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## Pukka Bath

# Claverton Pumping Station

When you walk along a canal towpath, surrounded by trees, birds and calm water, it is hard to imagine that these waterways were once the highways of the industrial revolution. These man-made rivers, dug by the hard labour

of thousands of workers, allowed goods from Bath and Bristol to be delivered directly to London without relying on dirt-track roads. Not being a natural watercourse, the huge machines that pumped water into the canals were a marvel of the late Georgian era. Very of these pumps have survive survived, but probably the most unique canal pump is just a stones throw from Bath, and is still fully operational.

Claverton Pumping Station, unlike most of the canal pumps, is water rather than steam powered.

Its 200 year old waterwheel is one of the most powerful in the country. It drives the same beam engine and pumps as steam engines of the era, but without the dirt and pollution from burning coal. The pumping station is still put into operation once a month by volunteers, providing a unique way experience the industrial revolution.



Claverton Pumping Station is open on the second Tuesday and the second Saturday of each month from April until October. We open from 10 am until 5 pm (Last entry 4:30), but the pump is run only on the Saturday. There is no parking at the station, we recommend either taking the D1 bus from Bath, or walking along the towpath from the car park at Dundas aqueduct. Entry is £10 per adult when running, and £5 per adult if the machine is static, children under 16 go free.



## Volunteers wanted!

As a community-run volunteer organisation we are always looking for new volunteers. We have tasks that suit everyone, from maintaining the engine to giving tours to the public. If you can't volunteer you might also consider supporting our funding appeal. We are currently raising money to support rebuilding our winter storage. This storage is essential for keeping the Grade I listed machinery safe during the regular winter floods.



[www.claverton.org](http://www.claverton.org)

**The crowd funding:**

[www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/claverton-pumping-station](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/claverton-pumping-station)



Claverton Pumping Station, Ferry Lane,  
Claverton, Bath, BA2 7BH

# BEAR FLAT

# Let's Party!

Friday May 13th

As part of the Bear Flat celebrations Beechen Cliff Methodist Church in Shakespeare Avenue is holding an **OPEN 'Pop In' concert** between 7 and 9pm

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**Sunday 8 May, 12 - 5pm, Lord Margadale is kindly opening the gardens  
at Fonthill House in aid of Save Beckford's Tower.**



In 1822 William Beckford sold the Fonthill Estate and moved to Bath, where he soon began building another tower to house his books and collections. Now the only museum in the world dedicated to exploring Beckford's story, Beckford's Tower and Museum is embarking on a major project to conserve the building, transform the museum and open up the landscape.

The Tower is in urgent need of conservation, having been added to the National 'At Risk' Register in 2019. The impact of a changing climate has led to higher concentrations of rainfall and we need to conserve the Lantern at the top of the building. This also requires new and ongoing maintenance to ensure its long-term conservation in light of this changing environmental issue. In addition to addressing this conservation need and creating a new museum experience inside the building, our project will also restore the Grotto Tunnel, improve access to the cemetery and create new footpaths and trails for the lost Tower landscape, and introduce new renewable energy systems. This project will also enable us to create a new museum experience that will reveal more about Beckford's life including the wealth he gained from the Transatlantic Slave Trade, his sexuality and isolation, as well as his creative life as a writer, composer and collector.

The project will cost £3.4m and with support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) our fundraising target is £400,000 with a deadline of the end of May 2022. We are therefore thrilled that Lord Margadale has offered all of the proceeds from this event, to support the Tower project.

During the day you can wander through beautiful formal gardens with mixed planting of shrubs, herbaceous perennials, bulbs and annuals. Enjoy old and new sculptures including a water feature by William Pye. Refreshments available to purchase, there will be stands where you can pick up gifts and treats, as well as a silent auction and tombola.

Tickets booked in advance £10 (£12 on the gate). Children under 12 free.

Dogs welcome on leads.

