



FEBRUARY 2022

# FINAL NEWSLETTER

THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER TO BE PUBLISHED BY ME AS EDITOR. I HAVE BEEN EDITOR FOR 7 YEARS AND 9 MONTHS AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO CONCENTRATING ON MY OTHER CHALLENGES

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE ENTIRE **NEWSLETTER TEAM** WHICH COMPRISES THE TREASURER, THE 2 SIGNATORIES FOR THE ACCOUNT, TYPIST, 2 COLLECTORS, 2 DISTRIBUTION BAG DROPPERS, 6 DOOR TO DOOR DISTRIBUTORS FOR HOLYWELL AND 19 DISTRIBUTORS FOR CUBERT.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE THAT HAVE DONATED MONEY OVER THE YEARS AND THAT HAVE FUNDRAISED ON BEHALF OF THE CUBERT PARISH NEWS.

THE **ADVERTISERS** ARE ALSO TO BE THANKED AS WITHOUT THEM THE NEWSLETTER WOULD NOT HAVE CONTINUED. I KNOW THAT SOME ADVERTISERS USED THE NEWSLETTER TO ACT AS A DONOR NOT JUST AN ADVERTISER FOR THEIR BUSINESS.

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If you wish to run a Cubert Parish Newsletter then please contact me on **01637 830150** or **cubertnewsletter@gmail.com**

I am happy to provide information, advertising contacts and organisation documents that have been used since I have been editor (**GDPR – general data protection regulation - will be followed**) .

I am also prepared to offer training or guidance if needed.

## THANK YOU TO ALL THE CONTRIBUTORS

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all contributors of articles etc. to the newsletter over the years. **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE PAST AND PRESENT** without whom the newsletter would have been uninformative.

I would like to name the following individuals as 'regulars' .....Rodney Phillips - birder, Joy – the poet, Kath and Wendy with all things Church and more besides, Gary 'up North', who used to be my assistant, for crosswords and Kid's Corners, Gareth and Carole for all Methodist items. I could fill a whole page !

## NEWSLETTER EMAIL ADDRESSES

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The Newsletter post box can still be used for the Social Club Surveys, used stamps and any community usage whilst not required for the Newsletter. Please contact Judy 01637 830150 if you wish to use it as a community collection/posting point.

## DISTRIBUTORS

Do please return your distribution bags after the February issue in the normal manner in order to keep for possible future usage. – Many thanks

## POSTERS, FORMATTING

If I have done posters, formatting, articles for you in the past e.g. Cubert Fireworks, then I am happy to keep these up to date, change where necessary or re-invent. I have done work on such items as the Fun Run, Bingo events, Carnival Committee events, Pancake races and much more. You may either have the art work off me or I can update these as you need them. Then.....I can call myself a Poster Girl !!!

**Judy**

## USED STAMPS

I will still be collecting used stamps for iSight Cornwall.

I will continue to use the Newsletter Post Box as a collection point. Reports on how much money we raise or a change of collection point etc will be posted in the Cubert Shop window or notice boards

**Thanks everyone and keep collecting**

**Judy**



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Cream Teas

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## FROM...

## ...Cornwall

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## ANNUAL LOTTERY

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COMMENCING 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2022

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE HALL

There are some big repair and maintenance items coming up over the next two or three years as well as the normal maintenance and outgoings expected for a building. For example; the fire security system needs bringing up to date, refurbish the 40 year old floor, refurbish the car park. With bookings not as healthy as before COVID, our fundraising is important

### MONTHLY PRIZES

1<sup>ST</sup> – £30, 2<sup>ND</sup> - £20 and 3<sup>RD</sup> - £10

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## LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES

### NEW STORAGE EXTENSION

The new build at the rear of the Hall.

An extension for extra storage was designed and the planning permission granted in December 2020. Most of the funding has been from grants and the build needed to start by October 2021 in order not to lose some of this money. The Hall was given an extension to this deadline to the end of December 2021. Quotes were sourced and the builder commenced groundworks in November 2021.

You will see the blockwork is in progress and the completion is anticipated to be the end of March early April 2022.

### HEDGES AND TREE

You may have noticed that the hedge on the Church Field side and the boundary of the farmer's field at the rear of the hall has been reduced in height and given a heavy cut back. This has given back areas of the car park that had been overgrown. The Elm tree at the back was diseased and may well have fallen down if not attended to. This has been removed.

### FOR FUTURE INFORMATION, NEWS AND UPDATES

The Parish Council noticeboards at the Cubert and Holywell bus stops will be used and other possibilities will be sort out for paper posters. Also, those with computers can visit the website at <http://www.spanglefish.com/cubertvillagehall/> or on Facebook <https://en-gb.facebook.com/login/?next=https%3A%2F%2Fen-gb.facebook.com%2Fcuberthighlanes%2Fposts%2F>

### REGULAR BOOKINGS FROM FEBURARY 2022

#### MAIN HALL

MONDAY	TAI CHI	11:00 to Noon
	PRIVATE DANCE PRACTICE	14:30 to 16:00
	PRIVATE DANCE PRACTICE	18:30 to 20:00
TUESDAY	PILATES	09:15 to 10:15
	TAI CHI	11:00 to Noon
	SHORT MAT BOWLS	14:00 to 16:30
WEDNESDAY	CREATIVE FLOW ART CLUB	10:00 to 12:30
THURSDAY	TAI CHI	10:30 to Noon
	SHORT MAT BOWLS	14:00 to 16:30
	KARATE	18:30 to 20:00
FRIDAY	TODDLER GROUP	09:30 to Noon
	BALLROOM DANCING	18:30 to 20:30
SATURDAY		
SUNDAY	TAEKWONDO	10:00 to Noon

#### THERAPY ROOM

TUESDAY	KAREN'S BEAUTY TIPS	13:00 to 18:00
THURSDAY	KAREN'S BEAUTY TIPS	09:30 to 17:30
FRIDAY	KAREN'S BEAUTY TIPS	13:00 to 18:00
SATURDAY	KAREN'S BEAUTY TIPS	09:00 to 13:00

To make a booking please contact Deborah Hopkinson (01637) 830909 or e mail [cubertvillagehall@outlook.com](mailto:cubertvillagehall@outlook.com)

### CUBERT VILLAGE HALL



## JANUARY 2022 DRAW

No 244	for 1 <sup>st</sup> prize	of £30
No 118	for 2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	of £20
No 102	for 3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	of £10



To Join In....

