MID-LOES BENEFICE MAGAZINE Ashfield-cum-Thorpe, Charsfield with Debach, Cretingham, Dallinghoo, Earl Soham, Hoo, Letheringham, Monewden

June 2024



Benefice Service Sunday 2nd June 10am St. Peter's Church,

Cretingham

All Welcome

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June 2024

From The Rectory...

I am delighted to confirm that this year's Vicar's Tea Party will be taking place on Saturday 6th July, with this year's charities being the benefice churches, along with East Anglian Air Ambulance (EAAA). Whilst I have not had any personal experience with the team from EAAA, I am fully aware of the incredible service they provide to the rural areas of Norfolk and Suffolk.

A team from EAAA will be present at the Tea Party and will be available to discuss their work in detail, and will be running their own fund-raising activities, as well as providing plenty of give-aways to visitors to their stand.

I hope that we can build on the success of last year's Vicar's Tea Party, with this year's event seeing some new activities, including a Digger Challenge (yes, there will be a digger in the Rectory garden!), along with 'Rogues Gallery'... not to be missed!

I look forward to welcoming you again on the 6th July, and if you weren't able to attend last year, or are new to the area, you will be warmly welcomed by myself, along with the many volunteers from across the benefice.

Love and Blessings, Revd Gary



PRAYER FOR HEALING

A small group meets every month and if you would like prayer for yourself or someone close who is ill or in any kind of need please get in touch with any of the following:

Kathleen Martin - 01473 737 285

Pauline Cobley - 01473 737 317

Margaret Salter - 01473 737 182

Mary Vellacott - 01728 685423

BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION & LIGHT LUNCH

Thursday 13th June from 12 noon at Firs Farm, Monewden

A reflective Holy Communion service followed by a light lunch to which all are welcome.

Please let Revd Kathleen know if you are coming in order to help with planning.

b.a.martin@btconnect.com or 01473 737285

BENEFICE TAIZE SERVICE

Wednesday 19th June - 6.30pm

Priory Church of St. Mary, Letheringham

A service of music, prayer, and contemplation, to which all are welcome.

EARL SOHAM WI

A thriving, growing and friendly group. We hold interesting, informative and fun meetings. These are usually on the 4th Thursday of every month at 7.00pm at Brandeston Village Hall. New members from Earl Soham and the surrounding villages/ areas are most welcome.



Next meeting: **27th June - 7.00pm Garnett's Garden Centre** A visit with David Garnett

Find us at www.sefwi.org.uk or contact Eleri Whitham – 01728 628614

Rota for the Alter and Roll of Honour Flowers and Brasses - St Mary's				
June Mrs Rothery/Mrs Hinton				
July Mrs Edmundson				
Any problems ring Denise - 685234				

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER DOUBLE ISSUE

There will be a double issue for August and September, so please note the deadline for all copy is:

21st July

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FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA

	Altar Flowers	Cleaning
June	Heather Whiting	Vacant *
July	Pauline Cobley	Vacant *

* No cleaner for June/July – if anyone feels able to pop in and put a duster around it would be much appreciated. Thankyou.

COFFEE & CHAT

St. Peters Church, Cretingham

10.30 am - 12 noon

Friday 14th June 2024



OPEN TO EVERYONE from Cretingham and surrounding villages... just bring yourself for a cup of coffee/tea and biscuit... and the heating will be on!

We look forward to seeing you there.

ST. PETERS PATRONAL FESTIVAL

being held in St. Peters Church, Cretingham on Sunday 23rd June.

A Celebration Service starting at **11.30 am** with some of our favourite hymns. The church will be decorated by our wonderful



team of Flower Arrangers showing us the glorious colours of Summer.

After the service everyone is invited to bring their own picnic, chairs, drink and find a shady or sunny spot amongst friends.

We look forward to seeing everyone.

ANNUAL VILLAGE FETE

This year's Annual Village Fete will take place on Saturday 13th July on Oak Corner in the afternoon **3pm to 5 pm** with Tea Tent, stalls, fun activities and music from The Ipswich Community Woodwind Band. This is followed by a BBQ

at The Bell at 6pm with live music by Adam Thomas 7 pm till 10pm.

