

The Black Mountains Group Benefice

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September 2021



**The Parishes of Clodock & Longtown with Craswall,
Llanveynoe, St Margaret's, Michaelchurch Escley & Newton**

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From the Clergy

Dear Neighbours

Greetings from the cosmopolitan metropolis of Ewyas Harold, my home since 2018 and home to street lamps (yuck), GPs (yay), two pubs (yippee) and the best fish and chips this side of Shoreditch (yum). I'm Mark Godson, one of the local people who will be supporting the Black Mountains Group of parishes in the coming months following the departure of Nicholas Lowton to the Elysian fields of retirement.

It's a strange thing for a group of parishes to find themselves, not in a vacancy expectantly waiting the arrival of a new priest, but being part of a transformation across all 35 parishes in the area. Rather than being imposed upon us, we have all been invited to help shape the new Parish Clusters, and your church councils (PCCs) have been engaged in this since 2016 when Nicholas and others sought to find a good way to live well with the shifting sands of church finance, attendance and purpose.

After the past 18 months of threat, tiredness, confusion and loss, I'd be inclined to opt for rolling over in bed on a Sunday morning, hoping for a coffee and the Sunday papers, rather than check a labyrinthine schedule of which church service is where and how long it'll take me to get there. I might imagine myself here when my current grouping of parishes had three clergy, and I could roll down the hill, frock up and rock up for a quiet 8am, a choral 10am and a sleepy 6pm – all within 100 yards of the aforementioned bed. Perhaps you imagine the time before 1977, when there were two stipendiary clergy for two benefices in the Black Mountains? Craswall, Llanveynoe and Clodock; and Michaelchurch, Newton and St Margarets?

We hanker for the familiar, the comforting, the normal. Part nostalgia, part simply a response to the trauma in our bodies. Just when we need the church to be just what we need it to be (insert whatever that is for you), we discover ourselves discomfotingly propelled forward at an unwelcome pace.

Clusters are not new, and the idea started with farmers. A pilot scheme was started by the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust in 2013, and there are now over 100 Farmer Clusters in the UK. What is a Farmer Cluster? "It is a group of contiguous farms that work together at a landscape scale on ecological and biodiversity projects, chosen and organised by themselves." (<https://www.farmerclusters.com>)

What is a Parish Cluster? It is a group of contiguous parishes that work together at a scale at which natural systems work best, and deliver real and lasting benefits on mission and ministry projects, chosen and organised by themselves. Small enough to be relational, large enough to be viable and sustainable.

Farmer Clusters help dispel the myth of rich farmers swaggering about in tweeds with shotguns or hunting poor little foxes while desecrating our landscape, despite the fact that agricultural wages (including those of farmers themselves) remain low and the average farm in 2019–20 did not make any profit.

Parish Clusters help dispel the myth of self-indulgent churches languishing in past glories or revelling in the obscure and incomprehensible while the country goes to hell in a handcart, despite the fact that in 2019 there were 20,000

ordained, and 10,000 lay ministers working across 12,500 parishes.

A central feature of Farmer Clusters is that they are made up of local people who retain the focus and oversight of their projects rather than having outside ecologists tell them what to do. In a sense they are not new, and you may recall common shearing – sociable, communitarian, efficient, fun. Local people, caring for the area in which many were born.

A central feature of Parish Clusters is that they acknowledge a strong streak of independence and dislike of centralising power common to rural communities. These Parish Clusters tell the tale of 1500 years of social history and change – common life, common prayer and common worship, radical and conservative. Nurturing local leadership, retaining focus and oversight of mission projects (children, schools, young people, older people, Life Events, pilgrimage, digital church etc).

In October, the new Parish Clusters will be launched – more like a ship than the latest Elon Musk rocket. The Parish Clusters will undergo fitting out, sea trials and working up to full capability. Heck, I'm beginning to sound like an admiral! They're not set in stone, they are living, evolving, sociable and, maybe, even fun. All aboard!

