



InSpire



SUMMER



The summer days are come again;
Once more the glad earth yields
Her golden wealth of ripening grain,
And breath of clover fields,
And deepening shade of summer woods,
And glow of summer air,
And winging thoughts and happy moods
Of love and joy and prayer.

Samuel Longfellow

Mannofield Church

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CHURCH CALENDAR

JUNE

Sun 1	9.30 am 11 am 6.30 pm	Sacrament of Communion at all Services
Sun 8	9.30 am 11 am 6.30 pm	Cradle Roll Service Morning Worship Evening Worship with Praise Band
Tues 10	7.30 pm	Kirk Session
Sun 15	9.30 am 11 am 6.30 pm	Admission of Members Morning Worship Evening Worship
Sun 22	9.30 am 11 am 6.30 pm	Children's Promotion Service Morning Worship Final Evening Service before summer break
Mon 23	7.30 pm	Congregational Board
Sun 29	10 am 3.15 pm	Morning Worship Craigielea Communion

During the summer, Services will continue every Sunday morning at 10 am only

Biscuits for Basra

30+ boxes of biscuits and counting!!!

We have 2 **new** addresses –one in Iraq and one in Afghanistan.

The boxes are very varied because of the choices you have made.

Thank you so much for all the support.

Rhoda Wright



Flower Calendar

JUNE

- 1 Mrs M Allan
- 8 Mrs L Reid
- 15 Mr & Mrs J Greig
- 22 Mr G & Mr M Falconer
- 29 Miss N Shearer



JULY

- 6 Mrs J Hutchison
- 13 Miss E Torrance
- 20 Flower Fund
- 27 Mrs C Bridgeford

AUGUST

- 3 Mrs A Hall
- 10 Mrs I Philip
- 17 Mrs Cook
- 24 Mrs E Robertson
- 31 Mrs E Howlett

There will be no Vestry until the end of August.
Please contact the Minister at the Manse.

Dear Friends

For sports fans like me this is one of those summers that is an absolute dream. In addition to the usual fare of tennis from Wimbledon and the Open Golf, we have European Championship Football, and then at the tail end of summer the Olympic Games from Beijing. A feast of top class television entertainment (We hope!!)

To represent one's country is said to be one of the greatest honours there is in sport. For me I think it must be especially exhilarating to represent your country at a 'Campaign' event like Football Championships and Olympic Games which potentially go on for a number of weeks and create the opportunity to be part of such a fun and intense competition.

We have our own exciting 'Campaign' event to look forward to later in the summer. It doesn't promise a Trophy or Medal at the end of it, but hopefully it will offer the opportunity for fun and pave the way for a regeneration of church life in Mannofield.

Elsewhere in this magazine you will read in greater detail about the Stewardship Campaign but for now I would just like to encourage each one of you to support and enjoy the event. This is your chance to affirm that being a member of Mannofield Church means something to you and that our church's future strength is something you take seriously.

In August you will receive the first of two visit from a Visitor who will deliver a brochure which sets out the Vision we have for Mannofield and the areas and activities of congregational life we seek to offer.

In September the same Visitor will return and collect a form contained in the brochure which provides an opportunity for you to respond to all you have read and heard.

It is my passionate hope that you will not leave these Visitors standing on the doorstep, but that you will spare a little time to talk to them and be part of this campaign.

Before the campaign gets underway of course, we have the opportunity to say a big thank you to Rev George Goldie for his work in Mannofield during his time as Assistant Minister. On Sunday 29th June we will pay a tribute to George at the end of the service and this will be followed by a sandwich lunch in the Hall. This Sunday will also mark the beginning of our new service time of 10am. It will also be my pleasure to welcome back John and Elizabeth Anderson who will add to the fitting tribute we pay to George.

Without a doubt George Goldie has been a 'champion' of the church here in Scotland, and we can safely say that Mannofield has been most fortunate and privileged to have had the benefit of his ministry in these last 11 years. We look forward to saying more on 29th June.

It will prove an exciting summer in Mannofield Church and I hope you, like me, feel a sense of excitement as we look forward to these events.

