

# Cragg Vale Community Newsletter No 19

## September 2012



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Cragg Vale's Teddy Bears Picnic  
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## Hello.

Well Summer has been a roller coaster of ups and downs. Our hearts go out to those that suffered in the floods and wish them all the best in getting their businesses back on their feet and homes back to normal.



Autumn will hopefully be more typical and allow us to enjoy some lovely crisp blue skies and be amazed by the colours of the moors and valleys in a beautiful neighbourhood.

What better way to kick off autumn by hosting a party in the park. After the Jubilee and Olympics we think we need to have our own Cragg do. Come and join us for some fun on the **bouncy castle**, enjoy some scrummy cakes and be enthralled by 'Cutie Pies and Cheeky Chaps' entertainer. All ages welcome to come and enjoy the day.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter - thanks to our sponsors for their continued support. It's much appreciated ☺. Our next newsletter is due out in December, contributions welcome (mid November deadline).

All the best





## Children at Glen House go back in time 8,000 years

Earlier in the summer, children at Glen House Montessori School took part in an archaeology workshop with Pippa Rochford, Community Archaeologist. Fortunately, the workshop took place on one of this summer's rare dry days. Outdoors around Cragg Vale's Robin Hood rocks, children experienced what it was really like to live and be hunter-gatherers in the Stone Age.



Dramatic story-telling, picking berries, dressing up in period costume, making fire and crafting tools were all part of the morning's fun activities. Back indoors, Pippa set up an archaeological dig. Using a trowel and brush, the young archaeologists excavated real and replica artefacts- from the Bronze Age to Roman Times and beyond - and had a go at placing them on a timeline.

Inspired by the morning, children came away wanting to find out more about history for themselves. And some children enjoyed it so much that they decided to write a letter to express their gratitude to Pippa. 'I really appreciated receiving the beautifully written and decorated letters and I am glad the children enjoyed the archaeology morning so much', said Pippa Rochford. Head teacher, Margret Scaife added 'this workshop really added value to our teaching at Glen House. Children experienced the Stone Age through doing. The activities really sparked their interest to find out more about history and above all, they all thoroughly enjoyed it.'



The workshop was provided by Watershed Landscape: a three-year project, supported by the National Lottery, to enhance and conserve the South Pennines landscape and its heritage, while improving access for all. It is managed by Pennine Prospects in partnership with a wide range of organisations and local communities.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Following on from all the team GB success at the Olympics - we have some more CV winners at Cragg Vales Tennis Club.



Congratulations to Alex Stenhouse, Jonathan Cooper, Alasdair Whiteley Josh Stenhouse and Pete Hall of the Cragg Vale Mens 1<sup>st</sup> Team who topped Calderdale League again. Well done. Thanks also to the Hinchliffe for helping us celebrate the win with some fabulous food on the last day of the season. Well done to the mixed and ladies teams who have had a steady season and have maintained their current divisions.

And talking of Olympics legacy the club is welcoming new members. We have a brilliant little club on your doorstep with coaching now available.

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We have also been lucky in securing a grant for the club from Sports England to build a new clubhouse and resurface the courts. We are working closely to decide on our contractors now but will keep you all up to date with the progress, especially all those that are our neighbours.

## How Ampleforth Abbey brewed an authentic monastic beer

Cragg Vale brewer helps North Yorkshire monks marry modern techniques with a secret Benedictine recipe



Ampleforth Abbey beer, which goes on sale now. Photograph: Gary Calton

Dogged research has gone into the creation of Ampleforth Abbey beer. Wim van der Spek at Little Valley Brewery is a Dutch brewer who visited the Trappist breweries in the Low Countries - six in Belgium and one in the Netherlands - to study their recipes and methods. Father Wulstan Peterburs (pictured) from Ampleforth accompanied him, as he was determined to produce a beer with an authentic monastic character. Van der Spek married modern brewing techniques to the fragments of information made available by the monastery of Dieulouard near Nancy in Lorraine. The English Benedictines settled there when they fled to France following the coronation of after Elizabeth I's coronation and built a brewery to support their pastoral work.

