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THE OXDROVE Church and Community News Of The Candover Valley and Wield Rector: Interegnum

Associate Minister, Rev Ian Thacker, MA. 07864 095 435.

Ian will be in **Wield Church** from 9-10 on Wednesdays for anyone to drop in. This will be followed by a brief service of morning prayer and bible study.

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Rota for Services

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The Parishes of Farleigh, The Candover Valley and Wield

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Key to initials: IDT = Ian Thacker: PR = Peter Raine: JG = Julian Gibbons LH = Lyn Hardy: AL = Anne Luneburg: DS = Debbie Scholey; PR = Peter Raine; CS = Catherine Simons

Friday 4th July

13.30 Ellisfield

Wedding

Samuel Michael Berry and Chloe Bethany Hubball

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Sunday 6th July

09:30	Wield	All Age worship IDT
11:00	Dummer	Parish service
10:00	Preston Candover	Morning Prayer
11:00	Northington	Holy Communion IDT
Readings	2 Kings 5.1–14 Galatians 6. [1–6] 7–16 Luke 10.1–11, 16–20	Psalm 30

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Sunday 13th July

10:00	Preston Candover	Family service
11:15	Cliddesden	Parish service (communion or all age worship) IDT or PR
18:00	Wield	Evensong IDT
Readings	Amos 7.7–end	Colossians 1.1–14 Luke 10.25–37

Psalm 82

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Sunday 20th July

09:00	Wield	Holy Communion IDT
11:00	Farleigh	Parish Communion IDT
16:00	Preston Candover	Outdoor service followed by tea and cake IDT
Readings	Amos 8.1–12	Colossians 1.15–28 Luke 10.38–end

Psalm 52

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Saturday 26th July

Cliddesden Wedding

Jorden Andrew Capehorn AND Haidee Jade Paul

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Sunday 27th July

8:30	Bradley	Holy Communion CW. IDT
9:30	Wield	Matins (CS)
11:00	Brown Candover	Morning Worship
11:00	St Martins	Parish service IDT
Readings	Hosea 1.2–10 [or 85.1–7]	Colossians 2.6–15 [16–19] Luke 11.1–13

Psalm 85

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Message from Ian

You may have heard by now that we have appointed a new Rector. Jennifer will start with us in the early autumn and restart the Rector's page.

With Hill and Dale doing a joint publication of July and August this will probably be my last time writing the front page for the heavy weight tomes that the Oxdrove and Hill and Dale most certainly are.



First thing to do is to say sorry to Jean for the times I've kept her waiting for my copy. The number of times I've sat at my computer at 11 o'clock at night with a blank screens and even blander mind trying desperately to think about something to write. Before resorting to writing about squirrels (again).

The next thing to do is to say thank you to my long-suffering wife who proofread my articles. If you ever need something checked, track down a mildly autistic legal secretary. They can spot misspellings, poor grammar, terrible punctuation and the unnecessary use of semi-colons; a mile away.

Thank you to you for reading my articles. It never failed to amaze me when people come up and talked about something I've written. Even if they were mildly confused about whether they had picked up the Benefice magazine or a copy of photography world. I will always be grateful to the two people who told me that they were feeling low but laughed about something I wrote and felt better even for a short time.

Finally thank you to the Benefice for allowing me to have a go at being a Parish priest again after 22 years in prison. I've really enjoyed working with all the churches in the Benefice.

You have stretched me and made me work at how to be a different priest to my previous job as chaplain.

Jennifer will bring a different approach to ministry, and I look forward to seeing where she will take us.

Church sidesmen and readers

<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sidesmen</u>	<u>Readers</u>
St John's Northington	6 July 11.00am	Peter & Beth Lamb	Peter & Beth Lamb
St Peters Brown Candover	27 July 11.00am	Sue Marriott	Sue Marriott
St Marys Preston Candover	6 July 10.00am	Anne Luneburg	To be confirmed
	13 July 10.00	Gunnel Berry	Marina Avis Gunnel berry
	20 July 4.00pm	Anne Luneburg	To be confirmed
All Saints Bradley	27 July 8.30am	Julian Gibbons	Julian Gibbons
St James' Wield	6 July 9.30am	Catherine Simons	Amanda Bromfield Tessa Newton
	13 July 6.00pm	Brian Collins	David Cowley Joanna Nelson
	20 July 9.00am	Jhn Lailey	Catherine Simons Eileen Collins
	27 July 9.30am	Alwin Hutchinson	Jonathan Enderby Anni Pou Gibbs
Coffee in July	6 th July – Amanda Bromfield 20 th July – Catherine Simons 27 th July – Annie Lou Gibbs		

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St Peter's Church Brown Candover	Keyholders		
All Saints Church Bradley			
St. Mary The Virgin Preston Candover	Flowers		
St James' Church Wield	Flowers Cleaner	July 5th & 12th July 19th & 26th Permanent	Annie Lou Gibbs Nikki Cowley Michelle & Nicole

Songs of Praise at St Mary's

Do you enjoy singing traditional and good modern hymns?

