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Illustrator to create exhibition with Ferryhill and Chilton pupils

'Keep In The Know' about local policing



Stuart Trotter with pupils he met on his last visit to Ferryhill and Chilton's schools. He will be working again with local schools to create an exhibition of his and their work.

Ferryhill-born illustrator, author and publisher of children's picture books, Stuart Trotter is back working with Approach Too and all the schools in Ferryhill in order to stage a week-long exhibition of children's creative story writing and illustration.

Approach Too is a not-for-profit company working to raise the aspirations of, and provide opportunities for, the children and young people of Ferryhill and Chilton.

It does this by inviting inspirational people like Stuart to return to their

roots and show young people what is possible if you set your mind to it. Stuart, who grew up in Ferryhill, is the current illustrator of *Rupert Bear* and has also illustrated *Animals of Farthing Wood*, Enid Blyton covers, *Postman Pat*, *Kipper*, *Wallace and Gromit*, *Read with Me* Ladybird books and *Winnie-the-Pooh*.

The exhibition, *All About Picture Books*, will include illustrations from Stuart's impressive career and will also provide the opportunity for local children and young people to showcase their amazing talent and artwork to the public.

Glensy Newby of Approach Too said: "We wanted to offer the opportunity for the community to celebrate Stuart's work, while at the same time encourage aspiring young artists. So, come along and visit the exhibition in Ferryhill Town Hall from Monday 29th February to Friday 4th March.

"The exhibition also co-

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KEEP IN THE KNOW about durham and darlington

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The police believe that by improving the flow of information between the community and its police we can all make a greater impact in the prevention and detection of crime and anti-social behaviour.

The *Keep In The Know* service invites local people to participate in the

exchange of information with Durham Constabulary and Neighbourhood Watch. It is not necessary to join a specific watch scheme but you may find that there are like-minded residents or businesses in your area who would welcome your support.

As a registered recipient you will not only benefit from two way messaging but may also hear about positive police action in your community, help identify suspected or wanted criminals or learn about community groups, events or meetings in your area.

To learn more and to register, visit the scheme website at keepintheknow.co.uk.



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All about local people ...



In Memoriam

Angela Strange (Nee Smith)

February 21st 2012
The day our lives changed forever

If tears could build a stairway
And memories were a lane
We would walk right up to Heaven
and bring you home again

No farewell words were spoken
No time to say goodbye
You were gone before we knew it
And only God knows why
Our hearts still ache in sadness
Our secret tears flow
What it means to lose you
No one will ever know
Your memory lives on in us all



Love and miss you,
Niall, Dad, Vicky, Kai



Arthur Vickers

Died 16.2.92

Death changes everything
Time changes nothing
We still miss your voice,
Your advice, your love and being with you
So know, time changes nothing
We miss you as much today
as we did the day you died



Missing you Dad,
Terry and Howard



In Memoriam

Lily Gargett

23rd February

Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there, I do not sleep
I am a thousand winds that blow
I am the diamond glints in snow
I am the sunlight on ripened grain
I am the gentle Autumn rain
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
of quiet birds in circled flight
I am the soft stars that shine at night
Do not stand at my grave and cry
I am not there, I did not die.



Jimmy Dormer

22-02-2006

In loving memory of my darling husband, Jimmy
You were sadly taken away ten years ago today
The pain of losing you is still so strong
You were my rock and soul Jim
We hang on to the memories we shared
together and never stop thinking about you



Until we meet again,
Your loving Wife Kathleen,
Son Peter and Daughter-in-law Sue, Grandchildren PJ, Joe, Tom and also Great Grand Daughter Isabelle
xxx



Birthday Memories

Jean Rothwell

21st Feb

Happy Birthday Mam



All our love,
Jason & Family
xxx

Jean Rothwell

21st Feb

Happy Birthday my friend
Miss you every single day



Margaret
xx

Birthdays

Ross Alderson

15th February



Happy 13th Birthday



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Man from U.N.C.L.E. visits Chilton



Guy Ritchie's update of *The Man From UNCLE* will be showing at Chilton Community College on 26th February.