Cubert Area 831036

Holywell Area 831182



# The Smugglers' Den Inn

CUBERT NEWQUAY

## CLOSED

Until March 4th

Currently taking bookings for when we reopen via messenger or email

Pie & Ale Festival to return from Friday 29th April for the Bank Holiday Weekend!

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# Happy February!



## CELEBRATE!

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## BOOKING SLOTS AVAILABLE

There are booking slots available at the village hall for one-off or regular usage.

(SEE PREVIOUS PAGE FOR REGULAR BOOKINGS ALREADY IN PLACE)

- The Committee Room can be used for meetings, small events or group gatherings for example.
- The Main Hall could be used for parties, exercise classes, table top sales & large events etc. up to 150 people
- Heating is included in the price for the Main Hall
- The hall has a PPL/PRS licence for music.
- 100 chairs and 32 Tables (1.8m x 0.68m)
- Kitchen
- Large car park at the rear

### FOR MORE INFORMATION / BOOKINGS

Visit the website

<http://www.spanglefish.com/cubertvillagehall/> for a floor plan, hall and booking details

OR

contact Deborah Hopkinson on 01637 830909

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email [cubertvillagehall@outlook.com](mailto:cubertvillagehall@outlook.com)

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**01637 876581**

**email:**

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**for rates and Availability**

**TODDLER  
GROUP**

**Every Monday**

**10am – 12noon**

**TERM TIME ONLY**

### CHANGES

Two evenings ago a new moon, a lovely sight,  
It looked quite special and almost a pure white.  
This evening a pale, golden yellow light.

Fresh green spears of daffodil leaves  
Are appearing through wet, brown earth.  
Pink cyclamen peek from under trees.

A lone flower pops up – hallo!  
Are you asking where did winter go?  
As we look for a Spring that we know.

**Joy**



**NEW MOON  
TUESDAY  
18<sup>th</sup> JAN 2022**



## Dog Walking and Pet Care

If you are short of time and your dog is not getting enough walks, **I can help!**  
Perhaps you are at work or unable to get out and about, **I can help!**

**Let me take your pooch for a mooch.**

I can walk your dog for you with regular walks, a one off, or just a visit for company and a play in the garden. Cat and small animal visits are also available.

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## Cubert Village Hall Survey Document

### Notice to the Residents of Cubert Parish.

#### Cubert Parish Social Club

**Due to slow response so far and the late newsletter for January, the survey reply time is being extended**

A proposition from within the parish has been put to **The Cubert Village Hall (CVH)** committee that the **CVH** be extended to include a village social club possibly known as **Cubert Parish Social Club (CPSC)**

The “**Cubert Parish Social Club**” would be operated as a separate concern (committee) located within the “**Cubert Village Hall**” and would be licensed for the serving of alcoholic drinks and a limited food menu.

All profits to be reinvested into **The Cubert Village Hall** with donations to various community organisations within the parish.

This would give Cubert Parish a very useful amenity for local residents.

The added facility of the Bar and Lounge area would make the CVH more attractive for Functions, Parties, Wedding receptions, Entertainment nights, Bingo, Quizzes, relaxed discussions ETC.

This in turn would increase the utilisation of the Village Hall, expanding operations and improving the operational efficiency.

As with all social clubs, a small annual membership fee would be applicable with possible temporary membership available for visitors.

It has been suggested that the extension required for the **Cubert Parish Social Club** could be self-build like the original Cubert Village Hall building with volunteers donating their time and expertise. Please indicate on the form whether you would be able to offer your assistance on a volunteer basis.

Please visit the Cubert Village Hall Web site and download the form.

<http://www.spanglefish.com/cubertvillagehall/>

Please fill in and hand in at **The Post office**

Or hand in at **The Baker's Dozen**

Or post in the **Cubert Newsletter** box on the Post Office wall.

**Final Closing  
Date Mon Feb  
28th**

**SURVEY ON NEXT PAGE  
Please cut out and post  
as per instructions  
above**



**Cubert Parish Social Club Survey Form**

**Closing Date Monday 31st January 2022**

Are you a resident of a **Cubert Parish**? Yes    No

If yes please supply your post code .....

Are you in favour of a **Cubert Parish Social Club**? Yes    No

Would you support/visit the **Cubert Parish Social Club** on a regular basis? Yes    No

How often do you think you would visit?      Once a week Yes    No

Twice a week Yes    No

More often Yes    No

Would your visit normally be in the day time? Yes    No

Would your visit normally be in the evening time? Yes    No

Could your visits be both day time or evening time? Yes    No

Age Group please circle one group.

Under 18 years,   18 - 30 years,   31 – 50 years,   51 – 65 years,   Over 65 years.

**Local Support Required**

Would you be prepared to join the **Cubert Parish Social Club Committee**? Yes    No

Do you think the extension required to **Cubert Village Hall.....**

Would be best built completely by a local Contractor/Builder? Yes    No

Would be best built by Volunteers of Cubert Parish? Yes    No

Would you be prepared to offer your services on a volunteer basis to help build the extension for the **Cubert Parish Social Club**? Yes    No

If so, please email your details and available services to [Cubert.Social@gmail.com](mailto:Cubert.Social@gmail.com)

All information on this form is subject to GDPR

**Comments**



## *Report of the Parish Council Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022*

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. A. Percy, W.C. Longden, T. Hulbert. S. Bell, W. Caff, D. Hopkinson, G. Rowe, R.L.B. Spencer & Cornwall Councillor Adrian Dennis Harvey, the Clerk: D. Hawken, and 2 members of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. M. Smith

**Police Report** – None.

**Before the meeting opened:** Kirstly Edlin addressed the Parish Council with a detailed objection to PA20/10194. Theresa Herman supported Kirstly Edlins objection as did Stephen Sutton.

