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BOOKINGS FOR WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS



If you would like to book a Wedding or Baptism at either Elmton or Creswell church; please come along to: St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Creswell between 6 –7 pm on the 1st Thursday of the month: (Contact David Froggatt on 01909 723342)

**Baptisms take place on the 3rd Sunday
of each month at 12.00 noon.**

Many people book baptisms well in advance and dates do get booked up particularly in the Summer months, so please don't arrange a Christening party before you have checked with us first.



Living as a Resurrection People

Easter weekend is over and most of us will probably have forgotten Easter by now and have moved on to thinking about summer holidays and the events we put on as a church over the summer.

But in the life of the Church, we are still in 'Easter Season'; and because Easter is the high point of the Church's year, it's important to keep celebrating it for a while longer.

There is a saying about Christmas that I want to pinch and use for Easter:

"Christ could be born in Bethlehem every day of the year, but what good is that to the world if he is not born in me?"

I want to say about Easter

"Christ may be resurrected every day of the year, but what good is that to the world, if he is not resurrected in me?"... in each one of us

As Christians we are a resurrection people - we follow a Lord who is alive and who promises new life to everyone and when we act on the good news of the resurrection, and *live* as if Christ is risen - not just in the world, but in our hearts too, then our lives will have a new focus and through that new focus we will be able to help the world around us achieve a new focus too.

Change happens when we relate to one another and to the world around in a different way ... a more loving and accepting way.

When we set our minds on trying to show Jesus' love to the world each day, then everyone we meet, will meet Jesus in us and through us; and by showing Jesus' love and care for us to those around us we *will* begin to change the world step by step.

And although it might seem daunting to think about changing the whole world ... actually we are just asked to start *where we are* with our own family and friends and neighbours ... as Lynne reminded us in her Sermon recently.

Furthermore, Jesus has promised to be with us and strengthen us for whatever he asks us to do, and Jesus will keep that promise whatever we face in life.

At Easter we celebrate Christ risen to new life, bringing us new hope; and our celebration can continue through the whole of the year so that everyone we meet will know the promise of the hope and joy which Christ's death and resurrection brings to our world.



With love and blessings, Rev Liz

FROM THE REGISTERS FOR April

Baptisms: Erin-Rae Margaret Froggatt

Weddings None.

Funerals: Alfred Clifford.

SUNDAY READINGS FOR MAY

Sunday 6th.

1st Reading: Acts 10. 44 - 48
Or Isa. 55. 1 - 11
2nd Reading: 1 John. 5. 1 - 6.
Gospel Reading : John. 2. 13 - 22..

Sunday 13th

1st Reading: Acts. 1. 15 - 17, 21 - 26.
2nd Reading: 1 John. 5. 9 - 13.
Gospel Reading: John. 17. 6 - 19.

Sunday 20th

1st Reading: Acts 2. 1 - 21
Or Ezek. 37. 1 - 14
2nd Reading: Rom.. 8. 22 - 27.
Gospel Reading : John. 15. 26 - 27, 16. 4b - 15.

Sunday 27th

1st Reading: Isa. 6. 1 - 8.
2nd Reading Rom. 8. 12 - 17.
Gospel Reading: John. 3. 1 - 17..



SERVICES FOR MAY

Wednesday 2nd

Holy Communion : St. Lawrence Whitwell 9.30 am

Sunday 6th

Holy Communion : St. Lawrence Whitwell 8.30 am

Holy Communion : St. Mary Magdalene Creswell 10.30 am

Eucharist : St. Peter's Elmton - 6.00 pm

Wednesday 9th

Holy Communion : St. Mary Magdalene Creswell 9.30am

Sunday 13th

Holy Communion : St. Mary Magdalene Creswell 8.30 am

Eucharist : All Saints Steetley 3.15 pm

Holy Communion : St. Lawrence Whitwell 10.30 am

Eucharist : St. Peter's Elmton - 6.00 pm

Wednesday 16th

Holy Communion : Lawrence Whitwell 9.30 am

Sunday 20th

Holy Communion : St. Lawrence Whitwell 8.30 am

Holy Communion : St. Mary Magdalene Creswell 10.30 am

Eucharist : St. Peter's Elmton - 6.00 pm

Wednesday 23th

Holy Communion : St. Mary Magdalene Creswell 9.30 am

Sunday 27th

Holy Communion : St. Mary Magdalene Creswell 8.30 am

Holy Communion : St. Lawrence Whitwell 10.30 am

Eucharist : St. Peter's Elmton - 6.00 pm



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NEWS AND FUTURE EVENTS

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Ever thought of learning to play a musical instrument:

