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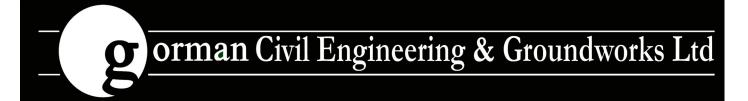
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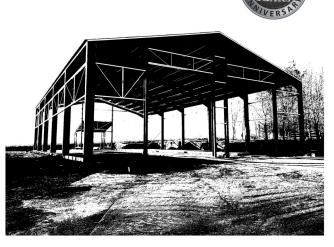
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September 21st 9.30 St Helen's Albury

11.00 St Leonard's Waterstock

September 28th 9.30 St Helen's Albury

11.00 St Bartholomew's Holton

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October 12th 9.30 St Helen's Albury

11.00 St Bartholomew's Holton 6.00pm St Mary's Waterperry

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Letter from the Vicarage

Hello,

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in his Poet's Calendar wrote this about September:

Fly the white clouds like tattered sails of ships;

The tree-tops lash the air with sounding whips;

Southward the clamorous sea-fowl wing their flight;

The hedges are all red with haws and hips,

The Hunter's Moon reigns empress of the night.

September begins in the late afternoon of the summer with the last hurrah for summer sports and lawn naps and finishes firmly in autumn with nights longer than days. Our homes and gardens start the business of re-dressing themselves for indoor activity and winter and there is a sense – long inherited from school and college days – of the year shaking itself free of the promise of spring and summer and starting again.

There is often a day in September when we wake and realise that the year has moved on, the sun looks different, lower, there is something in the air that speaks of frosts to come, you realise the washing will have to dry indoors and only the Michaelmas daisies are flowering. But if this is sounding rather sad, for many September is a beginning and exciting new adventures wait – if summer is play time then September offers a chance to do and make and accomplish great things.

It is a month of festival – the harvest month in medieval calendars, a month of rejoicing and thanksgiving that the promise of spring planting has provided food and drink for the coming year. And – as I think I have mentioned before – that harvest includes babies as September contains nine out of the ten most popular birth days, the most popular birthday day of the year being the 9th. And in many countries, catering for the impatient, Octoberfest actually begins in September.

There are the usual array of odd remembrances in September: the 3rd is National Welsh Rarebit day, 9th is Emergency Services day, (because of all those births possibly?), 12th is Day of Conception (in Russia – is it compulsory I wonder?), 13th is International Chocolate day (hurrah!), Tolkien week starts on the 22nd and the final day is 'Ask a stupid question day'. If you ask 'why?' well done for entering into the spirit of it.

In the Hebrew calendar September marks Rosh Hashanah, this year the 22nd to the 24th. This is the Hebrew New Year observance and celebration – the anniversary of the creation of Adam and Eve, so presumably the longest observed human anniversary in history. It is also the commemoration of the day of judgement and of God as King. This combination of celebrations can remind us that there is a purpose and an end to creation. Our world and our existence is not an arbitrary random purposeless accident of life. We exist through an initial act of creation and that existence has a purpose and meaning. We mark the turning of the seasons in September and are reminded that this change and all change is neither directionless or meaningless.

Stay blessed,

David
Rev David Bendor-Samuel
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dbendorsamuel@btinternet.com



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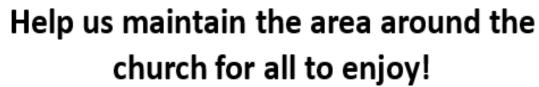
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New Church Yard Tidy

Saturday 27th September 2025 10:00 – 12noon

Please come and join us (with your gardening tools)



For further information contact: Carol Johnston (07831577343)

Holton & Waterperry W.I.