*The Rev'd Dr Mark Godson
Abbeydore Deanery*

SEPTEMBER READINGS

Sunday September 5th

Old Testament	Isaiah 35: 4-7a
New Testament	James 2: 1-10 (11-13), 14-17
Gospel	Mark 7: 24-37

Sunday September 12th

Old Testament	Isaiah 50: 4-9a
New Testament	James 3: 1-12
Gospel	Mark 8: 27-38

Sunday September 19th

Old Testament	Jeremiah 1: 18-20
New Testament	James 3: 13 – 4.3, 7-8a
Gospel	Mark 9: 30-37

Sunday September 26th

Old Testament	Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29
New Testament	James 5: 13-20
Gospel	Mark 9: 38-50

For the **October services**, please see the back page

Deanery Update

Firstly, a request to please put **Tuesday October 19th** at 7.30pm in your diaries. This is the date for the next Gathering. It will be held at The Hub at St Peter's in Peterchurch. There will also be the opportunity to join the Gathering via Zoom. Look out for more details next month.

Over the last month, lots of things have been starting, re-emerging and developing across the Deanery. Mums and Tots groups, fundraising events, worship, food distribution, cluster discussions, live streaming amongst lots more. It's great to see communities joining together for worship and service.

I hope by now many of you will have met Angie, our new curate, if not, don't worry there'll be lots of opportunities to do so as we move into Autumn.

I hope that you will join in this month either onsite in one of the churches, or online on Zoom or YouTube. We are committed to providing both ways of being part of what's going on in person – onsite and online.

In addition to services, there are lots of ways you can be part of the Deanery community and the best way to keep up to date is to receive the weekly newsletter. Please contact Anne Lloyd 07432 873422 abbeydoredmc@gmail.com.

The website: abbeydoredeanery.org.uk has lots of information and you can find out more and join in the chat with the ever-growing Facebook Group – Abbeydore Deanery.

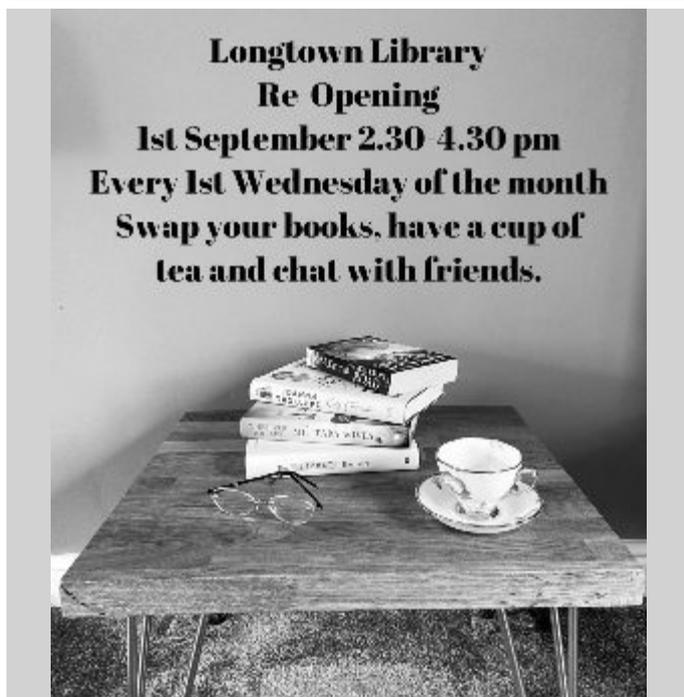
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CRASWALL BARBECUE

We would like to thank EVERYONE who helped to make the barbecue such a huge success. The weather proved perfect and we raised an amazing £2069 for the church!

Christine Cleaton – on behalf of Craswall PCC

Forthcoming events



LONGTOWN AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY – NEW SEASON

We would like to welcome back members and friends to our season that begins on **Monday 6 September at 7.30pm** in Longtown Village Hall, HR2 OLD.

Tim Hoverd will be the speaker and the subject is “*New developments at Snodhill castle: the Lost Castle of Herefordshire*”.

Ten years ago the castle was a vegetation-covered ruin in danger of collapse but, through the work of the Snodhill Castle Preservation Trust, much has been conserved and discoveries made which, together with those gained in the Longtown castles' excavations, is shedding new light on the Norman occupation of our area. Mr Hoverd is the county's Archaeological Projects Manager and was a consultant on the castles project.