Do you enjoy a decent cup of tea and homemade cake?

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If dry we hope to be outside, so please bring a chair or rug. If wet we will go into the church, but the offering will be the same - good company, rousing singing and a proper tea! (Coffee and squash will also be available).

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This term, children have also developed an increasing interest in cookery activities; a powerful learning experience that supports early development in meaningful ways. Baking introduces mathematical concepts, science and experimentation, and language skills. Children learn to count, follow sequences, explore textures, develop understanding of cause and effect, learn new vocabulary and follow instructions, and build fine motor strength – all whilst having fun!

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Walking with Wildlife, Robert Bryant

The sights and sounds of early summer unfold at quite a pace. Here at Northington Down, I try to capture the moment with a cameo of a swallow, skimming over a field of ripening barley rippling in the morning breeze. Under clear blue skies, I note the field margins, now white with swaying ranks of oxeye or moon daisies, offset by hedgerows of elderflowers whose fragrant umbels are cream white.

Looking along the lane, the hedges stretch away, leafy green, apart from curious twiggy patches draped in silken webbing. Here the leaves have been nibbled away by the hungry caterpillars of the rather elegant but small ermine moth. In the tree world, the huge limes of the Candover valley now stand out, festooned with splendid displays of floral bracts: pale green and oblong.

With fingers crossed, we awaited the seasonal return of the house martins. The challenges of their long hazardous journey to winter in Central Africa, has reduced their numbers year on year. Fortunately, by mid-May a dozen or so were back one evening, swooping around the Flint Barn, across at Newhouse Farm; their characteristic white rumps catching the light of the setting sun.

Over the following days, they were soon nest-building – a charming sight as they each fly down, landing to scoop up a beak full of mud from the farmyard floor where the farm vehicles are washed down. Adept at mud-cup pottery, they soon restore or build afresh their nests under the eaves of this barn, a traditional nest-site, as well as exploring some of the neighbouring cottages.

During this record long dry sunny spell, the lure of shady riverside walks has great appeal. At Winnall Moors nature reserve one morning, warblers were in full song from the reed beds and dense cover of surrounding trees. Of particular interest was the startlingly loud call of Cetti's warbler, an elusive resident, originally Mediterranean, but now well established around the wetlands of the river Itchen. This warbler, pronounced *chetty*, commemorates Francesco Cetti, an 18th century zoologist based in Sardinia.

Robert Bryant
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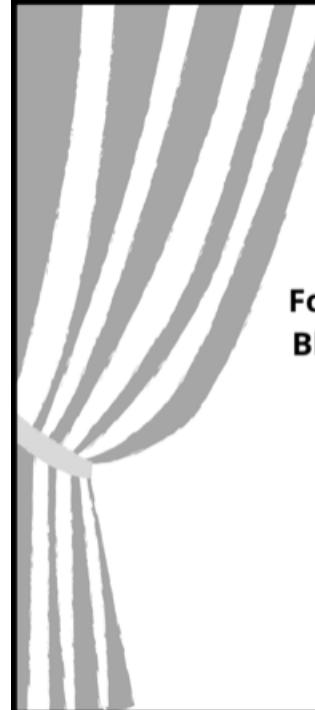
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Elaboration:

Safety First:

- **Stay alert:** Be cautious when someone approaches your door unexpectedly.
- **Don't open the door:** If you're unsure who's at the door, don't open it without seeing who it is through a spyhole or door chain.
- **Always use your door chain:** This provides an extra layer of security and allows you to assess the situation before fully opening the door.

Never Agree to Anything:

Don't agree on the spot:

Resist pressure to make immediate decisions, especially if the caller is being pushy or using emotional appeals.

Get a second opinion:

If a caller suggests work needs to be done urgently, seek a second opinion from a trusted professional.

Don't pay up front:

Never pay a full amount upfront, and always withhold payment until the work is completed to a satisfactory standard.

Deterring Cold Callers:

"No Cold Calling" Stickers:

Displaying a sticker on your door or window can signal that you do not want to be approached by cold callers.

No Cold Calling Zones:

Areas where residents have designated themselves as "No Cold Calling Zones" can deter callers.