"La bière anglaise" was brewed with barley malt, wheat, hops, yeast and water and would have been a deep amber, russet or brown beer. Before the invention of coke in the industrial revolution, which enabled pale malt to be produced, grains used in brewing were "kilned" or gently cured over wood fires that created brown malt and dark beer.

The beer brewed at Dieulouard was said to be "double fermented" and



even "sparkled like champagne". This raises the intriguing thought that the English monks may have had contact with Dom Perignon and other French Benedictines who developed sparkling wine in the 17th century, also in north-east France. What is certain is that the monks' beer would have had a first fermentation in the brewery and a second in oak casks.

Van der Spek's beer for Ampleforth has a second fermentation in bottle rather than cask. It's called Double, in the Trappist tradition of producing beers in rising order of strength, labelled Single, Double and Triple.

Ampleforth Double (7%) is brewed with pale and wheat malts and the colour is the result of three

darker malts: chocolate, crystal and Munich, which are roasted to a high temperature.

Soft brown sugar, another Trappist tradition, is also used. There are two hops varieties: Northern Brewer from Germany and Savinjski Goldings from Slovenia.

The yeast culture comes from



an unnamed Belgian Trappist brewery but the Ampleforth beer is so strongly reminiscent of the ales produced at the Rochefort monastery in Wallonia that the origin of the yeast is not difficult to determine.

The beer has a spicy and peppery aroma from the hops, backed by roasted grain, chocolate and sultana fruit. Rich fruit and malt dominate the palate but they are balanced by spicy hops while the finish is bittersweet with dark fruit, roasted grain, chocolate and gentle hops.

*By Roger Protz (as featured in the Guardian). Roger is a beer expert and was a voluntary adviser in the development of Ampleforth Abbey beer.*

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## Quarterly Recipe - Teddy Bear Fairy Cakes

As we are having a Teddy Bear picnic in the Park this month why not make some Teddy Bear fairy cakes to get you in the mood. This makes 12 scrummy cakes.

### Ingredients

- 100g (4 oz) soft margarine
- 100g (4 oz) Caster sugar
- 2 eggs
- 75ml (2 1/2 fl oz) milk
- 150g (5oz) plain flour
- 1 teaspoon baking power
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)

### Decoration

- Smarties or M&Ms for eyes
- Chocolate buttons for ears
- Jelly Tots for nose
- Tubes of black Writing Icing (available in small tubes in most supermarkets)



### Method

Pre-heat the oven to 350F/180C/Gas mark 4. Put all the ingredients for the cakes into a bowl or food processor and beat together until smooth. Spoon into 12 paper cases and place these into the sections of a 12-hole bun tray. Bake for 15 to 18 minutes or until well risen and the sponge springs back when you press with your fingertips.

Decorate the cakes to look like Teddy Bears. Put a blob of black Writing Icing in the centre of the Smarties (M&Ms) and attach these to the cakes with some Writing icing. Add a Jelly Tot/gumdrop for the nose, draw on the mouth using black Writing Icing and stick on chocolate buttons for the ears.

**Enjoy!**

## **The National Charity for elderly and terminally ill people and their pets**

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It is now widely acknowledged that pets can positively benefit the well-being of elderly owners. For many elderly people living on their own, their pets are their reason for living.

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Cinnamon Trust is the only specialist national charity which seeks to relieve the anxieties, problems and sometimes injustices faced by elderly and terminally ill people and their pets, by working with them to overcome any difficulties that might arise.

A national network of some 18,000 volunteers has been established to provide practical help, for example, walking the dog for a housebound owner. A national fostering service is provided for pets whose owners face a spell in hospital – volunteers take pets into their own homes and supply love and care until the owner and pet can be reunited. A small group of volunteers in the Upper Calder Valley meet regularly to discuss how they can support the Trust.

The Cinnamon Trust is dependent entirely on voluntary contributions. It receives no state or local authority aid.

