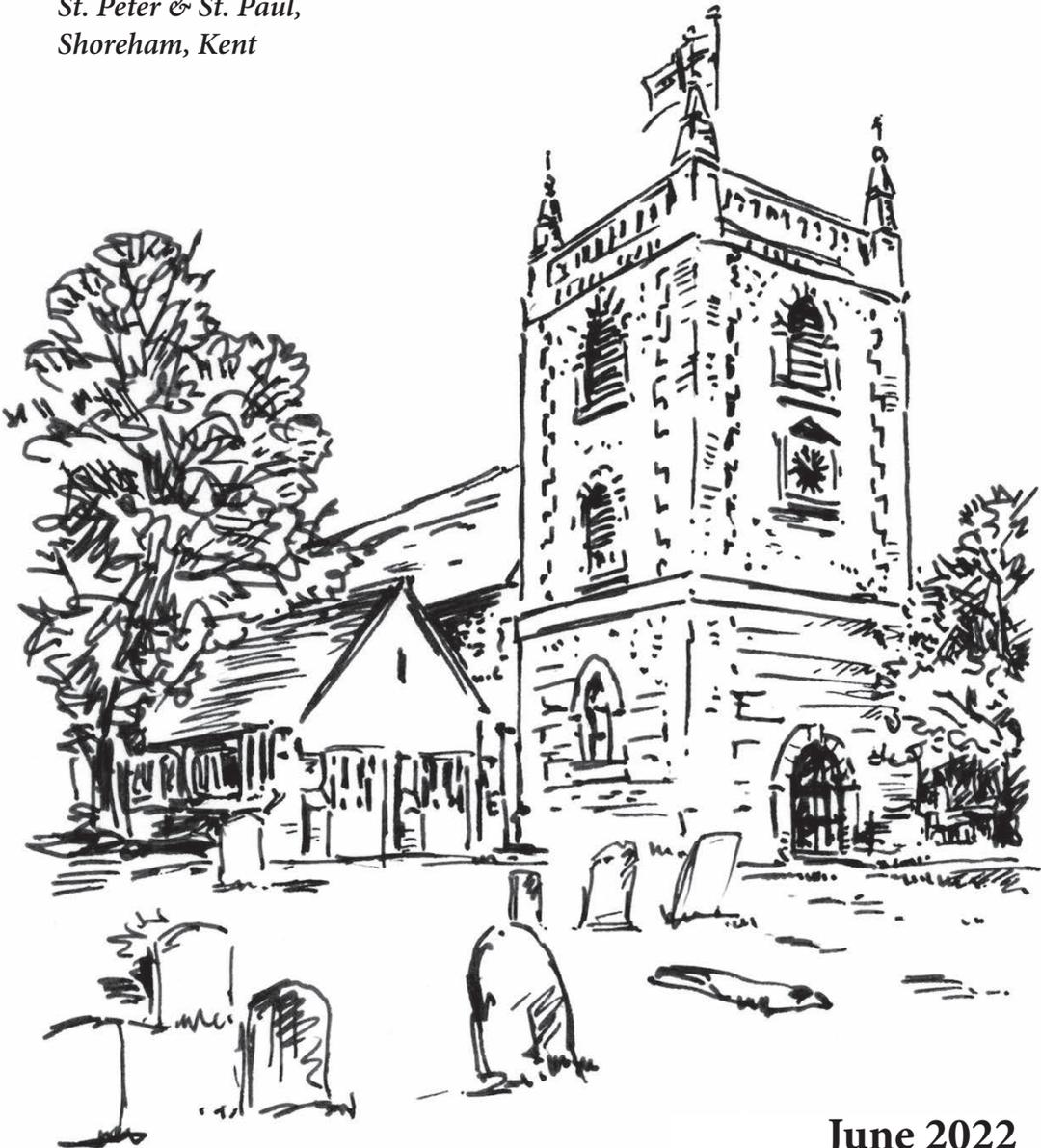


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10am	Festival Service in the church	
12th June	Trinity Sunday	
9am	Holy Communion in church	
10am	Sunday Worship on Zoom	
19th June	Trinity 1	
10am	Holy Communion with the choir in church	
26th June	St Peter and St Paul, Patronal Festival	
9am	Holy Communion in church (BCP)	
10am	Festival Celebration for all in church	
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From the Church Register