- BBQ tickets from Clare 07958 830101
- or email cretingham.villagecom@outlook.com



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SERVICES THIS MONTH IN ST. PETERS, CRETINGHAM

Sunday 2nd June - 10am Benefice Holy Communion Service with Choir and Refreshments afterwards.

Sunday 9th June - Morning Prayer - 10am

Sunday 16th June - Holy Communion - 10am

Sunday 23rd June - Patronal Festival - 11.30am

Warm welcome to everyone

MONEWDEN NOTES

CHURCH ROTAS

Date	Flowers/ Brasses	Church Cleaning	Sidesperson	Coffee
June 9	M. Gibson	F. Watts & C. Saxby	P. Keeble	W. Heath
June 16				
June 23	L. Grier	J. Vonberg	B. Martin	C. Saxby
June 23	A. Hamilton		D. Grier	L. Grier

JUNE CHURCH READERS

9th Margaret, Geraldine; 30th Paul, Jill

100 CLUB WINNERS

June; £25 I. Watts; £15 P. Grier; £10 P. Driver.

COFFEE MORNING

Our next **COFFEE MORNING** will be on Saturday, June 15th from 10 a.m. onwards. Coffee, tea, breakfast rolls and bacon rolls will be served. Come and join us, this monthly event is now very popular. The 100 Club draw prizes for June will be drawn at this event.

Advance Notice:

There will be a meeting of Monewden PCC on Tuesday, July 16th at 7.30 p.m. The meeting will be Northgates.

HYMNS AND PIMMS

Sunday 30th June - 4pm

An outdoor service with popular hymns chosen by the local community.

The service will be followed with Pimms and light refreshments.

For further information, please contact: David Grier 07747 014847 or Brian Martin



HOO HALL OPEN GARDEN - 9 JUNE 2024

A final reminder, before the actual day, that the garden at Hoo Hall will be open in aid of the church on Sunday 9 June, see the flyer elsewhere in this magazine for full details. At our APCM on 13 May, Mark, the Hall gardener and PCC member, confirmed he is hard at work, despite the vagaries of the weather this spring, and we all know from past experience that the garden will be looking at its very best on 9 June.

If you have visited the Open Garden in previous years and so know what to expect, and haven't already told friends and family about it, please do so, as we are always pleased to welcome new faces. As well as the garden, there will be a concert in the church in aid of the Hoo Church Building Trust and plenty of refreshments.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

This was held in the church on the afternoon of 13 May 2024, and was a time to reflect on the life and work of Hoo church during the 2023 calendar year. As far as official business is concerned, the outgoing PCC of Trevor Branton (Secretary), Gay Lister, Peter and Liz Bridle, Mark Saunders and me as Treasurer, were re-elected to serve for another year. We would welcome some new members of the PCC, particularly from within Hoo itself. We feel we are a thriving and active church, but new ideas are always welcome. It is clear from the comments in the visitors' book that there are an awful lot of people who find Hoo church special, both because of the "Akenfield" connection and its peaceful rural location. If you are interested in helping this lovely little country church to continue to thrive, why not think about joining us, any of the current PCC members will be happy to provide more details.

Finally, on behalf of the PCC, I would like to record our thanks to our Rector, the Rev. Gary Best, for his work and support of Hoo church, and the whole of the Mid Loes Benefice during 2023.

Francis Whitbread

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HOO HALL Open Garden and Concert Sunday 9 June, 2pm - 5.30pm



Hoo Hall, Church Lane, Hoo, IP13 7QT Admission - £5 *In aid of Hoo Church* Teas, coffee and cakes available, and raffle

In addition, there will be a short **Concert in Hoo Church at 3pm** with a string quartet featuring music by Haydn and Mendelssohn *There will be a retiring collection in aid of Hoo Church Building Trust.*

BENEFICE SERVICE IN MAY

The Benefice Communion Service held at St. Peter's Charsfield on 5th May was well attended with 47 people present. The service was led by Rev Gary and the Ministry Team. Our singing was led by the Benefice Choir with Roger playing the organ and it was lovely to see the choir stalls full.