Fonthill House, Fonthill House, Tisbury SP3 5RZ

<https://beckfordstower.org.uk/event/fonthill-garden-open-day>

Beckfords Tower & Museum, Lansdown Road, Bath, BA1 9BH



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# What's on: May 2022



**Sunday to Friday – 10.30am and 2pm, & Saturday – 10.30am only.** The Mayor Of Bath's Corps Of Honorary Guides free walks take place every day of the year, except Christmas Day.  
[www.bathguides.org.uk](http://www.bathguides.org.uk). Booking essential.

**Until 31st May, Let there be light**, an exhibition in Bath Abbey celebrating the history and beauty of churches. [www.bathabbey.org](http://www.bathabbey.org) for opening hours.

**Until 22nd October, Monday to Saturday 10.00-16.00, BEYOND BEASTLY: Creatures Natural and Imagined, Free Exhibition**, Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution, 16 Queen Square, Bath, BA1 2HN. [www.brsls.org](http://www.brsls.org). See page 25.

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**Thursdays - 7.45pm - 9.30pm, The Bath Welcome Chorus** rehearsal at St Barts Church, Oldfield Park BA2 3PB. [www.welcomechorus.org.uk](http://www.welcomechorus.org.uk)

**3rd-7th May, at 7.30pm, with 2.30pm matinees on Wednesday and Saturday, Bath Operatic & Dramatic Society, Crazy for You** at the Theatre Royal Bath Tickets are available from the Theatre Royal Bath Box Office.

**4th May, Wednesday, 9am-12 noon - Barney's Community Cafe.** St Barnabas Church, Mount View, Southdown. Yummy cakes and drinks, no set costs!

**4th May, Wednesday, 4-7pm, Bath College Open Evenings**, City Centre & Somer Valley Campuses. [www.bathcollege.ac.uk/openevents](http://www.bathcollege.ac.uk/openevents)

**5th & 6th May, Thursday & Friday, Eta Aquariid Meteor shower**

**7th May, Saturday, 10am-1pm, Share & Repair, Repair Cafe**, Southdown Methodist Church Centre, BA2 1NJ

**8th May, Sunday, 10.30am-2.30pm.**

**Holburne Plant Sale**, Holburne Museum, Great Pulteney Street, Bath BA2 4DB. Come and join us for a fun day out with friends and family. There will be beautiful plants to buy, as well as books and CDs, and delicious refreshments to enjoy. Take in the beehive display and buy some honey and get free gardening advice and tips.

**8th May, Sunday, 12 - 5pm, Lord Margadale is kindly opening the gardens at Fonthill House**, all of the proceeds from this event, to support the Beckford Tower project. Tickets booked in advance £10 (£12 on the gate). Children under 12 free. Dogs welcome on leads. See page 4. Fonthill House, Fonthill House, Tisbury SP3 5RZ

**10th May, Tuesday, 10.30am-1pm. Picnic in Alice Park Community Garden** with Bath Mind.

**11th May, Wednesday, 9am-12 noon - Barney's Community Cafe.** St Barnabas Church, Mount View, Southdown. Yummy cakes and drinks, no set costs!

**12th May, Thursday 11am. A Mindful walk in nature**, Greenlinks, Monksdale Road Allotments with Bath Mind.

**12th May, Thursday, 12.30pm, Food for Thought Lunch Club**, contact [foodforthought@bathmind.org.uk](mailto:foodforthought@bathmind.org.uk) to book

**12th May, Thursday, 1-2pm, Tea and cakes at Greenlinks**, Monksdale Road Allotments with Bath Mind.

**12th May, Thursday, 5.30pm - 7pm, Football for all**, with Bath Mind at Bath Recreation Ground

**13th May, Friday 7.30pm, Bear Flat - Let's Party open pop in concerts**, Beechen Cliff Methodist Church, Norland College Choir, 8pm, The Welcome Chorus Choir, 8.30pm, The City of Bath Male Choir.

**14th May, Saturday, 10am-1pm, Share & Repair, Repair Cafe**, Weston Hub, BA1 4EH

**14th & 15th May, Saturday & Sunday, The Cleveland Pools Trust** invites you to share your memories of the Cleveland Pools at their latest 'Memory Pool' event. Visit our stand outside the main entrance of Morrisons, York Place, London Rd, Bath BA1 6AN.