Just under the wire this month for inclusion in H and W News is a report on our outstanding WI outing on 18th August. We visited Rycote House, Park and Chapel. Parties of 10+ can be shown round. Coffee and biscuits to start with, an introductory talk by the owner and a

guided tour. Hard to know where to begin with the long and complex history. Recorded in Domesday, and as a manor house built in the late 13th century, visited by Henry VIII and Catherine Howard on their honeymoon and later by Elizabeth 1. It was sold in 1807 and

part of the Tudor manor house was destroyed. The chapel was probably begun in 1447 and still has the medieval pews as well as a unique reredos screen and two 17th Century closets, one covered by a dome and the other a musicians' loft. Our owner/guide even played the

restored organ for us. The ice house has been impeccably restored. Today the whole area is a magnificent site restored by the present owners since 2000 and with gardens tastefully in keeping with the house. We all went on to enjoy a splendid lunch at the Lambert Arms near Lewknor.

We have continued to have fun on our walks and craft afternoons (more of those to come). There were mixed reactions to the theatre visit to see 'Jesus Christ Superstar' but Oxford Operatic Society are an amateur group who put on highly professional shows. We look forward to the next one in January.

Our next meeting is on 2nd September when Melanie King's talk is titled 'Can Onions Cure Earache?' - medical advice from the 1700's.

We are on Facebook - look up Holton and Waterperry WI or access us via the Holton Village website. We meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7.30 in Holton Village hall. New and prospective members welcome as are visitors.45

Barbara Martin

Holton Parish Council

Planning Applications:

P25/S2417/AG Keepers Cottage, Wheatley Road, Forest Hill, Oxford. OX33 1EP Construction of new Grain Store.

Planning Decisions:

P23/S1407/RM Oxford Brookes University, Waterperry Road, Holton, OX33 1HX Reserved matters application for the erection of 447 dwellings, including affordable housing together with sports facilities, associated infrastructure, internal roads, car parking, public open space and land-scaping, pursuant to Outline Planning Permission P17/S4254/O. Granted

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 8th September starting at 7.00 pm in Holton Village Hall Committee Room. Agendas will be on the village notice boards and Holton Parish Council website.

Contact details: Clerk to Holton Parish Council – Sonja Barter.

Email: clerk@holtonoxford-pc.gov.uk Tel: 01865 872334

Copies of Holton Parish Council Meeting Agendas and Approved Minutes can be viewed on the Holton Parish Council website www.holtonoxford-pc.gov.uk

Holton Table Tennis Club

Holton Table Tennis Club will be opening its doors once again for another season, our first club night will commence on Wednesday 3rd September 2025.

See our advert on page 4 for details of this coming season's fees.

These fees will be reviewed at the end of 2025 and might be subject to change.

We look forward to seeing all our regular members and hope that anyone that has not been before will come along and give it a try. Everyone aged ten and above will be very welcome.

We have four teams competing in the Oxford & District League, so a good chance to join one of our teams.

Last season our A team finished runners up in Division 2, so they are hopeful of being promoted to Division 1, while Holton C finished top of Division 3 and will be promoted to Division 2.

Brian Dobson 01865 073038

Holton Bus Shelter Bring and Take

Thank you to everyone who brought or took a fiction book at the bus shelter during the August Book Swap Week. The next edition will be in the early part of the new year (date to be confirmed).

In the meantime, the next Bring and Take is on **Sunday 28th September** from **10am - 1pm.**

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Look forward to seeing you soon.

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Holton Parish Council

Holton Village Hall

www.holtonvillagehall.co.uk

Village Hall Committee

New Committee Members

We are always on the lookout for new committee members to bring fresh perspectives and ideas forward, especially for fundraising. If you are interested, please contact us on admin@holtonvillagehall.co.uk

<u>Afternoon teas.</u>

The Afternoon teas at the Village Hall continue to be a great success. Many thanks to everyone that helps, for all their hard work. There will be afternoon teas on September 4th and 18th -from 2.30pm until 4.00pm. Come along for Tea, Coffee, Cake and a chat with friends and neighbours.

Film Night

The next Film Night at the Village Hall will be on Friday 26th September 7.00 for 7.30pm. The film will be Marvellous (15) Starring Toby Jones, Gemma Jones, Tony Curran and Nicholas Gleaves.

