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Fontmell Magna Village Fete – Saturday 15th September

The weather was kind for this year's village Fete, with visitors enjoying a merry afternoon of great music, delicious food and fun 'things to do', from designing and making paper aeroplanes to searching for Fontmell's hidden treasure. A balloon-filled classic MG (courtesy of Rob Newberry) provided the perfect centrepiece for the site at the village hall and surrounding land.

As always, the bar and BBQ supplied by The Fontmell was extremely popular offering a tasty selection of burgers and hot dogs, beers and Pimms. Chef Tom and his team did a fantastic job, ably supported by Mary-Anne, Peter and Pat. Sian and Jim Highnam brought along their traditional ice-cream cart, serving Blackmore Vale Dairy cones all afternoon. Our thanks go to them all.

The various stalls - Splat the Rat, Wellie Whanging, Bottle Tombola, Plate Smashing, Cakes, Jams, Teas, Photo Booth, Tombola, Penalty Shoot Out, Virtual Treasure and Hair Spraying - were brilliantly organised and run by our wonderful troop of volunteers. There's a lot of work that goes on behind-the-scenes at an event like this and we are indebted to those who gave up their time so willingly. A special mention must go to Alison Main for her remarkable 26-year stint in charge of the Bric-a-Brac - one of our most popular stalls that also raised a substantial amount of money.

Weymouth and Portland Metal Detecting Club travelled a long way to spend the day with us and displayed for visitors a wonderful collection of objects and treasures, much of which had been found in and around the village, and they generously donated all their takings from the afternoon. In keeping with our aeronautical theme, the Royal Air Force Association kindly provided stickers and windmills to hand-out. It was also great fun to see the Zumba ladies demonstrate their moves and liven things up.

We would like to extend our thanks to everyone who helped make the Fete such a success (many of whom have been involved for quite a few years!): John Ryall and Martin Roberts for the generous use of their fields; Ray Pitman for ensuring access to the site; the Garden and Art Club for their continued participation; Sam Walton for designing and putting together our Fete programme; Cathy Pearce for advertising and manning the Inflatables; our Secretary Alix Austen and Treasurer Susannah de Ferry Foster and finally ALL those who donated items, baked cakes, made jam, helped set-up marquees, sold tickets, put-up banners and bunting...the list goes on! Without you, it would simply not be possible to put on this kind of event.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 3rd October at 7.30pm**. It's your chance to tell us what you think of the Fete and share any ideas you have for next year's event. We always need more volunteers so please do come along and support this community event. We will also be taking requests for grants from the community chest.

The **Fete AGM** will be on **Wednesday 7th November** (details to be published in the next issue of The Gossip Tree). Best wishes, Hannah Lister

Village Hall

Thank you to all the Village Hall Management Committee and Trustees for making myself, Lisa and Kim Masters (Playground Rep) so welcome at our first meeting. We have great plans for the Village Hall and Playground. To start with we are going to install a hearing loop, hopefully before Christmas. We are also looking at how to improve the acoustics in the hall to reduce the echo. This will make it better for the wider community to attend talks, film nights and use the hall in general.

As many of you will know, the playground area is in need of a "makeover". Kim and her team of mothers have been working hard over the summer to find suitable designs that were then presented to the committee at our first meeting. The bottom line is that they are expensive as the surface and equipment must comply with so many Health and Safety regulations in order for our public liability insurance to be valid. We hope to put down a plastic surface which looks like chippings and install play equipment with a long shelf life (moving away from wooden structures).

We estimate that the cost of renewing the playground will be £40,000. We aim to deploy the money in stages, perhaps renewing the surface area and recycling existing equipment where possible, then adding equipment bit by bit when money is available. We aim to raise this money through donations, fundraising in the village, grants and applications to other charities. However, in order for us to apply for the grants we need to have some funds in our pot! We are going to kick start the fund raising by running a

Christmas Fayre at the Village Hall on Saturday 1st December 11.00am to 4.00pm.