The Man from U.N.C.L.E., recently updated by Guy Ritchie, the director of the Sherlock Holmes films, will be showing at Chilton Community College on Friday 26th February at 6pm. Described as 'action packed', 'impossibly cool and stylish' and 'Guy Ritchie gives Bond a run for his money', this all adds up to a fantastic Friday film night.

The film is for adults only and costs £3 for members and £4 for non-members (it costs just £1 to become a Film Club member) and includes refreshments. A spokesperson for the film club said: "Please give us a quick ring on 01388 720911 between 5.30pm and 8pm on a weekday or email us at chiltoncollegenew@gmail.com so we know how many to expect."

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Chief executive fosters support for children in care



Left to right: Foster carers, Alison Cummings and Ian Cummings, Durham County Council Chief Executive, Terry Collins and foster carer, Mrs Comyn.

Newly appointed chief executive of Durham County Council, Terry Collins, has chosen to focus on two key areas. The first is a new scheme to support care leavers and the second is to encourage the people of Durham to become foster carers.

The chief executive aims to help care leavers settle into adult life by securing work within the council and with other organisations, by providing work experience placements, traineeships, apprenticeships and offering mentoring support for young people who have been in care.

Mr Collins said: "I want to use my care leavers support scheme to offer the best possible chance in the work place for young people we have looked after, just like any other parent would do for their own children.

"I also want to focus on fostering. I've had my eyes

opened to some of the amazing work we do and I'm inspired by the dedication of the foster families. They're transforming lives and are giving life changing opportunities to some of the young people who need this help the most."

Over 600 children are in care in County Durham; however 430 carers are still needed across the North East, which is why Terry is encouraging people to attend a fostering open event at County Hall on Saturday 5th March between 10.30am and 1.00pm.

This is an opportunity for people to find out more about fostering, who can foster and what it takes, the help and support they'll receive and also the chance to talk to foster carers.

Ian and Alison Cummings, a couple from Durham, have fostered three children

after adopting three.

Mrs Cummings said: "We had an extra space and we said let's make a change, let's make a difference.

"The thing we're most proud of is helping to move kids out of the care circle. We're helping them break away from the care system so they become rounded, mature adults."

Terry adds: "If I can encourage people just to come and talk to us and help make a difference, I really want to do that.

People can watch a video to find out what it's like to foster with Durham County Council by searching Youtube for 'Fostering with Durham County Council' which features first-hand accounts of people who are already working with children in care.

For more information about fostering, visit www.durham.gov.uk/fostering or call 03000 269 400.



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We cry in frustration when things don't go right

We cry with anger when we don't win the fight

We cry at the theatre at the hero's plight

I cried at "Blood Brothers" when the setting is fraught

"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" had me distraught

I cry at books when the story is sad

When the going is tough and times are hard

I can't see the words through the tears that appear

So the book goes to the side until my vision is once more clear!

I cry at films

"Beaches" comes to mind

I start before Bette Midler starts to sing

I'm anticipating "Wind Beneath My Wings"

My friends think it hilarious when I'm

"overcome"

But I mop up my tears "It's alright for some"

But the thing that puzzles me!

People say and I wonder why?

You'll feel a lot better

If you have a good cry!

Endeavour Woodcrafts invites public to Spring Open Day



Endeavour Woodcrafts, based in the Old Fire Station on Darlington Road, Ferryhill, is holding its annual Spring Open Day on Saturday 5th March from 11am-3pm.

Endeavour Woodcrafts CIC, based in Darlington Road, Ferryhill, is inviting the public to its Spring Open Day on Saturday 5th March from 11.00am - 3.00pm.

Endeavour offers day service to adults and provides training in woodwork in a real manufacturing environment.

Individuals are involved in all aspects of the manufacturing and selling process, learning new skills and also developing life and social skills.

A spokesperson said: "Come and see our new range of products, all of which have been lovingly handmade. "They include items for

the garden and home and, of course, our range of Mother's Day gifts at fabulous prices."