Marvellous tells the funny, moving and surprising true story of Neil Baldwin (Toby Jones), who refused to accept the label of learning difficulties and carved out an extraordinary life.

ENTRANCE - cash only Adults £5, under 18s £3 Tea, coffee & cake - cash only. Bar open

Solar Panels

The Village Hall is planning to install Solar Panels in order to make us self-sufficient for electrical energy. A planning application has been submitted, so watch out for developments.

50th Anniversary

It will be fifty years in October since the Village Hall was opened. The Village Hall Committee have decided to commemorate the occasion by having a special extended tea on the 25th October starting at 3pm. Details are shown in the ad elsewhere in the mag but there will be a bar from 5pm for drinks, nibbles and a complimentary glass of Prosecco.

<u>Quiz Night</u>

There will be a special 50th anniversary quiz night on November 14th not 7th as advertised.

<u>Future Events</u>

For up to date information on all events at the Village Hall please access the website at www.holtonvillagehall.co.uk

Booking the Village Hall

If you would like to book the Village Hall please call **07873 857063** or please E-mail **bookings@holtonvillagehall.co.uk**

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PUBLIC MEETING ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM FOR OXFORDSHIRE

HOW WILL IT AFFECT US?

7PM MONDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER, BECKLEY VILLAGE HALL

The Government wishes to reform local government to simplify it from the current two tiers – District and County Councils - to one tier by creating Unitary Authorities. These should increase value for money for council taxpayers.

There are three proposals for Oxfordshire –

• A single unitary council for Oxfordshire – Oxfordshire Council (responsible for all services for Oxfordshire residents).

Two unitary councils:

- Oxford and Shires created from the existing district councils of Cherwell,
 Oxford City and West Oxfordshire.
- Ridgeway Council created from the existing district councils of South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse and the existing unitary council of West Berkshire.

Three unitary councils –

- Greater Oxford Oxford City Council plus 48 rural parishes in the Green Belt around Oxford – including ours
- The remaining part of Shires minus Oxford and without the annexed parishes in the Green Belt
- The remaining part of Ridgeway without the annexed parishes in the Green Belt

We have invited senior representatives for each proposal to come and speak at our public meeting. We have asked them to explain their proposal and the implications and benefits to us and to answer your questions. Cllr Liz Leffman Leader of Oxfordshire County Council has confirmed that she will speak in person. We await confirmation from the others.

The decision will be made by the Minister, but it will affect our parishes and each household – which authority will provide services, development of the Green Belt, how much council tax you will pay?

Please join us at Beckley Village Hall on Monday 22nd at 7pm and bring any questions you may have.

Any queries please don't hesitate to contact Ginette Camps-Walsh, Chairman Beckley and Stowood Parish Council - g.camps-walsh@beckley-and-stowood-pc.gov.uk

Beckley Village Hall, Woodperry Road, Beckley, Oxford, OX3 9UZ -

https://www.beckleyhall.org/contact/

Holton News

We rest in a warm glow at the moment with abundant fruit spilling onto lawns and into the road. Pigeons hoot incessantly but it's that time of the year when songbirds are resting and recuperating from the heavy work of nesting and raising young, so are too tired to sing. It looks like we are early for the autumn season but next month begins the last quarter of the year. The next cycle begins...

The ongoing event this month in Holton, has been the continuing flow of water from the verge by the lane to Home Farm House. This has been 'fixed' once but is now even worse than it was before. At a time when we are being told by our water company to use water carefully, there is a flood of it being needlessly leaked into the drainage system. Little wonder people are getting upset about their water bills.

The parish church of All Saints in Cuddesdon was packed for the funeral of Bishop Tony Russell who lived with his wife Sheila in Holton for a good number of years. Tony had been ill for some time and died this July. It was a wonderful service, presided over by no less than three Bishops, with interesting and very moving contributions from his family. We shall miss him (and his wife Sheila who moved away recently) as we were very fond of both of them.