Best Wishes

Keith

During the 10.00 am Service on Sunday 29 June we will have the chance to say thank you to George for the care he has given while serving the congregation as Assistant Minister. George leaves his position at the end of July.

A presentation will be made to him after the Service.

Those who would like to contribute to the presentation can make a donation by putting an amount in an envelope (marked 'George') and leaving it in the offering plate, or by handing it in to the Office.

After the Service, to mark George's retirement, there will be a time of fellowship in the hall with tea and coffee, sandwiches and cakes — no soup as previously stated!

To assist with catering, please let us know if you intend to be there. You can do this by putting your name on the sheets which will be available at the church doors on Sunday 1st, 8th and 15th June. Alternatively, please contact Jane Harper, Tel: 315144.

A Good Marriage



A good marriage must be created
In marriage the little things are the big things
It is never too old to hold hands
It is remembering to say "I love you" at least once a day
It is never going to sleep angry
It is having a mutual sense of values and common objectives
It is standing together to face the world
It is forming a circle of love that gathers in the whole family
It is speaking words of appreciation and demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways

It is having the capacity to forgive and forget

It is giving each other the atmosphere in which each can grow

It is not only marrying the right person, it is being the right partner.

Dear Friends,

This will be our last e-mail from Green Pastures as we pack up and leave in 8 days. It's been a busy round of dhaal bhat (rice and lentil) meals with our Nepalese friends and colleagues and this continues right up until the point at which we leave. At school the children have been making memory books and have even made a film about their school.



At Green Pastures my handover has gone well. I'm trying to play less and less of a role. That's easy to do when it comes to the administration side of my work, but harder on the ward round where I still quite like to contribute. As you know we've been quite discouraged at the long term outcomes for our spinal cord injury patients but this week we were greatly encouraged by 2 young girls who were determined to get back on their feet once again. One girl had a complete injury at a level that left her with no voluntary muscle movement in her legs. Amazingly with the help of a brace and great upper body strength, she has developed a way of walking using her trunk to swing her legs forward. The girl in the next bed, who had a much less severe injury, had no choice but to follow her example and she too got up and started to walk. The healthy competition that has developed between the two of them has been really helpful and a great example to the other patients of just what it is possible to do.

Finally we want to say thank you to those of you who have faithfully supported and prayed for us for close to 5 years now. It has been a privilege to be able to fulfill our calling by serving in Nepal and we are mindful that we could not have done this without your support.

We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible on deputation during the coming 11 weeks.

Please note our new address and contact details:

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Tel 01381 620372

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Iain & Fiona

Perhaps enough time has now elapsed since the publication of the Church Hymnary: Fourth Edition to allow some assessment of how well it has achieved the aims of its creators. Perhaps not surprisingly some of the initial comments were about its size (it cannot fit easily into a handbag or coat pocket), the thinness of the paper and the rather striking purple colour. Not all of these were entirely favourable. Needless to say, many will have been disappointed that a particular favourite hymn from older editions has been omitted and others may feel that some additions are less worthy of inclusion.



The compilation of a new edition is no small task – indeed the first Church of Scotland Hymnary was published in 1898, followed by the Revised Church Hymnary (RCH) and it is over thirty years since the third edition (CH3) appeared. The committee of ministers tasked with producing CH4 was convened by John Bell in 1994 and in 2005 the result of their labours was published. John Bell states in his introduction that the aim was ‘to combine the best of the new Hymnary with the cherished and rich tradition that had nourished and sustained previous generations, and so sound forth the eternal gospel in a world constantly changing in customs and culture’.

CH3 differed from its predecessors in having the Psalms distributed throughout according to the different sections of that Hymnary. In a deliberate echo of RCH, CH4 opens with a collection of psalms arranged in the order of their original Psalm numbers (1-108). Many of these come from the Scottish Psalter and appear without the doxologies added in CH3. (These doxologies are included as 109, but their separation from the texts of the psalms presumably means they will be relatively seldom used). The section also includes psalms from other musical traditions, as well as prose psalms for responsive reading - still not common in the Church of Scotland.