14th May

Interment of ashes

Eunice McGrath

SHOREHAM CHURCH STAY AND PLAY

OPENING ON 6TH JUNE IN THE VILLAGE HALL

We are excited to announce our very own Parents, Carers, Babies and Toddler Group is starting on Monday the 6th June in the Village Hall from 9.30am to 11.30am. We welcome you to come along for all or part of this time, enjoy toys for all pre-school aged children, craft activities, singing and stories, refreshments and companionship. As well as secular themes, our themes will also follow the rhythm of the church year.

Our newly appointed leader, Liz Clitheroe, is already hard at work sorting and cleaning and planning for our opening. You can contact Liz with any queries on shorehamchurchstayandplay@gmail.com.

Liz is a qualified Nursery Nurse with many years' experience in Nursery and Pre-school care and already runs two other groups. She lives locally and has adopted two children of her own and jointly runs an Adoption UK local group which organises meetings and social events to help others going through the adoption journey.

She also runs a local 2nd hand book club offering, in addition to book sharing, little holiday events, pop up stalls at fairs, passing on much loved books to more families.

Liz leads "Messy Church" in her own church which, as with many aspects of our lives, has had to regenerate online during Covid. This was done with inventiveness and commitment.

The Hall is generously equipped with toys for this group but we are asking if anyone has any of the following items to pass on, could you please get in touch on the email above or via the church Facebook.

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THE SHOREHAM SOCIETY

It was a great thrill to be able to hold the Duck Race again! It was another very happy and successful event. The sun shone, the ducks swam and the people sang – thanks to our Master of Ceremonies, Kevin Scott, (for the singing not the shining and the swimming!) who entertained the crowds until the triumphant arrival of our Grand Duckmaster in his Duckmobile. Our warm thanks to them both, but also to all the other wonderful helpers who make such a great day possible: putting up flags, posters, tables, signage duckboards, looking after the ducks by registering, launching, chasing down river, judging the style and rescuing at the far end. The list is long indeed but it is enormous fun and raises important funds for all sorts of causes. The Race has been raising funds for so long now that our first child helpers are now bringing their children along to help. The funds raised will pay for the Jubilee celebrations and the rest will go to our Village School who are looking to buy new benches for the playground.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Party

Now's the time to put out your flags, bunting and Royal-themed scarecrows! (Scarecrows sound difficult but are quite quick and easy – top tips available on 01959523374)

The posters are up and will tell you all about it. Just turn up on the Rec at 12.00 on Sunday 5th for an afternoon of free entertainment and fun. Bring along a picnic, your table and chairs and the Shoreham Society has organised the rest. Free decorated crowns and commemorative coins for the children, free cup cakes (thanks to the WI) and free tea and coffee thanks to the Royal British Legion, plus a Bouncy Castle.

And the party will be even better after a recent generous donation from the Parish Council!

Guided Nature Walk Saturday 25th June 10am

We've arranged a walk on the east side of the valley to learn about the ecosystem of our chalk hills. It will be led by Mark Gallant, who is incredibly knowledgeable about our native flora and fauna. We will meet at the station at 10am and the walk will take us up the White Hill and beyond. It will be fairly strenuous, as our hills are steep! Hopefully, we'll see a good display of orchids and other wild flowers. So that we can have an idea of numbers, please email shorehamsociety@gmail.com if you plan to come. We will be asking for donations to cover Mark's expenses. *Chris Euman and John Saynor Co-chairs*

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The show is a lovely village event to be part of so don't worry if your veg is a bit wonky, your flowers are a bit droopy or your cake has a soggy bottom you can be sure there will be a warm welcome so why not come along and find out more. If you would like to request a show schedule, please email shorehamhortsoc@gmail.com

Schedules will also be available from the village store approximately two weeks before the show. Entries can be staged at the hall between 10.00am and 12.00 prompt, committee members will be able to help you with staging. Please try to register your entries with Sylvia Poynter beforehand as this helps us on the day. Details are on the entry form. Doors will be open to the public at 2.00pm when you will be able to see the show. Prize giving will take place at 3.15pm. We look forward to welcoming both seasoned and new members to the society. Come along for tea and homemade cakes after 2pm, you will be made very welcome.