Reporting Incidents:

If you feel threatened or if a cold caller is being aggressive, report it to the police (999 if it's an emergency, 101 for non-emergencies) or Trading Standards via the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 0808 223 1133.

Additional Tips:

Check ID:

If a caller claims to be from a legitimate organization, ask for their ID and verify it with the organization's official contact information.

Be wary of "special offers":

Be cautious of claims of special offers or offers that are only available for a limited time, as these are often used by rogue traders.

Take your time:

Don't feel obligated to engage with cold callers at all, or to make a decision immediately.

Learn about scams:

Become aware of common scam tactics to protect yourself and others.

By following these tips, residents can significantly reduce the risk of becoming victims of cold calling and protect themselves and their property.

Press Release

19/06/2025



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The Hampshire History Trust warmly invites the community to a special Rick Stein Coffee Morning, celebrating local heritage and the shared stories that connect us.

Held at Rick Stein's restaurant in Winchester on Thursday 3rd July from 9am to 11am, this welcoming event brings key supporters of the Trust, residents, and heritage enthusiasts together for a morning of conversation, great coffee, and a chance to connect over Hampshire's rich historical identity.

Attendees will have the chance to connect with members of the Trust and the team behind Winchester's Heritage Open Days to learn more about the exciting work being done in the run up to this year's festival, which spotlights Hampshire's unique architectural treasures. This year's festival takes place between the 12th and the 21st September and already consists of a programme of over 100 events across the county. As the festival continues to grow, this gathering provides a valuable space to engage with the work being done in preparation and explore ways to get involved.

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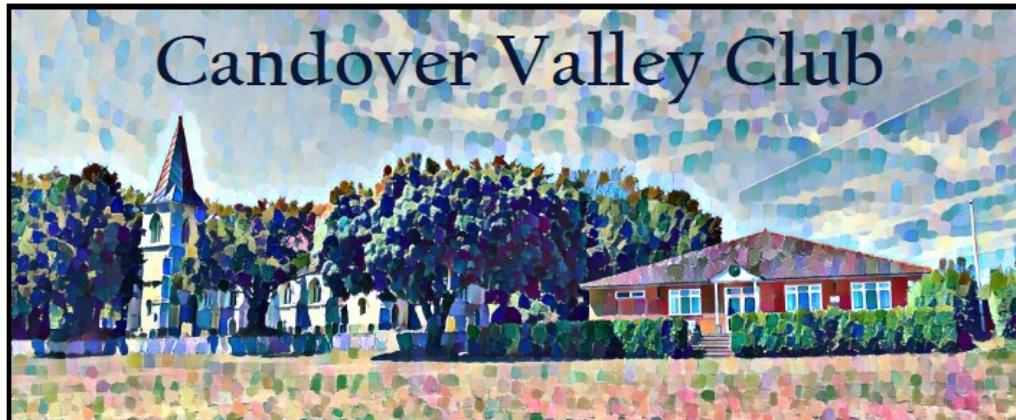
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Candover Valley Gardening Club

The Gardening Club has had a busy start to summer with two beautiful garden visits and a very successful Plant Sale in May.

I hope some of you were able to come and purchase a few bargains.

We were able to add around £600 to go towards funding our visits and speakers.

In July we will be in Alresford and are looking forward to a tour of the watercress beds to see how this peppery, vitamin packed vegetable is grown and harvested ready to end up in our salad bowls.

Our indoor meetings are held at 7.30pm in Preston Candover Village Hall on the third Thursday of the month from September to April.

In the summer months we visit some beautiful gardens. If you would like to join us at any time, guests are very welcome for a small fee and we always welcome new members for an annual subscription of only £15 per person.

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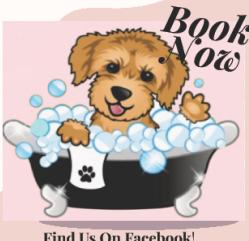
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- 1 August – *BrIDGET Jones's Diary* (15)
- 2 August – *Queen Spectacular* (12)
- 3 August – *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* (PG)

Outdoor Theatre

- 16 August – *Macbeth* by The Duke's Theatre Company
- 30 August – *Pride & Prejudice* by Illyria Theatre

Celebrating 250 Years of Jane Austen

- Regency Revisited exhibition: See first editions of Jane's novels, Regency costumes, and learn about Jane's connections to The Vyne.
- Jane Austen House Tours: Biweekly guided tours (£5 per person, book on the day).
- Regency Ramble: A free 3.9-mile circular walk between The Vyne and Sherborne St John. Trail map available at Visitor Reception.