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To attend the General Assembly a Minister has to get up and leave his Manse at 4:00 am. He has already packed His case and is getting dressed in the Dark to avoid disturbing his wife.

His main concern is his socks, which are clean, But not in pairs. He has sixteen black Socks and eighteen white socks.

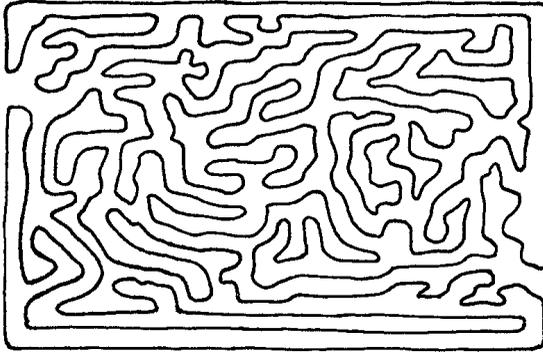
How many socks does he need to be Certain of having a matching pair?



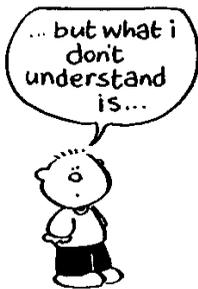
Lot is pleased that Abram has rescued him. The Pictures may look the same, but can you find ten differences between them?



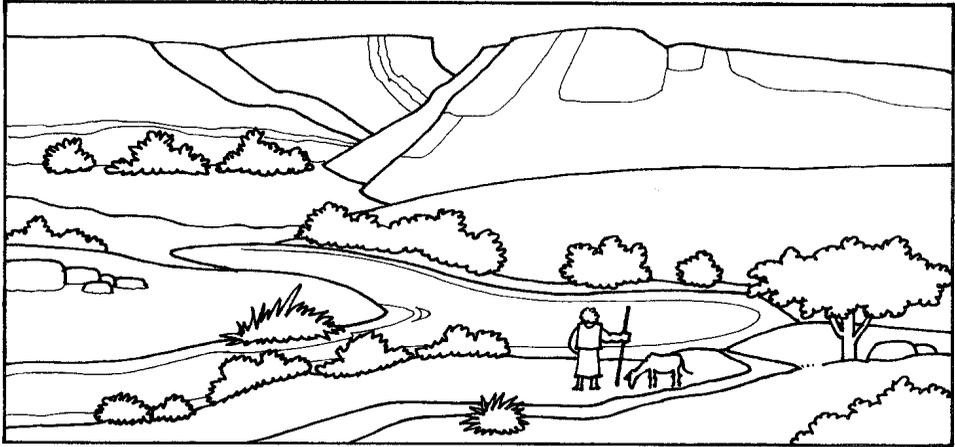
Help Abram rescue the prisoners.



the mouths of babes



Read this story in Genesis 13



Bring the Jordan Valley to life by colouring it.

Wordsearch

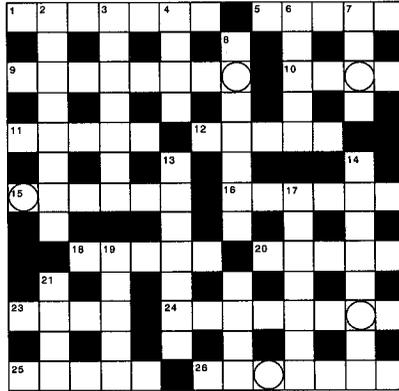
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- CANAAN
- LOT
- ABRAM
- BETHEL
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- CANAANITES
- PERIZZITES
- JORDAN
- ZOAR

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STORY CROSSWORD

Read this exciting spy story and try to find the missing words (replaced by a reference in brackets), then enter them in the grid.

Finally, place the circled letters in the right order to give you the name of the character.



Many who knew this young woman denounced her as an undesirable person. Men, especially, were (6D) (3D) in her home, where talk was mostly about the threatened invasion of their land by the Israelites. It was feared the old city of Jericho, in which she lived, (5A) shortly be attacked.