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THE ELMTON FESTIVAL –

Well Dressing, Open Gardens and cream teas will be in June over the weekend of June 30th and 31st.

On Friday 29th at 6pm. There will be the service taking in all the well dressings around the village.

HOG ROAST

As part of the centenary celebration for the end of the First World War there will be a Hog Roast on June 16th in the Rectory Garden from 4pm. 4pm

Rev Liz's annual Report

Report for Elmton & Creswell APCM – April 2018

Another year gone very quickly with a lot happening in both churches.

I want to start this evening by thanking you all for the support and friendship you give; both to me, and to each other, which makes our church communities welcoming, hopeful and exciting communities to belong to.

The past year has been a busy one for us all and we have worked together to enable some good things to happen.

I guess the most long-lasting change to have happened is one which has not really had much practical impact at all! We are now legally a joint Benefice. On 1st March 2018 we became the joint benefice of Elmton with Creswell and Whitwell with Steetley. It won't make any difference practically in the way we work because we will retain our separate PCCs – but we are already working more closely together as congregations and I hope that will continue.

We have a newly refurbished kitchen thanks to Graham Tafts legacy which is working well and we are expecting work to begin soon on renovating the toilet to bring it into line Work will also begin shortly on the South Aisle roof to replace the lead which has split and which has caused the water leak down the inside wall. Redecorating the wall will happen when it has had a chance to dry out.

We have continued to reach out to our communities this year, both through the special services in church and other ventures. The Pit Disaster Memorial Service; the Well Dressing service; All Souls service and Christingle went well again this year and it was very good to see the rainbows making their own well-dressing in church ... there were stones and seeds all over the place but it was a good event to be part of.

The afternoon teas at Elmton in the school rooms on Well Dressing weekend were well supported and helped to bring Elmton village and church closer together.

The Harvest Auction was well supported again with the final jar of pickled onions going for a record amount and the Rogation Service followed by chips at the pub looks like becoming a regular spring event!

The Christmas and Summer Fairs also helped with reaching out and witnessing our presence in the village. Both fairs also raised money for

the church and were fun events to be at. The Quiz Nights at the Black Diamond were popular and also raised money ... although it remains to be seen if that will continue with the new owners ... I hope it does; the regular Wednesday Coffee mornings are still going strong and helping with much needed regular fundraising.

Christmas services were well attended particularly the Christingle service and singing '*Away in a Manger*' with only the candles on the oranges lit, was magical - even the children were silent for a few seconds as the lights were turned out!

The Easter Services were very moving and it was good to share Morning Prayer and Compline with all four congregations. The service of 'Lighting the Easter Fire' on Holy Saturday continues to be high point. The church is still seen as important at key times in life in these Parishes; with many well attended baptisms, and funerals which bring in large number of the village community. There have been over 40 funerals in the past year (both in the church and at the crematorium) and people in this community still turn to the church in time of need and it's good that they want to do that.

We have lost a few of our church people too this year - which is always sad, but we live with the promise of the Resurrection and know they are held safe in God's love.

I would also like to record my thanks to the retired clergy who take funerals when I am unable to ... I couldn't do it without them ... they are invaluable - David Hull in particular has been a great help again this year.

We have also continued to hold Messy Church sessions with increasing numbers of children; and working together with Whitwell for Messy Church events has been really good and has helped to bring us closer together. As I have said quite a lot lately ... things may grow more slowly than we would like ... but there *is* new life happening!

The link between school and church continues to be a very important one because it's *there* that we will have most of our contact with children in this parish: and I want to say a big thank you to those who come and welcome the school children as they arrive; it's a very important thing to do and shows that we care for each one of them; and of course thanks to those people who make yourselves available for Messy Church, on a regular basis; it's good and fun to be involved - although I know how tiring it can be as well!