The cost of membership remains £10 and guests are very welcome (£3).

The AGM will take place on 4 October followed by a talk by Martin Cook on the clay pipes of Longtown. Items for the agenda and any other queries should be sent to Neil Kidd, nkidd2000@yahoo.com

Further details and the full programme of talks can be viewed at <http://www.lhsarchive.org.uk/news>, which should always be checked for updates and changes.

NEWTON ST. MARGARETS WOMEN'S GUILD

We hope to recommence our meetings on the **2nd Thursdays** of each month from September.

Speakers and venue to be confirmed by the end of August. Please do phone for more information then.

New members and guests are always very welcome. Tel: 07794 920729

LONGTOWN & DISTRICT WI

At our next meeting on **Tuesday 14th September**, we shall be welcoming guest speaker Richard Jordan who will be talking to us about “The Other Glenn Miller Story”, an account of the life and work of the famous musician and band leader illustrated by clips of music, and video as well as photographs. We are all looking forward to holding our meeting at the Longtown Village Hall for the first time since March 2020. Visitors are welcome at 8pm, which will be followed by refreshments; £3 for non-members. *Libby Davis*

ST CLYDAWG'S CHURCH

Churchyard

A workday to work to improve and maintain the environment of the churchyard is to be held on **September 18th from 09:30**. Fuel provided for tools and humans! More information from Chris Haywood or Nick Vaughan.

Graveyard

When tending family graves, please help us to take care of the churchyard by taking home with you any wreaths or flower wrappings and other removable items that are no longer required.

Please ensure you comply with the Diocesan churchyard regulations that are displayed in the churchyard and porch paying particular heed of the type of container and ‘flowers’ that should be used. Your co-operation is appreciated.

For those of you who have missed to opportunity to sing hymns in Church as part of our worship, it's time to enjoy this simple pleasure again in our churches. With this in mind the Black Mountains Benefice is arranging “Songs of Praise” on **31st October 3pm** at St Clydawg's Clodock.

Nick Vaughan, Churchwarden

How to Take Care of Yourself in the Garden



TALK **Wednesday, 6 October 2021**
7.30pm, Longtown Hall

Registered osteopath **Alexandra Probert** will talk us through the best ways to cope with the physical side of gardening without injuring ourselves.

Non-members welcome: £4

See more at: www.escleysidegc.wixsite.com/club

Concerts for Craswall

Saturday October 9th at 5pm

THE MAGNARD ENSEMBLE

St Michael's Church, Michaelchurch Escley HR2 0JW

In a change to our published programme, we hope you'll join us for an evening of wind chamber music from the exuberant **Magnard Ensemble**.

Described by composer Paul Patterson as "a hugely gifted ensemble," The Magnard Ensemble have built a reputation for both high-quality concert performances and dynamic educational projects.

With a passion for new music, their programme includes works by Zemlinsky, Barber, Ligeti, Ibert, Beach, Hindemith and Patterson.

Previous holders of the Chamber Music Fellowship at the Royal Academy of Music, the Ensemble have also been selected artists for Making Music, the CAVATINA Chamber Music Trust, the Tillett Trust Young Artist Platform, the Tunnell Trust and the Nicholas Yonge Society.

The players each follow their own individual performing careers, appearing as soloists, chamber musicians and with many of the UK's leading orchestras.

'Their joy is infectious...The mix of tight ensemble and solo virtuosity was musical delight.' [Andrew Connal, The Latest].

Further details and tickets available at
<https://concertsforcraswall.org/live-music/>
or call 01981 510112.

DARE WE MENTION CHRISTMAS CARDS?!

On **Friday, October 15th 2021**, there will be a Coffee Morning at 14 Hawthorn Rise, Peterchurch from 10.30am until 12.30pm when, as in previous years, you can buy Christmas Cards in aid of St Michael's Hospice, have coffee or tea & biscuits, chat with friends not seen recently, and make a donation for your coffee to St Peter's Church in Peterchurch.