Joshua, a man appointed to (7D) the Hebrew people in battle, sent two (18A) to 'look over the land, especially Jericho.' On their arrival in the city, they lodged with the woman of ill-repute. And as she talked (16A) with them, she made known her faith in the one true God. She chose to (14D) herself from those in her own (19D) society; a (24A) act in their eyes.

When the (23A) heard (10A) the two visitors were spies, he sent officers to the woman's house, with an order to arrest the men. But she had (13D) decided that loyalty to her new-found God came first. Before the (2D) arrived, she hid the spies under stalks of flax on the roof of her house. And when questioned as to their whereabouts, she was able to (1A) herself, and found (25A) to the officers most convenient.

'Yes, the men came to me,' she said, 'but I did not know where they had come from. At dusk, when it was time to close the (21D) gate, the men left.' The

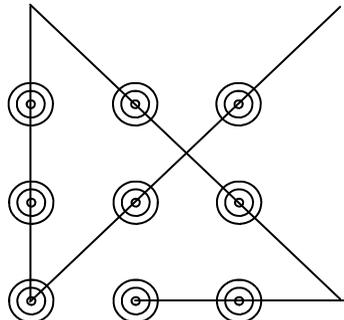
pursuers believed her story, for she (11A) her part well. She knew, beyond doubt, that such treachery, if discovered, would mean death to the (9A). Yet this (17D) in her life was to be (22D) by God.

Before nightfall, she drew the spies to one (4D) and told of her fears during the coming attack on Jericho. But the men assured her she would be treated kindly 'when the Lord (20A) us the land.'

She later lowered them by a rope through the window and they escaped over the city wall. But not before they had promised that if a (8D) cord was hung in her window, she and her family living in the house would be saved when Jericho fell.

After the Israelites had crossed the river Jordan, they were soon outside the city. And as they marched around the wall, at first silently, then to the sound of trumpets and shouting, the wall collapsed and Jericho was invaded. The only survivors (12A) the city's inhabitants, following the (15A) attack, were the woman and her family. Having (26A) to the conditions set down by the two spies, they were rescued and taken to a place of safety. This young woman, through a change of heart, had become a new person who later figured in God's plan of salvation for mankind.

May's solution:





Prayer for June *be inspired*

Creator God, Life is Your gift to us; Life in all fullness.

We look forward to a summer of fine weather, good experiences, holidays, trips, rest and play.

At the same time the rest of life goes on – work, commitments, family responsibility and church life continue. As we seek Your presence living God, be with us in the restful times and in our work we pray through Jesus Christ.

You invite us to share the gift of our lives in service to others. Be with us as we choose each day to show Your presence in our world. Give us the generosity to respond to Your love, to Your call. Open our minds and hearts, that we accept Your challenge to build the Kingdom in our parish, our community and our world.

For if not us, who?

If not here, where?

If not now, when?

If not for Your Kingdom, why?

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, praying that the work of the Stewardship Planning Group continues to successfully prepare for the events and campaign to take place at the beginning of September and that we will find time to be part of the special services of worship, starting in August.

Amen



Stewardship Campaign August/September 2008

**Special Events
2-7 September**

**Fashion Show,
Afternoon Tea and Entertainment,
Social Evening, Treasure Hunt**

FUN * FELLOWSHIP * FAITH

**THEMED
WORSHIP SERVICES**

**What is Christian
Stewardship?**

Sunday 17 August

Stewardship of our Time

Sunday 24 August

Stewardship of our Talent

Sunday 31 August

Stewardship of Money

Sunday 7 September

As part of the *be inspired* Stewardship Campaign a special event is taking place at the Tree Tops Hotel on Thursday 4 September.



A raffle will take place on the evening. The proceeds being used to defray the costs associated with the expense incurred in organising the events taking place in the week of friendship and celebration.

We are not necessarily looking for individuals to donate prizes but hope instead to persuade local businesses to support us, with the spin off being the company name is advertised on the night.

If you run a business, or work as part of a local business, then perhaps you could look into whether your company would be able to offer a prize. If this is possible then please speak to the Minister, or pass on the prize to Gill in the office.

CH4 includes psalms in an earlier style which favours their use in their original fluent poetic form. A few examples follow.