Sharon Desmond Show Secretary



Wildlife Spotting

Last year during Love your Burial Ground week in June we ran a citizen science week where over 4,000 people joined in by sending us records of what they had seen in their local churchyard, cemetery, or other type of burial ground. Over 17,000 wildlife records were submitted, and most are now available to see on the National Biodiversity Atlas (NBN) – the UK's largest biodiversity database. The top three birds recorded were blackbird, robin and woodpigeon, the top three trees were Yew, Sycamore and Hawthorn and the top three insects were Bumblebee, Honeybee and Hoverfly.

June this year (Sat 4th –Sun 12th) sees another weeklong celebration of burial grounds together with the 'Churches Count on Nature' initiative which is jointly run by us, A Rocha UK, the Church of England and the Church in Wales. We would love to know what wildlife you see during this week. To make it easier to send in records we have now registered on iNaturalist which is simple to use and allows you to take a photo on your phone, upload it to the system and get instant help with identification if needed.

Anything you record using iNaturalist will go through to our Beautiful Burial Ground Atlas on the NBN - building the picture of just how important burial grounds are for wildlife. Beware though it can be quite addictive - I am always wanting to pop into a churchyard or cemetery while passing - just to put a few more records on the list! For more information on using iNaturalist and other ways to submit your wildlife sightings, please pop to our webpage <https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/about-recording/>. We would love you to join in! *Andrea Gilpin*



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Suna Keates

REPORT FROM SHOREHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council financial year ends in March and May marks the start of the new council year with the AGM.

At the April meeting Members:

- Agreed to carry out an inspection of the notice boards in the village
- To assess how many defibrillators there are in the village including those in private premises
- To ask KCC for road signage to stop large lorries coming through the village
- Noted the Annual Playground Inspection report which confirmed that there were no items of risk

Members also discussed an email highlighting the regular use of the woods above Shoreham (on the western side) by motorcyclists. The Countryside Manager at Sevenoaks District Council has asked residents to notify police of sightings as this will help with them potentially allocating resources to hot spot areas.

After a break of two years due to the Covid19 pandemic the Council welcomed residents to the Annual Parish Meeting held on 13 April. Councillor Histed (Chair) opened the meeting and gave a report on the past year, County Councillor Gough gave a report updating attendees on the issues at KCC. Rick Bayne, the Darent Valley Landscape Partnership Manager gave a presentation. He included details of the proposed Shoreham “linking path” to the station. Members raised some concerns about these plans and requested more detailed information about the path.

The Annual General Meeting formed part of the May meeting and although Parish Councillors are elected by residents for a term of four years each May, Members decide on who should be Chair and Vice Chair of the Parish Council. Jonathan Histed was voted in to remain as Chair of the Parish Council and Brian Jeffery as Vice Chair. Roy Blamey is once again Chair of the Planning and Amenities Committee.

At the May meeting Members:

- Awarded a grant of £300 to the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance
- Discussed the details of the Shoreham “linking path”
- Received a report from District Cllr John Edwards-Winsor about the Sevenoaks Local Plan.

On behalf of Shoreham Parish Council I would like to wish all residents a very enjoyable bank holiday weekend celebrating HM The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee and hope many of you will join the Big Picnic on the Recreation Ground on Sunday 5 June 2022.



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SHOREHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS

We're excited to announce that we'll be doing a Cabaret on 25th and 26th November and 2nd and 3rd December 2022. So we're looking for acts. These can be sketches, musical numbers, magic, monologues, and dancers – anything you can dream up.