On **Saturday, November 6th** we shall have our Crafts Day again at St Peter's Church, Peterchurch with Crafts stalls & refreshments. There will be more details later & the day will be held under whatever Covid restrictions are then in place.

Local Newsround

VOWCHURCH VILLAGE HALL

Vowchurch Country Market

Saturday September 25 10am - 12 noon

Harvest Supper

Friday October 1 7pm Food, music, bar. Save the date!

VAT50 August winners were: Neffy Hensher (£50) and Alison Wallace and Chris Saville (£20).

Pilates at Vowchurch Hall, Tuesdays from 6pm. Contact hannahmthomas@hotmail.com

Bowls will resume in the Autumn

The Village Pub will re-open in the Autumn.

Vowchurch Hall is available for parties, weddings and events as well as meetings and presentations at very reasonable rates.

Enquiries to Jane Wheatley on 01981 550791

www.vowchurchturnastonehall.co.uk

VOWCHURCH & DISTRICT GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

The Lengthsman continues to visit all areas of the parish currently on a monthly basis. This will increase to twice a month from October onwards to cover the winter season when there tend to be more problems. It is his responsibility to trim around grit bins and road signs along with the verges on bends and junction splays. It is not his responsibility to cut all the verges. These will be cut by Herefordshire Council in late summer/early Autumn as agreed with the Parish Council. Footpaths are also the responsibility of Herefordshire Council so if you come across any problems with overgrown paths or damaged stiles etc, please report via <https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-a-public-right-of-way-problem>

Litter can be a problem in all of our communities and I am sure some have seen the purple rubbish bags on the side of the road after a litter pick waiting to be collected by Herefordshire Council. Did you know there is a local litter picking group? Golden Valley Litter Pick Group organises community litter picks and can be contacted via Graham Cox on tel. 07904 439270 or email coxgraham1999@gmail.com.

You can also get free equipment from Herefordshire Council if you would prefer to organise your own litter pick at 'Stophedrop' tel. 01432 383262 or email stophedrop@herefordshire.gov.uk

Linda Cowles

Parish Clerk Tel. 01544 321906

Email. vowchurchparishclerk@hotmail.com

IT'S NOT A CHEAP DAY OUT!!

On one of the recent extremely hot days a friend and I were lucky enough to be sitting in a local church listening to four lovely girls, a string quartet, rehearsing for a concert later in the day. Where better could one be than in the stillness and coolness of a lovely old building with music to enjoy.

When we had arrived before the musicians, a man working locally was visiting and took photographs of the memorial to those twenty seven men who served, and the two who died, from such a remote small parish in the Great War. During the afternoon 2 ladies came in and stayed for an hour or so to listen to the music as did a man and woman who didn't stay so long. But I was amazed that no one of them left a donation in the wall safe, not even small change! We must all try to remember that especially in small remote communities populations are small and churches are well cared for by a few loyal folk. Perhaps people do not stop to reflect on these facts but the reality is that donations from visitors can make all the difference to the buildings being kept open for us all to visit and enjoy the peace, beauty and solitude that they supply. So always be ready with a donation and Gift Aid it if you can as my friend and I had of course, done!

Eva Morgan

Round and About

PETERCHURCH VILLAGE HALL – We are back!!!!

The hall is now open again for bookings. We were happy to join in with the summer activities over the weekend of the 18/19th July. Our thanks to Jedda and Beryl for making the hall look very colourful. The butterflies were brilliant along with the planters and hanging baskets.

We have a few things happening in the hall over the next few months. Why not come for Gentle Dance exercise with Abbie Mason 10.30am-11.15 am and 11.30am-12.30 am Starting **Thursday 23rd September**. Please look out for posters.

Peterchurch Village Hall is a community building, run by a small committee of dedicated trustees. It is the ideal venue for local events, and is available for hire from £10 an hour.

As well as hosting many a birthday party, the hall has a few regular user groups:

- Parish Council every 3rd Tuesday of the month W.I. Starting again in October
- Youth Club (Tuesdays), where children can get together to enjoy craft and play.

