

## **MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHAIRMAN**

Members had been notified that David Holman had taken over the Chair of the Driffield & Wolds u3a in July. Unfortunately, and due to personal reasons, David is longer able to fulfil this role. We would like to thank him for his contribution and equally important - for taking the trouble to volunteer in the first place.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of u3a and two of our committee members will have to relinquish their current roles in June 2026 so we need to think seriously about succession planning in the next few months to ensure continuity and stability in our organisation.

Thank you - Eamon

## **u3a CHARITY STALL - Driffield Market**

Do come and chat to us if you are in the Market on the 4th September.

### **OPEN DAY**

Invite all your friends, family and neighbours to come along on  
Thursday 11th September

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

Driffield Community Centre - Second Thursday of each month - 2.00pm - 4.00pm

**All Members Welcome**



### FREE BOOK SWAP

Bring along your old books  
and help yourself to  
new ones!



### FREE REFRESHMENTS

This month provided by  
Volunteer Members



## PROGRAMME

2025

**Thursday 11th September**

**OPEN DAY**

**Thursday 9th October**

'Schoolreaders'  
Susan Lawrie

**Thursday 13th November**

RSPB - Bempton

**All Members Welcome**

**£1.50 Admission**

**Doors Open  
from 1.30pm**

## OPEN DAY

**Our annual Open Day is an opportunity  
for members and prospective members  
to talk to Group Leaders about  
our interest groups.**

**We have over 20 groups to take  
advantage of - maybe there are  
some you have always wanted  
to learn more about!**

**Tell your friends, your family and your  
neighbours. Everyone is welcome to  
this informal introduction to  
Driffield & Wolds u3a.**

**Tea/Coffee and Cake!!**

**SEE POSTER ON PAGE 14**

## CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP

The first meeting will take place in the small meeting room at the  
Driffield Community Centre on

**MONDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 11.30 - 12.30**

**The presentation will be a varied selection of light Classical & Operatic  
pieces as shown on Classic FM TV. All members welcome!**

Future meetings will be advised at a later date.

Group Leader: Colin Bickerdyke: Email: [c.bickerdyke@talktalk.net](mailto:c.bickerdyke@talktalk.net)

## 425 MILERS GROUP

The 425 Walking Group (2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday of the month)

**9.30am in Driffield Community Centre Car Park - car sharing available £2.00**

We walk the Wolds, Holderness and the East/North Yorkshire coast. Most of our walks are within a 25 mile radius of Driffield

**Tuesday 9th September:** Driffield Circuit  
Walk Leader: Bill Troy Mob: 07397 068377

**Thursday 25th September:** Venue to be confirmed  
Walk Leader: Keith & Jill Pick Mob: 07415 825270  
Email: jill\_pick2001@yahoo.co.uk



For more information about the group please contact the Group Leader Paul Grinstead by Email on [p.grinstead2@btinternet.com](mailto:p.grinstead2@btinternet.com) or call 07932 494357 or 01377 255272

## SOCIABLE STROLLERS GROUP

Meets on the first Friday of each month at 1.00pm in the **Community Centre Car Park**

Leaving at 1.00pm unless otherwise informed. Strong footwear is advised for the walks.

Walks are between 2-3 miles ending with refreshments at a café.

August walk around Goodmanham/Market Weighton



**Friday 5th September - Kingsmill, Driffield**  
Leaders: Gill & Will Lamb Mob: 07880 830235

Group Leader - Sue Clarkson: Tel: 01377 256857 Mob: 07762 782082 Email: [clarksonsusan40@gmail.com](mailto:clarksonsusan40@gmail.com)

## WALKING GROUP

Meets on the 1st Tuesday and the 3rd Thursday of each month.

**9.30am prompt in Driffield Community Centre Car Park for car sharing.**

Please bring picnic lunch.

