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Remembrance

Remembrance Sunday this year falls on the 13th November.

The usual door to door Poppy Collection starts on Saturday 29th October, and it is always most encouraging to the village volunteers if you were to feel able to make your Poppy Contribution here at home.

For newcomers to the villages, it is our custom to gather at the War Memorial to observe the national act of remembrance at 11:00am on Friday, 11th November. It is a very simple ceremony amounting to the reciting of the exhortation followed by standing silently for two minutes.

Robin Shercliff



Thank you!

Dear Marston Parish Council!

This is a special THANK YOU to the Marston Parish Council, and especially to the Chairman Phillip Salaman, for having the strategic vision and tenacity to procure high Speed Fibre Broadband to our village. Finally it arrived at our house on September 27th and we are connected!

Your patience and constant follow-up have clearly contributed and made this possible. Thank you again; your hard work and focus on the subject are really appreciated.

Lambert and Susan Courth

Macmillan Coffee Morning at the Rose and Crown

Jackie and John would like to say a huge thank you to all who supported the Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 14th October. A fantastic total of £453.03 was raised. John would especially like to thank Alun Newman for his generous donation of three pence.

The Best Baker badge was awarded to Tina Powell.

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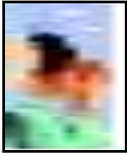
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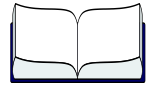
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Letter from the Vicarage



Do you remember any big events in your life which you thought might overwhelm you? When we moved to our first parish we felt completely out of our depth, and when our first child was born we both felt totally inadequate for the responsibility that came with a baby. You may identify with those feelings from your own life.

The amazing thing, looking back, is that you simply get on with it. There is no choice but to knuckle down and do what has to be done.

For Ann and me, as we face retirement, there will be a lot of adapting to do. A new lifestyle and a different community bring opportunities but also challenges. And for you here, especially in the church communities, the period between one Vicar and another (known as an interregnum) will bring new demands. We all wonder how we are going to cope, that is part of being human. What we know is – we **will** cope.

The big question when facing new situations is; where is our foundation, our security to help us through? There is only one answer to that question which in the end is satisfactory. We need to rely on someone who will always be there for us, will never let us down, who knows us well enough to understand what we need, and then has the power to help in all circumstances. The only one who fulfils all those criteria is God himself. Every other option one day will let us down, if only because as humans we are mortal and by definition cannot be here forever.

God is always the same, the one who was there before creation and who will still be there when one day everything is fulfilled when Jesus returns to earth.

In the meantime we are called to journey on ‘with hope in our hearts’ as the song says, always looking for where God is leading us next.

I recently came across this saying which has stuck with me: ‘Don’t look back; you are not going that way.’

Humans have a tendency when faced with difficulties to retreat in to the past. The past is OK if we use it to inform where we are going next, but not if we use it to try and avoid the future.

Our Christian God is the God of the now and the future, leading His people forward, urging them to look back only when they can learn lessons which are of use now.

At one critical point in history God said to a man called Joshua: ‘Be strong and courageous, for I am with you wherever you go’. And Jesus, just before he left his friends to return to heaven said: ‘I am with you always, even to the end of the age’. Both of those promises were for people facing challenging situations and apply not just then, but to all followers of Jesus forever.

Whilst we cannot know in detail what is in store for us over the coming months and years, we do know that God’s will for us is always the best and that he will walk with us through every situation we have to face.

So we can all look to the future with faith, hope and love because those are characteristics of the God who calls us on, and he **WILL** be with us, always.

With our love, thanks and prayers for you all.

David and Ann.

David Howard 01380 723189
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SERVICE CALENDAR

November

November

Sun 6th 3 BEFORE ADVENT
8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
Holy Communion
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Family Service
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
No Service. The Area Service is at
St Andrew's Devizes at 10.30am

Sun 27th ADVENT SUNDAY
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Parish Communion
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev Gary Gotham
Holy Communion

December

Sun 13th REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
11.00am CHRIST CHURCH
We meet at the War Memorial
at 10.50am then process to
Christ Church for the
Remembrance Service
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev Cathy Arscott

Sun 4th ADVENT 2
8.00am CHRIST CHURCH
Holy Communion
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Family Service
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
TBA

Sun 20th NEXT BEFORE ADVENT
9.30am CHRIST CHURCH
Parish Communion
6.00pm *Marston Chapel*
Rev Simon Edwards



There was one funeral at Christ Church during the month of September for Peter John Francis Lewis and also a baptism for Theodore Máirtin Goulding.

