

Dear Parishioners,

For many people September feels like a fresh start, with the launch of a new school year. This month also feels like a time of new beginnings at All Saints, with several families bringing their children for baptism.

Why baptism? For some, it is simply a family tradition and a chance to celebrate the child's arrival with a service and a party! For others it is a sign of cleansing, community and commitment.



In the Bible, baptism reminds us that we all get things wrong at times on life's journey, so we all need a wash! It points us to the ultimate cleansing received through faith in Jesus who died for us. Baptism is also about community and marks a welcome into the family of the church. And it is a sign of commitment, as the parents affirm their own faith in Christ and their desire to bring up their child or children in God's good ways.

The Church of England also offers a service of thanksgiving which doesn't require all the promises of baptism, or the option for the child to express their commitment when they are old enough to decide for themselves. Please be in touch if you would like to know more.

In other news, we are looking forward to the combined Harvest service on Sunday 11th October at All Saints at 11am, with collections supporting those in need. The service will be followed by a bring and share lunch. In addition, you are most welcome to our regular services on other Sundays at nine thirty and eleven o'clock.

Whatever September may bring, please be assured of our love and prayers.

With warm greetings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paddy" followed by a period. The signature is written on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

All Saints Church, Danehill with Chelwood Gate

September 2026

More information on services can be found at www.allsaintsdanehill.org.uk.

Sunday 6th September 9.30am 11am	Traditional Morning Prayer (All Saints) All Age Service (All Saints)
Sunday 13th September 9.30am 11am	Holy Communion (All Saints)* Informal Service (All Saints)
Sunday 20th September 9.30am 11am	Holy Communion (All Saints) Informal Service (All Saints)
Sunday 27th September 9.30am 11am	Holy Communion (All Saints) Informal Communion (All Saints)
Sunday 4th October 9.30am 11am	Traditional Morning Prayer (All Saints) All Age Service (All Saints)

* Children's groups – there are groups for children at each eleven o'clock service and also on the second Sunday of the month at nine thirty.

***Harvest Sunday, 11th October. Joint Communion service
at 11am, All Saints Danehill.***

***Tinned items received for local food bank, and collection for
Turning Tides homeless charity. Bring and share harvest lunch after
the service. All welcome.***

Community & Social

Pastoral Care

We offer home visits, telephone calls, a warm welcome and companionship, prayer time, Youth groups, Home groups and all of the activities below.

Shelagh Gilliam: 790803



**12:30pm, Monday, 21st Sept
Chelwood Gate Church.**

Lunch, good company and a thought on a Christian theme. Lifts available.!

All Welcome, RSVP to Gabriela or Paddy: 790269

Foodbank

There is a foodbank collection point for East Grinstead Foodbank at All Saints Church Danehill.



Ashdown Café

Friday 11th Sept. Come to Danehill Memorial Hall. From 10am to noon, delicious cakes, biscuits, coffee or tea and chat.

Magazines are distributed to all households free of charge. If you would like to donate to help with costs please text 70085 with the message GIVERn, where n is the number of pounds (eg GIVER5), or a cash payment in the church collection box. You can also pay cash or cheque to 'Danehill PCC' via the Chelwood Gate Church letter box or at the Vicarage. A magazine costs around £1 to produce. Ten magazines are issued annually.



Singing, snacks, stories & craft activities for toddlers.
Monday, 9am-11:30am at All Saints | £3 per family.

7, 14, 21, 28th September

Sunday 11am Informal Service

We have action songs, children's instruments, activities and creche, children's microphone at this service.



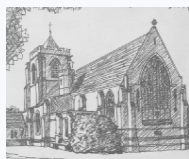
Families, Children and Youth Work

We have been in full swing over the summer, making use of our beautiful church building in Chelwood Gate! We've hosted two Summer Fun mornings for those with pre-school age children, with crafts, toys, songs and a bouncy castle. For the young people we've run a Youth board games club with space for young people to meet their friends, share some games together and meet new people.

Both of these events were run as new initiatives this summer, and both were very well received! It's been amazing to see the church building in use and full of life. As these events both went well, we'll definitely be looking to run them again in the future!

We'll be back to our regular programme of events in September, with our All Age service on the 6th September, Noah's Ark starting on the 7th September, and TNT starting on the 10th September.