**Tuesday 2nd September** - 7 mile walk from SKIPSEA  
Further information and start point available from walk leader:  
**Ian Banks:** Email: [ibanx@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ibanx@hotmail.co.uk) Mob: 07388 463992  
**Thursday 18th September** - 7 mile walk from NORTH FRODINGHAM  
Further information and start point available from walk leader:  
**W. Troy:** Email: [wtroy6789@gmail.com](mailto:wtroy6789@gmail.com) Mob: 07397 068377



For more details contact Group Leader **Steve Whitaker** Email: [sp.whitaker@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sp.whitaker@yahoo.co.uk) Mob: 07952 981786

## INDEPENDENT PERSONS' GROUP

We meet on the second Friday of each month at the Cricket Club, King's Mill Road, Driffield  
10.30am - 12 noon



Big thank you to Kathleen  
for hosting another  
successful afternoon tea  
in her beautiful garden.



Please note change of date for next meeting - **Friday 19th September.**

For more information contact: Marian Carter - Mob: 07702 317441 / Penelope Kinsley - Mob: 07837 604166

**Members not on Email are always phoned and updated!**

## The Arts Society Driffield & Wolds

**Thursday 18th September at 7.30pm - Driffield Rugby Club**

**"Jean Etienne Liotard: A Painter in Pastels" Lecture by Jenny Scruton**

For more information: <http://theartsociety.org/driffield-wolds>

## TAI CHI



We have two Groups - Feel free to turn up and have a go!!

**Entry Fee - £1.00**

Meetings are held in the Driffield Community Centre main hall  
**on the first, third and fourth Monday & Thursday of the month.**



**MONDAYS: 2.00pm - 3.00pm THURSDAYS: 1.00pm - 2.00pm**

Both groups are suitable for beginners and will include warm up exercises, Qigong, Meditation and Lee style Tai Chi form. Tai Chi can help you improve your health by learning to breathe correctly, improve flexibility and balance and help calm the mind.

### Tai Chi \*SPECIAL\* Thurs 2nd Oct.

2 hour session run by:  
'Master Howard Gibbon'

This is a one off chance to learn from Howard who trained under Chee Soo for 21 years. This replaces our normal class on Thursday 2nd October 1-3pm. £1 entry fee. Due to limited space this is just for Tai Chi group members.

Dates for Sept:

Mon - 1st, 15th, 22nd & 29th  
Thurs - 4th, 18th & 25th

Group Leader: Maggie Bray  
Mob: 07753 224793 email: [maggie.bray@hotmail.com](mailto:maggie.bray@hotmail.com)

## NEW AGE KURLING

**We restart on Tuesday 16th September**

**1.00pm-3.00pm in the Driffield Leisure Centre**

New players welcome. Non u3a members welcome to come along and try free for their first two sessions before deciding to join us.

We are hoping to have an inter u3a Kurling competition as soon as we can arrange this with Bridlington, Filey and hopefully Scarborough.

The cost is £3.00 per person and refreshments/biscuits

Will be provided by the Leisure Centre at 50p.

**Please pay on the court not at reception.**

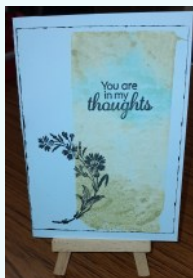
**Group Leader: Ann Wilkinson: Email: [wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk) Mob: 07747 102635**

## CARD MAKING and CRAFT GROUP

Meetings are held in the Community Centre on the last Friday of the month from 10.45am-12.30pm

**£5.00 per person to cover rent, materials and refreshments.**

***Our next meeting is Friday 26th September***



This month we made sympathy cards and made a start on a rustic beaded tray.

**Massive thank you for all the donations of Christmas decorations in response to our email.**

**We're overwhelmed by the generosity.**

The Card and Craft Group are holding 3 'pop up' sessions dedicated To Christmas crafts. The dates for these sessions are as follows:

***Friday 26th September, Friday 31st October & Friday 28th November***

***Driffield Community Centre (small room) 1.30pm - 3.30pm - £5.00 per session***

***If you would like to join us please contact:***

***Debbie on: [d.ireland-oneill@hotmail.com](mailto:d.ireland-oneill@hotmail.com)***

Please contact: Adrienne Bailey - 07530 714186 - [adrienne.bailey@outlook.com](mailto:adrienne.bailey@outlook.com)  
or Debbie Ireland-O'Neill - 07917 447974 - [d.ireland-oneill@hotmail.com](mailto:d.ireland-oneill@hotmail.com)

## **GEOLOGY GROUP**

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month  
at the Cricket Club between 10.00am and 12 noon

### **Thursday 11th September**

We will review our summer field trips and discuss future plans. Geological highlights including photos and specimens which members have collected over the summer will be shared and appreciated.

