

THE VILLAGE VOICE

A Monthly Newsletter for Chilmark & Ridge and Fonthill Bishop with Berwick St Leonard

Upcoming AGMs

Chilmark Horticultural Society (CHS) is holding its AGM in the Reading Room on Thursday 6 February at 6.30pm. The following night, it's the turn of Chilmark Cricket Club who will be meeting in The Black Dog at 7pm, Friday 7 February. All residents welcome at both AGMs.

Pub Darts Night

Darts Night has returned to The Black Dog, with home matches taking place every other Friday. Your next chance to see and support the Black Dog Boys in action will be on Friday 14 February.

Area Board Meeting

South West Wilts Area Board meets on Wednesday 19 February, 6.30pm, at Wilton Community Centre, SP2 0DG. Items on the Agenda include a *Support for Farming* presentation, an update from *Cranborne Chase National Landscapes* and exciting new initiatives from *National Trust Stourhead*. All very welcome to attend.

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Welcome to the February 2025 issue of The Village Voice



Flooding in Chilmark is to be expected at this time of year; it is the reason the village has the Winterbourne, and a Flood Warden! But the nature of the flooding in the last week of January differed to that of recent winters. Whilst groundwater levels – measured hourly at the Environment Agency's Fonthill Terraces monitoring station – were steadily rising as this issue went to press, they were still way-off previous highs, leaving Hindon Lane and the Street relatively water-free. Yet, a few hours of relentless rain on a Sunday morning saw Frog Lane under water, with bins floating down it. Chilmark School and Golden Acorns Nursery had to remain closed the next day, after further overnight rain.

The source of this floodwater was excess rainfall sweeping down into the village from the field containing the footpath to Ridge. Its route to Frog Lane (*this page and see back page pics*) was via the

Playing Field and Kents Hill, and across Becketts Lane where it merged in a big whoosh with water coming down the road from Tisbury. The gullies designed to drain the rainwater were overwhelmed and blocked with debris. As ever, our thanks go to Chilmark's wonderful Flood Warden Carl Jacobs for doing everything he can to alleviate issues as they occur.

Such a volume of floodwater in this part of the village is nothing new; an illustration of Englefield House in the 1800s, p11, reveals a pond-sized puddle at the junction of Becketts Lane, Frog Lane, and the entrance to Claybush. And there are residents who recall a time when Frog Lane had no pavement; in its place was a ditch, providing a direct channel into the Winterbourne by the school. Maybe it's time to dig up that pavement.

Chilmark's past is the subject of two items in this month's issue. A history of Chilmark School, p10 & 11, reveals just how much pupil numbers have fluctuated over the years, as well as providing an insight into the lives and health of pupils in the 19th and 20th centuries. The school, and whether it had a future, was a topic also addressed in an essay from 45 years ago, titled *Can Chilmark Survive?* - p11 & 12. Written by the last Rector of Chilmark, the Rev A E F Trotman, to mark the 700th anniversary of St Margaret's Church, it contains remarkable foresight whilst also posing questions still being asked today.

Here's to a February with a little more sunshine than January.
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Copy deadline 20th of each month. Please note that there will be one issue for December & January (copy deadline 20 November) and one issue for July & August (deadline 20 June). Items will be welcomed from any individual or village organisation and should be sent to the Editor. However, newsletter content remains at the discretion of the Editorial Team and on some occasions will be space dependent. If you wish to advertise in the newsletter, please contact the Treasurer.

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		February Dates for your Diary	
Tuesday 4th	7pm	Social Stitchers	Chilmark Reading Room (CRR)
Wednesday 5th	9am	Kettlercise Class	CRR
Thursday 6th	6.30am	Horticultural Society AGM	CRR
Friday 7th	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR
Friday 7th	7pm	Cricket Club AGM	The Black Dog
Wednesday 12th	9am	Kettlercise Class	CRR
Wednesday 12th	10.30-12noon	Chilmark Coffee Kitchen	CRR
Friday 14th	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR
Monday 17th		Half Term week	Chilmark School
Tuesday 18th	2.55-3.20pm	Mobile Library	Hops Close
Tuesday 18th	7pm	Social Stitchers	CRR
Wednesday 19th	9am	Kettlercise Class	CRR
Sat 22-Wed 26th	9am-5pm	Food Bank Collection	Chilmark Church
Saturday 22nd	10am-12noon	Fonthill Book Swap	Fonthill Bishop Reading Room
Sunday 23rd	9.30am	Breakfast Church Service	CRR
Wednesday 26th	9am	Kettlercise Class	CRR
Wednesday 26th	10.30-12noon	Chilmark Coffee Kitchen	CRR
Thursday 27th	6.30pm	British Wildflowers Talk	CRR
		March	
Wednesday 5th	7pm	Chilmark Parish Council meeting	CRR
Saturday 8th	10-12noon	Churchyard Tidy	Chilmark Church

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Parish Council News

To read the latest draft minutes and future agendas, visit:
www.southwiltswilts.com/site/chilmarkparishcouncil

Chilmark Parish Council met in the Reading Room on Wednesday 8 January. Eight residents attended and matters raised in the Public Forum included the Precept, the War Memorial Restoration Fund and measures to reduce speeding on the B3089. Unfortunately, Councillor Bridget Wayman was absent due to car issues. We hope to have updates on parking at Barn Hill, together with other Wiltshire Council matters at the March PC meeting. The War Memorial Restoration Fund was discussed at length following an update from Grant Philpott. It was noted that sufficient funds had now been raised for the restoration work to proceed. The PC would like to thank Grant Philpott for all his excellent efforts leading this restoration campaign.

Precept Increase

As previously discussed, the Precept for the village needs to be set each year and is collected as part of the Wiltshire Council Tax. The Precept for Chilmark produced an income of £11,000 for Chilmark Parish Council (CPC) in 2024/5, with a Band D house paying £44.77. This income is used to provide services for the village, including grass cutting and general village maintenance. Over the last 10 years, CPC has fallen behind neighbouring villages in terms of Precept levels; in 2024/25, for instance, Hindon's precept was £70.17 for a Band D House, Teffont's was £85.23 and Dinton's was £54.21.