We will have refreshments, Father Christmas, stalls of food, local artists and maybe some carols! If anyone would like to take a stall or has any suggestions please contact Lisa Le Druillenc lisa.ledruillenc@gmail.com Rosie-Anne, Chairman

Notices – October 2018

St. Andrew's Church

Sun	7th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		9.00am	Sunday Breakfast (Village Hall - see over)
Sun	14th	9.30am	Morning Worship
Sun	21st	10.00am	Holy Communion with choir
Sun	28th	9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)

Prayers each Monday at 9.00am

Parish Council Meeting

No meeting this month. Next meeting Mon 12th November at 7.00pm in St. Andrew's School.

Parish Clerk: Marianne Wheatley
clerk@fontmellmagnapc.co.uk

The Surgery

Mon - Thur 8.00am - 12 noon. Enquiries 856700

Village Shop & Post Office

Mon - Fri 8.00am to 6.00pm
Sat 9.00am to 1.00pm; Sun 9.00am to 12.00 noon
Enquiries 811201

The Fontmell

Thur 18th 7.30pm till late - Pig Night.
Enquiries 811441

St Andrew's School

Fri 19th - Break up for Half Term
Mon 5th November - Back from Half Term

Fontmell Magna Toddler Group

Details Kelly Oakley 07792 425609

Fontmell Magna Under 5's Breakfast Club

Every morning for St. Andrew's pupils from 7.45am at the Under 5's. Details 812773

'In Home' Coffee Morning

Fri 5th 10.30am to 12 noon at 'Greensands' by kind invitation of Judy and Peter Westgate. Please do come and join us! Note - 'Open House' in church finishes on Friday 28th September.

Iwerne Valley Walking Group

Sat 20th, starting at 10.00am from The Elm Tree Inn, Langton Herring DT3 4HU.
Leader Jim Bird 01258 861526

Bell-ringing

Tue 16th - Practice 7.30 to 8.30pm
Details Chris Bellers 811734

Bin Collection Dates

W/C 1st, 15th & 29th - Recycling & Food
W/C 8th & 22nd - Rubbish & Food

Village Hall events - see over

Events in the Village Hall

Post Fete Meeting

Wed 3rd at 7.30pm
Details Hannah Lister 811568

Sunday Breakfast

Sun 7th at 9.00am. Run by St. Andrew's Church. All welcome. Details Janet Smith 811904

Fontmell Films

Wed 10th - 'Entebbe'
Doors open 7.00pm
Details Libby Gendall 811511

North Dorset Wildlife Trust

Wed 17th at 7.30pm - 'The Secret Life of the Dormouse', an illustrated talk by NDWT Warden Steve Oliver. Details Anna Davies 01258 880699

Archive Society

Thu 18th 4.00 to 5.30pm. AGM
Details Roger Hillman 811878

Garden Club

Thu 18th at 7.30pm. 'Success with House Plants' - speaker from Castle Gardens Nursery. Details Robert McCurrach 812077

Fontmell Magna Art Club

Tue 2.00 to 4.00pm.
Details Sandra Jelbart 812468

Carpet Bowls Club

Thu at 7.30pm.
Details Gerry Bone 811814

Dru Yoga

Fri 9.30 to 11.00am.
Details Kirsty Elliot 07783 780128

Pilates

Mon 5.30-6.30pm, 6.30-7.30pm.
STOTT Pilates Matwork & props.
Details Vicci Gillett 07940 961221
www.stable-bodies.co.uk
Tue 9.15-10.15am, 10.30-11.30am.
Details Lyn O'Neill 07989 192424

Taekwon-do

Tue 8.00-9.00pm, Fri 6.00-7.00pm.
Details Sam Donohoo 07584 039351

Zumba

Mon 7.30-8.30pm, Thu 9.30-10.30am.
Details Abby Down 850867
zumbawithabbyd@gmail.com

To book the Hall, call Catherine Allard on 812047 or email catherineallard1980@hotmail.co.uk

100 Poppies

Sunday 11th November 2018 marks the anniversary of the end of the First World War. St Andrew's Church would like to commemorate this event by decorating the church with knitted red poppies on Remembrance Day. **We need your help.** Could you knit some red poppies? We would like to have at least 100. Patterns can be collected from the church porch or from Janet Smith at Fiferidge, West Street. They are quite simple. Finished poppies can be returned to both places but can we have them by Wednesday 31st October please. **Thank You.** Janet Smith

Parish Council

The following items were discussed at the meeting held at 7.00pm on Monday 10th September 2018.