### **Thursday 25th September**

Details to be discussed at our meeting on the 11th.

We have recently received the sad news of the death of Frank Prescott who was one of the founding members of the Geology Group and its joint leader for many years. He was an inspiration to us all and the group owes him a great deal.

For further details contact the Group Leader: **Kathy Chilver: 01377 255052**

## **LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm in the Driffield Community Centre

**ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!**

### **Wednesday 17th September**

Paul Scofield will open our next annual programme with a presentation on 'Transmigration' Paul is a lively, interesting speaker who will 'do us proud'.

For more information contact **Ross Weekes** Tel: 01377 253832 Email: rossweekes@btinternet.com

## **ARCHAEOLOGY/HISTORY GROUP**

Meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Driffield Community Centre 10.00am to 12 noon

**We resume on Tuesday 16th September**  
**More on the 'Battle of Brunanburh'**

For more information contact Group Leader: Susan Adamson Tel: 01377 270429

### Driffield and Wolds u3a website

The Newsletter is up to date as of the first of each month, but sometimes things change. To get the latest news, visit our website at:

<https://driffieldwolds.u3asite.uk>

### FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP



Meets every other Wednesday morning  
10.00am - 12 noon in Driffield

**3rd September**  
**In the Butcher's Dog**

This is a small group please so contact:  
Group Leader **Jenny Canning**  
Email: tinribs\_fr@yahoo.co.uk Mob: 07949 799666

### READING GROUP

We meet on the last Thursday of the month in Members' homes.

We will be meeting on Thursday 25th September  
and we will be reading:

**'THERE ARE RIVERS IN THE SKY'**

By: **Elif Shafak**



For more details please contact:  
**Julia Spencer-Jones**  
Mob: 07726 264712  
Email: charles.juliasj@gmail.com

### National u3a - Learn Online

Details of the National u3a Online Learning Events can be found on their website:

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/learning>

Our online learning programme can connect you with other learners wherever you are. We offer lessons, resources and an exciting schedule of online events to get you learning at your pace.



### BRIDGE GROUP



**For Beginners**  
**to the more Advanced**

**We meet every Wednesday at 2.00pm in the  
Committee Room of the Community Centre**

**Our meetings in September  
will be on:**

**3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th**



For more information please contact  
Group Leader - **George Ansell**  
Mob: 07929 299362



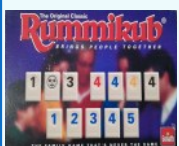
### SCRABBLE

**Gerald Massey - 01377 257063**



### MAH JONGG

**Denise Massey - 01377 257063**



### RUMMIKUB

**Carole Salmon - 07905 682103**

**Kay Maslen - 07838 208025**

### The Games Group

The Games Group is an amalgamation of three separate groups (Mah Jongg, Rummikub and Scrabble) who meet together to defray costs. They all meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Cricket Club from 2.00pm - 4.00pm.

This is a friendly social occasion with tea, coffee and biscuits.

We would be pleased to see anyone who is interested in any of our three groups to drop into one of our meetings with no obligation. Patient help will be given to anyone interested in any of the games even if you have no experience.

**Our next meetings will be on 9th & 23rd Sept.**  
**We look forward to seeing you!**

## u3a HOLIDAYS 2025 - 2026

### LLANDUDNO - SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025

It is an 08.30am pick up at Driffield 'Car Wash' Bus Stop.

I will be sending out a last minute reminder email to all passengers travelling with us.

### NORTHUMBERLAND - MAY 2026

**There are only 3 twin/double rooms left for our proposed holiday next May!**

It's filled up pretty quickly. The coach company would like deposits of £50.00 to secure this holiday for us.

