

WP News



Westminster Park Residents' Association

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Update on Wrexham Road Development

Following the consultation meeting with residents last October, Paycause (the company formed to build on the former greenbelt land between Lache Lane and Wrexham Road) said that they would be submitting a formal planning application before Christmas. At the time of writing (early February) this has not yet happened so we cannot comment on it.

However, a number of us met Paycause in early January to raise issues raised by you at the public meetings held last year and find out their latest timetable. They indicated that there would be three simultaneous applications:

1. Outline planning application for the whole site,
2. A hybrid application covering outline permission for the school and local centre and full application for 1322 dwellings,
1. Ecological mitigation.

Based on experience they anticipate that work could start on site in early

2018.

This would involve the construction of the three points of access on Wrexham Road, starting with the main entrance by M&S. This will be where the first houses are built with Redrow to the South and Taylor Wimpey to the North. It is expected that each company will build 50 houses in the first year.

Paycause said that they recognised the traffic implications of the development and would be submitting proposals for alleviating the congestion problems although we remain sceptical of what can be done to make a difference.

Their draft development brief had indicated that "there should be limited access from the development into Lache Lane". At our meeting they indicated that this would no longer be the case.

The same brief set out a timetable for the primary school to open when 700 houses had been built. Again, they agreed that this was unrealistic and that the school timetable should be brought forward. Of course, Paycause's role in

this is to allocate the land, build the infrastructure and contribute financially. WPRA would like to see the school open as early as possible to avoid disrupting existing schools and adding still more to traffic problems. We have started talks with Education people to take this forward.

So, we await the planning application with interest. We then anticipate holding further public meetings to allow residents to make their views known and to formulate a Westminster Park response. Watch this space!

Brian Westcott

Dates for your diary

Sat 4 Mar	Councillors' Surgery
Thu 16 Mar	Evergreen - Talk by Ken Waldie 'Crossing Places'
Wed 29 Mar	Gardening Club talk on Propagation
Thu 30 Mar	Local History Group talk - Growing up in 1930's Lache
Sat 1 Apr	Councillors' Surgery
Sat 8 Apr	Croquet Taster Session
Wed 12 Apr	Westminster Park Residents' Association AGM
Thu 20 Apr	Evergreen - Talk by Chester Magistrates
Sat 22 Apr	WPRA Picture Quiz & Curry Night
Sat 6 May	Glan Aber Tennis Club Open Day
Sat 6 May	Councillors' Surgery
Thu 18 May	Evergreen talk - Life in Chester during World War I
Sat 20 May-	Model Railway Exhibition &
Sun 21 May	Plant sale
Mon 22 May	Gardening Club visit to Sandymere Gardens



Picture

Come and join us for a

Quiz and Curry Night

on

Saturday 22 April

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News from your Councillors

King's School Parking

Many residents will be aware that King's School 6th formers are parking in Fir Tree Avenue, Cottage Road and Manor Road as they are no longer allowed to park on the school campus. This has caused problems for residents who have no off road parking for their visitors, etc. during the school day.

We have been trying to resolve this for over a year and have involved senior council officials to assist. We have met with the Deputy Head Teacher, but unfortunately the Head Teacher remains unavailable to meet with either ourselves or council officers.

We consider that this unsatisfactory situation should not continue and have asked the

Chair of Governors if we can attend the next Governors' meeting.

Separately, we have asked the council Planning Department to review whether the conditions relating to the planning application causing this problem, have been fully met. We will keep residents updated.

New Theatre - Storyhouse

The new theatre is progressing well and is scheduled to open in May.

We hold a monthly street surgery on the first Saturday every month at Westminster Park shops, but in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact either of us if you need help with an issue.

Neil Sullivan
Razia Daniels

Shop News



I think you will all agree that Stuart Bebbington's Butchers shop has been beautifully fitted out and always looks attractive from the outside. One of you obviously agreed with me and nominated the shop for a New Year Honours award from the Chester Civic Trust. The shop was judged and has received a commendation from the Trust. Congratulations to all involved in the design and upkeep of the shop.

