

FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

Date: 02 November 1996

Time: 7pm

Mr. John Paterson OBE KStJ JP, Vice-Lieutenant for the County of Buckinghamshire, will open this year's biggest ever Charity Fireworks display on Watermead. He will arrive in a veteran Rolls-Royce, generously made available through the good offices of the Rolls Royce Enthusiasts Club. Watermead proudly welcomes the Band of the Royal Air Force Regiment and their Musical Director Flight Lieutenant David Compton ARCM RAF. With Remembrance Sunday the following week the event will focus on Service Charities including our good friends the Bomber Command Association. Huge crowds are again expected.

After the National Anthem and the Official Opening at 1900 there will be an upbeat programme of modern music and traditional marches leading into the first fireworks display at about 2000, backed as in the past by music. There will then be a further programme of live music from the Band with a rousing finale - the Fantasia on British Sea Songs, Jerusalem and Land of Hope and Glory. The night will be rounded off with a thunderous fireworks display (the budget has been more than doubled from 1995). The fireworks are being sponsored by the Watermead Inn, Captain's Cabin, the Boathouse Restau-

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Date - Saturday 21st Dec 1996

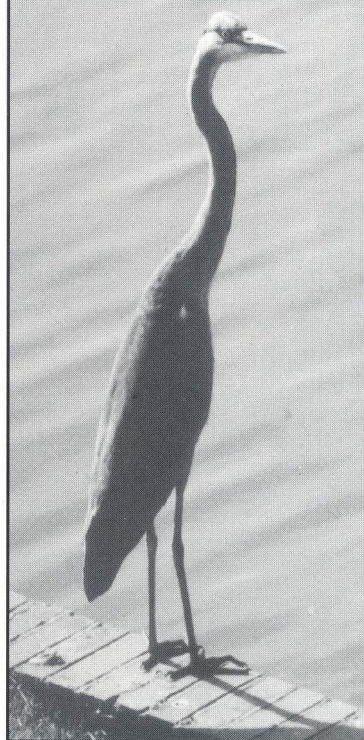
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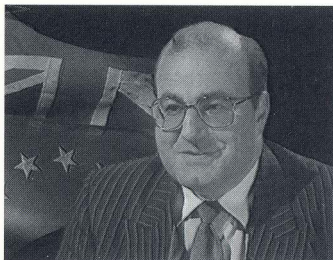
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CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF

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I hope to see you all at our Charity Fireworks Night on Saturday 2nd November, which is free to residents. We are very honoured that the Lord Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire has given this event his personal support and asked the Vice-Lieutenant to represent him. I am grateful to Rolls-Royce Motors and the Roll-Royce Enthusiasts Club for their co-operation in laying on a 20/25 HP Rolls-Royce Sedan De Ville for our Guest of Honour. I am also grateful to the Air Force Band and Royal Air Force Director of Music for permission for the Band of the Royal Air Force Regiment to play. Watermead will be on show and I am sure the message will be positive. Please support our Service Charities as generously as you can - everyone has commented favourably on our decision to link the event with Remembrance Sunday (which is the following Sunday) and provide an opportunity to honour the men and women of our fighting services. Watermead cares.

Some will be concerned at the impact of perhaps 10,000 people but I can assure you that everything that can be done is being done to minimise the disturbance. I am grateful to the Highway Authority and Thames Valley Police for their co-operation over the Traffic Order. If you are really concerned about traffic management on the night please join our steward or car-park marshalling teams. We also need help with putting out traffic cones and selling programmes. We were desperately short-handed last year. It makes so much difference when people respond to appeals for help and give up an hour or two of their time and we do not have to go through the dispiriting business of

spending hours on the phone ringing around for volunteers.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Three areas where we are short-staffed on a continuing basis :

(1) The Board itself; I have tried hard to expand the Board but ideally it ought to be twice its present size. Formal qualifications are not required, although all who have served on the Board have had professional qualifications or experience in business management, the part-time judiciary, banking or public administration. If you feel you have the confidence and the ability to serve the community in this way please contact me or a member of the Board.