**OPENING:** The Meeting was opened at 7.10 pm, by the Chairman Cllr. A. Percy

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15th December 2021:** The Minutes were approved and signed as True Records.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 15th December 2021:**

Cllr. G. Rowe commented that the Bramble overgrowth has been cut back by the School.

Cllr. A. Percy advised the Parish Council that we have received a revised quote for refurbishment of Cubert Toilets.

Platinum Jubilee – a volunteer has been found to do designs for the road signs for Cubert and Holywell.

### **PLANNING: Decisions made by Cornwall Council:**

**PA21/08734** Certificate of lawfulness for existing use or development for the works to and use (C3) of a residential dwelling and associated curtilage - Owl Cottage Little Colgrease Cubert Cornwall TR8 5PL for Anne Buckle. **Granted (CAADs, PIPs and LUs only)**

**PA21/08162** Proposed replacement dwelling, replacement garage and associated landscaping. Gwinear Farm Cubert Newquay Cornwall TR8 5JX for Mrs Aimee Hammond - **Approved**

**PA21/07174** Listed building consent for sub-division of existing dwelling into two dwellings, with extensions to second dwelling, associated works and demolition of existing conservatory - Haven Cottage Trevail Cubert Newquay Cornwall TR8 5HP for Ms Cath Blair - **Approved**

**PA21/05208** Sub-division of existing dwelling into two dwellings, with extensions to second dwelling, associated works and demolition of existing conservatory - Haven Cottage Trevail Cubert Newquay Cornwall TR8 5HP for Ms Cath Blair **Approved**

### **Applications**

**PA20/10194** Residential development comprising 17 affordable units and 13 open market units. Reserved matters application for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of development following outline approval PA18/08384. Land To East Of Wesley Road Cubert Cornwall TR8 5HB for Kingsley Homes Limited **Resolved to Object to the application.** (detailed reasons available on CC website)

**PA21/12397** Side extension - Little Colgrease Farm, Road From Colgrease Farm To Road Leading To A3075 Cubert Newquay TR8 5PL for Mrs. A. Buckle - **Resolved to Raise no Objection**

**PA21/12415** Conversion of garage to ancillary annexe and also for use as a holiday let. 19 Chynowen Parc Cubert TR8 5HD for Mrs Lyndsay Anning - **Resolved to Raise no Objection.**

**Finance: Resolved** to accept the Brannan & Sons quote to refurbish the Cubert toilets.

Cubert Parish Council have decided to recommend that the Cubert and Crantock Community Benefit Trust provide cash support of £8000 towards the costs of the Platinum Jubilee and refurbishment of the toilets.

### **PLATINUM JUBILEE**

Cllr. Wayne Caff updated the Parish Council on preparations for the Platinum Jubilee. The next meeting of the committee will be held next month. He talked about ideas for the Beacon and suggestions for Lighting up the church in red white and blue with possible Laser lighting behind the Spire. The Smugglers Den has agreed to provide a food service on Thursday 2nd June. Possibilities for Entertainment included a School play, a children's fun run, Stalls, Childrens Entertainment such as Bouncy castles, Musicians. A tree planting is also planned for the day.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The group have had their sixth post Covid face to face meeting. The steering group are currently drawing up proposed policies and are currently looking at employing a site analysis company.

**MODIFICATION OF STANDING ORDER 26. EXPENDITURE** - Resolved to ratify the modification of standing orders.

**ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS NOT REQUIRING DECISIONS AT THIS MEETING:**

Cllr. A. Percy announced that Granite block for the wishing well has been ordered and that the Post on the well may need replacing. Cllr. A. Percy thanked Cllr. T. Hulbert for all his work in moving the Speed Visor – A couple of Volunteers have come forward to assist with this in the future. Cllr. A. Percy asked all Councillors to consider any highway issues in the Parish that need addressing and report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

**CLOSING, DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The meeting was closed 10.03pm.

The Regular Parish Council meeting to be held **on 16th February 2022 at 7 p.m.** in the Village Hall

**LITTER BINS**

Everyone can help us by not putting domestic waste or dog poo bags in litter bins. Please only put dog poo in the allocated Dog poo bins – The Parish Council litter bins are not designed for this use and we do not possess a vehicle capable of transporting the heavy bags laden with dog waste. If you are not passing a Dog Waste bin - Please consider taking your dog waste home with you and disposing of it in your general waste. You might want to consider using a Dicky Dog Waste Bag in future? Domestic waste should never be placed in litter bins. Please use the Cornwall Council regular collection service.

**As the evenings are now drawing in, when walking, please dress appropriately to be seen and face oncoming traffic.**



As part of the Jubilee celebrations the Carnival Committee are hoping to decorate as much of Cubert and Holywell as we can with fabric bunting. We are thinking patterned bunting triangles, predominantly in red, white and blue. To be able to do this we need the following :-

- Donations of fabric – preferably cotton/polycotton type, but we are grateful for any fabric, type, or colour, new or used.
- Donations of ribbon or tape on which to attach the triangles
- Volunteers to cut out fabric with pinking shears (to minimise sewing). 7” across the top and 10” down either side.
- People with sewing machines who would volunteer to sew the triangles onto tape/ribbon.
- Cash donations to allow us to buy fabric etc.



We know this is ambitious, but we think the village could look incredible.

If you would like to get involved with this community project you can contact me on **07709 291593** or give your details to Kath Harrison or Sarah Bell.

Kath has left a box at the back of Church for fabric donations.