To find out more about the Cinnamon Trust, or if you know of someone who would benefit from help from the Trust - contact us at:

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**Tel: 01736 757900**

Upper Calder Valley contact: Maureen Hinks [mohinks@hotmail.com](mailto:mohinks@hotmail.com)

## Broadhead Clough - September update



**Yorkshire**  
Wildlife Trust

In June's article I wrote "What I like about a wildlife trust reserve is that it is "wild" : you can never guarantee what you'll find on any visit." Little did I know that "wild" weather was about to hit the Calder Valley and Broadhead Clough was no exception.

On Friday 22nd June we had 85mm of rain in 24 hours. Water flowed down paths and tracks, not just in the streams, with drains unable to cope. On each hillside around Bell Hole new waterfalls appeared as the saturated moors shed the excess rain. I heard the flood warning go off in Hebden Bridge and the unusually loud roar of the stream rushing under the narrow bridge near the YWT Information board. The pretty white cascade over rocks had vanished completely. Now it was fast flowing brown soup with bits of tree thrown up as it cut corners above the normal banks.

The cows had taken cover under trees in their field but our neighbours chickens were not in their roosts but still outside, soaked in one end of their run. Investigating, I startled a squirrel which dashed out of the egg laying box. It had been trying its luck for a cosier drey- and possibly eggs for breakfast ! Once everything was back in its proper living quarters I went home and listened to the heavy rain and noisy stream all night.

After this first storm passed I walked the paths to check for damage. There were clear signs where the water "run off" had scoured moss and lichen from rocks, some path erosion, and a trail of small stones over flattened grass, particularly through the stand of sycamore where the two paths meet. Away from the paths the bogs were saturated and silt deposits on either side of the main stream had widened the streambed and made it shallower. Old dead branches and silver birch saplings had been swept in the current and deposited downstream wherever a narrowing or overhanging branch had caught them.



That was nothing however to the damage done on Monday July 9th when 75mm rain fell in 3 hours. This time the top surface was gouged out of the approach track and the run off from the moor caused a landslip which destabilised one of the trees almost at the top of the reserve. It fell outwards crushing the boundary fence and throwing up its roots and soil which blocked the main footpath. Lower down the reserve parts of the stream banks (which may well have been undermined in the previous flood) had also collapsed and red scars were visible below and on the opposite slope through the trees. Anything wandering off the main paths will have to be wary where to tread for a while as branches, rocks and marshes settle back to a stable state.

Workday plans were altered to restore what was damaged : dragging the tree away, replacing the fence and ensuring the path is walkable albeit in a slightly new line and rougher state. Other areas of the reserve which are away from the path are being left for nature to take care of in its own time. Water levels will return to normal and the stream will find a way through the silt which is all part of this dynamic eco-system. I think what I'll wish for during the autumn is to see no more big surprises!

Workdays are planned for

September 4th, Tuesday

October 10th, Wednesday

November 7th , Wednesday and 27<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday.

We meet 10am at the reserve entrance: please ring me if you would like more information.

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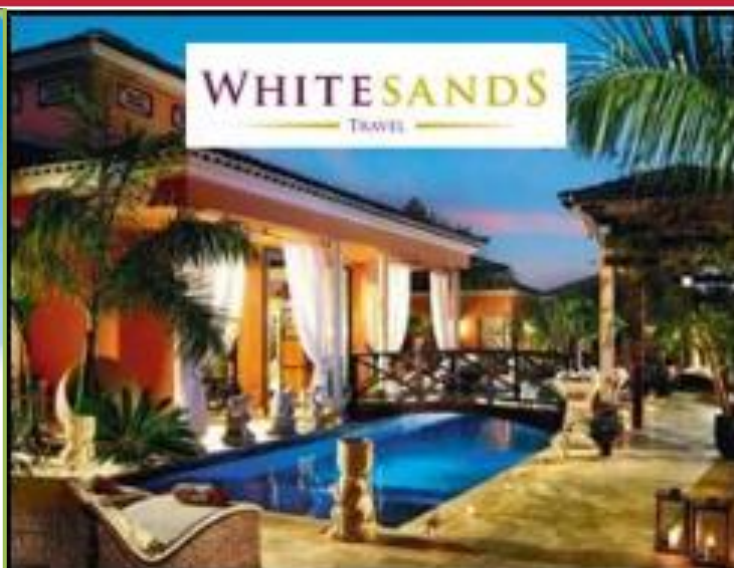


