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VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

I had the privilege of opening the Milford Manor Care Home Christmas Fair last weekend. It was a real pleasure to join with the residents and staff as they watched the heroic Musical Theatre Salisbury singing carols outside in sub-zero weather! The event also reminded me how much cause we have to be grateful to those who work (and volunteer) in social care, enabling the oldest members of our community to enjoy active and dignified lives. I hope as we put the years of lockdown behind us that we don't lose the sense of gratitude and respect for these essential workers who are so often unseen in our society.

I know this is a recurring theme of this column, my role gives me the opportunity to meet so many of the unsung heroes who make our community a better place- from the leaders of the uniformed organisations, sports clubs and youth clubs to the Community Pantry volunteers and those who run our social groups and many more beside thank you! Amid all the discussion about the local plan and where new houses will be built it is groups such as these that turn a collection of houses into a community.

However there are some services which volunteers cannot provide. In our parish of over 10,000 residents, we do not have a single dentist, and our only doctor's surgery at Bishopdown Farm has been closed for over three years. The good news is that the surgery will reopen, with a new improved interior layout. The bad news is that I have been chasing both the Salisbury Medical Practice and Sanctuary Housing (who own the building) about this since May, and work has still not started while lawyers draw up the required lease documents. Frankly, I think that our community deserves better and I will continue to argue the case for Bishopdown Farm Surgery and more facilities in Longhedge and Old Sarum.

If government policy is to deliver more primary healthcare through community pharmacies, then it is ridiculous that the NHS is blocking companies who wish to open Pharmacies in these large new developments which are scheduled to grow further on the grounds that there is sufficient pharmacy provision in Salisbury! This flies in the face of the need to reduce the number of journeys made by car, and doesn't recognise that many of our more vulnerable residents who rely on pharmacies have to rely on a reduced bus service to get into the City.

Nick Baker, Chair

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Parish Council Meetings

Monday 15 January, 7pm
at River Bourne Community Farm

Monday 19 February, 7pm
at Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Centre

www.laverstockford-pc.gov.uk

For dates of meetings, minutes, agenda's, contacts,
parish information, news and more.

Editors Note: A huge welcome to the PN team, to Estelle Williams, with gratitude for her proofing skills.

THE PARISH OFFICE at the RIVER BOURNE COMMUNITY FARM in Laverstock is OPEN on Tuesday, Weds, & Thurs from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm

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Details of Councillors' interests and membership of parish council sub-groups, can be found on our website www.laverstockford-pc.gov.uk

Report from the Parish Council

Detailed minutes of all the meetings can be found on our website at:

https://laverstockford-pc.gov.uk/meetings/full_council?more=upcoming

Parish Grant scheme - The Council has awarded the following: £2k. to the Boscombe Down Aviation Collection based at Old Sarum towards new display cases. The BDAC was awarded full Museum status by Arts Council England in 2023. Laverstock Scouts have been awarded £560 towards premises hire.

Longhedge . Ward Grove play park has now been handed over to the Parish Council by the developers, there were some remedial works to the surrounding area that should be completed by January. This means that all Longhedge play areas are now under the management of the PC although there is still a Trim Trail to be installed along the eastern boundary.

LONGHEDGE - Bus Route and land hand over We have been in discussion with Wiltshire Council about the promised bus route. The s106 provides for 4 bus stops with associated kerbs, shelters and real time display boards. We are working through snagging issues with the developer before they leave the site.

Bus Shelter - The Council are looking at options for repair or replacement of the dilapidated bus-shelter by Broken Cross Bridge on the way to the Winterbournes.

Old Sarum Football Pitch - We'll be moving the goalposts to give the muddy craters a chance to recover over the winter, new lines will be painted ready for the spring.

CASTLE HILL COUNTRY PARK - A spate of criminal damage to gates along the new road (Castle Hill Lane) has seen the developers erect signage pointing those who need access via wide gates to the correct points. The Land Trust and the PC are always ready to listen to people who feel their access requirements at the country park are not being met, there is no need to resort to criminal damage to express any frustration. It should be noted that horse riders are requested to stick to the bridle paths, riding at speed on paths not designated for horses is not acceptable.

As the six artist-designed Pillars continue to degrade we are in discussion with the Artist to find ways to re-create the designs in a more durable format. We will also need to source a budget as these were originally paid for by the developer as part of the S106 agreement.

NEWS IN BRIEF

REMEMBRANCE a wreath was laid by Cllrs Barker, Jones & Lynn at Castle Hill Country Park, to commemorate those who gave their lives across the parish during times of conflict. With perfect timing a chinook flew past at the start and the Air Ambulance at the end. Three of our younger residents read out some poems and a moment of reflection on peace was held. Cllr Baker & Cllr Smith attended Remembrance Day Service at St. Andrews where a wreath was also laid on behalf of the Parish.

CASTLE HILL COUNTRY PARK We welcome Jake Taylor as Countryside & Greenspace Officer (South & West). on behalf of the Land Trust. Jake joins the Land Trust from Ilminster Town Council and has worked in the field of countryside and greenspace management for the past 8 years, bringing a wealth of experience to the role, from early days as a ranger engaging with the public and volunteers, through to his most recent position managing the Council's amenity land, play areas, cemeteries, and nature reserves.