As always, if you have any questions, please do drop a message to josh@allsaintsdanehill.org.uk



At All Saints
Baptism
27 June Georgina Ollier

Round And About In The Parish

During the 1920's and mid 1930's the 18th Beckenham Scout Troop came to the Ashdown Forest for their camps during August. They were warmly welcomed into the area and in 1928 they were camping at Chelwood Beacon, courtesy of Earl Donoughmore. In addition to camping in the grounds, fêtes were held on the lawns to raise funds for the newly formed Nutley branch of the British Legion which had a membership of 130. Amongst the special features at the fête were water sports and a pageant by the 18th Beckham Troop of Boy Scouts. These photos show Chelwood Beacon and the grounds and would have provided ample accommodation for a fête and a campsite.



CHELWOOD BEACON, CHELWOOD GATE, SUSSEX



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Mr Greening who was the Head Gardener at Chelwood Beacon acted as the Hon Secretary and he is shown in this photo top row, 2nd person in. Mr Lawson [from the Vachery] is seated right at the very end. His employer, Mr F J Nettlefold acted as an official. Presumably because of World War II there was a lull in the activities of the scouts camping in this area although in 1948 there was a considerable

presence again of the 18th Beckham Boy Scouts, although this time they were camping at Hole Farm, Dodds Bottom.

My thanks to the late Peter Kirby for his photos.

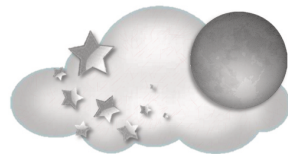
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Skies Above

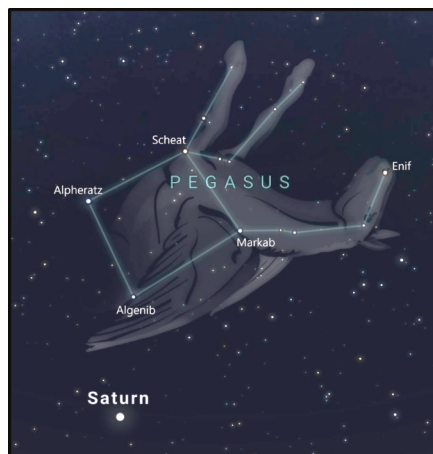
Pegasus

by Wren Martin



I went camping last month and was lucky enough to have perfectly clear skies with no moon. In the east, just opposite the entrance to my tent, was the massive constellation of Pegasus.

In Greek mythology, this winged horse was said to be born from the blood of Medusa after she was slain by Perseus. Pegasus is an old constellation, one of the 48 listed by Ptolemy in the second century, and the seventh-largest of the 88 constellations that are recognised today. It is easy to spot by finding the large square shape made up of four bright stars, Scheat, Markab, Algenib and Alpheratz. This square is actually its own asterism (a pattern of stars that isn't an official constellation) called the Great Square of Pegasus, and it really is huge – about the same size as the entirety of the famous asterism 'the plough' or 'big dipper'.



Pegasus & Saturn - Stellarium

Traditional depictions of the constellation show it as half a horse, sometimes emerging from water, with the main square being the top half of the body and the head and forelegs reaching out. The constellation appears upside down to us in the northern hemisphere, with the bottom line of stars reaching to the right, forming the neck and ending with the bright star, Enif, named for the Arabic word for nose. Enif is the brightest star in the constellation; a red supergiant that is 185 times wider and 8,500 times more luminous than the Sun.

Though it is currently quite close to the eastern horizon, Pegasus will be visible all the way through autumn, rising higher in the sky as the months go on and moving further towards the south. In September, you will also be able to spot brilliantly bright Saturn if you trace a line down from Algenib, the lowest point of the Great Square. Saturn is moving into opposition, meaning it will be directly opposite the sun, and will reach its brightest on the 4th October.

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Find all the Skies Above articles, along with links to sources and further reading at <https://skiesabove.substack.com/>

Climate Group News

Orchards & Insects

So, what have the Climate Group been up to this summer? Plenty! One of the most time-consuming activities has been applying to Wealden Council for a grant to plant an orchard. Initially it was not considered - as it sounds a large, unwieldy project, but, as we found out, this is not necessarily the case.