Amid busy Christmas preparations, Stuart and team managed to raise £203 for Save the Children by donning Christmas Jumpers

Brownies enjoy Birding

The 18th Chester Brownies enjoyed an evening making bird necklaces using cereals and fruits in preparation for the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch. They learnt about the most popular garden birds.

We joined with Saltney Brownies on 22 February to celebrate Thinking Day, which is the joint birthdays of the Lord and Lady Baden-Powell.

If your daughter is interested in joining Brownies please contact Jan Hooper on 01244 674701 or go online at www.girlguiding.co.uk and look for 'Join us'.



Belgrave Primary School

Football Team Success

The Year 5/6 football team are through to the semi-finals of the Chester Cup Tournament. They played Boughton Heath on 26 January beating them 4-1. This is the first time we have got through to the semi-finals since we became a primary with a Year 6 which was in 2012.



Results of the Lord Mayor's Competition
Congratulations to Jasmine Ashton in Year 6 whose poster portraying "A day in the life of a 21st Century Mayor" was a winner! Jasmine's poster showed what a busy role this is and her prize is an invitation to the Town Hall to take tea with the Lord Mayor.

Deanne Garratt, Headteacher

Chester Model Railway Club

The club is again helping St Bartholomew's Church, Sealand to put on a Model Railway Exhibition on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 May from 10:00 to 16:00 on both days.

There will be 4 layouts (one of which you can control!), a children's railway corner, a model railway surgery and expert advice about how to build a layout from scratch.

In addition there will be a Plant sale and refreshments.

Admission is £2 for adults, 50p for children. For more information, phone 07961 040363 or go to our website: www.chestermodelrailwayclub.com

Evergreen

Our Evergreen Over-60s club finished 2016 in style with carols and mince pies accompanied by the Pulford Hand Bell Ringers, and a superb Christmas lunch.

Our Spring programme continues on Thursday 16 March when Ken Waldie will give us a presentation about his book 'Crossing Place'.

On 20 April, we should get a fascinating insight into the work of Chester Magistrates when they talk about their legal life and in May Susan Chambers will explain what life was like in Chester during World War I.

We are planning some trips out, including our midsummer Mill Hotel Dinner Cruise.

For those who enjoy eating out, **The Supper Club** goes from strength to strength, with recent successful outings to The Architect and Moules a go-go.

Membership remains at £10 per head and anyone over 60 years of age, who is a Westminster Park resident, may join.

Meetings are held in the Community Centre between 2-3.30 pm each third Thursday of the month. Complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits are served.

Hearing Dog visits Beavers

The 18th Chester Beaver Scouts invited Ruth and her hearing dog, Piper, to come along to a meeting so that they could find out more about hearing dogs.

The Beavers brought in coins that they had collected and, when totalled up, they were able to donate £71 to the charity **Hearing Dogs for Deaf People**.



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News from your Residents' Association

Christmas and New Year seem distant happy memories, however I wish you all a very Happy New Year for 2017!

Our Christmas event was a huge success and my thanks to everyone who supported it including our local shops who donated mince pies and hot dogs which, along with our mulled wine, made the event very enjoyable. Singing by Belgrave Primary School choir created a festive atmosphere and we even had a special visit from Santa Claus!

As you will note from our front page, we continue to monitor the proposed housing development on Wrexham Road, but as yet no formal planning application has been lodged with the Council.

Our Sub-Committee remains committed and vigilant and when we have further news, we will keep you informed through special meetings and leaflets.

In the meantime, we have our **AGM on Wednesday 12 April at 8.00 pm** at our local Community Centre. Do please come along as if we do have any updates we will share them then.

WPRA Membership

Subscriptions

If you have not already done so, please pay your subscription now for 2017. The payment of £2.00 is used to support local community events, produce this quarterly newsletter and improve the appearance of our estate.

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- By handing the form and subscription in at the **al dente** deli or directly to Sandra

Another event that we are planning is a new **"Quiz & Curry" evening on Saturday 22 April**. It promises to be a fun night with great food and prizes to be won!