The PC has almost no reserves as the annual Precept income has been completely spent each year on Parish matters. All the Parish Councillors are unpaid volunteers. The Clerk is a part time paid role. In planning for 2025/26, there are two significant items which must be budgeted for - the ownership transfer of the Claybush Playing Field, including the Playground, from the Salisbury Diocesan Board of Education (SDBE) to CPC, and highways expenditure for the installation of speed control measures on the B3089.

CPC had already circulated its intention to increase the Precept for the 2025/26 year by 40%, in the December/January edition of the Village Voice. There was no criticism of this suggestion in the Public Forum. The PC concluded that, in the circumstances outlined above, the Precept for 2025/26 should be set at £62.68 for a Band D property - roughly a 40% increase. It is hoped and expected that an increase of this order will not be needed again. It was strongly felt by all that a substantial precept increase was overdue and the PC budget requires a degree of resilience as we move forwards into the next financial year. Costs have been identified and therefore sufficient funds need to be raised. Councillors voted unanimously to increase the precept by 40%, meaning a Band D house will face an increase of 34p per week.

Claybush Playing Field & Playground

The PC is awaiting a further update from the Salisbury Diocesan Board of Education on the official transfer of the land. Following a site meeting with members of the Parish Council, the SDBE has indicated it will take responsibility for repairs to the original playing field fencing as part of the transfer agreement, but this has yet to be confirmed. The Playground Committee and the PC are working on a structure to manage the Playing Field and Playground once CPC has ownership.

Speeding concerns on the Salisbury Road

Unfortunately, despite confirmations to both Cllr Wayman and CPC from the Traffic Survey team at Wiltshire

Council, the Traffic Surveys cable was installed in the wrong location on the B3089 Salisbury Road in December. The PC is currently awaiting an update from the new Traffic Survey team for a new installation date for a Survey in the agreed location. It will be in position for seven days and will measure the speed and density of the traffic in both directions. Once the results have been analysed, the PC will be able to further update the village.

All traffic calming options for consideration do need to fulfil police and highways criteria. The most likely outcome is that the PC should be able to seek planning permission for one or two Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs). All SIDs are 100% self-funded by a parish council; the poles & installation can be 75% funded by Wiltshire Council from the Local Highways & Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG) budget and 25% self-funded by a PC. Please do contact Cllrs Bev Small & Peter Young if you have any queries - bevsmall@me.com / youngs.4@btinternet.com

Chilmark Milestone - Salisbury Road

This has been reinstalled and is awaiting the final repairs which will take place in situ once the weather improves.

Flood Prevention

Cllr Jacobs provided a brief update on flood prevention within Chilmark, in particular, the efforts made to mitigate the impact of recent storm events. Councillors authorised the purchase of a village grit spreader.

Next Parish Council meeting

The next Chilmark PC meeting will take place on Wednesday 5 March at 7pm, in Chilmark Reading Room.

Cllr Bev Small

Latest Planning Applications:

Ref: PL/2024/09739 – Householder Planning Permission
The Dial House, Becketts Lane, Chilmark SP3 5BD
Erection of outbuilding (shepherds hut) for use for purposes incidental to the residential use of the existing dwelling.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Mann

Case Officer: Hayley Clark

Consultation deadline: 12 February 2025

Parish Council position: No Objection

To view details of the above application, visit:
development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/ and enter the planning application number in the search bar

Wiltshire Elections 2025

On Thursday 1 May, Wiltshire residents will go to the polls to vote for candidates in the Wiltshire Council Unitary Election, as well as Parish and Town Councils across the county. Wiltshire Council is hosting a webinar to give prospective candidates the key information they need ahead of the local elections. If you are considering standing in this year's local elections, you are invited join the webinar on Tuesday 11 February, from 6-7pm. It will be an opportunity for prospective candidates to hear from the election team directly, including the Returning Officer, and to have any questions answered.

Wiltshire's Returning Officer Lucy Townsend said: *This will be a useful session for all those considering standing for election this year. We'll have people on hand to answer questions and talk through the nomination process and everything to consider so that the election is as smooth an experience as possible for everyone involved. We want to give people insight into the role of a local councillor and*

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also make the nomination process as smooth as it can be, so we are keen to provide as much guidance as possible. We want Wiltshire to be a strong democratic county, so I encourage as many prospective candidates and agents to sign up as possible and we look forward to speaking with them.

To sign up for the webinar, visit: <https://shorturl.at/nhrzi>
More information about this year's local elections can be found at: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-elections.

War Memorial Restoration fundraising



There has been an absolutely wonderful response to the restoration campaign since its announcement in the last issue of the Village Voice. Final donations are still coming in, but at present the total stands at around £4,400. The effort has been truly village-wide, with many personal gifts and a variety of individual initiatives. The main sources of contributions have been:

- A number of extremely generous individual donations totalling around £2900
- The collection at the Remembrance Day Service contributing £500
- The Chilmark 1990 Movie Night, an initiative of Sarah Miller (based on film archive provided by Colin Diaper) raising £400
- A fund-raising coffee morning held by Bev Small, raising £340
- The collection at the School Christmas end-of-term service contributing £130
- The traditional carol singing raffle at the Black Dog, organised (and splendidly entertained as always) by Sophie Eden, raising £110

This is a heartwarming 'thank you' from us, today's village residents, to former generations who paid a heavy price for our freedoms. On behalf of the PC and PCC I would like to thank everyone who has organised events, gifted or supported the campaign in any way. Our thanks are also due to Johan Denekamp for monitoring and managing the financial side of the campaign (including the reclaiming of Gift Aid) and to Tony Lewis who leads on all matters relating to the restoration work itself, both of whom have invested considerable time and effort bringing us to this stage.

With the ability to claim Gift Aid on a large portion of the sum collected, we will exceed our target of £4500. The Parish Council has therefore given the green light to apply for the necessary planning applications (Wiltshire Council and Salisbury Diocese) and to commission the restoration work. We hope to schedule this for late spring or early summer.