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That's right, it's back – Step Up for Rescue Pets is coming, and this year it's taking on a unique twist! We're challenging you to take on a fitness challenge throughout May and help us reach a combined target of 3,000 miles for Bath Cats & Dogs Home.

Along the way, we'll meet dog breeds and the places they originated from. Plus, we will be sharing all your fundraising stories - it's exciting, it's challenging, and it's an amazing way to raise vital funds for the Home. Will we make it as far as the Labrador, in Canada? Or will the Rottweilers in Germany be our limit?

Last year Bath Cats and Dogs Home rescued, rehabilitated and rehomed over 700 animals, and with your support 'Stepping Up' for rescue pets we can continue to take care of the animals in our care giving them a comfortable place to sleep, nutritious food and any specialist medical treatment they may need. Walk, run, cycle, row, dance – however far you're challenging yourself to cover, and however you're going to do it, it's time to Step Up.



**For more details visit [www.bcdh.org.uk](http://www.bcdh.org.uk) or contact Katy on [katygoodship@bcdh.org.uk](mailto:katygoodship@bcdh.org.uk), and take on your DIY challenge!**



### **All our yesterdays. Remembering the Widcombe Social Club - and looking to the future.....**

We realise that the old Widcombe Social Club was very dear to the hearts of many people in Bath and in order to mark the Queens Platinum Jubilee we would really like to celebrate and remember all the people that attended the club and the events and family occasions that happened there. Especially anything connected with past jubilees, weddings, engagements, darts and skittle victory or meeting your own true love.



We would love to hear from you about your memories and recollections and especially if you have any photographs or other memorabilia that portray the importance of the club in the community and the people that went there. This will form a significant record of how WSC came to be the prominent place that it is today.

**Please do get in touch with us if you have some experiences to share with us on:  
[info@widcombesocialclub.co.uk](mailto:info@widcombesocialclub.co.uk)**

A huge variety of activities happen at WSC now including regular classes, meetings and conferences, family celebrations of birthdays, anniversaries and weddings, music and comedy gigs, DJ dance nights, wakes, and a wide range of talks and meetings from the arts to cycling, gardening and much much more.



We are raising our profile in the city and are looking to name our building so that it can be located more easily by our visitors. We are also looking to reshaping our governance to reflect our current work, our cooperative approach and the responsibilities of being both an employer and a licensed premises as well as an organisation of community interest.



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## Jubilee/BFI Film Series: Museum of Bath at Work

Part of our “Seventy Years of British Documentaries to Celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee” film series.

### Designing Women and Conran (1954 and 1981)

**Wednesday May 4th 1 p.m. with lunch from 12.30 p.m.**

Watch as Miss Arty (played by Joyce Grenfell) and Miss Design (!) argue over what newly married couple should have in their living room and on their bedside table. Really. Supported by short film about Terence Conran and the height of his Habitat fame! Which would you choose – a teapot that looks like a cat or one that doesn’t fall over?



### Sunday by The Sea and Holiday (1953 and 1957)

**Wednesday May 11th 1 p.m. with lunch from 12.30 p.m.**

Holidays are a good idea aren’t they? These two films made for British Transport Films show how taking the train – hauled by a filthy, climate change causing steam locomotive – to the seaside has changed since the 1950s. Beauty contests anyone?



### Our School (1962) with Support film

**Wednesday May 25th with lunch from 12.30 p.m.**

Brilliantly made documentary featuring a day at a typical Secondary Modern School in 1962. Sparkling dialogue and as captivating today as it was when it was first made. Teenagers are the same all over and take away their mobile phones and today’s secondary school pupils would be just like this lot. We have shown this film before but we’ve been asked to show it again. Made by celebrated Director John Krish.