Our long-standing Treasurer, Nick Ryan has stepped down from the role after many years and I would like to thank him sincerely for all the work he has done for the Community. The Committee all send warm wishes and I know Nick will be having a well-deserved rest!

The Spring bulbs planted by the Gardening Club are beginning to push through and I look forward to a great display of flowers again this year. The Club has a calendar of events which I hope you will support – details are listed below.

Finally, our Annual Subscription is due and is a very modest **£2.00**. I do hope that you will become members, if not already.

It is important that we hear from you, so if there are matters you wish to raise do please get in touch. Best wishes.

Pauline Brown, Chair

Magilton, Treasurer, at 31 Rowcliffe Avenue, CH4 7PN

Please make cheques payable to 'Westminster Park Residents' Association'.

As in previous years you can pay the subscription for both WPRA and the Friends of Westminster Park (FOWP) by means of the same form. Their annual subscription is also £2 per household (if paying both by cheque, one will suffice made payable to WPRA).

You can advise us by email that you have paid. Send a message to: sandymagilton@googlemail.com

Sandra Magilton

WPRA Gardening Club

Programme Dates for 2017

Wednesday 29 March – 8pm A talk at the Community Centre by Andy Lambie, lecturer at Ness Gardens, on **"Plant Propagation"**. Plant and seed swap, light refreshments. £3 at the door. All WP residents welcome.

Monday 22 May – a guided tour by the head gardener of **Sandymere Gardens** in Cotebrook.



Sandymere Gardens

Saturday 8 July - Westminster Park Summer Fayre

All donations of plants for our regular stall at the Westminster Park Community Fayre will be very gratefully received.

Wednesday 9 August – a conducted tour of the **Walled Gardens at Norton Priory**.

Thursday 28 September – an introductory talk by one of the gardeners followed by a visit to the gardens at **Wollerton Old Hall**.

Wednesday 11 October – 8pm A talk at the Community Centre by David Toyne on **"Organic vs Inorganic Gardening"**

All of our trips will be self drive. If you need a lift please contact Mary Pole.

Front Garden Competition

Each year the WPRA awards a small prize for the best looking front gardens. This year our theme will be summer colour.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF WESTMINSTER PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

AGM TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12TH APRIL 2017 AT 8PM IN WESTMINSTER PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE

The above AGM is to be held to report on the Association's activities in the past year and elect Committee Officers and members.

If you wish to raise any matters or propose anyone to join the Committee please let the Secretary, Penny White, know by Wednesday 22 March by email: pennywhite@sky.com or c/o WPRA Post-box, Al Dente, Westminster Park shops.

All residents welcome

Put the Flag Out!

Have you noticed that we now have a fairly tidy bus stop opposite the Nuffield Hospital? The bus stop has been in a terrible state for several years with a broken fence and a shelter desperately in need of repair. Thanks to the Westminster Park Residents' Association, the area has been tidied up, the fence has been repaired and the icing on the cake is the new bus shelter.

It has taken many telephone calls, letters and photographs to the council, and consultations with our Councillors to achieve this.

Olwen Bellis



WPRA Email Updates

Periodically we send out email updates with items of local interest such as the Wrexham Road development. We try not to make these too frequent.

You can log on to our email management website to check or amend your details here: <http://emailupdates.wp-ra.org.uk>

If you do not wish to receive email updates, you can opt out of the system.



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Westminster Park Community Association, Community Centre

The Community Association is a registered charity and runs the Community Centre adjoining Belgrave School on Five Ashes Road. Annual Membership of £10 is now being taken for existing and new members and includes entrance to the well stocked, reasonably priced members' bar.

The bar is open every evening, Monday to Sunday, 7.30 – 11.00 pm, Saturday lunchtime, 12.00 – 2.00 pm and Sunday lunchtime, 12.00 – 3.00 pm. New members are always welcome.