Light refreshments will be available and all ages are welcome.

For more information about Endeavour, visit their website at www.endeavourwoodcrafts.com.

Abandoned rabbits in need of loving home

A charity dedicated to providing foster care for abandoned pets is looking for homes for a number of rabbits it has recently received.

Volunteer, Christine Kipling, from Bishop Auckland, said: "We normally look after dogs, but have three sets of bonded pairs and a couple of single females, all beautiful and friendly just waiting for new homes."

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One of the rabbits looking for a new home.



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Environmental crimes crackdown continues



Stuart Champion, neighbourhood warden at Durham County Council, delivering a leaflet about disposing of white goods properly.

Littering, dog fouling, abandoned vehicles and build-ups of food waste continue to be tackled in County Durham.

As part of its ongoing efforts, Durham County Council issued 67 fixed penalty notices in December, including 53 for littering, one for dog fouling, 12 for untidy gardens or yards and one for an abandoned vehicle. Twenty-seven people were prosecuted for failing to pay the littering fines and four others were prosecuted for failing to pay fines for dog fouling.

The council works with police and other partners in combatting environmental crimes to improve surroundings and promote safer communities.

As well as issuing fixed penalty notices, six community protection warnings were handed to properties with untidy gardens or yards.

And four businesses were issued food waste warnings, giving them 24 hours' notice for the waste to be removed, following concerns about the amount of food waste being accumulated.

Meanwhile, 161 stray dogs were picked up, 148 antisocial behaviour cases were investigated and 71 alcohol seizures were carried out throughout the month.

Alongside the enforcement action, teams visited seven primary schools to help plant 21 trees and taught

pupils how to dispose of litter responsibly.

And, as part of Operation Stop It - a multi-agency crackdown on waste crime - 421 flytipping incidents were investigated with one person prosecuted and four stop and check operations were carried out to make sure waste carriers were licensed.

Meanwhile, known dumping grounds for white goods are being targeted - with leaflets being dropped through letterboxes to remind people about proper disposal.

Ian Houlst, Durham County Council's neighbourhood protection manager, said: "We are regularly coming across areas where it is normal for bulky items such as fridges, freezers and washing machines to be left in a yard or a garden for 'man with a van' type businesses to collect.

"We're making sure residents know what to do with these kinds of items if they no longer want them to stop them being left for unlicensed waste carriers to collect as we often find that they will be stripped of their valuable parts and dumped.

"This is all part of our commitment to stopping waste crimes such as flytipping through Operation Stop It, which has seen a 30 per cent drop in these offences over the last 12 months compared to the previous 12 months."

Cllr Brian Stephens,

Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, added: "It has been another busy period for our neighbourhood protection teams who work hard to tackle those offences that affect our quality of life.

"We would encourage residents to continue to report these issues to us and help play their part in preventing them arising in the first place - we all have a duty of care to make sure our rubbish is disposed of responsibly and legally."

Find your nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre at www.durham.gov.uk/hwrc and arrange a bulky waste collection by calling 03000 261 000.

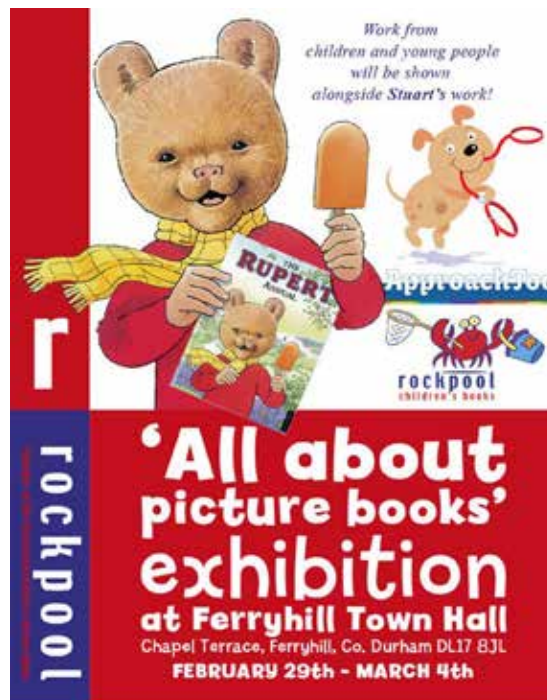
Businesses can find a licensed waste carrier at www.durham.gov.uk/find-registered-waste-carrier or arrange a trade waste collection from the council at www.durham.gov.uk/commercialwaste or call 03000 262 660.