Grant Philpott



Reading Room News

A massive thanks to everyone who attended, helped and contributed to the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 7 December 2024. I am astonished at people's generous

contributions to the tombola and produce stalls, and of course the marvellous raffle. There are too many people to mention individually but, suffice to say, we have the most wonderful infrastructure of villagers who do so much from behind the scenes. Despite the dreadful storm the night before, the Bazaar raised an amazing £1716 which will be used for the upkeep of the Reading Room.

On Saturday 15 March we will be holding our annual Quiz Night. This year we will be serving farm fresh bangers and mash, with lashings of gravy; a vegetarian option will be available and, of course, a Bar. Tickets £15 per head. Please do not be dissuaded from buying tickets if you don't have an established table; we will put together an *All Stars* one. Contact: Henrietta Cockrell - jkchsc@me.com

Please also be aware that we shall be running another Race Night in June; further details to follow.

Many thanks to outgoing Chair Morag Philpott, for her great work over the years and, also, to Ellie Rees. Going forward into another year, I would like to extend thanks to our dynamic Committee, especially Jenny Gavin, who is tireless in her work as Secretary.

Alison Whipp-Long

Chilmark Horticultural Society AGM

The Chilmark Horticultural Society (CHS) will be holding its AGM on Thursday 6 February, at 6.30pm, in the Reading Room. All are welcome, and the Society will be discussing the final arrangements for the forthcoming talk plus the future programme of events, to include: talks, plant sales and horticultural shows. Anybody with any thoughts on the future direction of the CHS and/or offers of help and support will be welcomed.

British Wildflowers Talk

Fancy trying a botanical cocktail? Then why not come along to the Chilmark Horticultural Society talk on British Wildflowers on Thursday 27 February, at 6.30 pm, in the Reading Room.

The talk will be given by RHS affiliated speaker Robert Harvey, of Natural World Photography. A professional photographer based in Wiltshire, Robert created Natural World Photography to share his passion for landscapes, nature and the night sky. An Associate of the Royal Photographic Society and a Chartered Natural Scientist, Robert worked in environmental management for 20 years. His understanding of how landscapes are formed, wildlife ecology and the natural cycles that influence them make for both compelling photographs and fascinating stories behind them.

In addition to the intriguing botanical cocktails, tea, coffee and wine will be available on a donation basis, as well as some horticulturally themed canapés. Entry is just £5 per person. Please contact Mike or Jo Scott to book your place, on either email: mike.scott@scott-ryle.com or telephone 01722 716971. Payment for a booking may be made in advance by internet banking (details on request) or cash on entry on the night.

Chilmark Coffee Kitchen

The Coffee Kitchen will be opening its doors on Wednesday 12 and Wednesday 26 February from 10.30am-12noon in the Reading Room. Everyone is welcome to pop in for coffee, tea and homemade cakes. As always, everything is free but donations to the Salisbury Trust for the Homeless are gratefully received. Do come along and enjoy the opportunity for a chat with

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friends and neighbours; it's a great way to catch up with village news and to get to know new people.

Any queries, please contact

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Christmas Coffee Morning

Thank you very much for all the generous donations from the 29 villagers who attended the Christmas Coffee Morning at Chilmark House on Wednesday 18 December. It was lovely to see so many people in the busy pre-Christmas week. A number of people who couldn't attend also gave most generously and an excellent total of £339.55 was raised for the Chilmark War Memorial Restoration Fund. Many thanks to you all.

Bev Small

Chilmark Food Bank Collection

Thank you all once more for your January generosity. The time of year, coupled with the recent cold weather, increased demand even more. So, every single item, whether it was soup or baked beans, packets of pasta, instant potato or long-life milk, made a difference.

We are now well into 2025 and we can get into a routine starting with our February collection running from Saturday 22 to Wednesday 26 February. For the rest of the year, the collections will run from the last Saturday to the last Wednesday of each month, excluding August.

As always, please leave any donations in Chilmark Church, by the font, between 9am and 5pm daily. All foods need to be in-date and non-perishable. Toiletries are also welcomed, from toothbrushes and toothpaste to deodorant and shampoo. Your continued support is much needed, appreciated and welcomed. Thank You.

Angi Stoop



Chilmark Cricket Club

Season 2025 is only a few months away and off-season preparations are well underway. For some this has entailed visits to the re-opened Black Dog for team bonding sessions, for others indoor nets at Warminster. At least one player is using darts as a way to get his eye in. A player's process is his own of course and we look forward to seeing the fruits of these labours come April. With that in mind, a list of fixtures for the upcoming season is provided below. A handful of new teams are trying their luck this year, including Urchfont and Collingbourne, while Berwick St James, a team that stopped playing Chilmark after one of their batsmen was unfortunately bloodied by a bouncer 15 years ago, have finally got over their huff. It's also exciting to see the Fulham Pigeons return. The Pigeons' unconventional approach to cricket is nothing if not entertaining. After last year's roaring success, Movie Night is also back. Scheduled for Saturday 16 August, a large outdoor screen will be installed at the ground and a BBQ, drinks and entertainment provided before sunset, when the movie magic begins. We haven't settled on a movie yet, so suggestions are welcome. Finally, the team will be taking the show on the road at season's end, with a four-day trip to Portugal.

In the meantime, there is the club's AGM at the Black Dog on Friday 7 February at 7pm. All are welcome to attend. Stick around afterwards to see how well the aforementioned darts is progressing. If anyone, young or old, boy or girl, in the village would like to play this season,

please do get in contact. We only play friendly fixtures, so the vibes are always social and win, lose or abandoned, everyone has a good time. We're also hoping for junior cricket to return this summer, so stay tuned for more information on that. Enquiries: chilmarkcc@gmail.com