There will be a box for fabric donations in the Bakers Dozen too; Dan has just volunteered

We are happy for people to make the bunting on their own or in groups, and to be as involved as they like but do need to make sure we all use the same measurements. If you have fabric you would like to donate, but can't get up to Church or Baker's Dozen, I'm more than happy to collect it.

Lets show what a fabulous community Cubert Parish is and make this an event to remember for many years.





## JUBILEE HISTORY FROM THE NEWSLETTER ARCHIVES

Planning has started on the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee for June 2022 so I delved into the archives of the Cubert Parish Newsletter and found the following from 2002 for the Queen's Golden Jubilee with a report from the Silver Jubilee in 1977. I thought you may like to either reminisce or read about what the Parish did for the last Jubilees. A lot of hard work and organisation rewarded by a successful set of events.



### GOLDEN JUBILEE 1952 - 2002



#### Editorial

June 2002: Let's hope for fine weather for Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> when the Sports Afternoon at the School and the Beach Party at Holywell Bay in the evening mark our celebration of the Queen's Golden Jubilee. Many of you will have noticed that we already have the first plaque outside the Village Hall to commemorate the event. Thanks must go to David Ball for building the surrounding wall.

### 25 YEARS AGO

*(Bryce Currah's editorial from 1977 Edition 28)*

Well done, Cubert. It is a very real pleasure for us to extend to you all our hearty congratulations for all the effort which culminated in such a colourful, successful and enjoyable day of celebration on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee. Within the confines of this little parish there is a remarkable flair for organisation; it seems to us that there has always been that ability to transform the ordinary into something special.

There was no lack of entries for the Children's Sports and no less than fifteen teams entered the 5-a-side football competition. Later a happy band of children sat down to their Jubilee Tea in the Village Square. Following this was the presentation of Jubilee Crowns by Mr J R Rodliff.

Age has its compensations, so they say, and one of these was most certainly the Senior Citizen's Tea provided in the Village Hall. Special invitation cards had been sent out and those who responded were greeted by the smiling faces of the ladies who had decorated the hall and tables so beautifully and provided such a bountiful variety of excellent food. Mr A J Rushton, Chairman of the Parish Council, extended a cordial welcome to the guests and 99 year old Mr J R Rodliff led the singing of grace. He also cut the celebration cake. A programme of organ music was provided by Mr N Minns during the proceedings which featured tunes very appropriate to the occasion. Following the "Loyal Toast" Mr W Carhart expressed the sincere thanks of the gathering to all who had worked so hard and contributed so much to make the event the success it undoubtedly was.

A very happy feature of the occasion was the manner in which our older residents and those who have joined us recently could be seen chatting together like old friends. This typified the community spirit which so happily permeated the whole of the day's activities and made it so much worthwhile. In the evening a Fancy Dress Parade was held and this was judged by Colonel and Mrs A R Harris. Mrs Harris was presented with a bouquet by last year's Carnival Queen, Annette Savage. The celebrations ended with a Jubilee Dance in the Village Hall. This proved a very popular attraction and was well attended.

During the week the Exhibition of Old Photographs of Cubert and "Cubertians", presided over by Mr V A Tregoning, attracted much attention during the whole of the viewing period. Those who so kindly provided the photographs have been very gratified that they generated so much interest.



**SILVER JUBILEE SPORTS RESULTS**

Football: Junior Team Reed's Rovers 3 Billy Yeo's Wanderers 2  
 Ladies Team Dean's Devils 2 Trenissick Stables 1  
 Senior Team Treetops Inn 2 London Five 1

Each member of the winning team received a medal and the Treetops team was presented with a fine trophy made and presented by the Chairman of Cubert Sea Anglers – Malcolm Clarke.

Children's Events:- 50 Metre Race (Under 5) 1<sup>st</sup> James Dixon, 2<sup>nd</sup> David Carne  
 (Under 8) 1<sup>st</sup> M Knight, 2<sup>nd</sup> C Tubb, 3<sup>rd</sup> G Phillips  
 (Under 11) 1<sup>st</sup> J Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> M Knight, 3<sup>rd</sup> G Wirdnam  
 (Under 15) 1<sup>st</sup> T Penna, 2<sup>nd</sup> A Tubb, 3<sup>rd</sup> B Yeo  
 50 Metre Egg & Spoon Race (Under 8) 1<sup>st</sup> G Knight, 2<sup>nd</sup> M Finnemore, 3<sup>rd</sup> F Choak  
 (Under 11) 1<sup>st</sup> D Choak, 2<sup>nd</sup> J Reed, 3<sup>rd</sup> H Chiell  
 (Under 15) 1<sup>st</sup> D Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> S Hawkins, 3<sup>rd</sup> A Tubb

**TREASURE HUNT** Items required:- Clover leaf, button, pencil, cigarette packet, wild flower, sweet paper, feather, used match, 1976 coin.

(Under 8) 1<sup>st</sup> James Dixon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Polly Wildish  
 (Under 11) Teresa Reed and Annette Savage equal 1<sup>st</sup>, Samantha Jose and Jeanette Reed equal 2<sup>nd</sup>, Michael Knight, Gary Wirdnam Caroline Harrison and Carol Anning equal 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
 (Under 15) 1<sup>st</sup> Clive Pope, 2<sup>nd</sup> Christopher Carhart, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mick Pickering, 4<sup>th</sup> Andrew Pope.

It will be interesting to review our Golden Jubilee celebrations in next month's issue. (Ed.)

**Book**  
review

**WI BOOK GROUP REVIEW**

**Title : THE ROSE OF SEBASTOPOL**

**Author : KATHARINE MCMAHON**

**ISBN : 978-0753823743**

**Book**  
review



The author was born in London and attended Bristol University. After her English and Drama course she decided to pursue a career as a writer. She now lives in Herfordshire and has written a number of novels.

Many of us had little knowledge about the Crimean War. The author did not dwell on the war but gave enough information for the reader to learn interesting facts, such as how many hundreds of men died or fell wounded daily during the skirmishes which often took place over a few days. It was also fascinating that so many wives and partners followed their husbands to war.