Our function hall is a good size and is available for hire at £12 per hour for private/club functions; it is free of charge for charity events. The hire of the hall is open to all.

The Community Association also hosts its own events with fun quiz nights on the last Saturday of the month and evening bingo sessions on the 3rd Friday of the month. These are open to all, so come along and lend your support; new faces are always welcome.

Westminster Park Community Association is holding its AGM on Wednesday 15 March in the Community Centre at 8.00 pm. We would like more people to join the committee and bring new ideas to help the

Community Centre grow. If anyone is interested, please come along.

Information on joining or hiring the Community Centre can be obtained by calling 01244 671243 after 7.30 pm or by e-mailing: wpca2008@yahoo.co.uk.

Sandra Magilton

Summer Fayre

The Summer Fayre will be held on Saturday 8 July and if you require a stall in the craft area or a pitch on the field please contact me on 01244 629167. Help with the organisation is still required please.

Colin Dollimore



Croquet in Westminster Park

Chester Croquet Club welcomes new members

Come and enjoy a new outdoors game!

Did your New Year's resolutions include getting fitter, getting outside more, meeting new people or trying a new, challenging and stimulating game? If so, croquet may be the game for you. It requires some skill, but not a lot of strength or stamina, so it is ideal for any age and ability.

Chester Croquet Club meets in Westminster Park and is a friendly and successful club with about a hundred members. We are always pleased to welcome new members of all standards, from beginner to experienced..

A 'Taster' session will be held on Saturday 8 April at a cost of £5.00, payable in advance. The session will run from 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Participants then wishing to join the Club, can take beginners' courses in Association Croquet and Golf Croquet. No previous knowledge of the game is needed and all equipment will be provided by the Club.

To register or get more information, please contact the Membership Secretary Sally Slater on 01244 677645 / 07711 374927 / springboard_sally@hotmail.com. Places are very limited this year so please be quick!

There will be no spaces available on the day to just turn up.

Coaching is also available for people who have played before and would like to improve their skills.

Glan Aber Tennis Club

Spring is approaching and now is the time to dust off those racquets and venture out on court. New courses for adults and juniors (5-week block) will commence week of 27 February.

Saturday Pay & Play coaching sessions re-start on 25 February and no membership is required, just turn up: 09.30-10.00 Bronze (3-5 years), 10.00-11.00 Silver (6-10 years), 11.00-12.00 Adults and 12.00-13.00 Gold (11+ years). Please note change of times for adults/ older juniors.

Our Community Outreach Fund continues to provide free weekly coaching in local schools which this year includes the Lache and St. Clare's Primary Schools.

Our annual Open Day will be held on Saturday 6 May from 2.00-5.00 pm. This is free and open to all – adults and juniors – so please come along and try out the facilities and have a look round.

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Friends of Westminster Park

Following a successful bulb-planting working party in November, another working party was organised in December. This time, we were pleased to be joined by an enthusiastic group of children from Belgrave Primary School and their teachers.



The planting was filmed by publicity staff from Cheshire West and Chester Council and the video was shown at a Council event in January to record appreciation for the contribution of volunteers in local communities across the county.

We can now look forward to a splendid display of daffodils in the spring between the car park and café block and around the sculpture next to the children's play area.

Thank you to everyone who took part in both plantings.

In response to requests for more public seating around the park, particularly for people with mobility difficulties and families with young children, three new park seats have been ordered and should be in place in time for the longer days and better weather in the spring. We are most grateful to a local resident who has donated one of the seats and to our local councillors for contributing towards the cost from their members' budgets. If any other residents would like to donate a seat or picnic table, we would be delighted to make the arrangements.

Several sports and exercise groups in Westminster Park have expressed their desire for the changing rooms in the café block to be refurbished and brought back into use. Possibilities for doing so are being examined by the Council, Golfstorehouse (as the operator of the golf course and café) and the Friends.

Everyone is aware of the financial constraints affecting all public services and the challenge is to find a workable way forward.