The Village Barbecue was a really nice occasion with lots of socialising, eating and drinking in a very relaxed atmosphere. Villagers mingled, the band (Hunter 101) played and there was even a group dance. All in all, a very good evening's entertainment with a pretty good turnout, and all the hamburgers were sold. Thanks to all from the Village Hall Committee who set up (and took down) the gazebos etc; the WI who sold ice-creams and fruits on a stick; those who provided the games; and all in the middle of a power blackout from SSEN, a challenge that may have contributed to all the PIR lights going on strike and sending the Hall into blackout! A day to remember.

Mel Ault mel_ault39@outlook.com

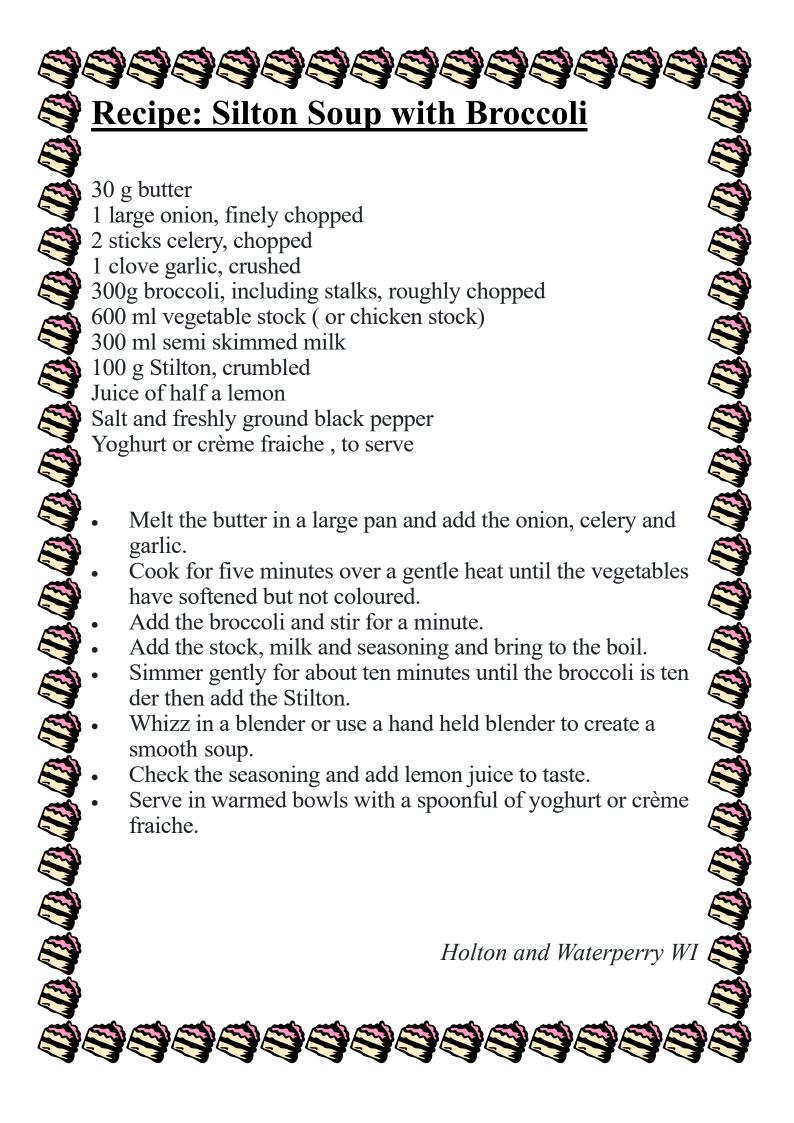
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Toby Jones * Gemma Jones
Tony Curran * Nicholas Gleaves

Run time approx. 88 minutes

Marvellous tells the funny, moving and surprising true story of Neil Baldwin (Toby Jones), who refused to accept the label of learning difficulties and carved out an extraordinary life.

"The triumph of Marvellous is that it's a feel-good film that feels good, not through any Hollywood schmaltz, but through the sheer force of Baldwin's own optimistic personality."