**The Museum of Bath at Work, Julian Road Bath, BaNES BA1 2RH**

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### In Bath:

Southdown: 1st Saturday each month at Southdown Methodist Church Centre, BA2 1N (7 May)

Weston: 2nd Saturday each month at Weston Hub, BA1 4EH (14 May)

Larkhall: 3rd Saturday each month at New Oriel Hall, BA1 6RA (21 May)

### Around Bath:

High Littleton: 1st Saturday each month at Holy Trinity Church Hall, BS39 6HG (7 May)

Farmborough: 2nd Saturday each month at Memorial Hall, Little Lane, BA2 0AH (14 May)

Peasedown St John: fourth Saturday each month at Peasedown Methodist Church, BA2 8DL (28 May)

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Eight decades of international friendship between the cities of Bath and Alkmaar in the Netherlands was celebrated in the Guildhall by members and supporters of the Bath-Alkmaar Twinning Association (BATA), and the Rotary Club of Bath.



The link with the Dutch City began in March 1945, after a Jewish man from Alkmaar, Eli Prins, escaped to Bath, and made many friends here, including Rotarians. As soon as the War finished, a citywide Alkmaar Appeal swung into operation, raising money and collecting clothing and cooking items to help those most affected by the German occupation. The campaign was publicised with a small barrel organ, which was wheeled around Bath and neighbouring towns.



Author Aletta Stevens chatted to guests at the reception

Over the last eight decades, thousands of residents from Alkmaar and Bath have visited each others' city, with many sports clubs, musical groups, schools and other organisations taking advantage of a warm friendship first forged out of the tragedy of war.

After Deputy Mayor of Bath, Cllr Yukteshwar Kumar welcomed guests, and author Aletta Stevens read some moving passages from her book telling the full story of how the link came about, "The Remarkable Journey of Mr Prins".

Rotary President Simon Spalding, speaking to guests, said: "The spirit of Rotary which moved members to launch the Alkmaar Appeal in 1945 is alive today: I am delighted to report the Club has recently collected and donated £10,000 to the Help Ukraine Appeal."



Chris Davies, Aletta Stevens, Simon Spalding and Deputy Mayor Kumar with the historic 'Alkmaar Appeal' barrel organ

BATA Chairman, Chris Davies, thanked all who were helping keep this special city-link alive. "When we planned this event, we never imagined we would once again be seeing the horrors of war in Europe with heart-breaking scenes of mass evacuation. It shows how important it is to keep building friendships between people, person-to-person, across borders.



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## Ralph Allen School student joins Royal High School Bath Music Scholars for special visit to Steinway Hall, London

Music Scholars from Royal High School Bath were given the unique opportunity to spend a day at Steinway Hall in London on Thursday 31 March, taking part in the school's inaugural visit since its Music School received the prestigious Steinway title in 2020. Joining them was 13-year-old Gavin Phelps from Ralph Allen School, winner of Royal High School Bath's Rising Stars Young Pianist Competition.



Gavin together with nine of Royal High School Bath's Music Scholars from years 6 to 12 each performed during an evening recital and took part in a special masterclass with Martin Roscoe, one of the UK's best-known pianists. The day also included a tour of Steinway Hall for students to learn about its history, heritage and how their pianos are made. During the evening recital, the scholars were joined by two previous Royal High School Bath alumnae.

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Mark Bradbury, Director of Music at Royal High School Bath, said: "Speaking on behalf of all the students who have had the incredible opportunity to work with Martin Roscoe today in their masterclass session, I am certain they will all join me in thanking him for his inspirational words, advice and musical expertise in approaching each of their challenging pieces. This incredible opportunity has only been possible thanks to our continued relationship with Steinway & Sons, who share the same ethos in nurturing and developing the talents of young musicians."

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## Astrology by Mary English

### Taurus

Big Happy Birthday Wishes! I hope you enjoy your special day. You have an extra celebration of the Moon being in your sign twice this month, so prepare some 'me' time from 1st-2nd then 28th-29th. Hopefully your loved one/s will also Satisfy Your Desires!



### Gemini

Make sure you're 100% ready for Mercury retrograde in your sign from 10th May-3rd June. Could be 3 weeks of misunderstanding, late arrivals, mixed-messages & miscommunication break-downs. Back everything up before this hits and Stay Connected.