Wealden defines an orchard as five fruit trees or more. There is a small corner of Danehill rec that would benefit from a few trees and so the process has begun. Advice from fruit tree experts has been sought and it was thought that maybe 12 -16 trees would be suitable. The trees would be for the benefit of the whole Parish (once established). The grant is 100% funded meaning that no financial support from the Parish Council would be needed, just a bit of time from volunteers – no grant, no orchard - watch this space!



Insect house - Danehill Memorial Hall

The insect house has been installed outside Danehill memorial hall with a smart new living roof - we just await some bugs to stay.

Danehill Rivers, part of the climate group, is keen to combat pollution in our rivers and is now gaining momentum. Volunteers from all walks of life from the local area are now testing our streams regularly and recording the findings. If you would like more information, or to join our volunteers, in any capacity, either contact Aran on aran.querol@gmail.com or come and see us at the village market on 19 September 2026.



DO YOU ENJOY SINGING? COME AND SING WITH US!

Fletching Village Hall

7.45 to 9.45 p.m. Tuesday evenings (term time)

www.fletchingsingers.co.uk



We are a sociable, relaxed and informal non-auditioned choir, who enjoy singing a wide variety of choral music under the guidance of our inspirational Music Director, Ansy Boothroyd. Our choir members come from many of the surrounding villages and new members in all voice parts (SATB) are always very welcome.

We put on three concerts a year and our next term starts 1st September, with rehearsals for our Advent concert (28th November) themed “’Twas the Night before Advent” featuring Charpentier Messe de Minuit and other music of night time and expectation.

We would like more singers! If you are interested in joining, please email info@fletchingsingers.co.uk or just come along to a rehearsal and give it a try.



Haywards Heath Music Society

85th Season. Saturday 19th September at 3pm

At Haywards Heath Methodist Church, Perrymount Road, HH.

THE DELPHINE TRIO - clarinet, cello and piano. **Tickets: £17.** Under 18/ Student £5. Book on website or telephone Christine Colbourne on 01444-456227.



Ashdown WI

Our meeting in July was about the secret life of the Honey Bee. This was Stuart Corner's second talk about the honey bees and as usual the talk was full of fascinating facts. One fact that I found interesting was that humans and bees are the only species who can give and understand directions! We don't have to follow someone - just imagine how exhausting life would be if we always had to follow. Our next talk is entitled 'A Policeman's Lot' with Neil Sadler. The meeting is on Tuesday 8th September 7.30 at Chelwood Gate Village Hall. Our meetings are open to everyone so if you would like to come along you will be made very welcome.

IMPORTANT DATE for your diary - 25th September is the Macmillan Coffee Morning 10.30 - 12.30 at Chelwood Gate Village Hall. There is a cake competition, games, raffle, an auction of cakes! and as many cups of coffee and slices of cake that you can consume! (for more info 01825 740471)



Subterranean Heatstroke Blues

by Kerry Williams

Communications Officer: Conservation

This summer has been a tad warm. We've been seeking shade, suddenly all too aware of the importance of the cover of trees and a faint leaf-fanned breeze. Whilst we sweat in our gardens, another struggle is taking place, under loungers and paddling pools, in baked earth. The heat is a challenge for our wildlife, and our subterranean friends are no different.

Moles have large spade-shaped digging paws to enable them to move through thick soil and are additionally equipped for underground life by velvety fur that sits in either direction to allow for easy reversing. Their tunnels, sometimes used for generations, are habitual to the mostly solitary-living Moles, who whizz around them like little fuzzy subway trains.

But it's a different story when the ground is too dry; it becomes impenetrable. Additionally, the Mole's prey of earthworms and other soft-bodied invertebrates like beetle larvae are in short supply or will move deeper underground in search of moisture and cooler soil. Moles can prep for drought somewhat; a toxin in their saliva can paralyse earthworms, which they store in larders in deeper chambers, but these are finite.



Mole © Neil Fletcher



Mole © Steve Bottom

With Moles needing to eat 50% of their body weight every day, and living an almost exclusively underground life, the situation is making them hungry, dehydrated, and desperate. Many are being found above ground in the daytime, where they can quickly fall foul of heat exhaustion or predation from birds of prey or pet cats.