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Over the months of April-June our amazing practice team in addition to our bank practice nurse vaccinated 1100 of our patients who were eligible for their covid spring vaccination.

In addition to this our community nurse team & bank practice nurse vaccinated any eligible, truly housebound patients.

We would like to thank our amazing staff who have carried out this vaccination programme in addition to their usual workload, this includes our tremendous Reception team & Management team who are pivotal in the co ordination of the programme.

We will update patients as soon as we have been updated by NHS England with regards to if/when their will be an autumn booster program.

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On the Farm— Julian Gibbons

Every year the run in to harvest seems to get faster and start date starts to form and you realise you still have lots to do to get ready.

The combine is serviced; ditto the grain drier (hopefully not required); grain stores started to be cleaned. The last load of last harvest's grain is being picked up this week, leaving us small balances to carry over.

Harvest we know isn't going to be great. The wheat harvest might be better than we feared, and the sun will help with grain fill; the barley harvest will not be as good as we had hoped. The dry spring has not helped the spring barley that showed so much promise at planting time. It has failed to develop as many sideshoots (tillers) as it should have done, and it has also shed some as a defence mechanism against the lack of moisture. Our peas look to have coped with the dry weather the best, we just have to hope they remain standing at harvest.

On the bright side we have saved on disease control on all the cereals with either spraying less, using cheaper products or a combination of the 2. Wet weather diseases are our main enemy, and these are the most expensive ones to control.

We went on a farm visit with our trials group we belong to. Apart from his own crops he hosts national variety trials. In the demonstration plots they have unsprayed plots and high input plots that are designed to keep all disease out with what would be an uneconomical spray program, but is designed to show yield potential. In a usual year some of the untreated plots would have no green leaves left after the ravages of leaf diseases. This year the untreated plots looked better and greener. This is because all sprays add stress to the crop, but usually it is cancelled out by the effects of disease.

It will be interesting to see the plot yields when they are finally harvested.

The welcome rain in June has meant we were able to get all our wild bird food crops planted. 3 days later they were already germinating. We have added some sunflowers into some of the strips to add a bit of colour. The strips all include quite diverse mixes to provide a range of seeds throughout the winter. Millet, Sorghum, Triticale, Linseed, Radish, Quinoa, Camelina, Kale feature in most of the mixes.

Thoughts are already turning to next years harvest. Cropping plans have been prepared, fertiliser has been ordered, and varieties are being considered. We will keep some of our own seed to be sown this autumn. We will rogue those crops for wild oats and keep some harvested crop separate, which can then be tested for disease and germination. If it is disease free it gives us the option to not treat it with a seed dressing.

Our Candover Valley Farmers cluster group had a great final meeting of the year at Chilton Manor, where we had good discussions on managing various margins to get the best out of them. This was followed by a wonderful BBQ laid on by Anna and Matt Winter at The Yard with meat from Newhouse Farm.

Jackie's County Corner

As money gets tighter, the County Council is tending to provide only statutory services. Events and support run by local groups really add to the vitality and resilience of our community. But each of these events needs an army of volunteers.

The Watercress Way charity travels through several parishes in the Itchen Valley Division. We host a Dawn Chorus walk, take part in the Watercress Festival in May, and are planning more events over the summer.

Like many other organisations, trustees and volunteers are the lifeblood of the charity. If you are a volunteer with *any* organisation, you will know the rewards of volunteering, either regularly or occasionally. **If you'd like to volunteer**, there are lots of options if you can only help occasionally and enjoy being outdoors!

Vanessa, the Chair of the New Alresford Town Trust is seeking more volunteers to help run the Eel House open days. In a two hour shift, we help others to learn about this unique building and its surroundings. It's enjoyable, you meet lots of people, and you can help just once or twice a year. If you are interested, please contact Vanessa@towntrust.org.uk for details : volunteers from further afield welcome!

Need something for the children to do over the summer?

Activity days are for everyone, but if your child has Free School Meals, you can book your child into an activity day for no charge. Go to <https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20250609HAFsummer> for details.

M3 Junction 9 updates

The junction work is progressing well, but there are closures that might affect your journeys, particularly if you are travelling in the evenings or overnight. This page directs you to a link to sign up for updates.

<https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/south-east/m3-junction-9-improvements/>

Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

Plans for Local Nature Recovery strategies in every county are underway. Hampshire County Council will publish their final document in late 2025. Each county LNRS will join like a jigsaw to cover the whole country with interconnecting habitats and protection for our rivers and green spaces. It identifies those rivers and green areas currently protected and those which need improvement. This is the first time that local nature plans will 'join up' across the country, and will include the National Parks too.