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## OLYMPIC JOKES

1. Why isn't sun tanning an Olympic sport?
2. A gymnast walks into a bar ....
3. USA Women's Basketball team beat Turkey 89-58. Turkey's problem?
4. It's the Olympic Fishing event today. I hear it's all online. Anyone got a good stream?



*Check out the back page for the punch lines.*



1. When London hosts the Olympic Games in 2012, the city will become the first to host the Games three times: 1908, 1948 and 2012.
2. Did you know that all athletes competed in the nude at the ancient Olympics?
3. The only Olympian ever to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize was Philip Noel-Baker of Great Britain, who won the silver in the 1500-meter dash in 1920.
4. More athletes than spectators attended the 1900 Paris Olympic Games.
5. Great Britain is the only nation to have won at least one gold medal at every Summer Games.
6. The only female competitor not to have to submit to a sex test at the 1976 Summer Olympics was Princess Anne of the UK, who was competing as a member of the UK equestrian team. As the daughter Queen Elizabeth II, such a test was seen as inappropriate.

# TENNIS COACHING

Inspired by the Olympics.....

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**Bird box**



Make sure you site your nesting box high up in a tree or building away from predators, strong sunlight and wind. A north-east facing spot is best.

A smaller hole will attract blue, coal and marsh tits; a larger one will attract house and tree

sparrows and nuthatches

## Bat box

A bat box works on the same principle as a bird box, except that bats prefer a wedge-shaped roost and enter through a gap underneath rather than a hole at the front.

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If you're lucky, they may even give birth and raise their young there, so make sure you site it in a sheltered spot.

To give bats the chance to choose the most suitable roost for the particular time of year, site three boxes in your garden facing north, south-west and south-east.



*Many thanks to Brierley Hellowell the skilled maker!*

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## Here is the programme for meetings of Cragg Vale Local History Group from September to Christmas:

**Please note an unavoidable change of date and subject for September!**

27<sup>th</sup> September For Diamond Jubilee year -  
"60 years in 60 mins" - with Keith Laybourn  
Diamond Jubilee Professor of Huddersfield University

(Statistics don't have to be boring, there's nothing better than a good reminiscence!)

18<sup>th</sup> October Jimmy Savile Yvonne Broadbent

15<sup>th</sup> November By the Side of the Road Neil Croft

20<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Do!

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Miles and Linda at the Hinchliffe Arms would like to congratulate CVTC for winning the league 2 years on the trot, well done all

We would also like to welcome back

Sam and Tom Chapman to the Hinchliffe fold. Two very valuable members of staff are back to add to our already fabulous team. Good luck

to Beth and Faye who are on their way to college.



All welcome at the Hinch



**Have you had a good look at the completed tree sculpture at the Park? Hopefully, this will be the first of several features showing different aspects of Cragg Vale's long and varied heritage, and here is the story behind it:**

At the height of the Industrial Revolution there were 11 prosperous mills in the Cragg Valley, employing a great number of the population, including children from as young as 6, working in terrible conditions. In 1821, Rev Thomas Crowther became the first vicar of the newly built St John's, Cragg Vale. He was part of a group of Evangelical Anglican Clergy, who, following on from their success in abolishing the slave trade under Wilberforce went on to tackle the terrible conditions in the factories, and, until his death in 1859, he campaigned tirelessly to



better the condition of those who worked in the surrounding mills of our community, in particular to reduce the long and gruelling hours worked by the children - in spite of a campaign of harassment and insults from local millowners, incensed by his criticisms. Following Rev Crowther's death in November 1859, he was much mourned by "a grateful people" and his grave can be seen in St John's churchyard

The carving on the road side of the tree trunk is intended as a tribute to Rev Thomas Crowther - on the left of the carving is a child millworker in the foreground, with a mill chimney rising high behind. Thomas Crowther is represented as The Green Man, a representation of a face surrounded by or made from leaves.