Visit the church website: www.christchurchworton.org.uk

CHURCH ROTAS

Sidesmen – November 2016

Sun 6 th	8.00am	Mr R Shercliff	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mrs S Nixon, Mr T Walker	Family Service
Sun 13 th	11.00am	Mr R Boyns, Mr T Harwood	Remembrance Service
Sun 20 th	9.30am	Mrs M Boyns, Ms L Hale	Parish Communion
Sun 27 th	9.30am	Mrs S Courth, Mr L Courth	Parish Communion

Sidesmen – December 2016

Sun 4 th	8.00am	Mr R Shercliff	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Mrs J Mason, Mrs A Cross	Family Service

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November 6 th	TBA	Mrs Lane	Mrs A Darling
November 13 th	Mrs Brewer	Mrs Hailstone	Mrs S Horn
November 20 th	Mrs Francis	Mrs Mason	Mrs D Harwood
November 27 th	Advent (no flowers)	Mrs Collins	Mrs J Mason

Church Cleaning

November 5 th	Mrs Purchas	Mr Mitchell
November 19 th	Mrs Coleman	Mrs Pratt



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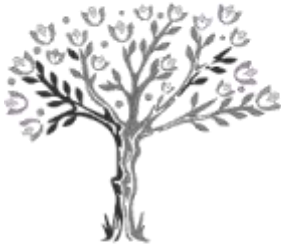
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If you need the services of a priest, or any help with general church matters, please contact:

Margaret Armand-Smith: 01380 729248 or

Heather Walker: 01380 725785,

who will be able to help you.

From **Christ Church**: Some dates for your diaries:

30th October

David's final service before he retires will be a joint service at St Mary's Potterne, on Sunday October 30th at 10am, preceded by breakfast at 9am. Everyone welcome.

6th November

The All Souls service will be held this year at St Mary's Potterne on Sunday 6th November at 6pm. This is a service to join together with those who have been recently bereaved or anyone who wishes to commemorate their loved ones.

13th November

Remembrance Service, Christ Church - meet at War Memorial by Village Hall at 10.50am followed by service in Church.

26th November

Coffee Morning in Christ Church 10.30am-12noon. See separate advertisement.

27th November

Joint Advent Tea at 5pm, followed by Advent Service of Evensong at 6pm at St Mary's Potterne.

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The next meeting will be the AGM which will be held on Monday 21st November at the Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

As well as a review of the past year, we will be looking to elect a committee for the 2017 programme. As per the constitution, I have outstayed my welcome as chairman so am standing down as is the programme secretary. Therefore, we are looking for new committee members.

We hope that all members and others who are interested in gardening will be able to attend this meeting and help ensure the survival of the Club in the longer term.

Once the necessary business is completed, we will have a social gathering. Normally, members and attendees bring a small savoury or sweet snack that can be shared. When put together, this can provide a very tasty supper.

We look forward to seeing you all.

On behalf of the committee
Bill Francis
Chairman



An evening of understanding Youth Work in Our Community

Wednesday 9th November
8pm till 9pm
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All Welcome
(Drinks will be provided)

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to an open community meeting on Wednesday 9th November, 8-9pm at Potterne Youth Club.

Wiltshire YFC Director James Vaughton will give an update on current fundraising and Steve Dewar will talk more about his role as a Parish Youth Worker.

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Village clean up

The Parish Council will be holding a Village Tidy up on Saturday the 12th of November, between 1pm and 3pm. Volunteers are sought to help with litter picking and clearing leaves and debris. All equipment will be provided to keep you clean and safe while helping to improve the look of the village.

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

The Parish Council are looking to fill a vacancy for Parish Councillor through co-option. If you would like to be more involved in the life of the village, have some time and energy to spare please consider finding out more. The Council meets on the first Monday of most months, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Next Meeting

Next Meeting of the Parish Council is on the 7th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.

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Winter is drawing in so we can curl up by the fire with a good book - come & choose some from our wide-ranging selections, & enjoy convivial company, coffee & delicious biscuits, all are welcome.

Marston Parish Council Report

Philip Salaman chaired the meeting held on September 27th 2016 which was attended by 5 parishioners.

Prior to the published business of the meeting, tribute was paid to the late Cllr. Peter Lewis. Pete gave many years of loyal service to the community and commiserations go to Pam and all the family.