Tom Balchin, Rural Engagement Officer, Dorset Police Rural Crime Team, talked for about half an hour. His message: if you see anything suspicious, whether it's possible fly-tipping, poaching, sheep-worrying, theft or potential theft, or whatever, report it via the website <https://www.dorset.police.uk/help-advice-crime-prevention/rural-crime/> or by calling 101.

Public Questions

Peter Gray said that A350 traffic was still going too fast, particularly going south, and speed cameras were needed. Robin East replied that the new speed limits were all very well, but there was little or no enforcement. He will speak to Robert McCurrach about the Community Speed Watch but there was little more he could do.

Michael Goldberg raised concerns about the footpath linking St Andrew's View and the village. Several residents of St Andrew's View were present and were concerned that the Neighbourhood Plan appeared to suggest that the path to St Andrew's View would become a public footpath. There were also concerns about a new footpath from St Andrew's View to the lane to Croft Farm. Cllr. Humphreys said there had never been a proposal to change the St Andrew's View to village path to a public footpath and, because it is a private path, all references to it had now been removed from the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr. Bellers said that he was responding to a request to investigate the possibility of a path from St Andrew's View to the lane to Croft Farm and had written to the management company, but was still awaiting progress.

Parish Council Meeting

Five parish councillors were present - Cllr. H. Horstead (Chairman) and Cllr.s C. Bellers, M. Humphreys, H. Lister and L. Williams - as were NDDC Cllr. C. Langham and 16 members of the public. There were apologies for absence from DCC Cllr. G. Carr-Jones.

Co-option and training

Annie Newbury was co-opted onto the PC. This still leaves one vacancy for a councillor (anyone interested, please contact the Clerk). The PC agreed to adopt a new Training Policy to ensure councillors were sufficiently trained to carry out their duties effectively.

Development Control matters

The PC had no objection to the applications in respect of the change of use of a barn at Gupples Farm and the erection of a barn at Penn Hill Farm. The PC supported the application at Magna House, Lurmer Street but queried the type of cladding proposed. The PC still has to consider two applications in respect of Penn Hill Farm. The NDDC Enforcement Officer had confirmed that there was no breach of planning regulations in respect of the access at Pen Hill Farm. The NDDC Planning Committee had approved the application in respect of Middle Farm. For the Mill Street application for 29 houses, the earliest committee for the Mill Street site is November, but NDDC is minded to recommend refusal. The South Street application for 30 houses may receive a recommendation of approval (as it is supported by the PC) about the same time.

The PC is still working on drafting terms of reference for the Planning Working Group it agreed to set up at the last meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

Amendments have been made to the NP to incorporate the recommendations made in the Examiner's report; this report is available on the parish website. The PC approved the amended NP for submission to NDDC for the purposes of the referendum, and it will be considered by North Dorset Cabinet on Monday 17th September. The Referendum will be held on Thursday 15th November and the PC urged all residents to turn out and support the NP, the culmination of over three years' work and three separate consultations with parish residents. The NP provides policies to steer how future developments are undertaken in the parish, and to protect the character of the village and the amenities we all value.

The Examiner had noted that Ken Parkes Planning Consultants (the agents for the Mill Street site), in their comments to the Examiner, had made suggestions of impropriety associated with the site selection process but provided no evidence to support this assertion. The charge is wholly without foundation and the PC agreed to write to the agents asking for these comments to be withdrawn.

Other Parish Matters

Highways - Robin East reported that Dorset Highways had promised that the missing white lines by Middle Farm, the missing hatching by the junction with Parsonage Street, the replacement direction signs at the pub crossroads and the outstanding work on the agreed new/replacement warning signs have been "prioritised" and should be completed soon. Permanent signs are being erected to promote the voluntary one-way system for HGVs. The Gore Clump works should be completed by the end of 2019.

Defibrillator - Cllr. Humphreys reported that it has been agreed to house the defibrillator, sponsored by Farnfields Solicitors, in the School car-park. This will be installed possibly during the half-term break in October and training will be provided for school staff as well as any residents who would like to attend.

Maintenance of Bedchester Notice Board - Cllr. Williams said that repairs are imminent.