We'd love to meet you if you'd like to get involved on stage or behind the scenes. Come along to the village hall on 26th June at 2.30pm to find out more. On 26th June we are running our next Tall Tales workshop for our youth players – now named The Hamsters. Come along to the village hall at 10am if you're aged 8-18 and are interested in being creative, having fun and learning a few techniques along the way.

For more information on these events email shorehamvillageplayers@gmail.com

Elie Williams

SHOREHAM MUSIC FESTIVAL

2nd and 3rd September at 7.30pm Shoreham Church

We're pleased to announce that Shoreham Music Festival concerts will take place this year on Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd September, at 7.30pm in our beautiful candlelit Church. Each evening will feature our regular mix of a classical concert followed by relaxed, live jazz when there will be ample chance to mingle and chat, with a pay bar and complimentary snacks.

On Friday 2nd September we are delighted to welcome a new, young piano trio - The Elgar Ensemble - a versatile group of professional musicians who celebrate British music particularly the works of 19th and 20th Century English composers. Afterwards, 'Café Society', which many of you have enjoyed in previous years, will play and sing some of their smooth jazz numbers.

On Saturday 3rd September The Cavendish Singers, the choir of the John Lewis Partnership, will return. Last performing at the festival in 2017 we are delighted to welcome them back. Their programme will include works specially chosen for the Jubilee year. Also back again will be 'Colours of Jazz', led by ex-Shoreham resident Lorrie Benwell.

The Shoreham Music Festival is run by volunteers to bring some brilliant music into our community and to support talented musicians. A portion of the proceeds this year will be donated to the Church funds.

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Our May talk was on the Watermills of the Darent Valley. Our speaker, Dr Lionel Parks, was unfortunately indisposed but he very kindly let us have a copy of his talk and his illustrations and Ken Fowler, with his usual panache, delivered the talk for us in his place. James Saynor assisted with the timely slide presentation. The talk looked at the long history of mills along the valley, dating back to medieval times, and traced their evolving technologies. Flour-making and fulling mills gave way to other industries in many places including at Shoreham, where the mill at the north end of the village became celebrated for its paper-making.

Due to lack of support the proposed visit with David Carder for Five Churches of the Hoo Peninsula has now been withdrawn. We look forward to the Strawberry Tea on 17th July for members, details to be notified later. After the summer break we meet on 16th September when Dan Cole will speak on The Biggin Hill Memorial Museum.

Lynda Alleeson

SHOREHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our meeting on Tuesday June 7th is for members only, when we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The theme for this will be 'A Garden Party'. This meeting will include our Birthday Party celebrations. Please note the start time for our celebration is 3.30 pm and is being held in the Village Hall.

Following the celebrations, our Community Coffee morning will be held on Thursday 9th June, 10.00 am to 12.00 pm in the Village Hall. Copious tea and cake available. All welcome. Please come and join us where lots of chat and laughter can be heard. If you are interested in joining the WI please ask any of the members for details. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sylvie Poynter

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NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF SHOREHAM SCHOOL

We had such a lovely time at the Duck Race and are thrilled to have raised over £200 for the school selling ice creams and lollies. Thank you to everyone who supported us!

Save the date: Friday 24th June, from 3:30pm. Join us for an afternoon of family fun, with inflatables galore, in partnership with KCC's Reconnect programme. Look out on the village notice boards and on socials for more information.

Nicola Little

NEWS FROM SHOREHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

We have been able to offer some wonderful sporting opportunities to the children over the past few weeks. In April, the school football team took part in the Kemsing Primary School Football Tournament. They played six matches and took a command from the start, winning the first four. They showed great sportsmanship and excellent teamwork with some superb attacking and defending. The team won the tournament and the cup, bringing home a gold medal for each player.