If you are considering joining us please contact:

Cairngorm Travel direct on Tel:01405 761334 or Ann on Mob: 07747 102635

We will be picking up in Driffield and then Bridlington for this holiday.

### SEPTEMBER 2026

It's currently back to the drawing board with this one!

**Enquiries to: Ann Wilkinson: email: [wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk) Mob: 07747 102635**

## AWAY DAYS



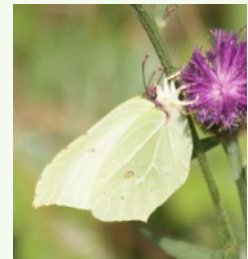
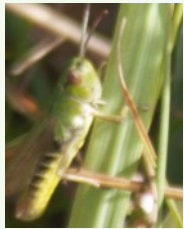
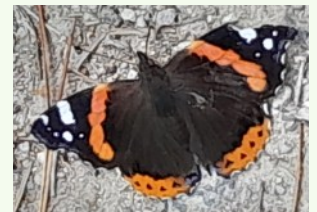
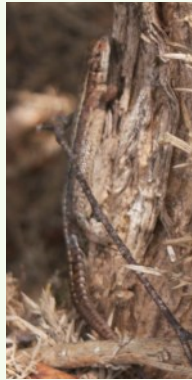
Our trip to Ripon appeared to be enjoyed by all with every traveller enjoying a different agenda. Lots of interesting antique shops, a most impressive Cathedral, the Courthouse museum, Police museum, canal boat trips and quaint tea shops. Something for everyone!  
Will keep you posted on any future plans.



**Leader: Terence Jarvis: Email: [thejarve@googlemail.com](mailto:thejarve@googlemail.com) Tel: 01377 254615 Mob: 07484 847816**

# NATURE GROUP

In August we enjoyed a wonderful, fun afternoon at Allerthorpe Common - seeing red admiral, brimstone and tortoiseshell butterflies, common lizard, nursery web spiders, crickets and ponies - as well as a suspicious looking snake which took a liking to Marian!



**Due to holidays we are NOT meeting in September.**

We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month. For more information contact Group Leader:  
Marian Carter: Mob. 07702 317441 or Carole Salmon: Mob. 07905 682103

## CROQUET

Driffield Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club



We play every Monday 2.00pm - 4.00pm  
meeting at 1.30 to prepare  
Driffield Lawn & Croquet Club, near the Fire Station.  
Entrance between 8-10 Manorfield Avenue.

**It would be lovely to see some new faces**  
**You are most welcome to join us. The first 3 sessions are free!**

Looking forward to seeing you  
Regards Peter

**For more information: Email: [peter\\_mathews@gmx.com](mailto:peter_mathews@gmx.com) Mob: 07740 780933**

## DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

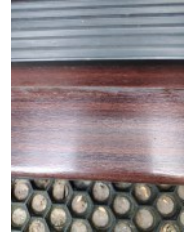
**Please note our change of venue: The Cricket Club, King's Mill Road.**

on the third Monday of each month 10.00am - 12 noon

We have a varied membership, all with experience to share.

**Tea, coffee and treats are included! Why not join us?**

**July Theme: 'Below the Knees'**



**Our next meeting will be on**

**Monday 15th September**

**Theme: 'Where I Live'**

For more information please contact:

**Penelope Kinsley on 07837 604166**

## TABLE TENNIS



**We have moved over to the  
Methodist School Room.**

**Weekly meetings will still be on a Tuesday but at a  
more advantageous time: 1.00pm - 3.00pm**

**There are no experts here, just those who want to benefit from the following:**

Social bonding & friendship, burn calories/lose weight, gentle on the joints and improves balance.

Improved mindfulness and sense of well being, may delay the onset of dementia.

**We have space for 2 new members - why not come along and give it a try!!**

**All equipment is provided - you just need suitable clothing and footwear.**

**For more details please contact Group Leader: Chris Crosby: [chricrosby40@aol.com](mailto:chricrosby40@aol.com)**



### FLOWERS REPRESENTING SEPTEMBER

Asters symbolise love, faith and wisdom while Morning Glories represent love, affection and new beginnings - reflecting the month's transition from later summer to early autumn.