The South Downs National Park Authority PMP The SDNPA is launching a major consultation on the draft Partnership Management Plan 2026-2031. Whether you live inside and outside the National Park, you are invited to have your say on the draft plan at www.southdowns.gov.uk until 1 August

The draft plan sets out seven collective priorities— nature recovery, climate action, clean water, young people, welcome and access, arts and heritage and a thriving, greener place.

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WEATHERWISE By Simon Bourne

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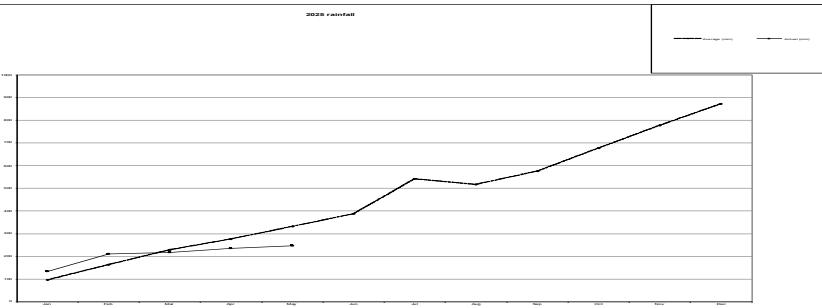
Temperatures (degrees centigrade/Fahrenheit)

Highest	27.8/82	(1 st)
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Warmest Night	12.2/54	(30 th)
Coolest Day	13.8/57	(5 th)
Average maximum temperature	20.1/68	
Average minimum temperature	6.5/44	
Number of air frosts	1	

Rainfall (millimetres/inches)

Monthly total	10.6/0.42	Average 53.3/2.10
Annual Total	246.6/9.71	Average 328.1/12.92
Maximum 24hr. rainfall	4.7/0.19	(13 th)
Number of days with rain	8	

Summary There was a warm and sunny start to the month and at 82°F, the temperature on the 1st was a record for May. Then a cool northerly breeze in the second half of the first week reduced the temperature somewhat, and the only air frost was recorded on the 6th. The first measurable rain for nineteen days fell overnight on the 11th. It was the wettest day on the 13th then high pressure brought settled conditions in the third week with some of the finest and dry weather. It became unsettled from the 21st as frontal systems brought showers and longer outbreaks of rain. The last few days of the month were dry with increasing daytime temperatures. Overall, the month and spring season had above average temperatures. The month was dry, with just 20% of the average rainfall and it was the driest spring recorded here with just 1.40 inches of rain.



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The formal part of the monthly meeting was brief and efficient, The summer outing is to **Chavenage House on Wednesday 25th June** and an email will be circulated giving full details about the timings for the day and the most important being departure from Arlebury Car Park at 8.45am!

Plans are underway for the annual **Summer Lunch on Thursday 17th July** to be held at Easton Village Hall. The lunch is being held in July this year as so many members seem to be away or busy in August. The tickets will be £20 for members and guests to include a glass of fizz or soft drink on arrival and bring your own drink to enjoy with your meal. The Committee will organise the main course of the meal and members will be asked to make a dessert, and the cost can be reimbursed. A list for this was circulated at the June meeting. There was plenty of parking at Easton last year and fingers crossed for better weather!

We missed the deadline this year to enter for the group quiz but will be able to join in the first round at **Bishops Sutton on Tuesday 24th June**. We will not be able to win or enter further rounds but last year we had an enjoyable time and several members are happy to attend.

Following the AGM there was a Bring & Buy sale with a large variety of items and some plants and food. The money raised is to go to our nominated charity, the Winchester Hospice.

The next sewing session is on **Friday 4th July at Old Alresford Village Hall at 2pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend, help in any way and enjoy a cup of tea and perhaps a piece of cake.

There being no further business the speaker for the meeting was introduced, Jack Sheffield a well-known author who has written a series of novels about the headmaster of a fictional school in a Yorkshire village. The talk was highly entertaining, he spoke about his childhood in Leeds, his early career as a teacher with many amusing anecdotes and one lucky member of the group was given a signed copy of one of his books.

Guests are also always welcome at any of the speaker meetings for a small charge of £5.

The next meeting at Swarraton & Northington Village Hall is at 2pm on **Tuesday 1st July 2025** with a demonstration of **SILVER CLAY JEWELLERY** making by

Hilary Bower

There will be a talk and demonstration about silver clay jewellery much of which is inspired by natural forms. Items of jewellery will be for sale so make sure you bring some money!

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