We also gave thanks for the completion of the new flagpole project with the flag and flagpole now making the church visible throughout most of the village.

A NOTE FROM ST PETER'S PCC

Thank you to everyone who supported our Coffee Morning at Hill Farm on Friday 17 May.

In just two hours, we raised £525.00 on what turned out to be a beautiful day. It was a most enjoyable occasion, sitting outside with delicious tea, coffee, cake/s and superb bargains of every description. It's been a very tough year for many in the village and it was a real joy to see people able to sit and relax even for a short while.

Thank you to all the stall holders, those who came and spent their money and to those who so generously gave donations.





CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Oliver and Zoe who were married at St. Peter's Church, Charsfield, on Saturday 4th May. We wish Zoe and Oliver a very happy and blessed marriage together.

There's a warm welcome waiting in Charsfield Village Hall Bar Plus Table Tennis! Dominos, Shove Halfpenny & other games CONTACTLESS PAYMENT BAR WILL BE OPEN 7th and 21st June, 5th and 19th July 7pm to 10pm







NEWS FROM CHARSFIELD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

What a busy Spring Term we had! Here are just a few of the highlights from our wonderful school and the experiences that our pupils have had.

Pupils in reception and KS1 have been learning all about The Great Fire of London in their history lessons. As part of this we were very lucky to receive a visit from Framlingham fire service. The children painted and decorated cardboard boxes and stuck them together to look like the houses and bakery on Pudding Lane where the fire began. The firemen set these on fire for us to demonstrate how and why the

fire spread so quickly. The children had lots of fun watching the fire spread from house to house and particularly enjoyed using the fire hose to put it out.

Children in key stage 2 have been working on a project run by the English National Opera which tasked us with the challenge to finish their compositions 'Blue, Red, Yellow' with a colour of our choice. After some discussion, we decided on lime green. We began by creating a word bank. We came up with lots of ideas which we later referred to when writing our libretto. In groups we began to explore

and experiment with small musical sounds that we felt represented our colour world. We then learnt how to record these sounds using small lines and scribbles called a graphic score. In order to create the desired effect, we had to consider several musical elements such as dynamics (volume), the tempo (speed), the timbre (character) and the pitch. We then rehearsed and recorded our compositions. The children thoroughly enjoyed this project and were proud of their achievements.

We are very fortunate to have a Forest School area on site and pupils across the school get to take part in a series of forest school sessions in the Spring and Summer terms. Last term KS1 had a lot of fun, exploring and discovering many things about themselves and the world around them. They created nests for the 'eggs' they had made and played at being protective parent birds defending the nests from the staff. Other highlights include whittling magic wands and making potions from sweet smelling herbs and cooking marshmallows over the fire. One group devised an

ingenious rope system to help them climb trees. After half term, KS 2 pupils will take part in their forest school sessions.

Last term was a very busy term for sporting events, with us attending some new events. We started the term by taking a group of children to Debenham High School for Boccia. We were able to take 2 teams, who all played really well, with some children showing fantastic skills at this sport. After that, we took 3 teams to Hartismere for Orienteering. This event really tested their teamwork and directional skills. It was another good event and all the children had a fantastic time. Our next event was at Framlingham College for Netball. This year had the largest number of schools attending, and our team were up against some tall opponents, however, they played well and found ways to gain possession of the ball. This was an enjoyable event. Up next was Hockey at Harleston Magpies, this was our first time attending and again it was a very popular event. We took 2 teams and played 5 games each, with the teams improving with each game we saw some very good potential for future hockey stars. Although this was non-stop and very tiring by the end the children and adults were very pleased with their performance. Our final event of the term was the Swimming Gala at Framlingham College. The children were again, up against some excellent swimmers, but did us proud with their effort and attitude.

Over all the events attended we have taken all our Year 6, 5 and 4 children at least once, with a few Year 3 children coming too. All of whom volunteered to attend and have shown and gained invaluable skills in the process – we're so proud of them.