April

23 vs Fonthill (T20) (Away) 6pm

25 vs Authors (T20) (Home) 6pm

May

11 vs Urchfont (Home) 1.30pm

18 vs Fonthill (Home) 1.30pm

25 vs Collingbourne (Away) 1.30pm

June

1 vs Douglas Jardine (Home) 1.30pm

8 vs Lobsters (Away) 1.30pm

14 vs Fulham Pigeons (Home) 1.30pm

22 vs Coombe Bissett (Away) 1.30pm

27 vs Deverills (T20) (Home) 6pm

29 vs Horningsham (Home) 1.30pm

July

6 vs Wiltshire Queries (Home) 1.30pm

13 vs Horningsham Away 1.30pm

20 vs HSCC (Home) 1.30pm

27 Svs Deverills (Away) 1.30pm

31 vs Horningsham (T20) (Home) 6pm

August

3 vs Berwick St.James (Away) 1.30pm

10 vs Racqueteers (Away) 1.30pm

16 vs Movie Night & BBQ (Home) from 6pm

17 vs Fonthill (Away) 1.30pm

24 vs Dinton (Home) 1.30pm

31 vs Mere (Home) 1.30pm

September

13 vs Old Sommervillians (Home) 1pm

18-22 Portugal tour

Brand King

Village Carol Singing

The loyal Chilmark Carol Singers headed off round some of the village on Saturday 21 December, in aid of the Salisbury Trust for the Homeless (STFH).

Gordon Pardy, STFH Head of Fundraising, wrote to say: *Huge thanks to the Chilmark Carol Singers for raising a very generous £190.81 for STFH. As always, all of it will be used to help people in the Salisbury area who have become homeless return to independent living.*

The letter is posted on the church notice boards. Many thanks to those who kindly and generously donated to this important charity.

Felicity Pattenden

Pamela Penny – RIP

The sad news of Pamela Penny's death was received in December. Pam and Dennis lived in the bungalow adjacent to Chilmark Garages, next to the Black Dog. Dennis was a mechanic and Pam worked for a time at the Black Dog Inn. They later moved to Lower Mooray, where they lived for many years before moving to Salisbury. Pam, sister-in-law to John Penny of Ellan Thie (Railway Cottage), suffered from progressive dementia from 2017, and passed away on 14 December 2024.

Black Dog Carols Night

Thank you very much to everyone who came to the Black Dog pub Carols on Monday 23 December, and Happy New Year! It was another great night of singing carols and festive songs, with more than 50 villagers attending and

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keeping up this village tradition, now in its 21st year.

We raised £110 in the raffle towards the remaining amount needed for the War Memorial restoration. Thank you again to Hannah and Jasmine for selling tickets on the night.



I know I started the evening later than usual but I'd already booked in another party for that evening before the Black Dog had re-opened. However, I have already arranged with the pub for this coming Christmas, so a date for your diaries: Black Dog Carols, Tuesday 23 December 2025, 8pm. I look forward to it. Once again, my sincere thanks and love to you all.

Sophie Eden

Wreath Workshops

Thank you so much to all the 27 wreath makers who came and supported this popular event before Christmas. We had 11 in the afternoon and 16 in the evening. Much fun was had by all and beautiful wreaths were produced. We raised £318.57 for Chilmark and Fonthill Bishop Primary School for a new iPad, which has been gratefully received. Thank you to those who kindly donated raffle prizes and for my helpers. I could not do it without your support. I already have names on the list for the 2025 workshops on Wednesday 17 December, later this year!

Chrissie Eden



Chilmark & Fonthill Bishop School

For Christmas the children chose to adopt three donkeys at the Donkey Sanctuary near Sidmouth. The sanctuary promotes donkey welfare, using their expertise to change the world for donkeys and the communities who live alongside them. Each class has picked a donkey to sponsor – Drizzle (Oak Class), Peanut (Sycamore) and Jimmy (Elm). The children have been very excited as they are able to see the donkeys on a web cam and a whole school visit is planned in the summer term.



Three adopted donkeys

Every half term the school holds *Parents in Partnership* meetings. This is a great opportunity for parents to meet staff and governors. A wide range of topics are discussed, with the main focus this term being how to support your child's emotional well-being and the impact this can have on school avoidance.



RHS February in the Garden

What a range of weather we have had this winter. Wet and mild, then very cold and frosty, even some snow. In this new year there are signs of new life in the garden, with bulbs pushing through everywhere, and buds forming on trees and shrubs. We were excited to spot the first Bullfinch of the year in our blossom tree.

The RHS website advises that seed sowing can start this month. You can sow broad beans in pots under cover from February onwards, for planting out in spring. This is particularly recommended if your soil is damp - which can cause seeds to rot - or if there are mice in your garden, as they will eat the seeds in the ground.

Sow the large seeds individually into small pots or modular trays filled with multi-purpose compost, inserting them 5cm (2in) deep. Water well and keep in good light. Plant them outside as soon as possible, in early to mid-spring. Take care to harden off your plants for a couple of weeks first, to acclimatise them to outdoor conditions. Space plants 15–23cm (6–9in) apart, either in single rows 45cm (18in) apart or in double rows 23cm (9in) apart. Water in well.

Another job recommended for this month is to chit potatoes. Potatoes are a traditional veg plot staple, easy and fun to grow, producing a plentiful crop in summer or early autumn. Whether you're new to growing potatoes or have been doing it for years, digging up your buried bounty is always a thrill. Eating your first new potatoes of the season, steamed and served with butter or mint, is a highlight of early summer.

Potatoes are grown from specially prepared 'seed potatoes' (small tubers), usually planted in spring. With early varieties, the seed potatoes can be 'chitted' (or encouraged to sprout) before planting, to get them off to a head start and produce an earlier crop. Egg cartons are useful for this. Simply place the tubers upright in the carton, like eggs, and put them in a cool but bright place, until dark green "eyes" or shoots appear. They will be ready for planting in March. If you don't have room for a whole row of potatoes, you can grow just a few in a small bed or large container.

Other jobs for February include pruning wisteria. The plant is dormant and leafless now, so cut back the shoots to two or three buds, to tidy up the plant before the growing season starts. This also ensures the flowers won't be hidden by leaves. If you've not done so already, late flowering clematis should be cut back now to about 3-6 inches.

Here's hoping for lots of lovely Spring days so that we can enjoy our gardens.