It can seem rather hopeless - but you can help. Providing water in gardens and outdoor

spaces aids wildlife all year round, but especially during times of water stress and drought. Creating shade is also hugely beneficial and could be the difference between a Mole's home being manageable, or impossible.

Moles are a gardener's friend, taking care of plant-munching slugs, and aerating soils with their digging, which supports garden drainage. The excess soil Moles excavate can be used elsewhere in the garden, a far easier way of coping with molehills than trying to interfere. If disturbed, Moles are likely to start excavating in another spot, so a hands-off approach means fewer molehills for you, and less energy expended by the Moles.

When it finally rains, rejoice. Those expert diggers can put their paws to use, feed up on plump juicy meals, and once again manoeuvre below our feet with ease, keeping the soil, which we so depend on, healthy and resilient.



Chelwood Gate Village Hall

Saturday, 26 September
10.30am to Noon

Bring cakes at 10 am and stay for raffle, games, homemade cakes, and prize competition

Upcoming events:

JUMBLE SALE on Saturday, 10th October, 2pm

Bring your jumble donations on Friday the 9th at 6:30pm

QUIZ NIGHT on Friday, 13th November, 7 for 7:30pm

Next Magazine

Deadline:
Wednesday, 16th
September

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DANEHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the Danehill Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th July 2026 **held at Danehill Memorial Hall at 7:30pm**

Members of the Public. County and District Cllr Coleman and five members of the public.

County and District Cllr Coleman reported on recent highway activity in response to speed concerns. She also reported on local government reorganisation. She also reported on Buxted Together voluntary group and support from ESCC in the absence of financial funding from ESCC. She reported as a conservator of Ashdown Forest on the big '100' Pooh celebrations.

Correspondence.

List - This had been circulated prior to the meeting.

There had been a request for funding for the memorial garden up to £150 and this was agreed as the budget was in place for this expenditure.

The mowing was noted as an improvement. The Clerk would ask the contractor to remove the cuttings in the cemetery and remind him not to cut the orchids till the end of the season.

Wildflower planting project.

Cllr Hogg reported on the overall report. Costings were awaited. There were some positive signs such as the existing wild flowers grown without chemicals, but a firm maintenance schedule for the sapling trees would be a sustainable and positive improvement.

Community Orchard update.

The Chair reported on the grant application and approx. costings of £1600. This application would go in by the end of July.

Memorial Hall update.

Cllr Hogg reported on the current process. The resolution to take over the hall was proposed by Cllr Hogg seconded by Cllr Blake and was unanimously approved.

Update on CLIF grant application.

The Clerk reported on the current process. It was hoped a final quote would be received to enable re-submission by mid July or August.

Parish Council planning decisions – These are available on the WDC website.

For inclusion in future agendas.

- Co-option
- Carpark improvements
- Highway gateways
- CLIF and Orchard grant updates
- Wildflower planting

Next meeting : 9th September at 7:30pm.

Film Nights

I am pleased to say that our Film Night Team are getting ready for more film nights in the splendid Danehill Memorial Hall, warm on the coldest of winter nights. The first film, **The Devil Wears Prada 2** (12A), will be shown on Tuesday 15th September. Also of course for computer buffs we are at cinemobile.uk .

We look forward to seeing our regulars again. Why not join us ? The interval is a great place for meeting old and new friends.

Let's Play Bridge Again

In Chelwood Gate Hall, inside the door, is a picture of The Alternative Bridge Club about 10 years ago. Alternative because it was unlike other clubs, in that It was very friendly, and mistakes were ignored, which I do know upsets some players. Not many in the picture are now alive, but there are plenty of newcomers who could take their place. How about resurrecting The Alternative Bridge Club? Don't be shy, this is where your evening class continues.

Email me at oldinn@btinternet.com or phone 740678 to discuss where we might start.

Malcolm Burwood



Danehill Parish Historical Society

Local Research: David Fry will talk to us about the findings of the Collingford Lane research that he and Elaine Saunders have carried out. Collingford Lane is an ancient lane with a long history to reveal.