### Cancer

As has been the case for a number of months, there are no planets in your sign. On the plus side, your work/job should either be going well, or you need to fix what isn't happening. Pay close attention to those you work with & triple-check Their Intentions



### Leo

As a Sun-Ruled sign, every month you get the chance to do Moon work, and this month it's from the 8th-9th. Leave aside your shining self & concentrate on your emotions. Use candles, incense or crystals or at the very least, lie in a nice, deep, warm bath and relax.



### Virgo

Like Gemini, your sign is connected with Mercury and you'll need to prepare for him going retrograde. It won't directly affect you, as he's not actually in your sign, but you may still have to cope with the fall-out. Spend time checking all apps & electric Connections



### Libra

I hope you are feeling a little more optimistic than of late. There could be plenty to stress you out, there are also many things to be thankful for. However if life is really getting you down, maybe now's the time to seek help. Looking after Yourself is a Priority



### Scorpio

With a (hopefully) beautiful Full Moon in your sign on the 16th, you will benefit from feeling truly at peace with who you are. Make an extra effort to reconcile any lingering doubts you might have about your existence & Connect Deeper to You



### Sagittarius

Sometimes you feel lonely. This is one of those times. Don't worry. It won't last. Get back in touch with people who have loved you before & make friends. Life is not just about beliefs, it's also about doing good thing. What good can you do today? Be Compassionate



### Capricorn

You are very near to a new version of your life. Your hard work is paying off & you feel slightly more optimistic than you did a few years ago. Build on these feelings & become the change you'd like to see in others. Lead by example. Your Strength is Persistence.



### Aquarius

How is Saturn treating you? Are you being sensible, legal & committed? Have you toned down your rebellious side? By all means rebel, but remember who or what you're rebelling about. Is it for freedom? Is it about humanity? Altruism is Your Super Power



### Pisces

The last few rays of Jupiter extend until the 10th. You're learning lessons or being taught something. While Mars continues to give you physical energy until 24th. Use this wisely to strengthen your health with exercise. You're still hoping for miracles though. Amaze.



### Aries

Busy month! You have Venus' loving influence from 3rd-28th, Mars your ruling planet from 25th, helping you feel energised and active. And then Jupiter, the planet of Wisdom from 11th. You've never felt so in demand. Stay on your path, the Road is Straight & Wide



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Our series of special summer walks covers topics as varied as the Bath Blitz, the Trees of Bath, Geology in the city, Crimes and Misdemeanours, The Duke of Kingston and Women's contribution to the city to name but a few. All special walks are free, and spaces can be reserved online.

Our regular walks are augmented between May and August by the addition of evening walks on Tuesdays and Thursdays that start outside the Pump room at 6.00pm. What could be better than a walk followed by a pint on a summer evening? No need to book.

We also offer free walks covering the Pulteney Estate, Sydney Gardens and the K & A canal every Tuesday and Thursday, between May and August leaving from the Pump Room at 11.00. No need to book.

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**16th May, Monday, Full Moon**

**18th May, Wednesday, 9am-12 noon - Barney's Community Cafe.** St Barnabas Church, Mount View, Southdown. Yummy cakes and drinks, no set costs!

**21st May, Saturday, 10am-1pm, Share & Repair, Repair Cafe , New Oriel Hall, BA1 6RA**

**21st May, Saturday 2.30pm. Jumble Sale,** 10th Bath ( Combe Down) Scouts, Scout HQ, The Avenue, BA2 5EQ. Adm 50p, accompanied children under 12 free. Donations accepted on the morning of the sale but please no furniture or electrical items.

**21st & 22nd May, Saturday & Sunday, The Cleveland Pools Trust invites you to share your memories of the Cleveland Pools at their latest 'Memory Pool' event.** Visit our stand outside the main entrance of Morrisons, York Place, London Rd, Bath BA1 6AN.