(2) The Editorial Board of Village View; we need a new Advertising Manager to replace Robert Woods, who has moved off the estate; we also need strengthening on the graphics/layout side - we have a good professional team but they need backup. We would also like to hear from anyone with AppleMac experience or hardware. The Board was set up to break the vicious cycle of editors having to do the job on their own, or refusing offers of help, then giving up, always at short notice. Jason Bray is a very able editor and good to work with, as are the rest of the existing *View* team.

(3) Watermead Community Forum.

The quiz night sadly went the way of most social events organised solely for residents and was cancelled for lack of interest. If you have ideas on events or want to get involved (you don't need to be a shareholder) please speak to Mary or anyone on the Forum or the Board.

NEW HOME PLANNING ON WATERMEAD

Please take the time to familiarise yourself with the Watermead Homes application and the planning issues involved (see pages 11/12). I am determined that there should be a limit to development and I am very pleased

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Is in fact, the Parish Church of the area known as Watermead! And as such I am technically the Vicar of Watermead, though one of my colleagues, Revd Peter Atkinson has done far more on the Estate than I have. But since we are both employed by the same organisation we are in partnership rather than competition. So what does actually mean to be Vicar of a Parish Church?

As part of the Church of England, we have certain privileges and residents have certain rights so far as the church is concerned. I have been in post here for almost a year now. These are some of the things I have been called upon to do:

Thanksgiving for the birth of a baby - families who do not feel that Baptism is appropriate have this special service at which they thank God for their new child. Other families want to delay the Baptism till a particular person can be there so the Thanksgiving is done straight away and then Baptism follows.

Baptism. Obviously from what is written above there are lots of Baptisms at St James'. The parents and godparents make strict promises on behalf of the child at the baptism so there is a preparation session beforehand.

Confirmation is the second part of Baptism. Parents promise to encourage their children to come to Confirmation after Baptism. But if yours didn't and you are not yet confirmed ask about it. The oldest candidate I've had so far was 86.

Weddings. Can take place at the Church if one or other of the couple lives in the ecclesiastical parish of Aylesbury with Bierton and Hulcott. There are certain questions concerning the marriage of a couple if one of them is divorced and service of Thanksgiving and Blessing after their civil marriage may be more appropriate. This is not a 'second class service.'

If you are getting married in a Church of England Church somewhere else the law normally requires you to have the banns read here as well as in the church where you get married.

Engagements. Just once here, though I read it happens more in other places, couples come for a short act of worship when they get engaged.

Anniversaries and Renewals: Often on the Twenty Fifth Anniversary, but at other times, couples like to renew their marriage vows in church. Or if they have to have a new ring for any reason they come to church to have it blessed. These services can be as simple or splendid as the couple decide.

Funerals. It goes without saying that many funerals happen. Often at the Crematorium and I am very willing to officiate at Crematorium funerals for those who live here. You can also arrange for funerals in church though I am afraid the graveyard is almost full and only residents of the village of Bierton retain burial rights. To arrange funerals the easiest thing is to tell your funeral director what you want to happen and leave him to do all the phoning and fussing. We also have **Memorial Services** here when required.

Special Events range from Harvest Festival (15th September this year), Remembrance Sunday, Christmas Midnight Mass, Holy Week and Easter observances to the Christmas Market, the Carnival and so on.

Above all our regular worship is open to you. On a sunny day it's a nice walk. At other times use your car.

Every Sunday Sung Eucharist is at 9am and, nearly every Sunday, Evensong is at 6pm. On the Third Sunday in the month there is an informal Family Service.

Other services as listed on the notice boards or in the Magazine..

To contact me, Revd Peter Faulkner at Bierton Vicarage, please phone 23920.

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that the roads are designed to cut-off further building to the north or east. These 60 homes must represent the final residential development on Watermead.