Josie Nunn

St Margaret of Antioch, Chilmark

Let's Church and Roll

Everyone is warmly invited to join us at the Chilmark Breakfast Church service in the Reading Room on Sunday 23 February at 9.30am. Anyone new to the village, or new to going to church, is particularly welcome. There will be a 30-minute service comprising contemporary worship songs, a testimony being shared, and prayers. This will be followed by hot sausages (traditional and vegetarian) in baps, croissants, coffee and tea, and a chance to chat with friends and neighbours.

Churchyard Tidy

The first Chilmark churchyard tidy of 2025 will be on Saturday 8 March, 10am to 12noon, weather permitting. All helpers will be warmly welcomed. Please bring your own tools. Refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you.

We would take the opportunity of giving advance notice of the pruning of the two pairs of Irish Yews on the path leading to the church. The trees have become overgrown and restrict access along the path. They will be cut back in the next month or so and rewired. Fear not, they will recover in a season or two and when rejuvenated will once again be an attractive feature of our church.

For further information, contact Grant Philpott - grphilpott@yahoo.com

From the Register in Chilmark

Baptisms, marriages and funerals at St Margaret's are relatively few and far between in the 21st century, but a glimpse of the registers from 200 years ago shows a not surprisingly different picture.

Below is a list of the Baptisms in Chilmark Church during the first six months of 1825:

9 January - Sarah Randall, daughter of William (Labourer) & Sarah

11 January - Caroline Goodfellow, of Ridge, daughter of Robert (Labourer) & Elizabeth

30 January - Ann Mould, daughter of John (Labourer) & Jane

13 February - Henry Leaver, son of Richard (Shoemaker) & Deborah

6 March - Mary Ann Helms, of Ridge, daughter of William (Carpenter) & Mary

3 April - Henry Macey, son of John (Labourer) & Sarah

2 May - Sarah Flower, of Ridge, daughter of James (Farmer) & Ann

9 May - Isabella Elizabeth Lear, daughter of Francis (Rector of Chilmark) & Isabella Mary

22 May - Maria Randall, daughter of William (Labourer) & Phoebe

22 May - Martha Warne, daughter of John (Labourer) & Martha

19 June - James Goodfellow, of Ridge, son of Thomas (Labourer) & Fanny

Focus Point

Dear Friends, If I was asked to name one thing that I truly treasure from my Methodist roots it would be the Annual Covenant Service. The service recognises and celebrates our special relationship with God who loves us with *hesed* (steadfast love). Like many Hebrew words, *hesed* is difficult to translate and is rich in meaning. The word is

translated as *steadfast love, loving kindness, loyal, faithful and reliable love, mercy and goodness. Hesed is love in action; it intervenes on behalf of loved ones and comes to their rescue and goes above and beyond the requirements of duty even when undeserved.* It describes what he offers those who place their trust in God; I believe that being enfolded in the *hesed* of God is what our aching hearts need.

In John 15: 1- 10 Jesus describes himself as a vine and his followers as the branches. He explains that to flourish in our relationship with God, we need to *abide in him*. The more that we let go of our own plans and desires and instead seek to do God's will for our lives, the more we will discover our true selves.

The words of our commitment are very challenging; there have been times when, in preparation to attend a Covenant Service I have read and reflected on the words and wondered if I had the courage to say the promise. Even though I have been aware that to do so would require me to endure a time of difficulty and suffering, I have never regretted making that commitment. It is in my most difficult moments that I have discovered the truth of God's *hesed*.

Since the Covenant Service is carefully written to place our commitment in the context of the *hesed* of God, who through Christ's death and resurrection has made it possible to be in a relationship with God, Wesley never intended it to be used in isolation. If you would like to explore this further, then please contact me (denise.binks@gmail.com).

Every blessing, **Revd Denise Binks**

I am no longer my own but yours, put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or brought low for you; let me be full, let me be empty let me have all things let me have nothing: I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours, So be it, and the covenant now made on earth let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Wholeness and Healing

Come and join us for a time of quietness and space to find *Wholeness and Healing* on Wednesday 12 February, 3pm, at St John's Tisbury, in St Andrew's Chapel. We invite you to join us for our monthly period of contemplation - to pray for yourself and those in need of our support. All welcome. With apologies for cancelling January's service.

Church Cleaning Rota

If you feel that you can help, join the Rota, please contact me on 01722 716675. Many thanks.

Judith Barrett

February	Group
2nd	four
9th	five
16th	six
23rd	seven
March	
2nd	eight



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(Proposed) Lower Nadder Benefice Services February 2025

	2 nd February		9 th February		16 th February		23 rd February		2 nd March
	Presentation of Christ		4 th Before Lent		3 rd Before Lent		2 nd Before Lent		Sunday Before Lent
BARFORD	1115 AAC	CF/TF	0930 M _{CW}	LAY	0930 H _{BCP}	EB	0930 AAC	MG	11:15 AAS
BAVERSTOCK	—	—	0930 PC	MG	—	—	—	—	—
COMPTON	0930 P _{C_T}	BH	—	—	—	—	—	—	0930 P _{C_T}
DINTON	0930 AAC	EB	—	—	0930 AAC	MH	0930 M _{CW}	JA	0930 AAC
FOVANT	0800 P _{C_{OZT}}	EB	9:30 To Sutton	—	—	—	0930 PC	EB	0800 H _{C_{OZT}}
SUTTON M'VILLE	—	—	0930 M _{CW}	EB	1600 AAS	EB	9:30 To Fovant	—	—
T. EVIAS	—	—	1115 AAC	EB	—	—	—	—	—
T. MAGNA	—	—	—	—	—	—	1115 AAC	EB	—