In April, a Year 5 and Year 6 team took part in the Hockey Tournament at Hollybush, Sevenoaks Hockey Club. Despite having learnt different rules and practising with different team numbers the children were all keen to give it a good go. They were against some very tough competition, with many teams from other schools made up from pupils who attend hockey clubs outside school, but tried really hard especially against some exceptionally skilled pupils. Our team showed fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship and it was clear to the spectators how much their skills and understanding of the game developed whilst they were playing.

In May, a Year 3 and 4 team of children took part in a Mini-Red Tennis Tournament at Hollybush, Tennis Academy. They went into the competition with not much experience but showed amazing determination and really developed their skills over the 2 ½ hours that the competition ran for. They became more accurate with their returns and serves and had some really good rallies with their opponents. They played some amazing matches and developed skills throughout the tournament.

Other news is that the whole school has been refloored recently, with the Hall being finished over the Easter holidays. We took the opportunity to paint the Hall and it looks so much more spacious, modern and clean. The trim trail in the playground has had its wood chipping floor refreshed; thank you to Mr Desmond and our FOSS helpers for their time and efforts.

We would be delighted if we could have more followers for our school Twitter account @ShorehamVP so please do follow us. We post regular news items about what we have been learning in school.

We still have some limited spaces available for September 2022 so if you know anyone who is who is looking for a small friendly school with high standards and lots of lovely outdoor space, please ask them to call us to arrange a tour. Phone: 01959 522228 or email: office@shoreham.kent.sch.uk Gillian Lovatt-Young Headteacher

35th SHOREHAM DUCK RACE

Shoreham went quackers once again on Sunday 8th May after a two-year absence of duck racing. Throughout this time hundreds of ducks were forced to lockdown in their nests in garages and sheds. The village “Duck Race Team” of yellow-shirted volunteers emerged from isolation to help duck live another afternoon of family enjoyment.

Over 500 ducks gathered behind the river weir boards, eager to catch the Darent water current as it flowed north, but not before all the entrants sporting especially colourful or inventive plumage had been formally recognised as BEST DRESSED DUCKS. Each celebrity duck was shown in turn to the enthusiastic crowd lining the bridge, whilst their personal designers were called forward to receive certificates and medals.

10, 9, 8, Zero – and they are off.

Water Crowfoot beds and low water levels ensured much jostling for position during the early race stage. Glorious May sunshine bathed supporters, who were in fine humour lining the river banks and cheering the competitors trying to navigate their way past overhanging branches and through sections of still water. Eggsperienced ducks headed downstream, unduckterred by such obstacles.

However slow flow and gentle cross breezes proved too exhausting for some ducks, who attempted to retire into the reeds or grassy banksides, long before reaching Mill Bridge. A little encouragement was required from the backstop water waders to ensure that all fowl finally crossed the finish line ready to be lifted ashore and reunited with their trainers. Congratulations to all winners.

RACE WINNERS

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BEST DRESSED DUCKS

‘The Feathered Fury’	dressed by	Hunter Hall
‘Ant & Duck’	dressed by	Imogen Maclaren
‘Duck Race 2022’	dressed by	The Atkinson Family
‘The Shoreham Nessie’	dressed by	Priscilla Winn
‘Silver Surfers’	dressed by	Ryan Mallet
‘Barkley and Duckie’	dressed by	Tabatha, Eliza and Bo Bax

A Ducktastic Result...

As well as lots of people having lots of fun, the efforts of many children, parents and grandparents, supported by the flock of Shoreham Society volunteers, resulted in £1,300 being raised. Funds are being ducknated to several good causes for the benefit of Shoreham village, including the approaching Jubilee Celebrations.

Thank you everyone.

The Duckmaster

TALES FROM THE HILL

The full impact of Hymenoscyphus Fraxineus or ash dieback is about to be revealed. Although some trees were hanging on at the end of last Summer the tell-tale signs were everywhere. In Magpie Bottom the spread of the infection has been fairly slow but now nearly all the ash trees are infected, the attrition rate is nearly 100%. According to the Woodland Trust the oak is the most abundant tree nationally, but I think in our part of the world the ash is/was the most common tree. Ash known sometimes as the 'Queen' of woods, as it is used widely in furniture making, and is the best wood to feed your log fire, having a moisture content of less than 25%.