(The Independent)

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TEA, COFFEE & CAKE - cash only
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Dr Rogers Trust Educational Grants for Young People in Holton

When the Trust was set up in February 1980, the Constitution stated:-

"The objectives of the charity is to promote the education (including social and physical training) of children and young person's resident in the area of the ancient parish of Holton. The Trust Deed instructs that Trustees shall have special regard to the promotion of education in accordance with the principles and doctrines of the Church of England".

The Dr Rogers Trustees will be meeting in November 2025 to consider applications from apprentices, trainees and students, aged 14 to 21, who are resident in the parish of Holton, for grants to assist in the purchase of books and equipment or towards the cost of educational trips or courses.

A maximum of 2 grants per applicant will be considered, the first whilst at school and the second for undertaking further education up to the age of 21.

In 2024 two grants were awarded to young people.

If you would like further information, please contact: Carol Johnston, Trustee/Clerk, Chance Cottage, Holton

Email: carol.johnstonfj@btinternet.com

Applications MUST be made in writing to the above by 9th November 2025.

Holton Cock and Bull

I wonder if there's anything here we can learn regarding road safety improvements in our villages.

Taking a road safety campaign a little too far, a Czech policeman fired a warning shot in the air as a pedestrian started to cross a road while a red signal was showing. As the man did not return to the pavement, the policeman shot at him twice, missing both times.

A Pilsen police official said that the policeman claimed that he didn't want to kill anyone, and that he was aiming at the man's legs. No one was injured in the incident, although one of the shots hit a passing car. The policeman was dismissed and was due to face a criminal investigation.

Name and address supplied

g g g g g g g g g g g g g g g g g Your village needs you! Holton and Waterperry WI are leading a village project to create a Remembrance themed display at the bus shelter for Remembrance-tide. We are hoping people in the village will join with us in making poppies. These can be made by crocheting or knitting. Some free patterns can be found in the links below. You are of course free to use any pattern you have and there are lots more to be found on the internet. https://www.thewi.org.uk/ data/assets/pdf file/0007/277369/ Poppy-Patterns.pdf https://storage.rblcdn.co.uk/sitefinity/docs/default-source/ fundraising/knitting-patterns-(v2).pdf?sfvrsn=718f2481 0 https://storage.rblcdn.co.uk/sitefinity/docs/default-source/ fundraising/rbl-crochet-pattern.pdf?sfvrsn=dd9a748f 3/Rbl-Crochet-Pattern.pdf We are also looking for donations of red and black wool to make poppies, black buttons for poppy centres (where people don't want to knit/crochet these). So even if you are unable to make poppies you can help if you have any of these items you're able to donate. For more information on how you can get involved please feel free to message me.

Jan Marlowe – Holton and Waterperry WI isisjem@googlemail.com

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FESTIVAL: 5th - 7th September OXFORD STORY TELLING FESTIVAL