This is just a small fraction of what we do! If you are looking for schooling in the area and would like to find out more or arrange a visit, please contact the office office@ charsfieldprimary.org.uk or call 01473737347. Website: www.charsfieldprimary.org. uk We are also on Facebook and Instagram. We are a friendly, nurturing school that "feels like a family in its own right" (Ofsted 2023).

Mrs Reeve, Head of School

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CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES

Date	Readers	Sides person
June 2 nd 10am Benefice Holy Communion at Cretingham	Benefice Holy Communion at Cretingham All Welcome	
June 9 th	No Service at Charsfield Please check the Magazine for details of Services elsewhere in the Benefice	
June 16 th 6.30pm Evening Prayer	Pauline Mike Mike	
June 23 rd 10am Holy Communion	Lesley Linda	Linda
June 30 th 10am Morning Prayer	Roger Margaret	Margaret

CHURCH ROTAS



The Horse In The Furrow

SHAKE Presents

by George Ewart Evans a reading directed by Jenny Hall

Alex Jennings

Charlie Haylock Barbara Ashfield Malachy King Xander Ridge Noah Bayman



Sax Arts Fest, 8th June, 12pm

Word Space, St John's Church



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Charledo Lancatan Ground Committee

THE ART

Songs for Summer

6.30 pm Sunday 9 June 2024 St Peter's Church, Charsfield

Free Admission • Refreshments will be served Retiring collection for church funds



Charsfield Flower Show 2024

Here is a list of the subjects for the Flower Show Photo classes for this year. We hope that you find something that inspires you to take that perfect prize winning picture!

Classes

- 72. Into the Wild
- 73. Bridge(s)
- 74. A dessert
- 75. A Charsfield scene.
- 76. Coast
- 77. Pet(s)
- 78. A Favourite plant in your garden
- 79. Your choice of coloured photo
- 80. Insect(s)
- 81. A black and white photograph

Also

71. Novice Class - Photo can be of any subject. (Entry to this class is restricted to a competitor who has not won a first place in any photography class at Charsfield Flower Show in the last 3 years.)

Unless otherwise stated photos should be in colour and a maximum size of $7^{\prime\prime}x 5^{\prime\prime}$.

As well as photography the different areas covered by the Flower Show are flowers both growing in pots and cut flowers, floral art, home grown vegetables, cake, biscuits, and bread making, eggs, preserves and crafts as well as a section for children's crafts, baking and handwriting.

Charsfield Flower Show has been very grateful to sponsors for the 92 different classes over the years and if anyone feels that they would like to sponsor a class or classes (£3 a class) to support this village community event please contact:

> Maureen Arbon (01473 737 346), email- thearbons@btinternet.com

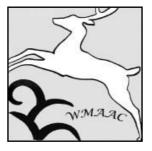


Cream Teas at Charsfield Church

3-5pm

Third Sundays: June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15

Proceeds to Church Funds



LOCAL HISTORY - A PLEA!

Philip Tallent (philiptallent@btinternet.com) of the Wickham Market Archive Centre would be very grateful if someone (or a group) would:

- Photograph all the properties in their parish;
- Photograph all properties with their owners/occupiers standing outside;
- Convert the pdf version of the DVPN (the green local history record book which already exists) to Word;
- Update the DVPN Word version with 2024 information;
- Add the above photos;
- Research and add to the information in the DVPN, with historic information from Censuses (1841 to 1921), 1939 Register, Directories, etc.
- Obtain grants, to get the green book reprinted, and maybe given away to the village?

And he would like similar information for all the other parishes too!

If anyone is interested in doing all he hopes or even just a very small part of it - please get in touch with Philip.