1. A contract is being drawn up for ongoing maintenance of the Green and this will be put to tender shortly.
2. There has been a disappointing result from recent works to upgrade our Broadband service. Open Reach will be contacted to see if they can improve matters in the near future.
3. MPC agreed to donate £1000 from the community fund to support proposed works on the Village Hall toilet upgrade.
4. The proposed development for land owned by Marston and Worton Charity was outlined and received a strong level of support in spite of some concerns regarding access to the site.
5. The introduction of chickens to Five Lanes School has been concluded and thanks to generous help provided by Robert Elliot has been completed under budget.

Date of next meeting; 29th November 2016 commencing
at 7.30pm in the Marston Chapel.

The meeting will be preceded at 7pm by a Marston Parish meeting.

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As we approach the winter season, some of the training sessions will move inside - please contact relevant team coach. (see website for details)

Team summaries:

U6/5s - Their training has started well and lots more children welcome. We will look to move inside during the winter months, at Lavington School.

U7/8 have been playing several games and performing well so far. Good progress being made with focus on good passing, tackling and ball control. Training will move to the Sports Hall (inside) in Lavington School hall from 6.00-7.00pm from 11 November.

U9s who have 2 teams are playing well with both teams showing great potential for the rest of the season.

U10 still progressing well under coaches David Kiddle and Peter Crozier. League matches well underway with some great performances to date and recently they participated in a trophy event at Stanley Park /Chippenham. Floodlit training still on Fridays 6:00 - 7:30pm at Northbrook.

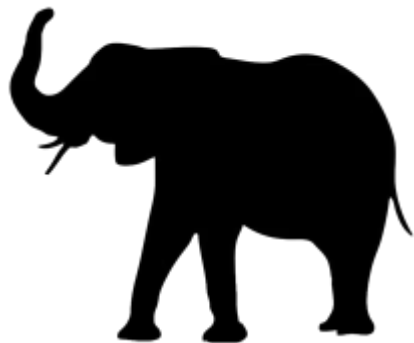
U11: Doing well in matches this season and developing well. Squad numbers increased to almost capacity. Training to continue at Northbrook on Fridays from 5.30pm-6.30pm.

Note: NO TRAINING on Friday 4th November, due to Fireworks Display at St Barnabas Primary School.

Steve Dagnall

'When people call this beast to mind,
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Not just for Worton - Not just for toddlers.

By now you may have seen our autumn artwork on the Village Hall wall. We went on a walk along Back Lane to collect leaves and fir cones. The children are mostly two years old and under, so painting and sticking is great fun.

Just a reminder that the Toddler group runs a toy stall at the Village Hall for the Christmas Bazaar and we would welcome toys/games that are clean and complete. Please give me a call or leave them at the address below. All the money collected goes to the Village Hall.

We welcome children from 0-4 from the area, together with parents, grandparents and carers. We meet from 10-12 on Wednesdays in term time at Worton Village Hall. You can ring or just turn up.

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WORTON & MARSTON LADIES GROUP

We had a very interesting September meeting: Sabrina, from a jewellers in Marlborough, spoke on the subject of jewellery through history, starting with the first known item of jewellery discovered. She explained all about gem stones and their meaning, and a new birth stone for December called Tanzanite. She brought along an example of the latter and some very attractive (and expensive) pieces for us to handle; unfortunately no samples to take home!

Don't forget, ladies, the 26th October will be an evening of Floral Art by Pam Lewis at 8pm in the Village Hall, when we entertain the Poulshot ladies. Please would members bringing food arrive by 7.30pm at the latest. Thank you.

The November meeting on the 30th will be in the Village Hall at 8pm when we will have a general get together to discuss next year's programme. More on that in next month's magazine.

Hostesses for October: All to contribute

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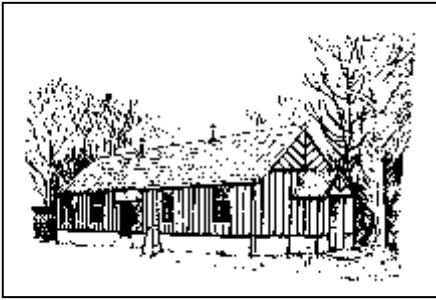
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Worton & Marston Village Hall

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

'Spend a Penny' Campaign

The Trustees would like to thank Worton Parish Council and Marston Parish Council for making substantial grants from their community funds to the 'Spend a Penny' campaign. This has enabled us to complete phase one of the work we have planned, which is to reconnect the heating system to the inner foyer and the toilets, with money remaining to put towards phase two, which is to redesign the toilets and make them more user friendly. Thanks must also go to Good Energy who make this funding available from their solar farm revenue.