We always welcome new groups! If you wish to hire the hall or have any other inquiries, please call any of these numbers:

- The Booking Secretary (Sarah) - 07774 457887
- The Chairman (Brendan) - 01981 550482
- The Hall - 01981 551162.

Please leave a message if you are unable to reach anyone on the numbers above.

GOLDEN VALLEY DAY CENTRE

We are still not able to open at the moment unfortunately but hopefully with the restrictions easing things will start getting back to normal soon.

The July winners of our draw were Margaret Taylor and Marion Castree. Congratulations to them both.

Heulwyn Herdman and Iris Bardsell have been in hospital recently but they are home now. Our best wishes go to them. If there's anyone I am missing please get in touch with me.

I'm not sure when we will be opening again (but it will definitely be happening) I am hoping to be able to give you more information soon.

Notices and Advertisements

ESCLEYSIDE HALL MICHAELCHURCH ESCLEY Announcement

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Esleyside Hall Management Committee will take place at the Hall at **7.30pm on 14th September 2021**. This is the meeting previously postponed due to the Covid19 crisis.

Members of the general public who wish to contribute to the running of the Hall are encouraged to attend, subject to any Covid regulations that might be in place.

Elections to the Committee will be held and there are still vacancies to be filled. *Dr Jeremy Davis, Chairman*
01981 510463

Longtown Village Hall AGM
21 September 2021 at 7.30pm
In the hall

CRASWALL HARVEST FESTIVAL
10th October at 11.00
followed by
HARVEST LUNCH
Craswall Village Hall at 12.30.

H Art 2021 – 4th September – 12th September

Once again H Art is running with venues around Herefordshire County. St Michael's Hall in Ewyas Harold is hosting 15 artists collectively known as Artivariouscrafts Group.

Our group of artists include:- Angela Thoo; Black Cat Glass Designs; Barbara Bromhead-Wragg; Carey Godwin; Firedrake Jewellery – Chris Helm; Crispin Thornton Jones; David Morton; Jessica Benjamin; Miriam Vincent; Pauline Elliott; Sarah Adby; Tim Bray; Marion Butler and Lorna Hollom; Bill Rolls
The media covers: Basketwork; Felt; Ceramics; Fused Glass; Jewellery; Metalwork; Painting; Photography; Print Making and Textiles.

Check our website for details:

<https://artivariouscrafts.wordpress.com>

The opening times each day are 11am to 5pm

We will be serving refreshments, light lunches, cakes.

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For fuller details of these and other events over the three days and to book tickets visit <https://thefitzwilliamathay.com/> or tel: 07768 020129.

Tickets can also be bought on the door, subject to availability.

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Wed	6 October	7.30pm	Escleyside Gardening Club: <i>How to take care of yourself in the garden</i> , Alexandra Probert. Longtown Village Hall
Sat	9 October	5.00pm	Concerts for Craswall: The Magnard Ensemble, St Michael's Church, Michaelchurch Escley
Sun	10 October	12.30pm	Craswall Harvest Lunch (following the festival), Craswall Village Hall
Tue	12 October	7.45pm	October Whist Drive, Escleyside Hall. £2.50. Profit to Hall funds.
Tue	19 October	7.45pm	October Whist Drive, Escleyside Hall. £2.50. Profit to Hall funds.
Tue	26 October	7.45pm	October Whist Drive, Escleyside Hall. £2.50. Profit to Hall funds.
Wed	3 November	7.30pm	Escleyside Gardening Club: <i>Apples and Pears for Cider and Perry</i> , Tom Oliver, Longtown Village Hall
Sat	4 December		Alaw in concert, Escleyside Hall (courtesy of Arts Reach for Flicks in the Sticks)



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Sunday (May - Oct):	10.00 am - 2.00 pm
(Nov - April):	10.00 am - 12 noon
Bank Holiday Mondays	10.00 am - 2.00 pm

FREE Covid 19 tests

Due to the success of the collection morning Herefordshire Council are back on Thursday 26th August 10am - 2pm. Please come and pick up tests, for yourself, neighbours or spare packs for guests. Thanks to the Talk Community - Black Hill Community Network for the referral.