Why the Green Man? This character has been sculpted for centuries as wood or stone [carvings](#) in many [churches](#), abbeys, cathedrals and other



buildings, both secular and [ecclesiastical](#), and in many cultures around the world. He has long been accepted as a symbol of new beginnings - appropriate here, Thomas Crowther offering the hand of freedom from the shackles of hard labour. The side of the trunk facing the park has images developed from pictures produced by the current generation of children from Cragg Vale schools, their vision of the pleasures of nature in the countryside around us.

Is there a part of Cragg's history you would like to see commemorated in some way?

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## ROOM TO HIRE IN CRAGG

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**Content from Joanne at the Robin**

## **Coming soon - 2013 Calendar Special Places in Cragg Vale**

After four very successful and well received Calendar years, we are well on the way to producing our 5th very own community inspired and community produced calendar.



Back in 2009 we had "Cragg Vale Remembered"

Then 2010 we did "Cragg Vale Through the Year"

2011 brought "Fauna and Flora in Cragg Vale"

This year 2012 we have "Heritage and History"

**Next year 2013 it will be "Special Places in Cragg Vale"**

and it is looking set to carry on the now established fine tradition of a local calendar.

Of course, we have to give a big thank-you, in advance, to our sponsors without whom the calendar would not be possible.

Please make sure you don't miss out on getting your copy. Look out for posters letting you know when the calendar is ready or, better still, keep checking our very own community website

[www.craggvalecommunity.co.uk](http://www.craggvalecommunity.co.uk).



## News from St. Johns Church

The Vicar, James Allison will be leaving in October to become the Vicar of Coley near Halifax. James arrived in 1998 and has served longer as the Vicar at Cragg Vale than did any of his predecessors in the 20th century. The only incumbents that have served the Parish for



longer all have plaques inside the Church commemorating their service to the Church and Community. Over the hundred years of the 20th century there were 20 vicars or Priests in Charge altogether. The appointment of his replacement is a prescribed process, but we are hopeful that an appointment can be made in the first half of 2013.

The Church clock has been showing 12 o'clock for a few weeks. This is because there is a leak in the roof of the tower and with the inundations that have been prevalent during the summer, the electric winding mechanisms have been compromised. Repairs to the roof are expected to start in September, and when that is completed then the clock which has been keeping the time and striking the hours since 1869 can be set going again. The re-ordering of the inside of the Church continues. The powers that be at Wakefield have considered the plans and are generally in favour, but the stumbling block is that we need to find a new home for the Victorian organ, this is what is being pursued vigorously at present and hopefully we will succeed.

**Ed Talbot**

## What's on Guide Autumn.



**1<sup>st</sup> September** - Park Weeding - morning  
9:30am in the park, bring your gloves.

**4<sup>th</sup> September** - Broad Head Clough  
(YWT) - Working Party, meet at 10am at  
the entrance of the reserve.

**8<sup>th</sup> September** - Party in the Park - 12 -2pm. CVCA Teddy Bears  
picnic in Cragg Park. Just bring yourselves and be ready for some  
fun. Free Bouncy castle and entertainer to keep the kids busy.