Environmental crimes can be reported at www.durham.gov.uk or call 03000 261 000.

Unlicensed waste carriers and waste crime can be reported to Crimestoppers at www.crimestoppers-uk.org or by calling 0800 555 111.

From 6th April, all dogs must be microchipped by law. For more information about microchipping, visit www.durham.gov.uk/microchipping or call Stray Aid on 0300 999 4247.

Stuart Trotter and schools' exhibition



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incides with World Book Day, on 3rd March, so it is great to have the work of

a renowned illustrator and author like Stuart available to see at such a time.

"Entry is free and everyone is welcome."

Regular weekly events at St Luke's

St Luke's Church Hall, Ferryhill, has a busy programme of activities scheduled each week including Age UK Keep Fit sessions on Mondays from 10.30am and Weight Watchers from 6.30pm on Wednesdays.

The hall is open as a collection and distribution point for the local branch of Durham Foodbank on Thursdays between 10.30am and 12 noon, and on Friday there is a regular coffee morning followed by the popular Friday Lunch. This Friday's lunch menu (19th February) consists of a soup and bread bun starter (£1.20), corned beef pie (£3.40) and Trifle (£1.20) - a delicious and

filling three-course meal for under £6.

On Mondays, the office is also open between 5.30pm and 7pm for any enquiries, while the Worship Team meet on the same evening at 6.30pm.

The church also has a Facebook page (search for St Lukes Church, Ferryhill) and its own website at www.stlukesferryhill.co.uk where visitors can find the church's contact information, explore its history and follow the latest news. "Other activities vary each week, so it is worth keeping an eye on our Facebook page and website to see the full range of events," said a spokesperson.

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Queen's birthday celebrations

On Monday 6th June, Dean Bank Residents' Association is to host an afternoon tea and entertainment to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. The celebrations will also include residents of Ferryhill who have reached the same milestone. "Birthday celebrants can be accompanied by a family member or friend if necessary," said Association secretary, Joan Weston. "Please call at the Institute and leave your name and address or contact us by phone on 01740 657221. "At a later date, invitations will be sent to those who have indicated that they are attending. There is disabled access at the Institute," added Mrs Weston.

Chilton residents next meeting

The next meeting of Chilton Residents Association will be held on Tuesday 23rd February, at 7pm at The Pavilion, Miners Welfare Recreation Ground, Chilton. "Please come along and help to make Chilton a better place to live in. Your views are always welcome, said a spokesperson.

Man escapes second driving ban

After being caught behind the wheel without insurance, a disqualified driver from Ferryhill was fortunate to escape a second driving ban. On Thursday 11th February, Newton Aycliffe Magistrate's Court heard that 43-year-old Jason Catterall had received a six-month driving ban last August. This was the consequence of having twice been caught speeding and driving without insurance. Mr Catterall, of Greenfields, used his car days before his

ban was due to end. The defence, Nick Woodhouse said that Mr Catterall's dismissal of the ban was borne out of a desire to continue with a recently opened quantity surveying business. "He would be unable to continue with the business if he was banned," said Mr Woodhouse. The plea was accepted and Catterall escaped with £550 in court fines and charges as well as a further eight points to his licence.

Mission Possible £50 challenge puts the fun into fundraising



A car wash was one of the ideas that helped staff at Durham County Carers Support to raise £950. Now the challenge to grow £50 has been thrown open county wide.

In January, staff at Durham County Carers Support (a local charity supporting unpaid family carers), were split into teams and challenged to turn a £20 stake into as much money as possible over a four week period.