New Dog Waste Bin - The Clerk reported that Dorset Waste Partnership currently charges £200 for the bin with a £50 installation charge. They can then empty the bin with a charge £4.50 per empty, which can be either weekly or fortnightly. Cllr. Horstead will ask the pub about where such a bin should be located and whether the pub might contribute to the cost.

Healthy Homes Dorset - There is a free service offered by Healthy Homes Dorset to provide advice to people in need on keeping their homes warm. It was agreed to publicise the service on the PC's website.

Grant for maintenance of Churchyard - The PC agreed to grant the full £600 requested by the Church.

Cranborne Chase AONB - The PC agreed to write to the AONB supporting their bid to be an International Dark Sky Reserve.

There was no other business. The meeting closed at 8.48pm. The next PC meeting will be on Monday 12th November in the School Hall at 7.30pm.

Iwerne Valley Walking Group

August Walk

Eight walkers and one visiting dog (Ludo) met at the Compton Abbas Air field on Saturday 18th August. The weather forecast was for a dry day but rain could be seen drifting through the vale and waterproofs were used briefly as we approached the National Trust car park and walked down the track towards Compton Abbas. We climbed the steps and steep stile (the only one) to follow the footpath along Compton Down, still rather bare after the long drought. We passed the remarkable amphitheatre, deeply contoured by grazing animals on the way to the saddle leading to Melbury Hill. The steep climb rewarded us with views of the Iwerne Valley churches and Melbury the opposite side. The guide on top of the trig point for the various points of interest seems a few degrees out!

We retraced our steps and descended to walk across a field to Compton. Ludo headed for the water troughs but only found a bit of plastic pipe to play with. We did have a few blackberries for refreshment and there was water when we reached the footpath back to Fontmell Down. We had a look at the well-cared for old East Compton church tower before continuing through Twin Town and the rest of the village. Fontmell Down did look rather a daunting climb back to the airfield but was alright taken slowly. More family members joined us at lunch time adding entertainment by the Bird's delightful granddaughter sharing her mini marshmallows. Judy Westgate

Fontmell Films

Our film on Wednesday 10th October is 'Entebbe', which was released in March this year and is based on the true story of Operation Entebbe. In July 1976 four terrorists hijacked an Air France flight from Tel-Aviv to Paris and forced the flight crew to land in Entebbe, Uganda. There, the Jewish passengers were held hostage, with their safety contingent on the release of dozens of terrorists jailed in Israel, Germany and Sweden. Starring Rosamund Pike and Daniel Bruhl.

Tickets £6 from Fontmell Village Shop or £6.50 on the door. Doors and the bar open at 7.00pm with the film starting at 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing everyone and don't forget your cushions! Future film dates:

Wednesday 14th November 'The Bookshop'

Wednesday 12th December 'The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society'

For more information please call Libby on 811551

Warming up Dorset!

Do you struggle to keep your home warm or worry how you will afford your energy bills this winter?

Contact **Healthy Homes Dorset** for free, impartial advice about keeping your home warm, using your heating system, understanding your energy bills and making energy saving improvements – if you're eligible for loft or cavity wall insulation it will be free! We will also register you for power cut support, a handy service to be on if you experience a power cut in your area. Our advice can be given through home visits as well as over the phone. Fire safety alarm and appliance checks can also be organised in partnership with Fire and Rescue for eligible residents.

If you, or someone you know, would benefit from speaking to a trained energy advisor, then get in touch.

Call **0300 003 7023**

email help@healthyhomesdorset.org.uk

Web www.healthyhomesdorset.org.uk

Healthy Homes Dorset is a service provided by Dorset County Council, funded by Public Health Dorset and managed by the Centre for Sustainable Energy in partnership with Evolve Home Energy Solutions.



Hot Air to continue in the Church!

A very **warm** "THANK YOU" to those who participated in June in the AUCTION OF PROMISES for the new church boiler (raising £4,612), to those who simply donated money towards it (£3,485) and especially to all those in the background who made the Auction happen.

A grand total of £8,098 was raised which covers the cost of the boiler and its installation. (Such work on the fabric of the church comes with a Grant to cover the VAT which helps.) The new boiler is now up (or rather down in the basement) and running, so the good folk of Fontmell can be sure of a warm welcome whatever the weather.