The inclusion of psalms in plainsong (12) and simple chant (3) will give congregations the opportunity to experiment with forms of singing which have not been much used in Scottish church services in the recent past. It remains to be seen whether this will 'catch on' widely and it is perhaps more likely that a few enthusiasts and enthusiastic congregations will try them out. Perhaps the practice will spread if it is found to be successful. The use of a cantor (8) means the congregation has the easy refrain/response/antiphon leaving the 'difficult bit' to a solo voice. Text may be spoken over music with a simple antiphon (23) – the antiphons may not be words taken from the psalm itself but must at least reflect the sense. Text can also be spoken by the congregation (49) but at points all break into a simple acclamation. Anglican chant (58) which is a development of plainchant also appears. A simple version of the Anglican chant principle but using a Scottish folk source is found at (24).

The section of psalms also serves to explore our heritage of church music and recover earlier practices. This includes bringing back earliest tunes into repertoire (18,79); recovering the practice of melody in the tenor (79,34) and psalms in reports (59ii) Contemporary styles include the use of jazz as suiting the meaning of words (7) and in (97) crossing over between traditional and folk/popular styles. Some psalms relate to Scottish culture. Athchuinge (54) is used at the Mod and affirms contemporary Gaelic culture. Scottish folk melodies include (88)

Psalms have given a characteristic flavour to the services of the Church of Scotland for centuries and are a long standing aspect of our religious culture and customs. It is clear from even a brief consideration of their history, form and usage that they can provide a different dimension to choral worship and that their inclusion as a complete section at the beginning of CH4 is to be welcomed. The presence of 'old favourites' which will be familiar even to those who are not regular worshippers and the inclusion of old forms which will withstand revitalisation in the modern world should encourage those who wish to continue our traditional heritage.

Alastair Chambers

A further article about CH4 will appear in the September issue of *InSpire* EDITOR

Senior version Jesus Loves Me

Here is a new version just for us who
have white hair or no hair at all.
For all over middle age or even those
almost there

Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still He bids me trust in Him.
(CHORUS)

JESUS LOVES ME..
YES, JESUS LOVES ME
YES, JESUS LOVES ME
FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,
With my hand in His I'll go
On through life, let come what may,
He'll be there to lead the way.
(CHORUS)

When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song.
Telling me in words so clear,
'Have no fear, for I am near.'
(CHORUS)

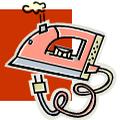
When my work on earth is done,
And life's victories have been won.
He will take me home above,
Then I'll understand His love
(CHORUS)

I love Jesus, does He know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say,
That I love Him every day.

CHURCH FLOWERS

Among the unsung heroines
Who grace this world of ours
Are those who give and who arrange
Their church's lovely flowers.
I wonder if they realise
The pleasure that they bring
To people who will gather there
To worship and to sing,
Or the warm friendship that they send
When given to those who can't attend

Pressing Engagement



Kathleen was in a quandary
Not knowing what to do
She had a massive pile of ironing
But the Church was beckoning too

She thought she'd take it with her
Killing two birds with one stone
And plug in the iron at the back of the
Kirk
Where she'd certainly not be alone

She could still join in the singing
And bow her head in prayer
Had she not finished by half past ten
She'd carry on until eleven, if she
dare!

On second thoughts she went to
worship
Getting her priorities right
Praying God would sort out the
ironing
And she'd finish it all that night

Cathie Young

NOTES & NEWS

Coffee Morning

VSA Ardeir House
Oakdale Terrace
Mannofield

Friday 20 June
10am-12noon

Come and enjoy a cup of coffee
and home baking

Stalls with books, homemade cakes
and toffee

Try your luck with the Tombola



**CHRISTIAN
AID WEEK**



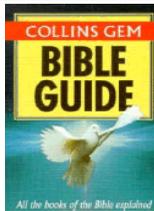
The grand total raised in Christian Aid Week was £4784.60 of which £869 was from the Balmoral sponsored run.

Thank you to all Collectors, Counters, Sponsors, Runners and to the Young Church which raised £59.03 and counting!