I am well aware that disruption during construction is not a planning consideration and will be ignored by AVDC, although I welcome the decision to get the entire batch of homes up in 2 years, made possible by the turnaround in the housing market. Of course residents on the Heights would prefer there to be no further building, but this application is likely to be granted on appeal because the planning arguments for it are strong. The planning gain for the community as a whole is substantial - does anyone really want the cricket ground to continue in its present derelict state? I am willing to support this proposal, given the benefits for the community as a whole, although I am negotiating the planning gain package up to 150-200k from 125k. Your thoughts are welcomed, but please, not pure nimbyism. If an argument carries no weight with the planners it is unlikely to be adopted by the Board or the Planning Group. See you on 2nd November.

Lakeside AGM - reminder, details as in last issue, plus : The AGM will be asked to support a resolution for conversion to a public limited company.

Building on the experience of 92-3 and 95 a huge effort will be mounted to control traffic and limit inconvenience to residents. Every available acre of car-parking space will be used - a total of five car parks with up to 2,000 vehicle capacity have been set aside. The main car parks will be to the left of the Spine Road, using the first exit. Overspill carparks 3,4 & 5 will use the balance of Lakeside's landholdings on the north of the spine road. The firing area

has been moved round the lake to the north for better effect, releasing further land for car-parking. The A413 is expected to be tightly controlled by the police and the Highway Authority has made an order prohibiting parking on all Watermead roads save for residents for the duration of the event. The permit enclosed with this issue is for your use on the night and is issued on condition that it is not sold or transferred. Permits for visitors may be obtained on application to any member of the Board.

The problems created last year by a chronic shortage of volunteers for stewarding have been addressed through the appointment of Gary Poole as Chief Steward with a remit to assemble a stewarding team of 20 plus. If you would like to serve as a steward or car-park marshall please contact Gary on 432052. The Lakeside Board has also approved the use of uniformed security officers (all with a Service background) for the first time at this event. They will work with the civilian and Service Police, the Fire Brigade, the St. John Ambulance and the stewards and marshalls to ensure the safety of everyone attending the event.

There will be a final inspection of the car-parks on the afternoon of Friday 1st November by a Director of Lakeside Land, an AA surveyor and the maintenance contractor. Cancellation (if weather is adverse) will be announced on local radio.

All residents are asked to co-operate in the matter of security. Please avoid parking on the road if at all possible that night, keep roads and footpaths free of obstruction and rubbish and co-operate with the police, security officers and stewards. Central area residents are asked to keep their rubbish bins empty on 2nd November and park

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TRAFFIC NOTICE WATERMEAD SATURDAY 02 November 1700-2200

TAKE NOTE

that a prohibition order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Part 11 will be in force during the above hours for the Watermead Spine Road (total prohibition on parking) and all estate roads on Watermead (residential parking by permit only). Any person contravening this order will be guilty of an offence under Section 16(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and will be liable to prosecution. Copies of the Order may be inspected by prior arrangement with the company solicitors at the Registered Office of Lakeside Land Limited. Vehicle parking permits will be issued to residents and invited guests only and may be obtained by residents only from any officer of Lakeside Land Ltd. Parking permits are issued on condition that they are not sold or transferred to any person and they will be invalidated by fraudulent or improper use. Visitor permits should display the vehicle registration number. Residents whose vehicle registration documents show a non-Watermead address and who intend to park on the road are advised to notify the vehicle registration number to an officer of the company in advance.

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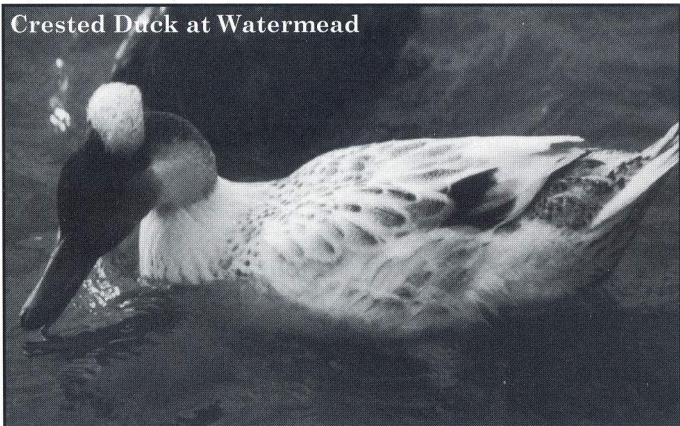
Hope you all had a good Summer, although we didn't have much sunshine, and the temperatures were erratic to say the least, unfortunately this affected the breeding pattern, not as many ducklings as previous years, and according to the R.S.P.C.A., this seemed to be the case all over the Country with water fowl.

