father Christmas, Craft Fair (from 4.30 pm) and live entertainment.

Look out for further details

\* Ticketed events. Further details on pages 19 + 24



**Wednesday 6 December**  
1.15pm

### Bewnans Ke: A Cornish Play on the Life of St Ke and Arthur Graham Thomas

To coincide with the 2017 Year of Legends and our current Arthur and Welsh Mythology exhibition, a presentation about a Medieval Cornish manuscript.

Free admission by ticket

Image: Bewnans Ke (NLW MS 23849D f.2r)



**Wednesday 10 January**  
1.00pm

### Gwyddonydd Victorianaidd: William Robert Grove Professor Iwan Morus

A talk by his biographer setting Grove's career and contributions in context, with specific attention to the role of Welsh culture in forming his scientific attitude.

Free admission by ticket

Image: Williams Robert Grove



## MUSIC

**Friday 6 October**  
7.30pm

### Gig: Ragsy



The singer songwriter from Aberdare and star of the popular hit TV series The Voice – Ragsy, gives his debut performance in Aberystwyth

“There’s a lot of great singers in Wales and he’s one of them.”  
Sir Tom Jones

*Admission by ticket £7.00*  
*Bar available.*  
*Discount given to groups of 5 or more.*

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## FAMILY ACTIVITY

Tickets  
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**Thursday 2 November**  
9.30am – 12.00pm

### Lino print workshop Elin Vaughan Crowley

A creative session for all the family to enjoy over the October half term, with an opportunity to create a lino print with the artist from the Dyfi Valley, Elin Vaughan Crowley. The session includes a tour of the Library to inspire and encourage your creativity, before creating your own unique works of art to keep forever!

Families and individuals are welcome (individuals must be over 12 years old if there is no adult present). A limited number of places available, so it's first come first served...

*Admission by ticket £12.00*

Delwedd: Elin Vaughan Crowley

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### Places of Wales

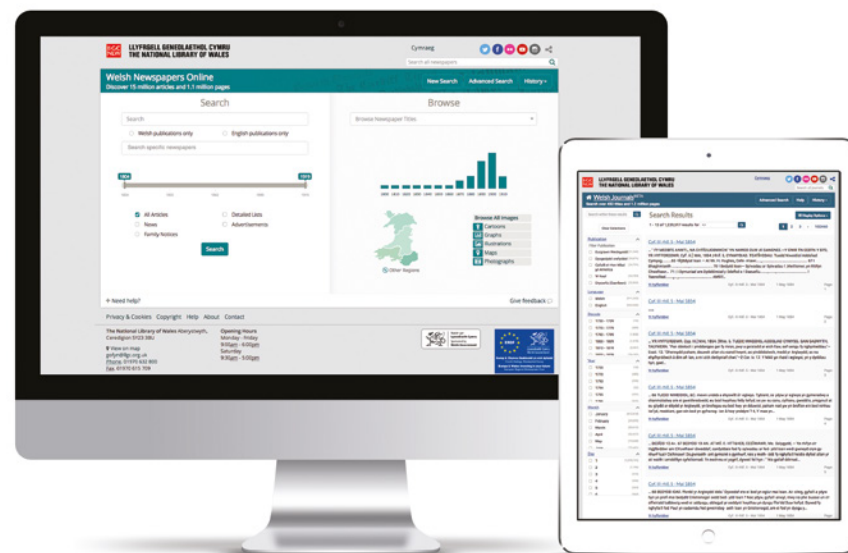
Places of Wales is a website where you can search and discover the items or related information for the collections of The National Library of Wales on a geographic interface.

It is currently centred around a map layer created from the tithe maps of Wales to create a continuous map of Wales for the period around 1840.

[places.library.wales](http://places.library.wales)

Over **1,220** tithe maps digitised

Over **1,837,350** index records



### Welsh Newspapers Online

Welsh Newspapers Online is a free online resource from The National Library of Wales where you can discover millions of articles from the Library's rich collection of historical newspapers.

Welsh Newspapers Online currently lets you search and access over 1,100,000 pages from nearly 120 newspaper publications generally up to 1910.

[newspapers.library.wales](http://newspapers.library.wales)

Over **15,000,000** articles

Over **124** titles

Over **1,100,000** pages

### Welsh Journals

Welsh Journals provides access to journals relating to Wales published between 1735 and 2006. Titles range from academic and scientific publications to literary and popular magazines.

The resource brings together journals digitised by projects funded by JISC, The Welsh Government and the European Regional Development Fund.

[journals.library.wales](http://journals.library.wales)

Over **450** titles

Over **1,200,000** pages



## VISITOR INFORMATION

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### READING ROOMS

- Local History
- Family History
- Research

Whatever your interests, this is the ideal place to gain access to the Library's vast collections.

Come and use our two welcoming reading rooms and make the most of all our resources, with support from experienced and friendly staff.

Image: Library's North Reading Room

### VISITING

Guided tours of the Library are available every Monday at 11.00am and Wednesday at 2.15pm. To book a ticket contact the Box Office on 01970 632 548 or book on-line at [events.library.wales](http://events.library.wales)

The Library also offers tours for groups and organisations – for further information contact 01970 632 800 or e-mail [visitor-services@llgc.org.uk](mailto:visitor-services@llgc.org.uk)

### DISCOVER

Do you want to know how to get the best out of the Library's collections and services? If so, information sessions are held on the following topics:

- Welcome Session
- Catalogues and e-resources
- Family and Local history
- Property History

For more information or to book your place, please visit [www.llgc.org.uk/surgeries](http://www.llgc.org.uk/surgeries) or telephone 01970 632 933

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### HOSPITALITY FACILITIES

If you're looking for a magnificent and unique venue for your wedding ceremony, conference or event, The National Library of Wales has a number of rooms available for hire and can provide catering and technical support for up to 100 people. Contact our Hospitality Officer on [gwas@llgc.org.uk](mailto:gwas@llgc.org.uk) or 01970 632 801 to discuss your requirements.

Image: The Drwm

## TRAVELLING

Ample parking is available at the Library or, alternatively, you can use the O3 bus which travels on a circular route between Aberystwyth town, The National Library of Wales and Aberystwyth University.

Visitors to events and exhibitions held at the Library are reminded that the Library's photographers may take photographs and videos. The Library may wish to use these images in promotional and marketing literature. If you have any objection to such use being made of a photograph that may include you, please inform a member of Library staff.

The Library retains the right to change the scheduling of events or exhibitions. The details listed are correct at the time of publication.

**In the event of a cancellation, every effort will be made to inform ticket holders.**

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[www.llgc.org.uk/friends](http://www.llgc.org.uk/friends)

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**REGULAR GIVING**

Donations made by the people of Wales were used to establish the Library. By giving a regular gift you can continue this tradition:

[www.llgc.org.uk/en/about-nlw/work-with-us/support-us/regular-giving/](http://www.llgc.org.uk/en/about-nlw/work-with-us/support-us/regular-giving/)

**For further information please contact us:**

[support-us@llgc.org.uk](mailto:support-us@llgc.org.uk)



**WHAT WOULD YOU DO?**

What or who would you like to see at the Library? If you have a suggestion for a speaker, musician or event, please get in touch. We'd like to hear from you.

**CONTACT**

The Promotions Unit  
The National Library of Wales  
Aberystwyth SY23 3BU

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For an opportunity to win a £20.00 voucher for the Library's Shop, please submit your ideas to the Promotions Unit, [post@llgc.org.uk](mailto:post@llgc.org.uk)

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Monday – Friday  
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