Barry Roberts



Buddleia Bash

Help would be welcomed to shape the Buddleias for the winter – any time between 10.00am to 4.00pm from Monday 1st October to Thursday 4th October. Thank you.

Judy Westgate 811302

Zumba is Back!

Monday nights Dance Fitness in the Village Hall are back, 7.30-8.30pm. Let's have some fun with a side order of fitness. **All Welcome**, so why not give it a try and start a new evening routine this Autumn?
Abby Down

Village weather for August 2018



The summer hot, dry weather continued for a week, then cooler more unsettled with a hint of rain - then real rain on Sunday 26th August. 11 rain days. 1 ground frost. No air frosts, thunder, hail or gales.

Comp. Figures	2018	2017
Rain (most 28.2 mm on 26th)	57.9 mm	54.4 mm
Sunshine	179.0 hr (av. 5.8)	140.1 hr
Max mean temp. (highest 29.2 °C on 3rd)	22.05 °C	20.8 °C
Min mean temp. (lowest 3.8 °C on 25th)	11.41 °C	10.6 °C

According to provisional figures from the Met Office, it was the hottest summer on record for England and the joint hottest for the UK. May to August 2018 had the warmest daytime temperatures on record, at least for central England, in records since 1659.

However, it was only the fourth-sunniest summer in the UK, with the record held by 1976 for the most summer sunshine. The first half of the summer was the driest on record; the second half had rainfall that was closer to the norm.

In Europe, it was the warmest August on record, the third month of the year with record-breaking temperatures. July was especially hot over northern Europe. In late July, temperatures went over 32 °C as far north as the Arctic Circle.

Full Moon – Wednesday 24th October

The Full Moon in October is the Full Hunter's Moon, also known as the Travel Moon or the Blood Moon.

Could you be a volunteer Health Walk Leader?

Walking is a great way to stay healthy, both physically and mentally and lots of evidence suggests that regular walking with a group adds social benefits too. A free one-day training course for volunteer Walk Leaders will take place in Sherborne on Monday 22nd October. No prior experience is required, just lots of enthusiasm and an interest in supporting others to stay healthy. The North Dorset Walking For Health scheme has trained over 50 volunteers who now provide weekly Health Walks in Sturminster, Blandford, Shillingstone, Gillingham, Shaftesbury and Sherborne. These are opportunities for those who want to walk a short distance of 1-2 miles at a steady pace in a friendly group. All walks are free and local GP practices are supporting the scheme as they are keen to promote the health benefits associated with regular physical activity. If you would like more information please contact Keith Harrison, Scheme Coordinator on 07825 691508 or email keith.harrison@dorsetccg.nhs.uk.

Details of all walks are on the scheme website - <https://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/walkfinder/north-dorset-walking-for-health>

Compost Corner



When you buy a bag of bark chippings you hope you'll only find inside - well, bark chippings. What you may also find included and may not necessarily want, is Legionnaires' Disease.

My eagle-eyed husband spotted, after tearing open a bag of bark chippings, some notes on the back of the sack which made interesting reading. Basically:

1. Open with scissors.
 2. Wear a face mask.
 3. Distribute chippings well away from the house.
 4. Be aware that you may be exposed to Legionnaires' Disease.
 5. Enjoy the rest of your day (I made that one up).
- Quite alarming I'd say. So I did a bit of research, and yes, bags of bark and indeed compost may well contain Legionnaires' Disease and there have indeed been associated deaths.

I guess that in the warm, humid confines of a plastic sack of organic material all sorts of unwelcome pathogens could incubate so, yes, you do indeed need to be vigilant.

So perhaps it's time I dug out my old garden shredder machine - no chance of coming to any harm from that.....

Alison Main

3000 up and still 'oink' in the pen!

Pig consultant John Gadd's 3000th article on pig production is being published this autumn. "This sounds a lot and probably is, I suppose" he remarks. "But over 62 years it is under one a week. I'm a 'writerholic' anyway, and writing relaxes me similarly to others who smoke, or drink, or drive fast cars. I've been fortunate to live through the golden age of global pig technology, so there has been no shortage of subjects to explain and discuss. It is still the same today.