George and Henry are still 'at it' using the stepping stones as the dividing line, they patrol their own sides like guards on duty, meanwhile the Duchess is giving her family flying lessons, preparing

them for their flight into the wild blue yonder, they make a wonderful sight and sound as they fly from one end of the lake to the other barely skimming the water.

Unfortunately I must convey some upsetting news regarding Charlie, the only cygnet on the little lake reared against all odds by George and Lady, just recently he was taken to St. Tiggywinkles, with a head injury and blind in one eye, thankfully they were able to treat him, but due to his disability they are unable to return him to Watermead, instead he will be transferred to a Swan Sanctuary, I'm

Crested Duck at Watermead



sure you all feel as I do, very sad about this, I have no idea how he sustained the injury, and would be interested to hear from anyone who knows, once again our grateful thanks to "St. Tiggs".

The Canada Geese are returning, and a neighbour

counted 90 on the large lake, quite a sight, they only stayed for B & B before moving on, also a Mandarin Drake has graced us with his presence for a few weeks, and the Herons have been very bold, on show most of the time and treating us to some day and night time flights. Some of you may have noticed a group of large multi-coloured ducks, two with crests, (we call them the "Bobbleheads") these are domestic ducks which appear to be crossbreeds, I have spoken with friends who breed ducks and the general consensus of opinion is that someone has put them on the lake, they started off as a pack of nine and overnight seemed to grow in number which seems to add to that theory, my only concern is, if they have come from a domestic environment and regular feeding they are able to survive in the wild.

We also have two new Call Ducks, thanks to the little

Stand Off at OK Corral????



white Call Drake who mated with a Mallard Duck, the outcome was a family of four Mallard ducklings and two white Call ducklings, this often happens with Mallards, different fathers, quite a promiscuous little bunch!

On that note I'll sign off, let us hope it's a mild Winter and we have lots of visitors (the feathered variety).

Linda Jones.

I have produced my own Calendar for 1997 containing 31 full colour photographs, all taken on Watermead, for every Calendar sold a donation will be made to St. Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital. If you are interested please contact me on (01296) 433760.

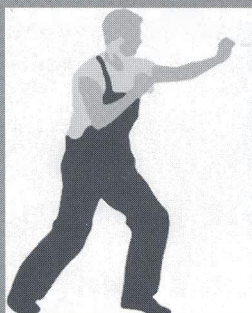
Please volunteer if you can for the stewarding and marshalling teams and as programme sellers. Refreshments will be provided. We also need volunteers for Traffic management working parties on Friday 1st 1400-1500, Saturday 2nd 1200-1400, Sunday 3rd 1000-1100 and Monday 0730-0800. Additional flatbed vehicles/vans would be appreciated. Many hands make light work!

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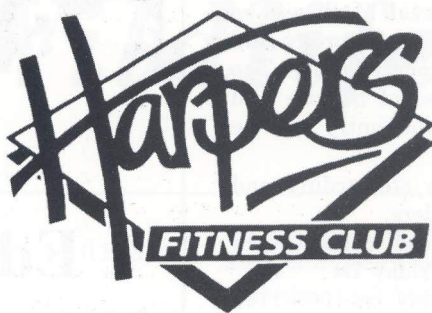
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PLANNING 1 - BELLWAY HOMES

Residents of the Bellway homes were justifiably up in arms over a planning application for 17 homes which would have had the effect of linking up Watermead and Elmhurst. The View is pleased to record that Watermead's two Liberal Democrat councillors backed the residents (our editorial policy is to let praise be given where it is due!). Professional advice and assistance to the Bellway residents was given by the Watermead Planning Group. There were sound planning arguments against the application and after consultation with the Lakeside Board the application was withdrawn by the developer, Watermead Homes.