The main character was Mariella, who had a very constrained upbringing, spending most of her spare time sewing. This was typical of young ladies at this time. Her cousin Rose was more ebullient and outgoing. It was not surprising that Rose left for the Crimea without much nursing background. Mariella then followed when it became evident that Rose had gone missing. We felt that on her return to England Mariella would be a different woman as she had gained so much confidence. Some of the group felt that comments about Florence Nightingale were a little unfair and were possibly added to create controversy.

Social changes were included in the book such as philanthropist pursuits to look after the less well off, homes for Governesses and new homes for the poor in Derbyshire. The growing knowledge about advances in medical knowledge re amputation, cleanliness in hospitals and the causes of cholera were mentioned, including information about the sewers and pipes that were being added to new housing in London.

All in all, a very enjoyable book.



Editorial

July 2002: What a great time was had at Holywell Bay on the evening of Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at our celebration of the Queen's Golden Jubilee. It is unlikely that any of us realise the amount of time and effort it took to stage the event, but thanks must go to Peter Herman and his cohorts for their work. Congratulations to the Surf Lifesaving Club for their organisation of the event and to the Parish Council for funding the festivities. Special thanks to Major Andrews at Penhale for organising the lighting of the beacon. The afternoon sports at the School were enjoyed by all that attended and the event enhanced by the participation of the Army Field Hospital who put on an excellent display. Many thanks to the school for allowing the use of their field and congratulations to everyone that took part.

### GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations and thanks to members of the Parish Council, Holywell Bay Surf Club and all other persons who helped coordinate the wonderful Jubilee Celebrations on Holywell Beach.

The entertainment was brilliant, the fireworks display, together with the appropriate music, was truly magnificent.

We had family down on holiday and they loved it and said they could not have been anywhere better. They were amazed at our community spirit and how a small village could provide such excellent entertainment.

I wish to say special thanks to two members of the surf club who so willingly helped my disabled husband enjoy the celebrations. Pete who (somewhat precariously) rode him on his quad bike from St Pirans and another young man, whose name I do not know, at the end of the evening, brought his bike and trailer and with the help of our nephew physically helped him on to the trailer and then rode them back to the NT car park. This was very much appreciated.

Everything was perfect – even the weather!

Certainly a night to remember.

E Buringham

### HOLYWELL & CUBERT GOLDEN JUBILEE BEACH PARTY

Way back in January, Peter Scott, our Parish Council Chairman, telephoned me. "Can you organise an evening beach party for the Golden Jubilee? With a bit of food and a few fireworks?"

We have always been up for a challenge, so we estimated for around four to five hundred folk. By 9 o'clock we had well over 1,000 villagers, locals and holidaymakers. We cooked 3 lambs, 300 burgers, used around 700 rolls, gallons of lager, red wine and pop. We had live music from Tim Lord and "Nexus" ie Anna, Frankie and Hollie, a disco and fireworks. In all we considered it a great success. To make all this work took a great deal of time and effort by the following locals, without them it would not have been the success it was.

Graham Lord, Tim Lord, Adam Coad, Kerrey Drewitt, Richard Hartley, Bob Coad, Dave Wilson, Helen Etheridge, Debbie Wilson, Nick Kind, Malcolm Reed, Jock Ellis, Leroy Kerr, John Bailey, Steve Lidd, Pete Griffin, Brian Clough, Pete Hutton, Robert Hartley, Tony Savage, Plum, Pat Coad

Until the next time!

Peter Herman Coordinator



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### QUICKISH CROSSWORD ANSWERS - NO. 13

by ALEMAN

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### LAST MONTH'S KIDS' CORNER ANSWERS

1. You get ONE strip, not two, as you might imagine, and the strip has TWO sides (plus a 360° twist).

2. STRIKE ME

The clock will take 11 seconds to strike twelve. There are 11 one-second gaps between the first and last chimes.

3. SLOW AND FAST

They are both the same distance from Truro **when they meet.**

4. NUMBER SQUARE

Two possible answers are:

2	1	9	3	2	7
4	3	8	6	5	4
6	5	7	9	8	1

There may be others.

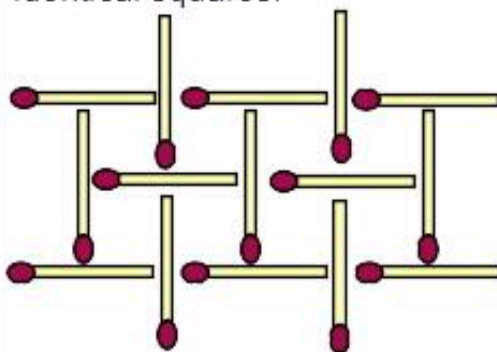
5. SOMETHING'S AMISS

The missing letters make the ends and beginnings of the words, giving the ANSWER (literally):

- CHIN **A** BIDE
- BLOW **N** EVER
- BLUE **S** AGES
- SINE **W** AGES
- BATH **E** BONY
- CAPE **R** ALLY

6. MATCHSTICKS

Here's how to make the 8 identical squares:





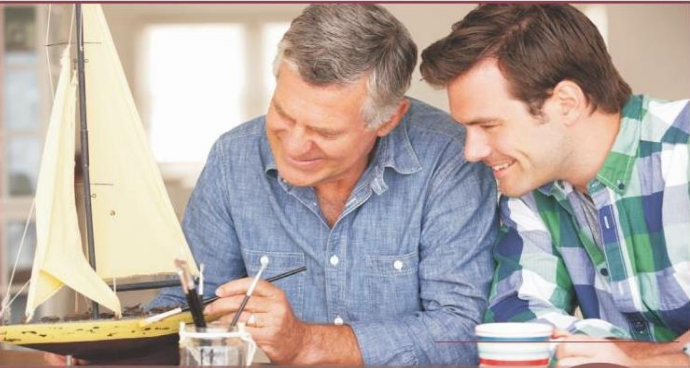
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 Sunday Feb 20<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion 9.30am

(Services of Holy Communion take place at St Carantoc church on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at 11am)



**Ash Wednesday** March 2<sup>nd</sup> - beginning of Lent, service at St Piran's Church 6pm.

Pancake Coffee Morning Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 10 -12 noon at the Treguth Inn

Many thanks to all who have renewed or joined the Church Lottery this year, we hope you will be successful! You can still buy a ticket, just contact Kath Harrison on 831024.