People often ask me 'How have you managed to keep your readers' interest over such a long time?' Three things: 1. Variation. That is just hard work and talking to people - at all levels in the industry. 2. Thinking yourself into the reader's shoes. I write about complicated technical matters in a conversational style - that way they understand, may even get interested - and editors come back for more. 3. I use the 'What if' concept as often as possible; it makes people think outside the box."

John Gadd

Do Not Forget!

The clocks go back on Sunday 28th October, as we move back on to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

This means lighter mornings and darker evenings.

As part of marking 100 years of the RAF, we are delighted to include this account by a local resident.

A Real RAF "Night Op" by Joseph Wrigley

Spring 1958. Cyprus was still British [*it would remain so until August 1960*]. But EOKA terrorists were active and were being supplied with arms by gun-runners. [*EOKA was a movement of Greek Cypriots known as the National Organisation of Cypriot Struggle*].

A 38 Squadron Shackleton, a heavy maritime patrol aircraft, had been detached from Gibraltar to Akrotiri to hunt them down, and I, a lowly aircraftsman meteorological observer, was going with them that night to collect data for the forecasting of night-time fogs and low cloud.



Avro Shackleton MR3 (1955)

We set off at dusk, sweeping the sea area off the West coast, and using radar to locate the whereabouts of any vessels, and then to find them and investigate. As I had good night vision in those days, I was put down in the nose, in the bomb-aimer's position, where, lying on my tummy, I could guide the pilot as we approached.

Our first finds turned out to be local fishermen, showing

proper lights and flashing their identification signals as we passed over them.

Then it happened! We came upon a larger boat. No lights and heading for an uninhabited part of the coast. As soon as I could see it, we veered off, flying away to make it look as if we had not seen them. It worked, and the boat continued sailing inshore towards an isolated stretch of beach.

A message was immediately sent back to base, who linked us direct to army radio. The army was more than interested, as they were already in the area, conducting a night-training exercise. Their exercise quickly became real, and they redeployed onto the pinpoint we could give them. We stayed loitering out at sea, but ready to come in when called, and provide lighting, something we were well equipped to do. The count-down came, and we swung in over the beach, and filled the night sky with a dazzling shower of parachute flares and star shells.

The scene below had all the makings of a copy-book military operation. The army were right in position. The boat had beached and was being unloaded by the crew and a small reception gang. We must have given them a horrible surprise to find themselves discovered, lit up and surrounded. Panic set in, and a wild attempt was made to re-float the boat, but it had not been unloaded enough, and was still stuck fast. The army then closed in, and after a brief tussle, the entire gang was rounded up, and the boat and its cargo seized.

Next day, the RAF received a message from the army base at Episkopi, thanking us for our cooperation in a highly successful joint effort. They had collected a very large consignment of small arms and explosives, which, incidentally, were packed in crates labelled in Greek, "Books for the Holy Church".

Yes, I did collect some of my weather observations.....I think!

Chasing Stars with Cranborne Chase AONB

Did you know that, due to light pollution, over 90% of people in the UK cannot see the Milky Way galaxy? Across the Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, however, we are fortunate to enjoy some of the highest quality night skies in the south of England. This is good for human health and wildlife (light pollution disturbs natural rhythms of sleep and activity), as well for stargazing and tranquillity. In order to recognise and preserve our beautiful starry

skies for the future, the AONB is bidding to become an International Dark Sky Reserve (IDSR), a designation given by the International Dark-Sky Association; we are working with local communities and others to achieve this prestigious award and, if successful, we would be only the fifth IDSR in the UK, and the first AONB. We need to demonstrate support, so we are encouraging people to sign our dark sky pledge, which you can find on the homepage of our Chasing Stars website: <http://www.chasingstars.org.uk/>. It only takes a minute or two, but will be a huge help to the success of the bid.

You can also help by checking your external lighting is 'dark-sky friendly'. There's lots of information on our website but, basically, it's about having fully shielded light fittings that are dipped downwards, using a standard 40W bulb (lumens below 500), and thinking about either timed or motion sensor lighting. If you have a good story to tell about lighting improvements you have made, please do tell us about it! You can contact us on info@cranbornechase.org.uk, or find us on Facebook or Twitter. Amanda Scott, Dark Sky Advisor, Cranborne Chase AONB



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