Philip Tallent, Chairman WMAAC

Telephone: 01728 746058

Email: philiptallent@btinternet.com

Website: http://www.wmarchives.co.uk

CHURCH SERVICES

	June 2nd	June 9th	June 16th	June 19th	June 23rd	June 30th
Church	1st after Trinity Green	2nd after Trinity Green	3rd after Trinity Green	WEDNESDAY	4th after Trinity Green	5th after Trinity Green
Ashfield		6.30pm Evening Prayer WG	8.30am Holy Communion KM		X	x
Charsfield		х	6.30pm Evening Prayer GB		10am Holy Communion GB	10am Holy Communion KM
Cretingham	10am Benefice HC GB	10am Morning Prayer KM	10am Holy Communion WG		11.30am Patronal Festival GB	х
Dallinghoo		Х	10am All-Age Worship KM		Х	10am Holy Communion GB
Earl Soham		10am All-Age Worship APW	10am Holy Communion GB		10am Morning Prayer WG	x
Ноо		8.30am Holy Communion GB	х		8.30am Morning Prayer KM	
Letheringham		х	х	6.30pm Taize Service WG	х	х
Monewden		10am Holy Communion GB	Х		10am All-Age Worship KM	4pm Hymns and Pimms GB

Key to Service Leader:

- **GB** = Revd Gary Best; **KM** = Revd Kathleen Martin;
- WG = Revd Wendy Gourlay; APW = Amber Pearce Williams, Lay Elder;
- **MV** = Mary Vellacott, Lay Elder; **CW** = Churchwarden;
- **VB** = Veda Berriman, Reader.

READINGS

Date	Readings	Psalm
June 2nd	2 Corinthians 4:5-12	120.1 E 12 19
Benefice Service	Mark 2:23- 3:6	139:1-5,12-18
June 9th	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	120
June 9th	Mark 3:20- end	138
lune 16th	2 Corinthians 5:6-17	20
June 16th	Mark 4:26-34	20
lune 22rd	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	100
June 23rd	Mark 4:35-end	133
lune 20th	2 Corinthians 8:7-end	120
June 30th	Mark 5:21-end	130



...well you cannot the fault the efficacy of the new 'Planned Giving' scheme

St Elizabeth Hospice are looking to recruit a team of warm, caring and empathetic Community Volunteers to provide support to people living in their own homes.

The support provided may include tasks such as collecting and delivering shopping, collecting medication, making a snack or drink, lighthouse work and gardening or visiting to provide carer/loved one respite, reassurance or a cup of tea and a chat.

We have many patients requesting support in their own homes, across various locations in Suffolk but in particular – Saxmundham, Ipswich, Woodbridge, Eye, Felixstowe and Stowmarket areas. Visits can sometimes be up to 4 hours, but usually would be much less.

If you have any questions regarding the role please contact the Volunteer Team on 01473 707939 or email volunteer@stelizabethhospice.org.uk

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WELCOME!

We welcome the Wright Family who have just moved into 3, East View, Dallinghoo (the one furthest from the road, with the solar panels). We hope David & Billie and their children Annie, Lorien & Wilf will be very happy here. Please forgive me if the spellings are not absolutely correct.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE - SEE CENTRAL LIST

COFFEE MORNINGS

8 June 10.30am to midday

Come and join us at the church for a coffee and chat. A great opportunity to meet friends old and new.

PLANT AND CAKE SALE

Thanks to everyone who supported this event in April. It was great to see so many people and we raised over £900 for the Church Repair Fund.

Plants	Cakes & Teas	Donation	
546	267	94	907

ST MARY'S DALLINGHOO - DEATH-WATCH BEETLE

During the course of our recent repair programme, it became clear that, while all the major timbers are still structurally sound, St Mary's has a death-watch beetle problem. These go deep into the timber where insecticides cannot reach them. It is anyway better not to use insecticides which kill all they reach, not just the target species. Robin Tye, who coordinated the programme, learnt that these beetles prefer slightly damp timber so we resolved to get the church as dry as possible. To this end, we made a window on the south side openable (but bird proof) so that air would flow through and help dry the building.

Woodwork dampness readings show a modest but continued trend for the woodwork to dry and have been:

2020	2021	2023	2024
15.3%	> 15.2%	> 13.8%	> 13.5%
where low is less			
Masonry reading	s are pretty m	uch unchanged.	