These grants, along with another generous grant from Devizes Area Board, mean that we are now over halfway towards achieving the amount we need to complete the work. Thanks also to the Area Board for their grant.

Trustees are now busy applying for additional grants from other organisations and hope to be able to start the work in Spring 2017.

Hallmark Achievement

The Trustees are very pleased to announce that the Village Hall has achieved the Hallmark 2 award. Hallmark is a quality standard for village halls and shows that a hall has good policies, protocols, practices etc. There are three levels to it. Earlier this year we achieved the basic award which is Hallmark one, and now we have the more advanced one. So look out 2017/18 when we hope to apply for the third and most advanced level. Having Hallmark accreditation tells a potential hirer that the hall is well run and looked after and is particularly important when applying for improvement grants.

Maintenance

Thanks also to Five Lanes Women's Institute for under taking a deep clean and organisation of the kitchen. It is great when villagers pitch in to help keep the Hall going. If you would like to help please look out for maintenance mornings starting again in the New Year. There are always little jobs that need doing and these are fun mornings when you get a chance to meet other villagers too. If there is anything you would like to suggest that needs attention please get in touch with Jeff Stocks on 726845.

Veronica Franklin

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A Message from Richard Gamble

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

Mystery tours can be quite exciting but, generally speaking, if you are on a journey it's probably good to know where you are going.

The same is true about money. Most of us have at least some idea of what to expect next month or next year, even if the exact amount could vary a little. None of us, I assume, would wish to be in the situation of not knowing where our next meal was coming from.

For Wiltshire Council, there has always been a degree of uncertainty about how much income the local authority should expect for the financial year ahead. Government has often left it quite late in the budget-setting season before disclosing how much the council will receive in grants so planning expenditure on all sorts of services has been a matter of guesswork.

Of course, quite a lot of the government money that passes through Wiltshire's hands is ring fenced for specific purposes so the Council does not have any direct influence on the income or the expenditure. Of the annual budget of about £900 million, £558 million is already committed for schools, benefits or the Housing Revenue account. The remaining £342 million comes from Council Tax and something called the Settlement Funding Assessment. The SFA (you may think the initials are apt) is what government gives us back from the rates paid by businesses on their properties in the county (they take it all and we then get some back) or as Revenue Support Grant.

Now, for the first time ever, the government has offered the Council the opportunity to sign up for a settlement that covers the next 4 years. You might reasonably think that is not exactly exciting news, but it actually marks a substantial change. For the first time, Wiltshire Council will know how much it will receive from government not just next year but up until 2020.

Good news? Well, yes and no. On the one hand, Wiltshire will be able to plan its budgets with certainty. On the other hand, the government will continue to cut its contribution under the Revenue Support Grant until, by 2019/20 it disappears altogether. They will give us back a little more of the business rates collected in the county but a large chunk of that money will still go to support poorer areas (Scunthorpe is often used as an example, but I don't know why they are singled out). The net result will be we have to find another £30 million savings over the next few years.

The Council is experienced at becoming leaner and fitter. I wish I was the same.

You may contact me about this or any other matter by email to richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk or by phone on **07762 018209**.



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Friday 18th November at 7.30pm

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Tickets are already selling well, so don't delay getting yours; £20 front nave, £15 rear nave and £10 sides: 18 and under come FREE, 10% discount for Edington Angels. Phone Chrissy on 01380 831256 or email sue@edingtonarts.org. More information, including a chance to sign up to their mailing list for news of 2017's interesting events, on www.edingtonarts.org.

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What's happening on the Farm!

The beginning of autumn has been kind to us farmers. Jobs have been completed with the rain being not too much of a problem. We have however had a few mornings with a touch of frost, a sign that the seasons are definitely changing.

The maize has been cut and with a yield of about 17 tonnes to the acre; we were relatively happy with this. It did not have a particularly good start; the cold and damp growing conditions in the spring were not ideal and the seeds were planted in cold soil which meant they did not germinate as quickly as we would have liked. However this year we sold the maize to a neighbouring farmer who has invested heavily in a bio digester plant. He will feed the maize he has harvested from his own farm and from other farms into huge storage tanks where the process of anaerobic digestion takes place which produces bio-gas (a renewable energy). This gas will then be used to drive a generator which will produce electricity which will be fed into the national grid. Other waste products can also be used however maize is a high in energy crop that is very compatible for this process.