# WALKING TENNIS



**This option is kindly being made available to our u3a by:**

Driffield Town Cricket & Recreation Club - Lawn Tennis Section, Kingsmill Road YO25 6TT

If you don't feel up to full on tennis, why not try WALKING TENNIS? It's safe, fun and inclusive, a great way to keep body and mind active in a friendly, social setting. Suitable for complete beginners and those in need of more time to get to the ball.

**Give it a try! It's for fun!!**

**FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 5th & 19th - 2.00pm-3.30pm**

*Racquets and larger, lighter balls provided. Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits included - £3.50 per session*

More information available from: Anita Oxtoby: email: [anita\\_oxtoby8@hotmail.com](mailto:anita_oxtoby8@hotmail.com)

## We're Jammin'



We meet every Wednesday at our new venue  
Driffield Methodist School Room  
10.00am to 12 noon  
Doors open 9.30 for setting up.

**Membership is now fully open again - so no waiting list!  
It is open to anyone who can play an instrument or sing.**

Group Leader: Chris Crosby Contact: [chris Crosby40@aol.com](mailto:chris Crosby40@aol.com)

## Guitar: Starting Out



'Starting Out' is a group for beginners.  
If you have a guitar but can't yet tell major from minor  
or sharp from flat, then this group can help.  
All you need is a guitar and some enthusiasm.

**The sessions are held in Driffield Community Centre  
Mondays 10.00am - 11.00am**

**We still have a couple of spaces available.**

Group Leaders: Chris Taylor:  
[chri\\_taylor@btinternet.com](mailto:chri_taylor@btinternet.com) Mob: 07484 160660  
Paul Patterson: Mob: 07802 513175



## The Discussion Group

The Group meets every Friday at 9.30am in the Driffield Community Centre.

All u3a Members are welcome to join us.

### The Discussion group resumes on 5th September 2025

**Friday 5th September**

**Will we believe anything?**

Conspiracy theories abound, particularly on the internet. You can find belief in a flat earth, mind control by lizard people, nanobots in vaccines, miracle cures and all kinds of weird stuff.

What makes people reject more prosaic ideas in favour of the fantastic?

**Friday 12th September**

**Morality and Discipline**

Do people have a built in sense of morality, or does it need to be instilled by some form of discipline?

**Friday 19th September**

**“There is no such thing as society”**

Margaret Thatcher famously said this in her early days as Prime Minister. Was she right?

What do we mean by society? Is it different in cities and villages?

**Friday 26th September**

**“Unweaving the Rainbow”**

The poet Keats famously (and perhaps not entirely seriously) cursed Newton for this explanation of how the refraction of light causes the colours of the rainbow. He said that this destroyed its beauty by taking the mystery and wonder out of it. Do we need mystery and wonder or is our appreciation of beauty enhanced by understanding?

For more details of planned discussions contact: **Chris Taylor: Mob: 07484 160660**

## FUN QUIZ

The third Friday of the month at the Driffield Recreation Club, Kings Mill Rd.

**September 19th 1.30pm-3.30pm**

Plenty of parking, come along and make up a team.

No Brain of Britain required! No trophies to be won!

**Tea and biscuits - Free Raffle - £3.00 per person - All Welcome**

**If you would like more details call: Ann Wilkinson - Mob: 07747 102635**

## Your u3a Committee

CHAIRMAN	Vacant	
SECRETARY	Amanda Evans	07932 759262
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ACCORD ADMINISTRATOR	Vacant	
SPEAKER FINDER	Eamon McGeough	07950 057373
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	Carole Salmon	07905 682103
COMMITTEE MEMBER	Anne Firth	-
COMMITTEE MEMBER	Chris Crosby	07594 414681
COMMITTEE MEMBER	Steve Sansom	07714 178832

## Membership

If you have any questions about Membership or would like details sent to a friend:

**Please contact:**

Carole Salmon:  
carolesalmon@hotmail.com

## Our Website

Our u3a website contains information about the Driffield & Wolds u3a and full details of our events.