DALLINGHOO NOTES

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Alice and Peter Barton who were married at Dallinghoo on Saturday 18th May. It was a wonderful occasion, and we wish Alice and Peter a long, and happy marriage together.





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FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Wednesday 19th June 6.30pm - Taize style worship

THE PRIORY CHURCH, ST. MARY'S LETHERINGHAM

All are welcome to experience a reflective service in the style of Taize Worship, with scripture, prayer, silence, singing, Taize chants. The chants, words from scripture and psalms, are short simple tunes repeated over and over. In all the service will last about fifty minutes.

The name Taize comes from a tiny French village, hidden away in the hills of Burgundy. It was here, in 1940 that Brother Roger, aged 25, formed an ecumenical community whose prayer, three times each day, was the centre to their life.

Today, Taize is a place to which visitors of all ages and backgrounds go on pilgrimage, to participate in international meetings of prayer and reflection.

Revd Wendy Gourlay

Sunday 21st July Back by popular demand

'TEDDY BEARS ARE GO'

Sunday 21st July at St.Mary's Letheringham 1.00-3.30pm

This was a such a popular event for local families last year, that we have decided to hold it again! Children of all ages (3-99!) are invited to see their Teddy bears parachute from the top of the Church tower. The bear that receives the greatest distance will receive a prize.

There will be a BBQ, Cream teas, Pimms tent and bar.

We look forward to seeing you and your Teddy!

Benefice Taize Service

Wednesday 19th June - 6.30pm

Priory Church of St. Mary, Letheringham

A service of music, prayer, and contemplation, to which all are welcome. Sunday 21st July 1pm - 3:30pm ST MARY'S CHURCH LETHERINGHAM IP137RA

TEDDY BEARS

ARE GO!



SEE YOUR TEDDY PARACHUTE FROM THE CHURCH TOWER!

BBQ Cream Teas

Pimms Tent and Bar

ASHFIELD NOTES

MAGAZINE DONATIONS, THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who has made a donation towards the cost of producing the Magazine. We really do appreciate these donations.

If you have not already made a donation and would still like to please deliver cash or cheques [payable to 'Ashfield PCC'] to either Jane at Ashfield Hall or Robert at Corner View. Alternatively online payments can be made using the details published in the last edition. *RG*



ROGATION SERVICE

It was good to see some new faces at the open air Rogation Service held at St Mary's on a gloriously sunny day in May.

Thank you also to those who joined us for tea and cake in the Village Hall afterwards.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

By the time that you are reading this the Annual Meetings of both the Parish Council and Ashfield Church will have taken place. Issues of significance will be broadcast on the village email as appropriate.

I should however like to take this opportunity to publicly thank everyone who serves on committees or does voluntary acts in the village and beyond these are appreciated by all.

Thank you!

Robert Grimsey



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Akenfield

a new play, based on the book by Ronald Blythe

explore your own version of village history

story-telling, singing, acting or ... just watching !



Saturdays June 22 & 29, 10am-2:30

Charsfield Village Hall ALL WELCOME

(also at Pettistree, Dallinghoo and other villages)

Please email to find out more at info@shakefestival.com

Creative Team: Jenny Hall, Tallulah Brown, Finn Collinson



Food Donations across the Benefice

The benefice churches are delighted to be supporting FIND (Families in Need) a local charity based in Ipswich supporting people across the local villages and towns.

For over 30 years, Families in Need (FIND) Ipswich, has offered a lifeline to people in Ipswich and the surrounding areas who are experiencing poverty and despair.

FIND provides free food parcels and personal care items to help people get through a crisis, as well as furniture, bedding and other household items where the person or family has none.

An army of over 80 volunteers regularly give their time freely to check and sort the donated food, collect items from local stores, make up the food parcels and deliver them.

It's a six-day a week operation.

The demand for food parcels has risen year on year and FIND now distributes an average of 120-150 parcels every week and even more at Christmas - more than 7,000 every year.

Going Forward

Each church within the benefice has now become a donation point where there are boxes in the church porches in which donations can be left. The donations will then be collected on a regular basis and taken to the offices of FIND. Currently, the food requirements are as follows:

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