But this 'Queen' of woods sometimes tries to take vengeance on the unsuspecting woodsman, due to the way the grain runs, a bent ash tree stores up a lot of energy, and although you are felling the tree 'by the book' the tree can split and spring back on you. I have had several close shaves!

Trees that now have the disease are doubly dangerous for the wood from infected trees becomes brittle and unpredictable in the direction they fall.

Worldwide there are sixty species of ash and work is going on to find a resistant variety, but that is for the future, way into the future, meanwhile we will have to get used to a landscape without ash. Much has been said about planting millions of trees to 'save the planet' but we should not forget we have some way to go in this country and most of Europe replacing the millions of missing ash with other species before we can show a net gain. Landscape artists such as Palmer and Constable little knew that they were not just documenting life as it was two centuries ago, but were painting a pictorial reminder of the now lost splendour of the elm and sadly now followed by the Ash.--- this old saying will have little meaning to future generations--

Oak before ash in for a splash

Ash before oak in for a soak

John Bovington

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SHOREHAM VILLAGE STORES

We sold 250 ice-creams on Duck Race Day – a sure sign that summer has arrived, and that the Stores are your one-stop shop for all warm-weather supplies. With village celebrations for the Queen’s Jubilee almost upon us, stock up for a picnic on the Rec with our fresh bread, tomatoes, cheese, ham, crisps, watermelon, strawberries, clotted cream and Prosecco! For the young (and young at heart), we have strawberry and bubble-gum flavours in our slushy machine.

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Raj, Desh and Prasanth

GREEN HEATING SHOREHAM

Our consultants, BHESCo, are now working on the low carbon heat network design, drawing together information from:

- publicly available data on homes in Shoreham,
- your responses to the energy questionnaire,
- surveys of 15 homes in the village,
- specialist reports on the aquifer under Shoreham

This will be followed by an economic appraisal. They will be presenting their final report at a public meeting in Shoreham Village hall on July 6th. It will show the potential for moving this project forward. Please do put that date in your diary.

Whatever the outcomes of this report, huge rises in energy prices are focussing minds across the whole Parish on the challenge to keep our homes warm, comfortable and affordable. As a separate initiative, we’ve been talking to reliable contractors about the potential for a community based group buying scheme to improve insulation and reduce energy costs.

We need to be able to tell contractors the level of readiness in Shoreham to tackle the challenges – hence the very short questionnaire in this edition of the Gazette, based on the priorities flagged up by residents. You can email us at greenheatingshoreham@gmail.com and we can send you a link. If you prefer to complete the paper version, please drop it into the box in the Village Stores by Thursday 16th June. We will not share any of your contact details with contractors or other third parties. Thank you and very best wishes

Bill Lattimer, Peter Kasch, Alan Davies, James Perry, Sarah Newman, Mike and Heather Sillitoe

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SHOREHAM VILLAGE DIARY FOR JUNE 2022

Wednesday 1	Parish Council	Village Hall	7.30pm
Sunday 5	Platinum Jubilee service	Church	10am
Sunday 5	Village Big Picnic	Rec	12 to 6pm
Tuesday 7	Shoreham Women's Institute	Village Hall	7.30pm
Wednesday 8	Over 60s Platinum tea party	Village Hall	2.15pm
Thursday 9	Shoreham Community Coffee	Village Hall	10am - 12 noon
Friday 17	Shoreham Historical Society	Village Hall	7.30pm
Saturday 18	Horticultural Show	Village Hall	2pm
Wednesday 22	Over 60s visit to Long Barn	Meet in Village car park	
Saturday 25	Shoreham Society Guided Walk	Meet at Station at 10am	
Sunday 26	Players children's workshop	Village Hall	10am- 12 noon
Sunday 26	Players Cabaret first meeting	Village Hall	2.30pm



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