The work in schools has continued over the past year; I have taken on the role of Vice Chair of Governors at the Church of England Infant School and continue to take Assemblies each month in both schools. Both Schools came into church 3 times last year: at Christmas for Christingle; at Easter and at the end of Summer Term and the children

are becoming more used to this building and they talk about it as being *their* church.

We were very pleased that the SIAMS inspection in Autumn gave the Infant School a 'good' rating and we hope to build on that through more involvement by the school in the church in the year to come. The Inspector commented that the children in the Infant School had a very good grasp of the Trinity for children of their age!!

A new venture has been a regular Chaplaincy slot when I spend a couple of hours each month in the Infant School, visiting each class and talking to teachers. There are prayer boxes in each class room, and the staff room, and I take those prayer requests and pray through them while I'm in the school.

So relationships are being strengthened with the children of the village; children know the church is there and can talk about the basics of our faith ... about Jesus and who he is and they *know* who the Vicar is too – which is a great - because it makes my day when they shout hello to me!

And it's so good to have a new Sunday School with 5 children on a regular basis and 2 more in the wings when they get old enough. It's so good to see children in the church again on a regular basis and to see those families becoming part of our community.

But perhaps the biggest venture to be held in the church which involves the local community is 'Breakfast Club'. It's good to see that this has become more than just a feeding programme but is becoming a place for children and families to meet and socialise with activities being provided by the Diocese and by Junction Arts.

There were over 2,330 people (both adults and children) who used the club in 2017 (this Easter saw the busiest day yet with 68 children and approx. 30 adults on one day!)

This project is continuing to grow and some of the parents are now volunteering on a regular basis and are about to become committee members of the club. Church members have again given very welcome support and I hope this project will continue to grow and we will continue to reach out in love to more families; it's a real testament to this church that you have the Breakfast Club to heart and have made it work so well. I'm sure that there is a stronger community feel because of the Breakfast Club and we have had help from all walks of the Community; I'm looking forward to seeing it develop even more over this next year.

One offshoot of the Breakfast club has been the setting up of a Toddler group on a Friday morning in Creswell Church. There is an average attendance of between 8-16 mums, with assorted toddlers, who enjoy each other's company along with toast and coffee for 2 hours each Friday morning.

There is potential to develop further family related events and this will be something we will look at in the year ahead.

So I want to thank you all very much for giving your time to the church: without you we would not have a church community: We know that Jesus calls us to be servants, just as he was our servant; as Disciples of Christ we are asked to serve each other and it's a real privilege to be able to do that, not just for our own congregations but also for the whole of the villages we live in... but I do know that it's hard at times! We all live busy lives and have other calls on our time so I want to thank you all, for doing so much in the church and community already it makes a big difference. As well as the new ventures we have sadly said goodbye to the Mother's Union this year. After almost 100 years it was sad to close the branch but keeping it open was no longer a possibility. I would like to record my thanks to Rita Turner for being president, Gwen Patterson for being Secretary and Anna Ingram for being treasurer over the past few years. We held a service of Closure in March which although sad in some ways was a good social occasion too and I know that some M.U. members from this branch will be joining nearby branches in the future. At this meeting we will also be saying goodbye to Michelle Ellis, who has been PCC Treasurer for the past 4 years. I would like to thank Michelle for all the work she has put in over those 4 years ... it's a thankless task at times and we are grateful to you Michelle for the time you have put in. But we have a new Treasurer; Suzanne Wilmont; who is the Business Manager and Finance Manager at the Infant School; has offered to take over as Treasurer and looks forward to working with us. I know there are times when it's easy to feel our work is not appreciated ... but it *never* goes unnoticed by God. So thank you from the bottom of my heart for the past 12 months and I know that together we can make the next 12 months ones where we grow closer as a community, not just as Elmton and Creswell but with Whitwell and Steetley too, and where we will continue to listen to the Spirit showing us where and when to take the next step. Even though it may feel at times as if we are few in number, God can and will use whatever we bring and the seeds we plant *will* grow ... we may not see the result immediately but there *will* be one ... because that's the promise of the resurrection and God keeps promises! I think we have seen God working in our church this year ... I think God has been good to us and I'm excited about the year ahead ... I hope you are too. Thank you