This sum will be used to help alleviate suffering during disasters like the Burma cyclone or Chinese earthquake and also to alleviate poverty in the developing world through partner organisations in water and food programmes.

Bill Manson

BOOK REVIEW



As our Bible Study groups come to the end of their exploration of the Creed and the Church hosted an Alpha Taster Evening in April, my book choice this month focuses on the Bible. It is "Collins Gem Bible Guide", by Raymond Brown, published by Harper Collins in 1993. Its subtitle is "all the books of the Bible explained".

We are familiar with some of the Bible, particularly the New Testament, but what do you know about Joel, Obadiah, Nahum or Zephaniah? Possibly, like me, not a lot! As the subtitle tells us, the contents of each book are set out as well as being placed in their historical context and the events referenced to the rest of the Bible.

There are 3 short opening chapters which cover the story, the structure and the study of the Bible. I found it a fascinating volume. It should probably be on all our bookshelves!

Edna Cromarty

Letter to the Editor



I was deeply saddened by the tributes paid to John Ledingham and Donald Laing in the May copy of Inspire.

The briefly worded statements, especially that for Donald and their position on the back page of the magazine were a poor reflection of the appreciation of the congregation for a lifetime of dedicated and faithful service from two very special gentlemen.

Anne Farquhar

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Baptisms

11 May Catrin Sian Jones

Deaths *"I go to prepare a place for you.....that where I am you may be also"*

23 April Mr Grant McHardy (D5)

15 May Miss Nan Kemp (D24)

Disjunctions

Mrs Susan Morse (D1B)

Mr J & Mrs I Elder (D11)

CHURCH NOTICE BOARDS

The Young People and Families Committee and the Communications Committee have been working together towards erecting notice boards on the outside of the church so that the wider Mannofield community will be more aware of the variety of things going on within the Church.

As a community church, it is also important that events in the area are brought to the attention of people passing the church, such as the Notes of Community Council meetings and so on. In anticipation of approval being obtained from the Congregational Board or the Kirk session an application was made to our local Community Council, the Braeside & Mannofield Community Council to defray the cost of the notice boards

We are very pleased to say that it has very kindly donated £200 towards the new notice boards. We are very grateful to them and their Chairman, Mr Bill McGee, for considering our request and awarding this donation.

See you at the river

A minister was completing a temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said:

"If I had all the beer in the world I'd take it and pour it into the river"

With even greater emphasis he said:

" And if I had all the wine in the world I'd take it and pour it into the river."

And then finally shaking his fist in the air he said:

"And if I'd all the whisky in the world I'd take it and pour it into the river."

Sermon completed, he sat down.

The choirmaster stood very cautiously and announced with a smile nearly laughing:

"For our closing hymn, let us sing Hymn 365 *Shall we gather at the river.*"

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Quiz Night



The Young People & Families committee would like to say a massive THANK YOU to everyone who joined in our quiz night on 23rd May and helped make it a success. Over 80 people were there, making up 13 teams of a wide age range. Positions on the scoreboard changed throughout the night, and it was looking hopeful for the Kirk Session team going into the final Aberdeen Picture round. But it was the Boys Brigade's IHAC team who emerged triumphant, snatching victory at the last gasp with cunning play of their joker for double points. The Toppers of the Hill Walking club came a close second, and special mention must go to the Sailors team, who ended the evening proudly and very sportingly clutching their wooden spoons!

The total raised was a whopping £266.65, which exceeded all our expectations. This will help hugely in funding our Family Fun Day on Saturday 6th September, and should cover the cost of a bouncy castle, the magician and a large banner. So once again thank you to everyone who supported us and made it such a good night – we'll see you at the next one!

For anyone who has been left wondering, IHAC stands for I Haven't A Clue – clearly not the case at all!

Fisherman's Prayer

God grant that I may live to fish
Until my dying day
And when it comes to my last cast
I then most humbly pray
When in the Lord's safe landing net
I'm peacefully asleep
That in his mercy I be judged
As good enough to keep.

Anon

PLEASE NOTE

The Editor and his team are taking a break for the summer. They wish you happy holidays.

**The deadline for the SEPTEMBER issue of
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