Tues, 22nd Sept, 7:15pm for 7:30pm start at Danehill Memorial Hall, RH17 7HS. Refreshments available.
Members free, visitors £4



12th Sept, 10am-1pm.
chaileyc@gmail.com



Update from your Local Councillor: Cllr Christina Coleman



Highways

I have had some welcome successes with East Sussex Highways in recent weeks, including securing commitments to fully repair stretches of the A22 and to repaint various road safety markings. There is now a proposal for a speed reduction scheme on the A22 Horney Common Road. The plan is to replace the current national speed limit with a 50 mph limit, extending from the existing 40 mph zone at Nutley to a point just south of the junction with Old Forge Lane. A consultation is necessary in order to legally change the speed limit. The consultation ran from 17th July 2026 to 7th August 2026 .

I am hoping to add the A275 in Danehill to the East Sussex Highways speed reduction priority list. Currently, vehicles are moving through Danehill at dangerous speeds. Travelling northwards, the speed limit of 30 mph covers a very short stretch through the village and increases sharply to 50 mph and 60 mph soon after. As a result, many vehicles ignore the 30 mph limit. It is particularly dangerous when approaching Danehill from the north, where the 60 mph drops to 50 mph immediately outside of Cumnor House School, despite the bend in the road and the presence of two busy entrances used by hundreds of children, parents and staff each day. If you share my concerns and would like to see a reduction in the speed limits, please sign this petition and share it as widely as possible: <https://www.change.org/p/are-you-concerned-about-speed-limits-around-danehill?>

Ashdown Forest

As a newly appointed conservator of Ashdown Forest, I have watched in horror the devastating fires on Dunwich Heath in Suffolk. Dunwich Heath is a much loved nature reserve that in many ways is a sister to the Ashdown Forest: both are areas of lowland heath, which is an ecosystem more rare than tropical rain forest; both are home to a similar assemblage of rare species such as nightjars and Dartford warblers; and they are both being left incredibly vulnerable as the result of climate change and drought. The advantage that Dunwich Heath has over the Ashdown Forest is nearby sea water to extinguish the fires. We must all be vigilant in protecting our vanishingly rare habitat:

- * Please take additional care when enjoying the outdoors during the hot spell.
- * Don't drop cigarettes or other burning material on dry ground.
- * Keep children away from lighters and matches.
- * Avoid having barbecues in parks and public spaces other than designated areas.
- * Don't use barbecues directly on the ground where they are more likely to lead to fire spread or injury.
- * Avoid having BBQs / campfires or using fireworks and paper lanterns during hot, dry spells and always have a bucket of water or sand nearby for emergency use.

- * Never leave campfires or barbecues unattended and extinguish them properly after you have finished using them.
- * Bin it! Dispose of glass bottles properly, they can magnify sunlight, starting fires. Please don't leave litter.
- * If you see smoke or fire, report it immediately by calling 999 and don't assume somebody else has.

People's Emergency Briefing - Save the Date

On Thursday 24th September, in the evening, Cumnor House School will be hosting a People Emergency Briefing which discusses the government's national security assessment on global biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapse and national security. This is a vital topic to all our futures and everyone's engagement is so important. For more information contact: office@cumnor.co.uk

As ever, if you have any other questions, problems, or concerns, please do reach out to me, and I will do my best to help.

Cllr. Christina Coleman cldr.christina.coleman@wealden.gov.uk or cldr.christina.coleman@eastsussex.gov.uk or 07718 208340

September on Ashdown Forest

This month we're starting to see the change of the season as birds start migrating to their winter homes. Now that the ground nesting bird season is officially over (it runs from 1st March to 31st August), a host of new activities can begin.

But let's start first by looking back at this year's survey of nightjars on the Forest. Along with the Dartford warbler, the nightjar is one of the two birds that give the Forest its Special Protection Area (SPA) status. Monitoring the number of these special birds on the Forest and the locations of their territories helps us understand that the work done managing the heathland habitats is having a positive effect.

The survey is carried out over two evenings. This year over 50 surveyors headed out to designated areas to listen out for the churring of the male nightjars and if lucky, to see them in flight as they eat insects on the wing. The numbers are noted over both sessions and are then collated to give the final result.