Now businesses and staff teams are needed to launch the big £50 challenge county wide.

A range of simple ideas showed that it doesn't have to take up too much time or effort and without any expensive initial outlay.

Ideas ranged selling home baking, dog biscuits, bacon sandwiches, luxury hot chocolate, nearly new clothes, and hampers of food and pamper products, a cash raffle and unwanted Christmas presents. There were car washes during their dinner hour and car boot sales to declutter homes.

The challenge raised £950

with the winning team raising over £300.

The charity is now looking for businesses and staff teams to take part in a *Mission Possible* - £50 Challenge to have fun and raise money for this vital charity.

Between March and June teams will be given £50 to turn into as much as possible with awards for the most raised and the most innovative idea.

Jenni Wood, Chief Executive said: "Caring is not something that affects other people, it affects everyone's families, col-

leagues and friends.

We know how much fun and how easy it has been for us. We challenge staff teams to get behind us and come up with their own ideas. All money raised will go back to local people struggling with transport in their caring role."

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Eden Arms appoints new assistant manager



General Manager, Laurie Simpson, right, welcomed newly promoted Assistant Manager Daniel McDonald on to the staff of the Eden Arms Hotel this week. Daniel was a trainer manager in Wales before travelling North East to take on the role as deputy to Laurie. Daniel said: "I am really looking forward to a very busy 2016 here at the hotel."

Tannoy warning for smokers at county's hospitals

Local hospitals have introduced a tannoy system to deter people from smoking close to main entrances. County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust became 'smoke-free' in 2007, introducing a no smoking policy across all of its sites including Bishop Auckland Hospital and Darlington Memorial Hospital. The Trust has put up prominent 'No smoking' signage across its buildings and grounds but this has not deterred all smokers from lighting up just outside the main entrance areas and the entrances to the emergency departments - including the access areas where ambulances are arriving to bring patients into hospital.

Lee Mack, Head of Health Improvement at County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, said: "If a member of the public or staff sees someone smoking, they can report this at reception. "Staff can then activate a voice message which can be heard loud and clear, asking smokers to extinguish their cigarettes. "We've introduced the system because it's vital we take every possible step to discourage smoking. "Patients and visitors, including new born babies and those arriving via ambulance, often have to pass through cigarette smoke at our hospital entrances, which is totally unacceptable.

"Our goal is to have smoke free sites, and the ability to broadcast these messages is a crucial step towards this. One in two smokers will die early from a smoking related illness and the north east region has set a goal of less than one in twenty people smoking by 2025." Patients needing support during their hospital stay can be given nicotine replacement therapy and those wishing to stop smoking can get expert help from the Stop Smoking Service by contacting 0800 011 3405. Smokers using this service are four times more likely to succeed than those who try to quit without support."

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More cup woe for Ferryhill Celtic

There was to be no romance of the cup for Ferryhill Celtic on Valentines Day as they suffered defeat at the hands of the same lower league opposition that knocked them out of another cup competition just two weeks ago. Celtic had hoped to exact some revenge for their exit at the quarter finals stage of the JD Taxis Cup a fortnight ago, but visitors, Burnside WMC of the Durham & District Sunday League Division Three, were in confident mood after their previous victory. This time it was Celtic on home soil in the semi-final of the Stepys Coaches Trophy. The home side thought they had taken the lead in ten minutes only to see the goal ruled out for offside. The evenly matched first half ended goalless and it was the visitors, looking for another cup upset, who took the lead on the hour. But Celtic fought back and

equalised ten minutes later through a Luke Thompson header. It looked as though the tie was heading for extra time, but disaster struck the home team when an Andrew Agar challenge in the box resulted in the referee pointing to the spot. The penalty was duly converted and there was no time for a way back for Celtic, who are now out of all cup competitions for the season and can concentrate on their challenge for the Division Two title. They are currently in second position in the table, three points behind leaders, Framwellgate Moor WMC, but have four games in hand. On Sunday, 21st February, they travel the short distance to Kelloe Recreational Ground for a local derby against Kelloe WMC in a 10.30am kick off. Meanwhile, the leaders take on mid-table Langley Park FC at home.