Crossword Clues

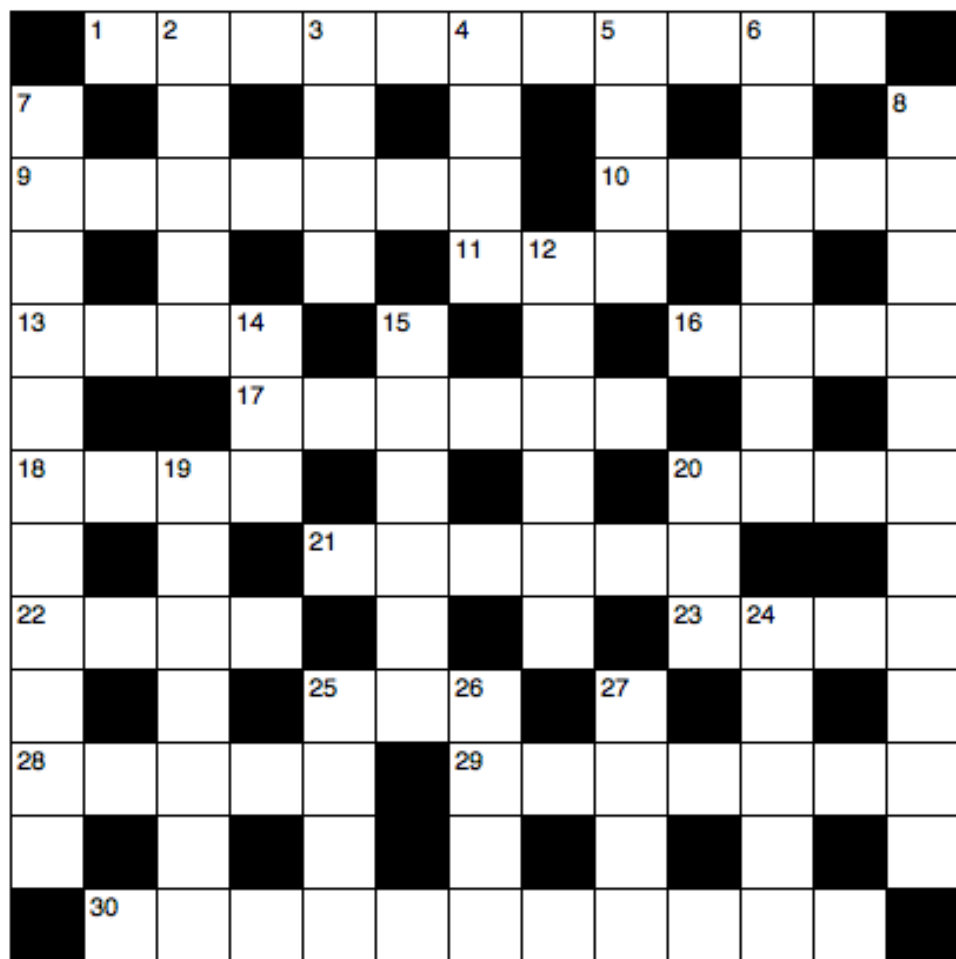
Across

- 1 Overpowered (Deuteronomy 11:4) (11)
- 9 'The — are mantled with corn' (Psalm 65:13) (7)
- 10 'Each man—a sword to his side'(Exodus32:27)(5)
- 11 On the death of Jesus the curtain in the temple was torn from— to bottom (Matthew 27:51) (3)
- 13 Stagger(Isaiah 28:7)(4)
- 16 'Anyone,then,who knows the good he ought—and doesn't do it, sins' (James 4:17) (2,2)
- 17 Stir up or provoke(Acts13:50)(6)
- 18 Burden(Luke11:46)(4)
- 20 'As far as the east is from the—,so far has he removed our transgressions from us' (Psalm 103:12) (4)
- 21 Sign(Luke23:38)(6)
- 22 'After that,Jesus poured water into a basin and began to—his disciples' feet' (John 13:5) (4)
- 23 The nature of the seven ears of corn which swallowed up the good ears in Pharaoh's dream (Genesis 41:23) (4)
- 25 Has(anag.)(3)
- 28 'This is the account of Shem,Ham and Japheth,—sons' (Genesis 10:1) (5)
- 29 'I will...make them drunk,so that they...sleep for—and—awake' (Jeremiah 51:39) (4,3)
- 30 Paul said of him,'he often refreshes me and is not ashamed of my chains' (2 Timothy 1:16) (11)