(Proposed) Upper Nadder Benefice Services February 2025

Date	2 nd February		9 th February		16 th February		23 rd February		2 nd March
	Presentation of Christ		4 th Before Lent		3 rd Before Lent		2 nd Before Lent		Sunday Before Lent
ANSTY	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
CHICKLADE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
HINDON	0930 PC	PC	0930 AAC	JN	1800 E _{BCP}	JN	0930 PC	MH	0930 PC
CHILMARK	1115 AAC	MH	0930 AAS	JA	1115 AAC	EB	1115 MPr	LAY	1115 AAC
FONTHILL BISHOP	1700 E _{BCP}	EB	0800 H _{C_{BCP}}	JN	0930 M _{BCP}	JD	—	—	1700 E _{BCP}
FONTHILL GIFFORD	0800 H _{C_{BCP}} CbE	JA	1115 M _{BCP}	JA	—	—	1115 M _{BCP}	LAY	0800 H _{C_{BCP}}
SWALLOW- CLIFFE	1115 P _{C_T}	BH	1800 E _{BCP}	JN	0800 H _{C_{BCP}}	JN	1115 M _{BCP}	LAY	1115 P _{C_T}
TISBURY	0930 AAS	JA	0930 To Hindon 1500 E	— +AR/NP	0930 PC	TM	0800 H _{C_{BCP}} 0930 PC	EB PC	0930 AAS

AAC All Age Communion **AAS** All Age Service **BCP** Book of Common Prayer **CW** Common Worship **CbE** Communion by Extension
E Evensong or Evening Prayer **HC** Holy Communion (said) **PC** Order 1 Communion (with hymns) **PC_o** Order 1 Communion, traditional language (with hymns)
PC_{o2t} Order 2 Communion traditional language (with hymns) **M** Mattins or Morning Prayer **MPr** Morning Praise

+AR Bishop of Ramsbury **+SL** Bishop of Salisbury **+RC** Bishop Richard Chartres **AP** Andrew Poppe **AJ** Alan Jeans **BH** Barney Hopkinson **CF** Colin Fox
DB Denise Binks **EB** Elaine Brightwell **FrJ** Father Jonathan **JA** Judy Anderson **JD** Julie Dunstan **JN** Jo Naish **KPM** Paul Mellor **KR** Katharine Rumens
MC Michael Camp **MG** Michael Goater **MaG** Maggie Guillebaud **MH** Mark Hayter **PC** Patricia Clegg **PG** Paul Gorford **NW** Nigel Worn **SE** Simon Evans
TF Tina Fox **TM** Rev Canon Tony Monds

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A history of Chilmark School

Below we reproduce a fascinating history of Chilmark School, researched and written in 2013 as part of the Wiltshire Online Parish Clerk project. The history includes a review of the school by the Diocesan Inspector in 1925, giving an insight into just how much school life has changed in the past 100 years!

Chilmark School

The first school in Chilmark was recorded in 1783 and another in 1818, which at that point taught 35 children; these may well have been the same school. Between 1824 and 1826 the Rector built a school in The Street and in 1833 there was said to be 136 children at the school; this was probably incorrect as this number was a quarter of the parish population at that time. William Warburton's Census of Wiltshire Schools of 1859 says, 'Stone building, roof and windows low, floor of stone, area insufficient. 40 to 50 children, mixed, are under instruction. Hitherto the organist has been master, assisted by his wife, but a trained master and mistress have just been appointed, and the clergyman is just about to build a classroom and teacher's residence.'

The new classroom and adjoining teacher's house was built at Chilmark in 1860 with the aid of a building grant of £1,000. The school was officially opened on 7th September 1860 by the Bishop of the Diocese; a service was conducted at St Margaret's parish church then a procession was formed with the Bishop leading the way to the new school. The land given for the building of the National School was from the Earl of Pembroke and was donated on the understanding that the school would conduct itself in accordance with the principles of the Church of England. To this end it followed the principles of the National Society. The school was designed by W. Robson and built by Mr F. Harvey from Teffont and is constructed out of Chilmark Stone. It was enlarged in 1895 at a cost of £200. In 1902, there were 95 pupils and three teachers at the school.

The following general information would be relevant to the school for the latter part of the 19th century. Fees were paid for each child until 1891, normally at the rate of one penny (pre-decimal currency) a week and the 'school pence' were collected by the schoolteacher. There would have been a schoolmaster, or schoolmistress, with an assistant teacher and perhaps a pupil teacher. The pupil teacher was taught by the head teacher before lessons started; they took exams, sometimes went to the Diocesan Training College to eventually become a teacher themselves. The pupil teachers mainly taught the younger children.

School holidays were at similar times to those of today but often there was only two days at Easter but a week at Whitsun. The summer holidays were of four, five or six weeks and were called the Harvest Holidays as the children either helped with the harvest or carried food and drink to their parents, who were working in the fields. There were more half-day and whole day holidays for special events. Half a day would be given after the annual H.M.I. or Diocesan inspections and there were holidays for school treats, choir outings, chapel teas, Christmas parties and at times when the school was needed for other purposes.

There were also many unauthorised absences. These would be for seasonal work, such as haymaking (June) and early or late harvest (July or September), being kept at home to help their parents, and working when they should have been at school. Bad weather such as heavy rain, cold weather, or snow kept children away from

school, often because their parents couldn't afford to buy them suitable clothes and boots.

The elementary subjects were the '3 Rs' - reading writing and arithmetic. Scripture was often taught by the vicar and children would have attended church for services on some days. Older children were taught history and geography and there may have been some study of natural history. Singing was taught to all ages and all the girls and some of the boys would have done needlework. Drawing had been introduced by the 1890s.



In 1906 overall control of the school passed to Wiltshire County Council although a local board of managers remained. In 1907 there were 90 children; this had decreased to 52 by 1924. As with all schools at that time, there were many illnesses that kept children away from their education. A range of illnesses attacked youngsters in the early 20th century; chicken pox, scarlet fever, measles, mumps and whooping cough to name just a few. Chilmark School seems to have been affected more than most and was often ordered to close because of the severity of an outbreak. For example, in February 1911, the school was closed for three weeks because of measles and influenza, in September 1911 it was closed for a month because of whooping cough, and in the summer of 1929 it was shut for six weeks because of diphtheria in the village. Snow and rainfall also kept children away from school, especially if they lived on the outlying portions of the parish. Attendance was of course encouraged; Lady Pembroke gave prizes for regular attendance and it was hoped that this acted as an incentive.

When World War I broke out in 1914, there was a decline in boys attending the school, as they had been tasked to work in the fields because of a loss of manual labour. In December 1920 His Majesty's Inspector wrote: 'The order has been found good on the whole and the lessons have been given methodically and generally with a fair amount of skill, but on investigation the attainments of the children give abundant evidence that the teaching needs to be more effective.'