David Guyton

Westminster Park Cricket Club

With the crunch of frost on the ground it must be time to dust off the cricket pads and knock in your bat and make your way down to nets. The club is up and active again meeting each Sunday between 3-4pm (3-5pm when busier) at King's School Chester.

After Easter, as the weather warms up and rain clouds disappear (well we can hope), we can then be found in our home at Westminster Park. We are always looking for new players of all abilities and ages. This season we have a weekend team in Division 4 of the UK Fast League and two midweek teams in Division 2 and 6 of the local league. For a small membership fee and a pay as you play approach you would be more than welcome to throw your gloves in the ring for selection.

This season, thanks to the generosity of our local councillors, we are investing in improved facilities including covers and sight screens that should be in place for the new season. We are also hoping to improve storage and in the medium term are looking to build a permanent cricket net for the community to use.

We look forward to seeing any new players at nets or in the Park. Spectators are also welcome to join our small but loyal following.

Robert Aldridge
Chairman

<http://westminsterpark.play-cricket.com/>

Westminster Park Café has something for everyone!

Walking into the café at Westminster Park on a Tuesday morning, I was struck by the warm and relaxed atmosphere as children played with toys and mums, grandparents and child minders shared a cup of coffee and a chat. This Mums and Tots group meets every Tuesday morning in term time and demonstrated what an asset to our local area the revitalised café has become.

It has developed into a focal point for many other clubs and groups and I was amazed to find out how many there are:

Tuesday afternoon - Walking for Health
Wednesday afternoon - Ukulele club (alternate weeks) and Nordic Walking
Friday - Scrabble club

As the upgrade of the facilities in the café has progressed, an expanded range of food



and drinks is served including hot and cold sandwiches, soup and beans on toast as well as a children's menu.

Alongside the obvious golfing activities on offer, children's parties have also become popular, with a choice of golf or football. The children have an hour with either a professional golfer or a qualified football referee and afterwards enjoy food and drink in the café before going home with a party bag.



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Friends of Duke's Drive

As residents of Westminster Park we are very fortunate to have the wonderful natural resource of the Duke's Drive on our doorstep which provides us with an excellent place to go for family walks, cycle, jog, exercise our dogs or just appreciate the changing of the seasons.

In 2015 a community group 'Friends of Duke's Drive' was created to work with CWaC and Eaton Estates to assist with the management of the woodlands.

The group has been improving awareness and use of this fabulous woodland through its website, Facebook and Twitter and a series of guided walks. They have also been helping to raise funds for site improvements.

This joined up approach resulted in the installation of a beautiful hand carved oak



noticeboard at the main drive entrance in January 2016 thanks to Paul Noon of Blacon Adventure Playground and funding from local Councillors Neil Sullivan and Razia Daniels.

The group has also helped develop plans for a community garden close to the Lodge at the entrance to the Drive. This began with the clearance of overgrown scrubland by volunteers from Turning Point, coordinated by CWaC's Greenspaces team. The area was then landscaped with a path and rockery thanks to United Utilities and their contractors LiMA, who kindly devoted staff time, equipment and materials during the end phase of their pipeline work.

The group has recently been awarded funds from the New Homes Bonus scheme, that will be devoted to the completion of the community garden and wider improvements for woodland users. The Friends group is keen to receive ideas from residents, especially anyone who wants to get actively involved. Visit their website at www.friendsofdukesdrive.org where you can also follow links to their Facebook and Twitter pages.

Walking for Health

Every Tuesday morning at about 10 am, around 40 people start to gather outside the café in Westminster Park in preparation for a walk in and around Chester.

The group, which is organised through Age UK and the Ramblers Association, is led on a walk which usually lasts for about 1½ hours and covers 3 to 4 miles. There are, however, cut off points throughout the walk for those with impaired mobility, so that people of all abilities can participate.

All walks are free and end back at the café for a sociable cup of coffee. Walk leaders are fully trained and will lead walks whatever the weather.

The group has a very social side as well as encouraging good health. Once a month there is an extra walk further afield followed by a pub lunch and annually members have the option to go for a long weekend to places such as Bath or Stratford-on-Avon.