The problem remains however of derelict land in that area, which needs landscaping. The best opportunity for sensible development may be presented by supervised housing for the elderly adjacent to Lakeside Nursing home, coupled with landscaping the rest of the land and putting the power transmission line underground. No application has yet been made and residents will again be consulted if one is made. The Board of Lakeside Land in principle wants the power lines underground (cost around 100k) and the future of the derelict land resolved, but the Board will not support an

inappropriate application (such as that just withdrawn) and will of course consult with residents.

PLANNING 2 -BY-PASS

UPDATE

A research effort has shown that the A413 site probably was the site of the Battle of Aylesbury in November 1642 and the Board has now obtained a copy of a contemporary account of the battle, showing the involvement of Colonel John Hampden's Regiment on the Parliamentary side and Prince Rupert on the Royalist side. English Heritage are now considering the site for the Battlefields Register.

Some 3,000 objections were received to the draft Local Plan and AVDC have confirmed that it will go out to public inquiry in 1998.

PLANNING 3

Watermead Homes Ltd gave applied for a further 60 homes in the north-east corner of Watermead. The objection period has not yet expired and the Board has yet to adopt a formal position. These would be detached homes and within the originally proposed curtilage of Watermead. The proposal is put forward as the final housing development on the north side of Watermead and is designed in such a way as to close off further access (with housing on the outside).

Construction would commence in 1997 and finish as early as 1999, meeting concerns that development on Watermead would stretch into the next century.

The planning application appears on page [copy herewith - can we scan this in ?] Although there would obviously be disruption during construction that is not a planning consideration and will not be taken into account by AVDC. Watermead Homes acquired the options on the site some years ago and they control the site. The planning gain is considerable and currently valued at £125,000. Construction of a new pavilion would be linked to development of the cricket ground, which could be used as an all-year round sporting facility. The land is presently derelict, following AVDC's refusal to enforce access to the existing pavilion. The operator (Carpenter) is determined to prevent community or sporting use of his facility and negotiations on the existing pavilion have broken down completely. AVDC's response is not yet known but the developer has a right of appeal to the Secretary of State. The indications are that the planning case is so strong that AVDC would lose heavily on appeal. The

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Letter to AVDC from Developers

RMC/LC

10th October 1996

The Planning Officer,
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Bucks.

Dear Sir,

I enclose an outline planning application for low density residential development on eight acres adjacent to Watermead.

The land is controlled by Watermead Homes Ltd by way of options. If approved it is envisaged that development will begin in 1997 as the existing Watermead site reaches completion and will be completed by 1999.

The proposals carry Watermead to natural boundaries and replace land sterilised by electricity and water easements or utilised by the commercial centre to achieve the 80 acres of residential development envisaged when the scheme was designed and approved in 1986.

Part of the land is the subject to a Section 52 Legal Agreement under AV/2056/85 which restricts its use. We would like to commence negotiations for a Deed of Variation to this Agreement, subject to Planning Approval.

Although a departure from the current Aylesbury Local Plan, as was the Watermead scheme itself, our proposals do not impinge on the emerging strategy for the new plan and contribute to the required "windfall" of housing to meet the current need without prejudicing the future of the plan, whichever strategy is chosen.

The site infrastructure, and in particular the access road, roundabout, drainage and services were designed to provide capacity for in excess of 80 acres of residential development and has adequate capacity for these proposals.

It is currently poor quality sloping grade 3a agricultural land, which is mostly left to set aside.

Development at Watermead has favoured smaller properties in response to market conditions during the recession years of 1990-1994. The addition of 60 detached houses would restore the mix of dwellings to the proportions envisaged in the original proposals.

This scheme is designed with no further access to the agricultural land to ensure that it represents the conclusion of the Watermead development. Beyond these proposals the existing Watermead infrastructure would become inadequate.