The Diocesan Inspector of 1925 wrote: 'This school, considered as a whole, is doing good work in religious instruction. The children of the senior group have a very good knowledge of the text. They also know the details of the selected Bible stories and are able to translate the lessons taught into terms of daily life.'

In September 1939, despite the school opening a week later than planned and being prepared to receive them, no

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evacuees arrived. This seems a little unusual; most rural schools in Wiltshire began taking in evacuees immediately. The school had to wait until 14 June 1940, when 14 evacuees arrived in Chilmark from Rayleigh, in Essex. By August 1941 only three of these evacuees remained, but 12 more arrived in February 1942 from the east end of London. Three more arrived a month later.

The school was shut for two days in May 1945, to 'celebrate our great victory against the Germans.' When the children returned to the school on May 10 they were given a Victory Tea and played games.

The school celebrated its centenary on 20 July 1960; there was a tea party for the children and then a service at St Margaret's Church.

In 1971 the school at Fonthill Bishop closed and merged with Chilmark to form Chilmark and Fonthill Bishop Primary School. To allow for the extra children, more space was needed. A parcel of land was bought by Wiltshire County Council and the School Hall was built upon it. The playing field at Kent's Hill was given in 1966 by the owners of Manor Farm.

On 17 September 2010 Chilmark & Fonthill Bishop School celebrated its 150th anniversary with a thanksgiving service in St Margaret's parish church. The children paraded to and from the church wearing Victorian costume, after which the Earl and Countess of Pembroke unveiled a plaque - at the school - to commemorate the anniversary.

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Decoration appreciation

Thank you so much to the staff and children of Chilmark and Fonthill Primary School for making and decorating the bells which helped to make the church so beautiful at Christmas. They were much appreciated by the parishioners and visitors.

Chrissie Eden

Tisbury Flower Group

With the winter beginning to disappear we are seeing the arrival of snowdrops. Spring flowers are beginning to appear bringing thoughts of brighter days ahead. With the spring in mind, it's a lovely time to join Tisbury's Flower Group. During the year we have workshops to take part in, along with beautiful floral demonstrations to enjoy, plus involvement in local events. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings so why not come along to our next meeting - Tuesday 25 February, 7pm, in Hinton Hall, Tisbury - and share your love of flowers and floral ideas, learn new skills and make new friends. We look forward to meeting you. Please note: visitors pay a small fee of £6; refreshments are served at all meetings and included in the fee. We meet on the last Tuesday of each month, except December. For further information please contact: Bernadette Watson on 01747 22827 blwatson4@gmail.com or Sally Hughes on 01747 820700 - hughessal@btinternet.com

Fonthill House Gardens in Spring

The first Fonthill House Open Garden Days of the year is set to take place on Sunday 23 March, in aid of the National Garden Scheme. This will be a wonderful opportunity to see the Fonthill daffodils at their best. Opening times: 12noon-5pm. Adults £8, Children Free. Light refreshments available including

sandwiches, quiches, cakes, soft drinks, tea, coffee & wine. Tickets can be booked in advance: <https://shorturl.at/hTQFh>

Stargazing this Spring

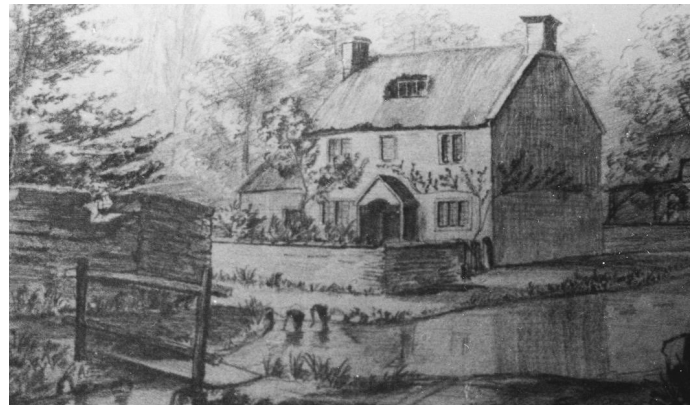
Cranborne Chase International Dark Sky Reserve stargazing events are proving hugely popular, with the first one planned for mid-February already sold out. However, it isn't yet too late to book for the second planning evening at Damerham, on Wednesday 26 February, 7.30pm start. Learn more about the sky at night and our wonderful dark sky environment at this free event. Do bring your own binoculars or telescope if you have them. A number of telescopes will also be set up to show a selection of planets, star clusters, galaxies, and nebulae. This is a free event, but booking is essential. Visit - <https://shorturl.at/UDVee>

Can Chilmark Survive?

In 1980, to mark the 700th anniversary of Chilmark Church, the Rev A E F Trotman, Rector of the Parish from 1959-1976, wrote as follows:

Seven hundred years! Seven hundred years and more as the kind of village we have all known and loved. But for how much longer?

As on Armistice Day 1918, so on VE Day in 1945, everyone knew that life would never be the same again. Anyone who came to Chilmark as Rector would have to take this into account. Much as he might like everything to continue in the same old way, he would have to allow for change where and when it became inevitable. When the new Rectory was built between the Wars, the architect was told to include a servant's hall, and the garden was to be such that a man could be employed full-time looking after it. In the post-war years, however, the servant became the exception rather than the rule, and the garden, if it was to be kept in order by the incumbent, a perpetual headache. The upkeep of the church likewise presented its difficulties. For a while various folk who *could do with it* were given small amounts as remuneration for the work they did. In the end however - now that Jack was becoming as good as his master, and Jill also - a switch had to be made to voluntary service. Fortunately, there was no shortage of willing hands, when the call went out.