Although the high temperatures this year may have been uncomfortable for us, it seems that nightjars love them! We had a record number of nightjar and woodcock sightings during the 30-degree-plus evenings. We also know that nightjars are more active during brighter moon phases, which we were fortunate to have during the second survey night. Now the nightjars are migrating back to Sub-Saharan Africa, work can begin again to maintain and restore the heathland. We look forward to seeing these special birds again next spring.

Starting this month, contractors will be out with "cut and collect" machines to battle the bracken that covers much of the heathland. If left unchecked, this invasive species

smothers other heathland plants, altering soil conditions and producing substances that inhibit the germination of seeds and the growth of seedlings. The open land needed by the nightjars and other ground nesting birds is also lost.

Over the summer, we were able to trial a new (old!) method of managing bracken, with the help of rolling by man and horsepower. Tim and Sky from Coppice and Heath weakened a substantial area of the bracken with the help of a heavy roller. However, there is only so much of the heathland's landscape that can be managed using this traditional technique, so mechanical power is also needed.

Work also begins this month looking after many of the Forest's ponds. Our Youth Volunteer group and Next Generation Conservation group are focusing on the pond at the Forest Centre, while our adult conservation volunteer group will be tackling pond restoration across the wider Forest as well as working on other heathland clearance activities.

Upcoming events (details www.ashdownforest.org)

Visitors to the Forest can enjoy weekly Health Walks across the Forest and take in the seasonal changes to the Forest. Our September guided 'Walk with the Wardens' takes place on 1st September, leaving from Broadstone car park at 10am.

Although the new school year is only just beginning, it's never too early to plan for the half-term holidays! This October we'll be making traditional besom broom out of silver birch twigs on Wild Wednesday and looking at the skulls and bones from some of the Forest's creatures on Nature Thursday. Places fill up quickly so don't miss out!

Choral Evensong

On Sunday, 1st November at 4pm there will be an All Saints Day choral evensong at All Saints, Danehill, led by the Kidbrooke Singers, with a retiring collection for the organ renovation fund. All are welcome.

Mobile Post Office

Changes afoot as the village Post Office goes mobile. The van will be at
Beaconsfield Rd, Chelwood Gate on Thursdays, 11:35-12:05pm
Danehill Memorial Hall on Thursdays, 12:10-12:40pm



Blink and you may miss it, or be running to Danehill from CG!

Services: Postage
Everyday banking
Pay bills and top-up
Travel Money Card
Vehicle tax

The Arts Society, Ashdown Forest Lecture
Dazzling Dufy: An Invitation to a Luminous Feast with Raoul Dufy
Mary Alexander
10th Sept, 2pm at Crowborough Community Centre Visitors £8
Lift share, contact Lesley Boase 01825 740233 .

Paskeys: Double-edged Saviour

The end of passwords is in sight as passkeys become available. What are passkeys, and are they the solution to online security? Read on...

Passkeys are intended to replace passwords. How they work is really simple: your device creates a pair of secret numbers for each of your accounts. The account provider stores one, while the other remains a secret on your device. When you sign in, your device proves that it possesses that secret key through some complex mathematics but without revealing the key. Secure account access with nothing to remember!

At a stroke, this defeats most phishing attacks. There is no password for the attacker to steal, and the passkey is tied to the genuine website and cannot be misused by a convincing fake website. Other, more hidden threats are also reduced, such as attackers re-using old authentication data. As more websites adopt passkeys, there are fewer passwords to be stolen.

The transition to passkeys will be filled with fraudulent emails inviting you to create a passkey for your account ... Watch out! Fraudulent emails will attempt to give the fraudster their own passkey access into your account. To avoid this, go directly to the account website, not through a link in any email.

Passkeys put considerable reliance on the security of your device, whether phone or computer. If someone gains access to your device, they may be able to act as you even if they cannot extract the passkey itself.

Synchronising passkeys between your devices is a good idea, if only as insurance in case one device stops working. Whether Apple, Google or some other account, the synchronising account is really important and deserves robust account recovery information to protect you well.

A basic checklist to help you protect your new herd of passkeys: use a strong device PIN or password; keep operating systems updated; secure your email accounts and review recovery options to ensure they are up to date; and remove lost or obsolete device access promptly.

Enjoy the fading memory of all those wonderful passwords...

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