Down

- 2 Worth (Matthew 13:46) (5)
- 3 'A bruised — he will not break' (Matthew 12:20) (4)
- 4 'Suddenly a great company of the heavenly — appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (4)
- 5 Slip (anag.) (4)
- 6 'Take an awl and push it through his — — into the door, and he will become your servant for life' (Deuteronomy 15:17) (3,4)
- 7 Bountiful (2 Corinthians 8:2) (11)
- 8 'Therefore, as we have — , let us do good to all people' (Galatians 6:10) (11)
- 12 Acquire(2Timothy2:10)(6)
- 14 Container cover(Numbers19:15)(3)
- 15 'He...became obedient to death,even death on—!' (Philippians 2:8) (1,5)
- 19 Refrain(1Peter2:11)(7)
- 20 'She began to—his feet with her tears'(Luke7:38)(3)
- 24 One who worships Brahma,Vishnu or Shiva(5)
- 25 'Give to everyone who— you'(Luke6:30)(4)
- 26 'I lift up my eyes to the hills;where does my—come from?' (Psalm 121:1) (4)
- 27 One of those whom the Lord said would be taken from Jerusalem and Judah as judgment on them (Isaiah 3:2) (4)

Crossword answers page:17.



Sudoku

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They had been promised a Celebrity Guest Preacher

LOCAL HISTORY CORNER



100 Years of the R.A.F 1.4.1918-1.4.201



The Royal Air Force was formed one hundred years ago from men in the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Navy Air Service. Our records show that only two men connected to Creswell served in the R.A.F from the first day and they were Arthur Albert Metcalf and Percival Crossland.

Sergeant Arthur Metcalf had been in the R.F.C since he enlisted in 1916. He had been in many combats and was awarded the Military Medal in 1918. (British military aviation only began in 1911, just 8 years after the Wright Brothers made their first flight and pilots weren't issued with parachutes until the Second World War .)

He was born in Hucknall Torkard in 1894 and died in Nottingham in 1948 aged 54 years.

His parents Arthur and Sarah came to Creswell and in the 1911 census were living on Sheffield Road. His father was a boot and shoe dealer and he had been an apprentice in the same trade so possibly they had a shop here. His brother was baptised in Creswell in 1913 when he was 14.

Members of the Stevenson family, also from Hucknall Torkard, were buried in Elmton Churchyard as early as 1806 and the last person of that name and noted as formerly of Creswell buried there in 1878..Could the Metcalf family have been related to them and that is why they came to Creswell.

Percival Crossland 1899- 1987 was living in 1911 with his parents James and Jane at 238 Model Village. His father was a Colliery clerk and his brother James an errand boy at the Colliery stores.

Percival first served in the navy from 1917 until he was discharged on March 31st 1918 and the next day along with many others joined the R.A.F. He had served on several ships including President II but then became an aircraft man which was the lowest rank then.

In 1929 he married Gladys Ladysmith Bartholomew whose Grandmother and Father had kept the Rose and Crown public house on Sheffield Road. In 1905 her father had built the houses next to the Station Hotel on Skinner Street naming them Ladysmith Villas. Percival and Gladys were to live in the last one for many years.

Sadly four Creswell men in the R.A.F died in W.W.II.

Sgt.David Brown aged 24 was in a plane which crashed at Swanage and is buried in Creswell.

Herbert Keaton aged 21 was a pilot officer killed on active service flying with Coastal Command. He is buried in Hamburg but he is remembered on a memorial erected by his close friend Arthur Plant which stands near the Craggs Centre.