Memory Café: at St Michael's Church Hall, Perranporth on the second and fourth Mondays of the month 2 – 4pm. For more information please contact Wendy: 830380.

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Thanks

## Coffee Morning and Pancakes

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**CUBERT SEA ANGLERS 1963 – 2022**

**“Club Fishing”**

These are a few of the leading species of fish landed by club members during the 2021 season:

J Smith	Bass	4lbs 7ozs
C Hunt	Bass	3lbs 11ozs
N Calleya	Bass	3lbs 2ozs
E Gummow	Gilthead Bream	4lbs 14ozs
C Pope	Lesser Spotted Dogfish	2lbs 4ozs

**“Club Meeting”**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 commencing at 8.00 pm and held at “The Treguth Inn” at Holywell.

Please Note: At this meeting existing club members wishing to renew their membership and pass must re-join, as this meeting is the deadline date.

Also, those members who have private scales must get theirs tested, as no fish can be accepted by our Recorder on untested scales.

**“Club Competitions”**

A winter competition runs from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022, through to the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and fishing for “The Best Specimen”.

**“Club Officials Elected for 2022 Season”**

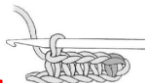
Chairman	R Davey
Secretary	E Gummow
Treasurer	J Smith
Club Recorder	M Yelland
Cups & Trophies	C Hunt

By Brian Osborne

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS A CUBERT SEA ANGLERS NOTICE BOARD IN CUBERT VILLAGE SQUARE FOR FUTURE INFORMATION**



## POPPIES CRAFT CALL-OUT



Once again calling all knitters and crocheters to make Poppies toward the village display.

We are pleased to say we can now give out **free** balls of wool in bags for people to collect from the village bakery. Baker's Dozen.

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In late December, Bramblings were being seen at Callywith near Bodmin. They are normally seen in ones and twos, approx 250 are regularly seen. The area is a patch of land set aside by a farmer (possibly seeded by him.)

### BRAMBLING

Surveillance drones from an RN icebreaker have discovered a colony of Adelie Penguins, approx ¼ million in number on the South Sandwich Islands in the Antarctic, south of the Falklands. There are also about 2.6 million Chinstrap Penguins in the area which is half the global population.

In late December Ben Hocking had Blackcaps regularly coming to feed on berries in his garden. On the 31<sup>st</sup> December a Fieldfare stayed in his garden for some time feeding on windfall apples. He said it had a distinctive call, not unlike a Magpie.



### ADELIE PENGUIN



Sharon and Dave Smith had a Meadow Pipit in their garden in early January.

In the last week of December, two Choughs were being seen on the Holywell side of the Kelseys.

### MEADOW PIPIT

In early January, a White-tailed Eagle was seen over Bodmin Moor, possibly one of those bred in captivity on the Isle of Wight.



### GREATER SPOTTED WOODPECKER

Ben Hocking had a Greater Spotted Woodpecker on his feeders on 6<sup>th</sup> January.

Regular birds coming to my feeders include Goldfinches, Blue Tits, Chaffinch and Blackcaps.



### GOLDFINCH



### BLUE TIT



### CHAFFINCH



### BLACKCAP

By Rodney Phillips

## CUBERT SCHOOL

As we start the new year in school, we are continuing to change and adapt our routines to keep everyone safe and well and to follow government guidelines. We are still unable to invite visitors in to celebration assemblies but children receive their certificates and Star of the Week awards every Friday in class. However we were able to have parents and carers on the field to listen to the children singing around the fire pit. Along with the school Christmas dinner, lots of festive crafts and a snow machine, this was a lovely way to finish the year.



Staff and pupils alike enjoyed a day devoted to history recently. Each class dressed up in costumes and learnt about people and events from a particular time in history. There were cave dwellers, evacuees, famous artists and scientists, astronauts, sports heroes, suffragettes and soldiers. It really was a great way to explore history, and we are, as always, very grateful for the support of our parents in organising such amazing costumes and accessories. Our school website has lots of information about keeping safe online and there is a link to download a free online safety app with information on the latest app and games. Please have a look, with so much learning, shopping and socialising now done through the internet, we all need to be aware of any risks.

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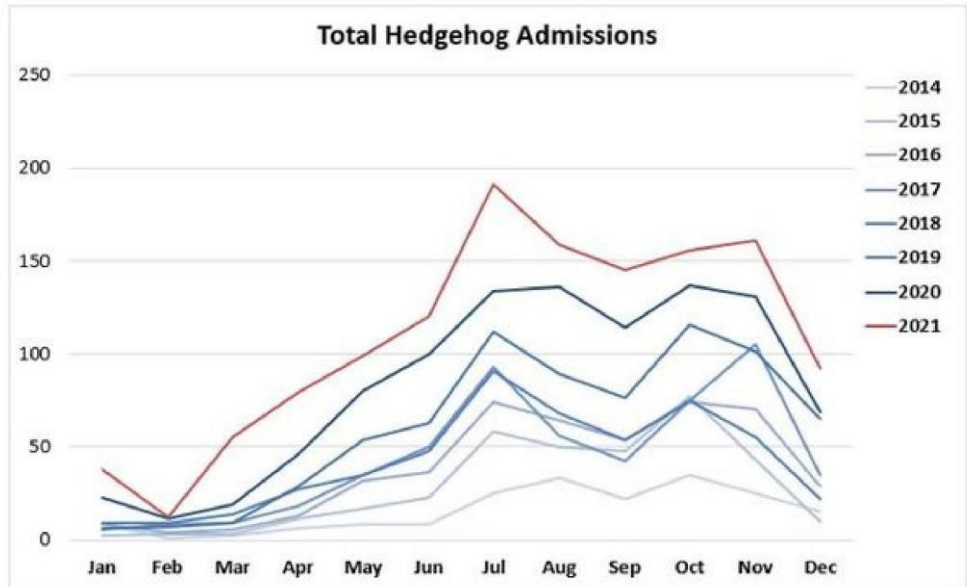
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As always, thank you for your support and we hope to meet some of you at events this year !