Ice Cream pop up continues through September

Our pop up Shepherds scoop ice cream continues on Fridays and Saturdays 2-4pm. If you are paying by card, pop into the shop beforehand to pay and bring across the copy of the receipt.

Evenings are getting longer

I'm getting older, writing this in August I am already commenting about the nights drawing in. Treat yourself and save pennies by buying a 1kg of Fairtrade Clipper hot chocolate now and make those evenings cosy. Take a look at our magazines, learn a new skill with our craft magazines that are now coming in and, if you have a favourite which we haven't currently, don't hesitate to ask us to stock it (there are 1000s to choose from).

Successful Appointment shopping

Tip top customers we are now taking bookings for the shop to all to yourself for Christmas. October onwards you can browse at leisure and post all international gifts the following week with plenty of time to spare. You can start gift shopping now as we continue to have customers benefiting from Wednesday evening and Sunday afternoon appointments.

Come and join us celebrating organic September with the Soil Association.

LONGTOWN POST OFFICE

Saturday 9am ~ 11am & Monday to Friday 10.30am ~ 3.30pm

New Special Army vehicle stamps, arriving 2nd September.

Pay your bills at our Post Office If an invoice has a barcode on it, it is likely it can be paid at the Post Office when you want, using cash, card or cheque (except Welsh Water). Keep track and you can **pay your council tax, BT, Water, nPower**, at the Post Office on a day you choose.

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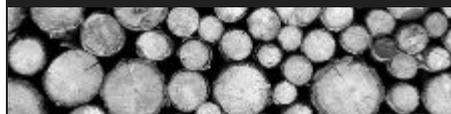
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In addition to this we have the opportunity to have lay led services and within our Benefice the various parishes are in the process of organising Harvest Festival/Thanks Giving and Songs of Praise services. If you feel you are able to assist with these or possible future lay-led services please get in touch with the relevant churchwarden/rep.

The details of these services are:

Sept 5th	Trinity 14	St Margaret's	09:30	Ven. Derek Chedzey, Archdeacon
Sept 12th	Trinity 15	Craswall	09:30	Rev. Simon Lockett
Sept 19th	Trinity 16	Newton	09:30	Diane Bates (and Rev. Bob)
		Clodock	11:00	Harvest
Sept 26th	Trinity 17	Michaelchurch Escley	09:30	Bishop Michael Westall
Oct 3rd	Trinity 18	Clodock	09:30	Bishop Michael Westall
		Newton	Tbc	Harvest
Oct 10th	Trinity 19	LLanveyhoe (Baptism)	10:00	Ven. Derek Chedzey, Archdeacon
		Craswall	11:00	Harvest and Lunch
Oct 17th	Trinity 20	St Margaret's	09:30	Rev. Simon Lockett
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Oct 24th	Bible Sunday	Craswall	09:30	Rev. Luci Morriss
		Llanveyhoe	Tbc	Harvest & Supper
Oct 31st	All Saints'	Newton	09:30	Rev. Mark Godson
		Clodock	15:00	Songs of Praise
Nov 7th	3 before Advent	Michaelchurch Escley	09:30	Diane Bates (and Rev. Bob)
Nov 11th	(Thursday)	Clodock	10:50	Armistice Day
Nov 14th		Llanveyhoe	09:30	Rev. Jane Rogers (Remembrance)
Nov 21st	Christ the King	St Margaret's	09:30	Rev. Mark Godson
Nov 28th	Advent Sunday	Clodock	09:30	Rev. Simon Lockett

We will then receive further information about the development of Mission communities in October from the Abbeydore Deanery (details to be shared via Anne Lloyd's updates in due course), which will be looking at the patterns of worship and clergy arrangements for the future as a whole Deanery.

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Wed	01 September	2.30 - 4.30pm	Longtown Library re-opening. Tea and chat.
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Thu	09 September		Newton St Margarets Women's Guild.
Tue	14 September	8.00pm	Longtown & District WI: <i>The Other Glenn Miller Story</i> , Longtown Village Hall
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