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Defeats leave Ferryhill's senior bowlers struggling

Ferryhill hoped to make up for the previous week's despair when they travelled to Gateshead IBC for the next game in the County Seniors Inter League.

With both teams hovering near the bottom of the table and level on points, this looked to be great chance to move up a place. The result however was disappointing with only one rink winning for a final score of 4-1 to the home club.

The winning rink of K Tait, K Seymour and C Larcombe scored the winning shots on the very last end.

They were one down and a shot down but skip, Colin Larcombe played his best shot of the game trailing the jack to take five shots and victory.

Ferryhill's other two rinks

were never really in contention and both were well beaten.

Final scores: C Larcombe 18-14 W Cookson; R Jefferson 7-15 W Watson and H Wilson 2-26 M Peet.

Seven days later it was another tough game, this time at home to second placed *The Parks* from Tyneside, and it provided a similar result.

This time, though, there were no points as all three rinks succumbed to the Tyneside bowling skills.

Two rinks managed only five scoring ends and both ended up losing by eleven shots.

Bob Jefferson's rink fared slightly better, managing six scoring ends, but they lost by four shots.

Final scores: R Jefferson 11-15 B Houghton; E Hope

7-18 I Brown and B Johnstone 7-18 M Groundwater. Ferryhill Ladies took to the road the following day as they travelled to Durham IBC for a friendly match and they had a much better result, coming away with a 4½ - ½ points victory.

The rink of B Yorke, E Thompson and S Heath were the biggest winners by six shots having staged a tremendous turnaround as they trailed by seven shots midway through the game. Shirley Maughan's rink were involved in a very close game where the points were shared and Margaret Shields won by four shots. Overall it was a tremendous result for the ladies. Final scores: S Heath 17-11 K Rogerson; S Maughan 11-11 C Budd and M Shields 14-10 T Barkless.

Billy Snaith ready for second pro fight



As he prepares for his second bout, Billy Snaith is full of confidence after a winning start to his professional career.

Ferryhill professional boxer, Billy Snaith is fully fit and ready for the second pro fight of his career next month.

After a successful debut, Billy is busily preparing for his second bout, which will take place in the Lancaster Suite at Dunston on Friday 18th March.

"There is no substitute for hard work and dedication and there are no shortcuts," said Billy during a

break in training. And the hard work is certainly paying dividends, as Billy says he is fitter, leaner and stronger than he has ever been in his boxing career.

There are still a few tickets left, priced at £35, for the event and there is a bus leaving from outside the Post Boy at 6pm with a return fare of £7.

For tickets, contact Yvonne on 07738 000 898.

Shildon soundly beaten by Ferryhill Under 8's

On a freezing cold Saturday morning (13th February) Ferryhill Town Youth Under 8's were at home to Shildon.

The game was in doubt due to pitch conditions but with a bit of ground work it was able to go ahead.

Ferryhill started with a familiar line up of Aidan, Noah, George, Zach and Aaron F and they raced into an early lead.

It was one way traffic for the early part of the game and the goals flew in.

Ferryhill scored nine with only one, towards the end of the first half, in reply from Shildon. At half time, with such a

commanding lead, Ferryhill were able to make wholesale changes to the team, but they kept the performance up.

Five more goals without reply gave the home side a final score of Ferryhill 14-1 Shildon.

Five of the goals came from Zach, four from Aaron F, and Jamie also collected a hat trick.

Carlton and Aaron S rounded off the scoring in what was a great team display.

The second game was a more even contest in the

early stages with six goals shared for a 3-3 scoreline. But Ferryhill then pushed on and scored plenty more with all of the team getting a good run out.

Four goals from Kole and the rest spread out amongst the team meant it ended in a 12-3 win in Ferryhill's favour.

Coach, Paul McKeown, who was delighted with the overall performance added: "The pitch was a bog at the end but the weather and conditions didn't spoil the players enthusiasm."



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