Wishing you all a slightly belated Happy New Year!

Here at Prickles and Paws we are all wondering what 2022 will bring. 2021 was a landmark year for us in many ways as the charity grew faster than we could have thought possible. We admitted over 1,300 hedgehogs in total, a number we still can't quite comprehend!



We should now be having a quieter few months (don't say it too loud) with admissions so our focus has turned to events planning and fundraising for the year ahead. If any of you are nifty knitters or creative crafters, and would be interested in making some crafts for us, have a look at our new Facebook page Prickles and Paws Craft group which we've set up for people who love to sew, crochet, knit, paint and make!

If you have regular hedgehog visitors to your garden, please continue to put out food and water through the colder months as not all hedgehogs hibernate and our relatively mild winters mean many Cornish hedgehogs may not hibernate at all, or not for prolonged periods of time.

## CUBERT CROSSROADS SURVEY UPDATE

### Information from MP Cherilyn Mackrory (this is an extract)

While data on the number of accidents is helpful, it would also help the case if I could prove there is a clear want from the local community. I believe I now have that.

A design has been put together by Cornwall Council Highways, we just now need to find the money to pay for this important project.

The results from the survey paints a clear picture. I was pleased to have received over 650 responses to the survey.

This is strong response for such a survey.

Of the 668 that completed the survey:

- 99.7% of respondents feel that the Cubert Crossroads junction need to be improved
- 94.6% of respondents have witnessed accidents or near misses at the junction
- 98.4% of respondents believe the Cubert Crossroads junction is a dangerous junction
- 98.2% of respondents feel that improving of the junction at Cubert Crossroads should be a priority for Cornwall Council and their Highways Department
- 99.1% of respondents feel that this issue has been ignored for too long
- 99.3% of respondents feel that with increased traffic on the roads, particularly in the summer, this issue is getting worse

The results are clear and show that now is the time for action, not more words.

I have now written to the local parish councils, your local Cornwall Councillor Adrian Harvey and Cornwall Council's Highway Department with the results of the survey.

I have also written to the Secretary of State for Transport asking for a meeting, and for the money so that we can get on and address this issue once and for all.



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Once again Holywell Bay Surf Life Saving Club proved invaluable on Sunday 16th January. A beautiful spring weekend invited lots of visitors to the beach, and who can blame them! But unfortunately for one 61 year old lady, it became a little more dramatic that just a Sunday stroll.



Thankfully the surf club had just finished a weekend training session when they were alerted to an incident at the north end of the beach. A lady had been out for walk and sadly took a tumble on the rocks just by the Holy Well - she had sustained a fair few injuries and was in a great deal of pain and discomfort. The surf club were immediately able to assist, together with the local Newquay Coastguard team, and a doctor who was also out enjoying the beach.



With an incoming tide approaching, time was precious in order to move the casualty to a safe location. The club members were able to use a tactical rescue stretcher to move the lady safely over the rocks. The equipment was purchased for emergency situations just like this! Shortly after, 2 RNLI lifeboats arrived on scene, and senior paramedic Ash made the call



for the Coastguard helicopter to attend and transfer the patient to Derriford for treatment. We have been told she is doing well and of course would like to wish her a speedy recovery.

It really goes to show the brilliant cooperation and teamwork between the emergency services and the volunteers of the surf club. The hours of training sessions were put into good practice and a member of the public received great care and attention. Well done and thank you to all involved.

Being a charity, Holywell Surf Club is heavily reliant on donations and contributions to be able to purchase crucial equipment such as the stretcher. The annual auction was a slightly different affair this year as we held a night at the horse races at The Smugglers Den. Just over £3000 was raised and we cannot thank you enough for the kindness and generosity received in what has been a very tough few years for everyone. Your support really does make all the difference.

We all look forward to getting back on the beach again in the summer but until then training sessions for all club members have started back in the swimming pool, honing the skills and techniques to perform rescues and keeping fitness up. Fingers crossed for a fabulous 2022 and we hope to see you soon on the world's best beach!

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# CAN YOU



Hi Cubert Neighbours,

Carly and Sam Crosby here from Wesley Road.

In August 2019 our son Patrick (Patch) was born and on his arrival we discovered that he has a complex brain issue resulting in physical and mental disabilities and epilepsy. Life has been very turbulent the last few years, however Patch is a very special boy and the absolute light of our lives.

As he grows his disabilities are becoming more apparent and we are now thinking ahead to what life will look like for us long-term. Although we love our house, it is becoming hard to carry him up and down the three floors and there is little room for the equipment which we have already acquired, aware that more equipment will be on his way as he grows.

Our dream therefore is to have a house which meets all of Patch's and our needs ... everything on one floor, space to use equipment, an adaptive bath and a playroom/therapy room to name a few. We are continually on the hunt for somewhere and are therefore reaching out to our Cubert community to see if:

1. You are thinking of selling your bungalow / majority one floor house, if you would consider getting in touch with us for a private sale, before going on the market.
2. If you have land available, if you would consider selling us a slice so that we can build our dream home. Although getting planning permission may be tricky, we are hoping that as the build is to meet disability requirements, there may be some support from the deciding local authorities.