Englefield House, Becketts Lane, in C19th - Mary King

The first really serious disturbance of the foundations of the village community came in the 1950s and 60s with changes in schooling. With the disappearance of the large agricultural labourer's family, and the need to educate children above the ploughboy or domestic servant level, a separation between senior and junior children became inevitable. Up until then children had received the whole of

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their education in the village school. But now the secondary modern school appeared in the local metropolis and, like the Pied Piper, enticed all the teenagers away – in a sense never to return, because on leaving school the majority had to go outside the village for employment. Consequently, as a result of the reduction in numbers, the village school itself was threatened. Fortunately, Chilmark School was one of those reprieved and modernised and extended. But for how long? How long will it be before the Open University type of television education will be extended to all age-groups?

By the end of the century the school may well have become redundant. And not only the school, but the church. Already the *nibbling* has begun. There is no longer a Rector after 700 years (celebration?) and the parish itself is no longer independent. Is the church building doomed to become a furniture repository? Will the Post Office still be there, and the village shop? Will the bus service still be operating? The village pub has long since become a Road House. Will villages generally have become just dormitories or *reserves* for senior citizens, with the heart gone out of them? Perhaps it is only the Arabs who can save us by tripling or quadrupling the price of oil, and compelling us to return to the bicycle and *Shank's pony* and local living – to the betterment of our souls.

NewVic Tisbury

Saturday 8 February 7.30pm, *Les Misérables*, from Big Screen Musicals, marks the 40th anniversary of the world's most popular musical, a unique opportunity to experience the spectacular staged concert version on the big screen featuring an all-star cast including Michael Ball,

Alfie Boe, Carrie Hope Fletcher, Matt Lucas and John Owen Jones. With a cast and orchestra of over 65 and including the songs *I Dreamed a Dream*, *Bring Him Home*, *One Day More* and *On My Own*, this sensational staged concert is not to be missed. Doors open 7pm.

Sunday 9 February 7pm, Magic Lantern Film Club presents the 2024 film *The Outrun*. After living life on the edge in London, Rona attempts to come to terms with her troubled past. Hoping to heal, she returns to the wild beauty of Scotland's Orkney Islands where she grew up. Adapted from the bestselling memoir by Amy Liptrot.

Saturday 15 February 7pm, Rain or Shine Theatre Co presents *Murder Most Wilde* – live theatre. Following their highly successful summer tour of *The Importance of Being Earnest*, Rain or Shine Theatre Company is touring *Murder Most Wilde*, a new adaptation of Oscar Wilde's comic and quirky tale *Lord Arthur Savile's Crime*, a delightfully silly Victorian comedy chock full of muddled murder attempts and comic confusion.

Sunday 16 February 7pm, Exhibitions on Screen present the film *Munch*, from the Munch Museum and National Gallery Oslo. In 2013, Norway celebrated the 150th anniversary of the birth of Edvard Munch (1863 – 1944), one of the towering figures of modern art. The exhibition was hailed as a *once-in-a-lifetime show*. This event film goes behind-the-scenes to show some of the process of putting the exhibition together – as well as providing an in-depth biography of a man who lived from the mid-19th century right through to the German occupation of Norway in the Second World War. Running time 90 minutes.

Saturday 22 February 7.30pm, from National Theatre Live, Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*. Three-time Olivier Award-winner Sharon D Clarke is joined by Ncuti Gatwa (Doctor Who, Sex Education) in this joyful reimaging of Oscar Wilde's most celebrated comedy. While assuming the role of a dutiful guardian in the country, Jack lets loose in town under a false identity. Meanwhile, his friend Algy adopts a similar facade. Hoping to impress two eligible ladies, the gentlemen find themselves caught in a web of lies they must carefully navigate. Max Webster (Life of Pi) directs this hilarious story of identity, impersonation and romance, filmed live at the National Theatre in London.

Friday 28 February 7.30-10.30pm, Friday night Jazz at the NewVic: Jazz Guitarist *Nigel Price*, with Duncan Anselm - Saxophone; Andy Hague - Drums; Richard Jenkins - Piano; Adrian Smith - Double Bass. Over a career spanning more than 30 years, award winning jazz guitarist Nigel Price has become widely acknowledged as one of the hardest working musicians in the business. Nigel has played on more than 50 albums including 10 as a leader, spent ten years with acid jazz outfit The Filthy Six, was a member of James Taylor's band (JTB) for 3 years (with whom he recorded 5 albums) and performed with the legendary David Axelrod. Nigel is a regular performer at London's Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club where he has made more than 600 appearances.

Tickets and more details for all the above available online or from newvictisbury@gmail.com or call 0300 302 3090 - www.newvictisbury.com/events



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February 2025

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Wednesday 12	Grey bin - household waste
Tuesday 18	Blue lid, Black Box, Green lid
Wednesday 26	Grey Bin

Please do NOT put light bulbs, flat glass or Pyrex/any ovenproof cookware in your **Black Recycling Box**. It is for glass jars and glass bottles *only*, with bottle tops left **on**. If the black recycling box is full, you can put any extra glass into a separate, open carrier bag (not a black bag) and place it next to the black box. Thank you.

For information about what and how to recycle, visit:
www.wiltshire.gov.uk/recycling

Household Recycling Centres - winter opening times

Wiltshire's Household Recycling Centres (HRCs)

- Amesbury: every day except Tuesday & Wednesday, 10am-4pm
- Salisbury: every day except Thursday & Friday, 10am-4pm
- Warminster: every day except Wednesday & Thursday, 10am-4pm



Storm Victim

The much-loved cherry on the grassy bank by Chilmark Church parking area was one of several trees to fall during the early December storms. Over several days, a working party of church fabric group members, supported by John Rooke and Mungo Melvin, set about trying to rescue the tree. A ton or so of shifted soil later, together with much tractor-led heaving and hauling, saw the tree upright again, though severely pruned and with lots of support in situ. Whether it will embrace a second shot at life remains to be seen; we can only keep our fingers crossed. In the meantime, we gather plans are afoot to plant two more cherries on the bank in coming months.

Late Addition Planning Application

Ref: PL2025/00519– Householder Planning Permission
Damson Cottage, 88 Ridge, Chilmark, Salisbury, SP3 5BS
Single Storey Rear Extension
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Grant
Case Officer: Megan Donovan
Consultation deadline: 24 February 2025
Parish Council position: No Objection

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27 January pictures showing the flooding from the playing field through Kents Hill to Becketts Lane.
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