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September Birthdays





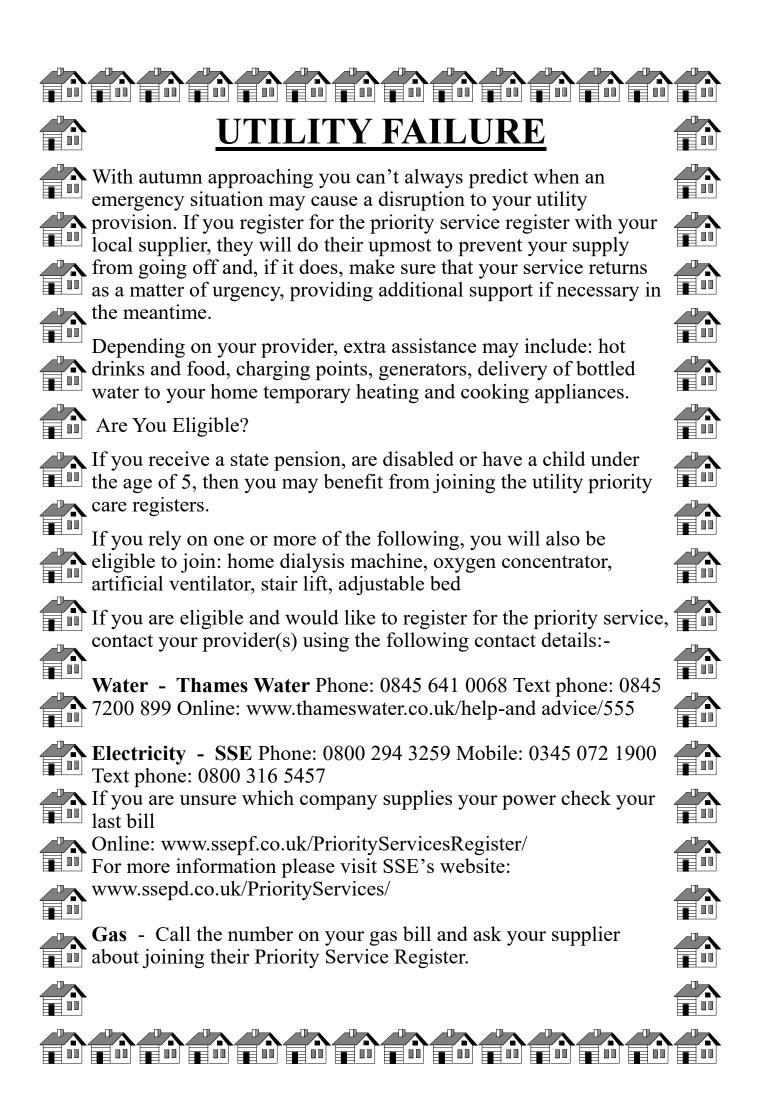
Jake who will be turning 4 Oliver who will be turning 8 Freya who will be turning 9 Katie who will be turning 10 Eoin who will be turning 13 Katie Fonge who will be turning 10

(to have a birthday included in the magazine, please email Dominique - domisqueak@gmail.com)

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(hfi@smith.net)



Waterstock News

I am fairly certain, but currently unable to check, that every year I start the September piece by asking, "where has the year gone?" So, where has it gone? Does anybody else think Autumn has arrived early? There is definitely a chill, and a feeling of Autumn in the air.

Mike Haffey, as we all know, is the Parish Footpath Warden. He has written from France to say that although he is not in Waterstock at the moment, he is keen to show that he takes his responsibilities seriously and hopes the following will be of interest to those who walk the local footpaths. The Ramblers, with assistance from OCC, have installed gates to replace three stiles on the Oxfordshire Way, on the section that includes the difficult crossing of Sandy Lane. More rambling and less clambering.

Have you noticed the large number of trees dying? This is perhaps due to the unusual weather we have been having. A case in point are the five large chestnut trees that have died just to the east of Bow Bridge. One of these stands close to the bridge and might damage it if it were to fall. The trees are actually in Waterperry, and we are hoping that action can be taken to render them safe.

Talking of weather, it is good to see villagers who suffered so terribly from the heavy rainfall and flooding in September last year returning after major work to their houses. Angela Abdoo has now fully returned after a fruitless battle with Thames Water. The Stubbs family are also in the process of moving back, though administrative hiccups have delayed them. They hope to be in by the end of September. It will be excellent to have them all back and bring more life to this corner of the village.

Henry Manisty has sent the following update regarding the development of the Golf Course:

"We are still awaiting the Planning Inspector's decision on the appeal against SODC's refusal of planning permission to develop the western section of the Waterstock Golf Course site, where the enquiry closed in mid-January.

However, in early August the developers were allowed to file a new written submission claiming that the new government guidance on planning policy supported their case. Waterstock has responded with a brilliantly argued paper from Michael Tyce rejecting that submission, and SODC is expected to put in its own repudiation by the end of August. A rash guess is that the Inspector's decision will be issued in late September."

A happy Autumn to one and all.

Johnny Powell

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