Some members have formed other interest groups for handicrafts, theatre and coach trips.

Started in 2008, the group now has over 60 members, but is always keen to welcome new people of any age.

If you would like to make new friends and keep fit, phone Fred Whiteley on 675085 for more details.

Lache and Westminster Park Local History Group

Growing up in 1930s Lache Remembered by Mr Tommy Jones
7.30pm, Thursday 30th March
The Venue, Lache Community Centre
Hawthorn Road, Chester CH4 8HX
Tickets on the door £1

For more information, contact: Linda Shuttleworth, Secretary, 01244 679791

Cheshire Police

Hello Everyone

I am Christopher Fox and have been the Police Community Support Officer in Westminster Park for a number of years now.

My e mail address is

christopher.fox@cheshire.pnn.police.uk if you need to contact me.

If you see anyone suspicious or have anything to report, please call us on 999 for an emergency or 101 for a non-emergency response.

Please remember if you have any issues that you wish to discuss, the Police and the local Councillors hold the following Surgeries on the first Saturday of every month:

Westminster Park Shops – 10.30–11.45 am
Handbridge – Dee Bridge - Opposite the Ship Inn – 12.00-13.00 pm

Chris Fox
PCSO for Handbridge Park



Chester Riverside Rotary

The Rotary Club held a Quiz on 28 January which was a great success and raised £471 for the Hospice of the Good Shepherd.

Their next event will be a speaker night on Wednesday 8 March at 7.45pm for 8pm at Westminster Park Community Centre when Angela Williams will talk about her recent visit to Nepal, taking sports equipment and gifts to a School for the visually impaired. Further details are on the Community Centre and local notice boards.



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Please call Diane on 07966 404355 or email diane.clark@passion-for-learning.com

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Clubs & organisations based in

Westminster Park

Please let the Editor know if any details are incorrect or if you have a club or organisation that you would like listed.

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Lache and Westminster Park Local History

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676865

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Cubs (Monday): Michael Glass

Cubs (Thursday): Christine Owens 676691

Scouts (Friday): Terry Coe 676734

Explorer Scouts (Tuesday): Sharon Johnson

GUIDING:

Rainbows (Monday): Pat McGettigan 677134

Brownies (Tuesday): Jan Hooper 674701

Guides: Contact the District Commissioner:
Sue Fryer 679945



2017 Easter Services at St Mary's, Handbridge

Palm Sunday - 9th April	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Procession of Palms
	6.30pm	Evensong
Maundy Thursday - 13th April	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Service with Address
Good Friday - 14th April	10.00am	Litany, Morning Prayer and Ante-Communion
	2.00pm	Hour at the Cross
Easter Day - 16th April	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Storytelling Service
	10.30am	Parish Communion
	6.30pm	Evensong

Letters

DB1 bus service from town

I am sure that many of you, like me are having problems getting a bus home from town to Westminster Park. As a result of the closure of Frodsham Street, we are having to walk to Grosvenor Park, beside St John's Church, or to the Save the Children Shop on Grosvenor Street.

However, I was told recently that the DB1 service to Mold, which goes through Westminster Park, leaves the town at quarter past the hour from the bus stop in Love Street outside where Brannigans used to be, which is much more convenient especially if you have heavy shopping. **The DB1 leaves town on time so don't be late if you want to catch the bus.**

Olwen Bellis

Does anyone remember Jean?

Dear Editor,

During the 1970's I was a French exchange student and came to Chester. I stayed with a girl called Jean Goodson who lived at 24 Cross Hey, Handbridge. I would very much like to get in touch with her again and would appreciate your help in my search for her.

Yours **Martine Martoch**

Should anyone have any information about Jean Goodson, please contact the Editor on 01244 680364.

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There are a number of noticeboards in the area on which you can display notifications of events, etc. Below are the details of the persons you need to contact in order to display notices:

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Martin Amesbury, 679271

Brian Westcott, 675431

Notice board, SJ Bebbington

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