**27<sup>th</sup> September** - Cragg Vale Local History Group - For Diamond  
Jubilee year - "60 years in 60 minutes" with Keith Laybourn,  
Diamond Jubilee Professor of Huddersfield University -  
Meetings held in the Top Room at The Robin Hood at 7.30pm

**7<sup>th</sup> October** - Cinnamon Trust Charity bric a brac sale outside  
Gordon Riggs Garden Centre in Todmorden.

**10<sup>th</sup> - October** - Broad Head Clough (YWT) - Working Party,  
meet at 10am at the entrance of the reserve.

**14<sup>th</sup> October** - James Allison final service at St Johns Church

**18<sup>th</sup> October** - Cragg Vale Local History Group - Jimmy Savile by  
Yvonne Broadbent. Meetings held in the Top Room at The Robin  
Hood at 7.30pm

**7<sup>th</sup> November** - Broad Head Clough (YWT) - Working Party, meet  
at 10am at the entrance of the reserve.

**15<sup>th</sup> November** - Cragg Vale Local History Group - By the Side  
of the Road by Neil Croft. Meetings held in the Top Room at  
The Robin Hood at 7.30pm

**16<sup>th</sup> November** - CVCA AGM - 6:30pm at the Robin.

**27<sup>th</sup> November** - Broad Head Clough (YWT) - Working Party,  
meet at 10am at the entrance of the reserve.



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working in and for the south pennines

**WALKERS, cyclists and horse riders will all be able to enjoy the splendour of the South Pennines during the fifth Walk and Ride Festival this September.**

With over 100 walks and rides, for both horse riders and cyclists, the South Pennines Walk and Ride Festival, from Saturday, September 8 to Sunday, September 23, will have something for everyone, and with such a varied programme there's so many more ways in which to explore this diverse and stunning landscape.

The 16 day festival, organised by the rural regeneration company Pennine Prospects, will be launched in Uppermill and Shaw over the weekend of September 8 and 9. The best place to find out what is happening each day throughout the festival is the South Pennines Walk and Ride Festival website at [www.walkandridefestival.co.uk](http://www.walkandridefestival.co.uk) which has full details of all events or by picking up a pocket guide, which outlines each event, available from tourist information centres and other outlets.

The festival will help to introduce people to the wealth of local businesses including the many local breweries producing prize winning real ales, superb tea-rooms and cafes offering the best in refreshments, pubs and



restaurants catering for every taste and budget and fantastic places to stay. And these businesses link back to their own areas by using the best in locally produced food and goods.

Mark Turner, director of Pennine Prospects, said: "On behalf of Pennine Prospects I'd like to thank all the wonderful volunteers, who have such passion for their local area and work so hard to make this one of the best outdoor festivals in the country."

As part of the festival there will be the chance for enthusiasts to learn new skills, from trial bike stunt riding to exploration with map and compass; and from family cycling adventures to the chance to develop mountain bike skills utilising technical trails accompanied by cycling experts. There will also be the return of the Buttress Challenge for keen cyclists willing to brave the steep cobbled road in Hebden Bridge and the crowds.

Families can explore the area using satellite technology through geocaching, find out about sustainable food production along Incredible Edible Todmorden's green route, or discover the wildlife, birds and globally important peat-land habitat of the uplands.



Walkers will be able to stroll round Roman remains or to Lancashire's old textile mills to discover the area's history or take on the challenge of completing the Todmorden Boundary Walk, either over four days or in only one day. And for those keen to experience the South Pennines on horseback there's the chance to meander to the pub for lunch or spend all day in the saddle on the Mary Towneley Loop.

Art and literature have always played an important role in the South Pennines and there are many walks and rides designed to introduce people to and deepen their understanding of the influence the area has had and continues to have on a whole range of artists, including Ted Hughes and Simon Armitage. Walkers can also make their way to the iconic and award winning panopticon sculpture, the Singing Ringing Tree in Burnley Woodlands, to see art in the landscape.

Funding for the festival is being made available through the South Pennines LEADER programme (the Rural Development Programme for England), which is jointly funded by Defra and the European Union, and managed by Pennine Prospects. For more information please visit the festival website at [www.walkandridefestival.co.uk](http://www.walkandridefestival.co.uk)

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CVCA would like to Thank Little Valley brewery for their 'barrel' donation at the Party in the Park do. You are very kind. ☺

*Joke answers:*

- 1.) Because the best you can ever get is bronze.
- 2.) He gets a two-point deduction and ruins his chances of a medal
- 3.) Fouls



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