We have brought the younger heifers in for winter housing. When left out too long in the autumn, with the cold rain and autumn grass (not so much energy), they begin to loose condition. Because of this, we made the decision to bring them in to put them onto their winter ration so they keep putting on condition rather than losing it. As soon as they were brought in we wormed them as their vaccination had ran out; it was most important it was done. The rest of the animals will run over the farm until mid-November (weather depending), eating the remainder of the grass ready for winter.

With the cattle coming in for the winter months, the fields will be empty however I must ask for all dog walkers to keep to the footpaths and respect the wildlife that exists on our farm.

Robert Goss



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Keevil airfield will form part of this exercise and will be used by up to 15 Apache, Chinook, Puma, Merlin and Wildcat helicopters during this period. These aircraft will be supporting The Highlanders (4 SCOTS), a Mechanized Brigade, on Salisbury Plain and will be flying from Keevil airfield by both day and night. The anticipated periods during which exercise flying might take place are:

9 November – 14 November 0800 – 2359
15 November – 18 November 1200 – 0600
19 November 1200 – 1700

Kind regards
Dave Howell

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Five Lanes Women's Institute

For our October meeting, we were visited by Maura Rossini. She gave us a very entertaining and informative presentation on Italian fashion, and how to look like we are wearing it. We learned that by using quite simple techniques, you can transform a plain black dress into many different outfits by using different inexpensive accessories. We enjoyed her talk so much that we intend to ask her back, as I am sure we have more to learn.

Next month, we are getting in the festive spirit. Lynda Warren will be talking on a "Dickens of a Christmas". We will be meeting in Worton village hall on Tuesday, November 8th from 8pm. Why not come along and join us?

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Current Phase: Identify Issues and Aims

Next Phase: Develop Policies and Proposals

Our Vision

The Worton Neighbourhood Plan aims to reflect the Community aspirations for future sustainable housing development, encourage local employment and business whilst protecting the distinctive nature and identity of the village.

Achieving this vision will:

- Conserve the linear character and of the village and rural surroundings
- Encourage a mix of housing across all parts of the village ensuring that expansion to existing settlement boundaries is kept to a minimum
- Support a sustainable community for all, families, younger first time village buyers and the retired
- Promote the use of village facilities such as the school, village hall, public house and existing and potential new village businesses
- Acknowledge the existing traffic concerns and look to encourage a safer environment

A leaflet is being produced which will be delivered to all households in late October, early November. This will explain the Neighbourhood Planning process in more detail and ask for your comments and concerns on the above vision and aims. In addition there will be a village open meeting in the village hall on Wednesday 7th December at 7.15pm to discuss this further. After Christmas we will undertake a Housing Needs Survey and start to develop the Policies and Proposals which will form the basis of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Malcolm Powell
Vice Chairman

Thank You

A big **thank you** to all who gave a donation for Dorothy House in lieu of a present to us in celebration of our Diamond Wedding Anniversary (60 years); this amounted to £350 in total. Thanks to all the people who sent Anniversary cards (29 in all); it was much appreciated.

Babs and Arthur Stockwell

A young black man asked his minister why their people had to suffer so much poverty, hardship, and oppression. "Why doesn't God do something?" he wailed. "He has," said that wise pastor. "He has created you."
And so Desmond Tutu, Archbishop of South Africa, became the answer to his own question.

(sent in by mk)

VILLAGE DIARY

Regular Meetings

In the Village Hall

- **Gardening Club**
3rd Monday 8.00pm (not Aug /Dec)
- **Ladies Group**
Last Wednesday (not Aug/Dec)
- **Women's Institute**
2nd Tuesday 7.45pm
- **Worton Toddler Group**
Wednesday 10.00 am—Noon
- **1st Worton & Marston Brownies**
Every Tuesday
- **Potterne Rainbows** (term time)
Tuesday 4.45-5.45pm
- **Worton Parish Council Meeting**
1st Monday (not Aug) or as shown on notice boards

In the Chapel at Marston

- **Marston Parish Council Meeting**
Last Tuesday (every odd month)

Various Venues

Announced Monthly

- **Book Swap**
2nd Saturday 10.00 - Noon

Mobile Library

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Next Dates

- Monday November 14th

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Forthcoming Events

- 7th Worton PC meeting
- 8th W.I.
- 11th Link Scheme quiz
- 12th Book Swap
- 21st Gardening club
- 29th Marston PC meeting
- 30th Ladies Group

Devizes Farmers' Market

Next: Saturday 5th November

The Shambles Antiques Market

Every Tuesday

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