We absolutely love Cubert, it is our home and we are so thankful for the support that we receive from friends and neighbours here. We have family here to support us, we're just getting stuck into our new allotment spot and the bakery and shop are a lifeline on days where things are tricky at home with Patch and we can't get in the car to the supermarket. So we are exploring all options that would allow us to stay in the area and not have to move away.

If this is an option you may be open to discussing further, please do give us a call on 07900 558553.

Or feel free to drop by for a cuppa at 3 Chynoweth View.

Many thanks

**Carly, Sam and Patch**



Taking a lead from the BBC's Green Planet series, now showing on Sunday evenings, our news this month will focus on the natural world. In the first part of Green Planet we saw the important influence of fungus on the health of the planet. We saw clouds of fungal spores lying above the Rain forest, combining with droplets of rain to fall back down to the ground. Each drop of water containing a spore of fungus. We saw leaf-cutter ants carrying pieces of leaf to their underground nest where a giant fungus was fed with the leaves, while producing tiny mushrooms for the ants to eat. The fungus was even able to 'tell' the ants which leaves it needed! It has been estimated that there are 450 quadrillion kilometres of fungal networks in the top 10cm of soil around the world – around half the width of our galaxy, creating a vast natural carbon sink.

Another very efficient natural way of storing carbon is in the rich deposits of peat found in many boggy and moorland areas of Britain. Unfortunately our peat deposits have been depleted over recent years, partly to be used in the commercial production of compost, and gardeners are now encouraged to buy non-peat compost. There are government proposals to ban the sale of peat for domestic use from May 2024, but peat for commercial use will not be banned until 2028. 70% of all peat sales in the UK are to commercial and domestic growers. Conservation groups are concerned that this government intervention may not be enough to protect the remaining peat beds.

But here is some good news about coral. Researchers working on the Great Barrier Reef have managed to establish twenty two new colonies using coral IVF. These new beds were planted in 2016 and have now grown to maturity and are filled with eggs and sperm, ready to spawn at the next mass coral spawning event, following a full moon. The project has seen the microscopic larvae grow to the size of dinner plates, surviving a bleaching event and now ready to reproduce themselves, bringing hope for the future restoration of large parts of the reef.

Another story of renewal comes from whale watchers off the coast of Washington and British Columbia, where a record number of Humpback whales has been recorded this season. A significant increase for a species which was on the endangered list twenty five years ago. Twice as many calves were counted this year compared to last year.

Meanwhile, rescuers uncovering bee hives from the volcanic ash of the eruption on La Palma in the Canary Islands, found five hives with the bees still alive after fifty days of being buried. The bees had survived by producing a resinous substance called propolis, which they used to seal up their hive, protecting them from the choking ash. They then fed on their winter store of honey which fortunately had not been gathered by the bee-keepers. Each of the hives could house between thirty and forty thousand bees in springtime, that help pollinate the many plants on the island.

And finally, the first 'State of the Thames' Report has been published by the Zoological Society of London, using seventeen indicators to assess the health of the Thames since it was declared biologically dead in 1957. Highlighting the dedication of conservation groups over the years, the picture now looks a lot brighter with an increase in bird species and marine animals as well as plant life. Some surprising species were found including sea horses and small sharks.

Restoration and conservation of natural habitats is key to maintaining the biodiversity of our planet, but that is also intricately linked to other factors, the most important being pollution and climate change. As we come to realise how our own lives ultimately depend on a healthy planet, we shall all hopefully work increasingly hard to do what we can to help our world survive, encouraged by the richness and resilience of the plants and creatures that live alongside us.

Highly recommended viewing –

The Green Planet on BBC 1.

Wendy

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17<sup>th</sup> Feb, 17<sup>th</sup> March

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Christmas and the celebrations of New Year seem a long way away now and we look forward to a brighter year. Fortunately, we are still allowed to meet even though the number of covid cases rises. As ever, we adhere to government rules; distancing, ensuring good air circulation, wiping surfaces etc.. Masks were worn at all times except when eating and drinking.



There was no County News or Enclosures in January. Lynne Wilson was able to remind us of the need to sign up for events due to close in February and those that will be on offer later in the year. Those organised by Lynn herself seem to be the most popular. The gin distillery visit in March is now fully booked with the visit to the Records' Office later in the year also proving popular. A walking treasure hunt is planned. Lynne would appreciate any information about the area which could be used in the route, .

As is usual at this time of year, we have to express our views on the topics for this year's resolution vote from which two will be decided on nationally. The more successful of these two will form a major national WI campaign. Members of the committee talked about them to give us a better idea of what was involved. The most popular two were 'Appropriate Sentencing of Non-violent Women Offenders' with 13 votes and 'Women and girls with ASD and ADHD: under-identified, under-diagnosed, misdiagnosed, under-supported' with 6 votes. It will be interesting to see if our votes reflect the national one.

Financial information was given by Treasurer Sue Stevens. Fees for the coming year will be discussed next month. It is our intention to continue to invite interesting and entertaining speakers as well as organise events and trips.

The speaker this month was Sonia Shipman speaking on the topic of 'British Sign Language' The interest in sign language has increased dramatically recently, largely due to the Strictly Come Dancing star Rose Ayling-Ellis who is the first deaf Strictly star. Sonia didn't disappoint and gave an interesting insight into her experience working as an interpreter in Cornwall, sign language generally and how we can learn a few basics.

There was no book group meeting in December but The Rose of Sabastapol by Katharine McMahon will be discussed at the January meeting.

The competition 'An item made from Recycled Material' was won by Maire Hedge with a splendid bird feeder followed by Salli Blackford and Sonia Jones who, great minds thinking alike, made pencil holders. There will be no competition next month.

Next month will be our 68<sup>th</sup> Birthday meeting. This will be a time to celebrate the years the WI has existed in Crantock, and we do this with entertainment, delicious food and, of course, good company.

Next meeting in the village hall on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00pm.**

Linda Hallwood



Members looking at Sign language information sheets

Competition entries



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