Sgt.John Mellish aged 22 died from wounds received on a bombing raid and is buried in Creswell.

Arnold Pigott aged 21 was lost at sea off the coast of Java.

The Women's Royal Air Force also began in 1918 but only lasted two years .It was disbanded and then reformed for the Second World War.

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LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Events from the past that occurred during the month of May

- 1st Explorer David Livingston dies aged 60 in 1873
- 2nd Argentine forces invade the Falkland Islands 1982
- 3rd New Zealand declared a British colony 1841
- 4th Rory McIlroy N/Ireland golfer born (29) 1989
- 5th Cliff Thorburn crowned World snooker champion 1980
- 6th German actress Marlene Dietrich dies in Paris aged (90) 1992
- 9th Spurs 1-1 Man City FA cup final Hutchison scoring both goals 1981
- 10th Winston Churchill replaces Neville Chamberlin as British PM 1940
- 11th TV programme "24 Hours in A&E" launched 2011
- 12th Britain's T.U.C call off general strike after nine days 1926
- 14th US actress Rita Hayworth dies from Alzheimer's disease age (68) 1987
- 16th Vera Millward attacked & killed by Yorkshire Ripper 9th victim 1978
- 18th BEA flight from Heathrow crashes after take off kills all (118) on board 1972
- 19th Anne Boleyn Henry V111 second wife beheaded 1536
- 20th Ronan Keating's "If Tomorrow Never Comes" tops charts 2002
- 21st Nigel Benn loses to Michael Watson for C/wealth title 1989
- 22nd Nuala Conway gives birth to Sextuplets (6) babies in Dunmore N/Ireland 2009
- 23rd Former PM Harold Wilson dies aged (79) 1995
- 25th Famous blockbuster movie "Star Wars" released 1977
- 26th Beatles release the album "Sgt Peppers Lonely Hearts Club Band" 1967
- 30th The 6th Duke Of Portland's horse "Ayrshire" wins Epsom Derby 1888

Sent in by Kevin Jones..

CALENDAR BIRDS – MAY – MOORHEN



They flick their right foot in, their right foot out,
In, out, in, out and slash it all about;
They do the 'Joustey Joustey' and then paddle
around,



And that's what it's all about.

Ohhh...

...Well, that's certainly the case when,
You're a territorial Moorhen!

Nervous, and startled by impending pursuit,
They run on the water like their 'sooty' cousin, COOT.
Their noisy voice gives a gurgling sound
And explosive 'karr-uks' and 'kiks' abound.

Their flight is 'awkward', so to speak,
With short spanned wings appearing weak.
Once air born, though, their long legs trail
With graceful waves behind their tail.

With deep brown plumage along the back,
The tips of their little wings are black.
On the 'rear end', blackish tones prevail,
Except for a gleaming undertail.

With slate grey underbelly and head,
Front shield and bill are cherry-red.
But the bill displays a yellow tip,
And there's a striking white line down the flank to the hip.

Long yellow/green legs and 'oversize, feet
Make their 'chicken-like' walk comically indiscreet!
As feeders they are reluctant to dive,
But scour banks and shallows for something 'green' or 'live'.

Seldom found in large flocks that,
Reflect their pond, stream, lake or wetland habitat.
As huge wading LAPWING flocks, they're not the same,
In this evolutionary game!

by,

Vaughn Clements

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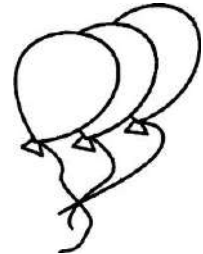
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- **ROOM HIRE** is available during opening times. In addition we will also facilitate Breakfast Meetings and evening opening during the week and Saturdays and Sunday pm, as required. **Contact 01909 724061 to book a room**
- We currently employ 4 Staff and have 24 Volunteers working in Limestone House to support the Community. Some Volunteers gain Work Experience in the Café, Retail work or Office Admin
- **THE MEMORY LANE CAFE**

Breakfasts are at a very low price of £1.90 between 7am and 9am. Limestone Lunches are provided on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (lunch and a sweet for £2.50). First servings are at 12noon and the last serving is at 1.30pm each day.

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