<https://driffieldwolds.u3asite.uk>

## What? When? Where?

Details of all our events can be found in this Newsletter, on our Website, in Chris's weekly email and in the Driffield & Wolds Weekly and on our Website - details above.

## Gift Aid

Donating through Gift Aid means The Driffield & Wolds u3a can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give. It is completely free and the form is available on our website or at our monthly meetings.



## Important Reminder to Group Leaders!

If you hire a venue to hold your meetings and have to cancel, for whatever reason, please ensure that you inform them. otherwise you may be charged!

Registered Charity Number:

**1183231**

## Non Committee Roles

WEB MASTER	Chris Taylor	07484 160660
GROUP SUPPORT	Ann Wilkinson	07747 102635

## Groups and Group Leaders

425 Milers	Paul Grinstead	07932 494357
Archaeology/History	Susan Adamson	01377 270429
Away Days	Terence Jarvis	07484 847816
Bridge	George Ansell	07929 299362
Card Making and Crafts	Debbie Ireland-O'Neill	07917 447974
	Adrienne Bailey	07530 714186
Classical Music	Colin Bickerdyke	c.bickerdyke@talktalk.net
Croquet	Peter Mathews	07740 780933
Digital Photography	Penelope Kinsley	07837 604166
Discussion Group	Chris Taylor	07484 160660
French Conversation	Jenny Canning	07949 799666
Geology	Kathy Chilver	01377 255052
Guitar Starting Out	Chris Taylor	07484 160660
Independent Persons	Marian Carter	07702 317441
	Penelope Kinsley	07837 60416
Local History	Ross Weekes	01377 253832
Mah Jongg	Denise Massey	01377 257063
New Age Kurling	Ann Wilkinson	07747 102635
Nature Group	Marian Carter	07702 317441
Quiz Afternoon	Ann Wilkinson	07747 102635
Reading Group	Julia Spencer-Jones	07726 264712
Rummikub	Carole Salmon	07905 682103
	Kay Maslen	07838 208025
Scrabble Group	Gerald Massey	01377 257063
Sociable Strollers	Sue Clarkson	01377 256857
Table Tennis	Chris Crosby	chris Crosby40@aol.com
Tai Chi	Maggie Bray	07753 224793
Walking Group	Steve Whitaker	01377 271447
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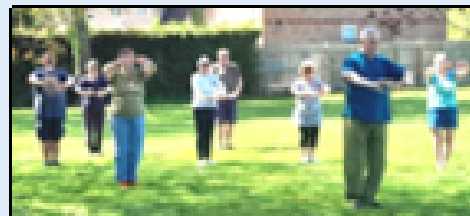
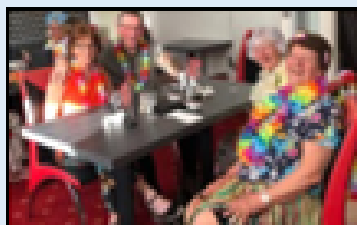
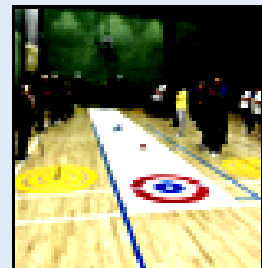
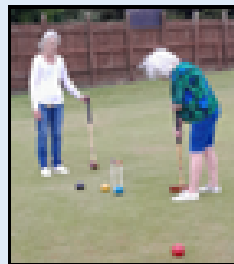
**Come and join us**

**THURSDAY 11th SEPTEMBER**

u3a is a group aimed at people who are retired or semi retired,  
but equally suited to anyone who has time on their hands!

u3a is a perfect place to make new friends, have fun,  
share skills and learn new ones.

We have over 20 interest groups, something to suit everyone.



**FIND OUT WHAT  
YOUR LOCAL u3a  
CAN OFFER YOU!**

**2.00pm to 3.30pm  
Driffield Community Centre**

Join us for coffee and cake.  
Bring your friends,  
and learn more about our  
interest groups.



Full details can be found on our website:  
[driffieldwolds.u3asite.uk](http://driffieldwolds.u3asite.uk)  
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