If this proposal is approved we propose to design, build and fund a replacement cricket pavilion to restore the village cricket square concept as the dual use of the nursery school has not proved possible. Proposals for **the cricket pavilion** are subject to planning approval and the wishes of the Watermead Residents Committee.

Your approval of our proposals is consistent with **the** recommended strategy to develop housing in central Aylesbury. **It** provides probably the only opportunity within the town for quality detached housing development to encourage executive families to remain in the town rather than to seek village homes. By doing so it will add to the viability of Aylesbury and reduce traffic flows on the arterial roads.

The development will not make any new demands on infrastructure and can be accessed from the existing network of roads within the Watermead site.

It will provide detached family houses close to the town and where utility services, transport facilities and **community** amenities are already available.

By placing family houses close to parkland and leisure **facilities** this scheme supports the desire to reduce journey times and environmental damage whilst contributing to a healthy, dynamic and robust local economy.

I hope that you can see the merit of our application which will provide a contribution to the needed "windfall" houses without affecting the plan proposals in an area which has little impact on the built environment or farming and countryside needs.

Yours faithfully,

Proposed Readers Letter Page

A proposal from the editorial board for the next issue of the *Village View* is the inclusion of a READERS PAGE.

It will be an opportunity for YOU! the residents to air your opinion any any subject regarding Watermead and it's community.

It is also an opportunity for you to present question to the different boards of the Lakeside companies in a open manner, which will be answered by the appropriate representative.

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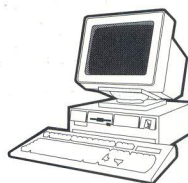
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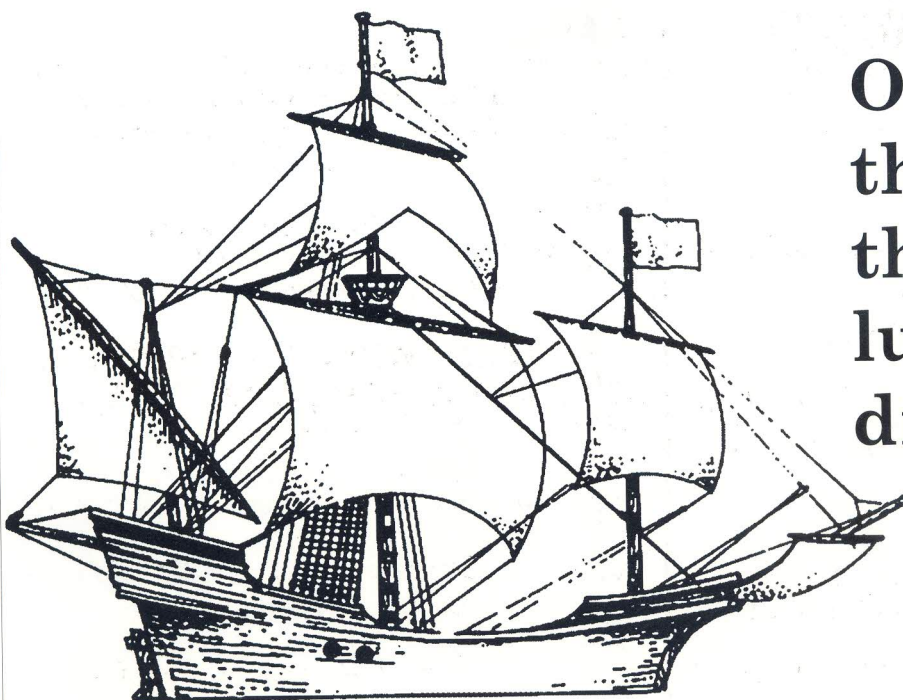
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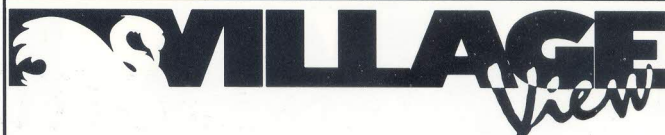
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