**25th May, Wednesday, 9am-12 noon - Barney's Community Cafe.** St Barnabas Church, Mount View, Southdown. Yummy cakes and drinks, no set costs!

**30th May, Monday, New Moon**

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# Mental Health Awareness Week 9-15th May



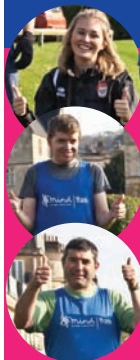
## Reducing Loneliness, Together

**This Mental Health Awareness Week, we focus on the theme of loneliness. Recognising the many different causes and effects of loneliness has never been more important.**

We often picture loneliness as affecting those who are alone; this is not always the case. Loneliness and isolation can be experienced by anyone, whether we are alone or part of a wider family or network. For some, being alone can be a positive situation, in which they do not feel lonely - they may enjoy spending time alone. Those who are part of a family or group may feel disconnected and isolated - despite not being physically alone, they may experience loneliness.

Loneliness can affect our mood and wellbeing on many levels. Meaningful connections with others are beneficial to our mental health and wellbeing. A chat with a friend or close relative can lift our mood if we are feeling low. A walk in the park when someone may say 'hello', or a friendly check-out in a shop, can often brighten our day. It can be easy to overlook these little moments which combine to reduce feelings of loneliness and help keep us mentally well.

### Join us at our free events



■ **Food for Thought Lunch Club\*** - Thursday 12th May, 12.30pm  
Join us for lunch! Contact [foodforthought@bathmind.org.uk](mailto:foodforthought@bathmind.org.uk) to book.

■ **Football for all!** - Thursday 12th May, 5.30-7pm  
Fun football, tea and cakes at Bath Recreation Ground.

■ **A Mindful Walk in Nature** - Thursday 12th May, 11am  
A gentle walk at Greenlinks, Monksdale Road Allotments.

■ **Picnic in Alice Park** - Tuesday 10th May, 10.30am-1pm  
Come along to our shared picnic at Alice Park Community Garden.

■ **Tea and Cakes at Greenlinks** - Thursday 12th May, 1-2pm  
Join us for tea and cakes at Greenlinks, Monksdale Road Allotments.

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Medieval bestiaries beautifully illustrated the strangeness of these creatures. They lurked in the mysterious corners of early maps, with the warning 'Here be dragons', and travellers returned from distant parts with tales of hair-raising encounters. But in the 17th century scholars began to question whether these phenomena actually existed. Using scientific methods, they began to impose order and clarity on the natural world. As new continents were explored, a rich array of extraordinary new animals and plants were formally described. Here were creatures quite as weird as the ones in medieval pictures, but now they were being illustrated in vivid and accurate detail.

While we no longer feel the same horror these beasts could arouse in earlier times, we meet them today in our films, books and video games where they retain the power to scare us. We feel uneasy at the ability of science to create hybrid organisms containing human cells and those of another species. There is also the tantalising prospect that life forms, just as strange and exotic as the legendary ones of the past, may be there to discover in the uncharted lands beyond our planet.

## **Women's Midnight Walk**

On the night of Saturday the 11th June, the streets of Bath will be aglow with hundreds of women dressed in neon, walking to remember loved ones and support Dorothy House Hospice Care.



After a covid hiatus, the much-loved Midnight Walk is returning, this year raising vital funds for the Hospice at Home service at Dorothy House. Providing compassionate free of charge care to those at the end of their lives, Dorothy House carers are there for loved ones throughout the small hours of the night, and this year women from across Bath and NES will be walking 5km through the night to fundraise for them.

The walk kicks off at Bath Pavilion at 10pm with drinks, food, games and glowing event merchandise on offer. Then, after a funky group warm-up, it's time to head off into the city of Bath at midnight to walk, talk... and shine! Every participant will receive an exclusive and free Midnight Walk t-shirt to wear on the night. The theme this year is 'Get glowing in neon' - so dress as groovy, crazy or colourful as you like - or just come as you are.

The Midnight Walk finishes with refreshments and celebrations at the Pavilion before the participants head home for a well-earned rest at 2am.

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