Litter Pick Cllr Jones was joined by residents for a successful litter pick at Bishopdown Farm last November. A new one is planned for Riverdown Park in February see the *Laverstock, Bishopdown, Ford & Old Sarum Litter Wombles* facebook page for date and time.

PLANNING Cllrs Baker, McDonald and Barker compiled various reports for various planning matters to be submitted to Wiltshire Council, including Church Road, Old Sarum and a response to the Local Plan in general. See our website for more info: laverstockford-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/planning-guidance

Civic Duties Cllr Baker attended the Christmas fayre at Milford House Care Home and officially opened the event. This was a busy weekend for Cllr Baker as he also went on Car Park duty at the Dogs Trust Christmas Fayre the following day. We hope to welcome the Dogs Trust to speak at a Parish event later this year.

YOUTH CLUB - Hampton Park Pavilion Thursdays 5pm - 6.30pm term time only for young people in year 6 upwards. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help out thus far, more still required! See page 33 for more info. Old Sarum Youth Club meets on Mondays at the Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Centre.

VACANCIES - BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR Vice-Chair Tom Maskell stepped down as a councillor in November 2023. Please join us, we are a non-political council serving a growing population and we need people with skills in decision-making, the environment, communication, planning, administration (you name it we can use it). Being a parish councillor is a rewarding way to give back to your community.

Community Emergency Resilience Volunteers Joe Elder, our Operations Manager has been gathering volunteers to form a group looking at, and preparing for, how we as a parish can come together and use our local knowledge to deal with public emergencies or events that require an emergency response in our parish (or where our parish would be involved). From flood response to widespread power failure and other unforeseen events. This is part of an initiative led by Wiltshire Council. We are grateful to Mark Uffindell and Nigel Tanner for graciously agreeing to become our CEW Co-ordinators as we start to formulate plans and integrate into emergency networks. In an emergency many hands make light work. If you'd like to know more or are interested in joining

contact joeelder@laverstock-ford.co.uk

The Parish Environmental Action Group successfully audited the process of printing and delivering the Parish Newsletter last year, and this issue comes to you courtesy of Colourview, who are based at old Sarum Business Park and their business credentials include solar roof panels and FSE certified paper, helping to reduce our carbon footprint and improve our environmental ambitions as a parish council. **We are always looking for volunteer deliverers if you have spare time every other month.**



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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following Planning Applications have been submitted to the Parish. Italics after the application show the Parish Council response. Bold print shows a decision by Wiltshire Council.

DECISIONS

PL/2023/094988 Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed Use 17 Ash Crescent, Bishopdown SP1 3GY

17 Ash Crescent, Bishopdown, Salisbury, SP1 3GY **PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT**

PL/2023/08424 (Revised application of PL/2022/07787) Single storey extensions and associated works. 11 Riverside Close, Laverstock, Salisbury, SP1 1QW **APPROVED**

PL/2023/07887 planning permission revised application for single storey extensions to east and west elevations. Insertion of bay window to front and associated works at 11 Riverside Close, Laverstock SP1 1QW **APPROVED**

PL/2023/07012 Proposed two-storey rear extension. 92 SHERBOURNE DRIVE, OLD SARUM SP4 6GA **APPROVED**

PL/2023/07282 Consent under Tree Preservation Orders, Lime - Prune new shoot growth back to previous pollard points to maintain tree 16 NORTON DRIVE, FORD, SALISBURY, SP4 6DA **APPROVED**

PL/2023/06866 Consent under Tree Preservation Orders: Oak tree – reduce canopy by 3m and remove overhanging branches, 35 APPLIN ROAD, BISHOPDOWN, SALISBURY, SP1 3PD **APPROVED**

OUTSTANDING AND NEW APPLICATIONS

PL/2023/10145 Change of Use of land to provide 3No. Additional Gypsy and Traveller family pitches for an extended family, x3 No. Static Mobile Homes, parking for 6 vehicles 2 per pitch, turning area, passing places, together with other hardstandings. Land between Open View and Little Acre, Main Road, Winterbourne Earls, Salisbury, Wilts, SP4 6DS

PL/2023/09969 Proposed garden Annexe, 59 Church Road, Laverstock, SP1 1QY1

PL/2023/09906 Single storey side extension and new front entrance porch 18 Norman Drive, Old Sarum

PL/2023/09082 Installation of Octopus Heat Pump at 2 Tryhorn Drive, Bishopdown SP1 3WA **NO COMMENT**

PL/2023/08424 Revised application of PL/2022/07787 - Single storey extensions to east and west elevations. Insertion of bay window to front and associated works 11 Riverside Close, Laverstock, Salisbury, SP1 1QW

PL/2023/07887 planning permission revised application for single storey extensions to east and west elevations. Insertion of bay window to front and associated works at 11 Riverside Close, Laverstock SP1 1QW **NO COMMENT**

OUTSTANDING AND NEW APPLICATIONS continued

PL/2023/07368 Outline application with all matters reserved. Provision of approximately 15.03ha of residential land accommodating approximately 315 residential dwellings. Provision for mixture of employment, commercial/leisure, and aviation uses on 3.51ha of land. OLD SARUM FLYING CLUB, OLD SARUM AIRFIELD, SP4 6D **OBJECT WITH REASONS**

PL/2023/07727 Erection of a new dwelling, landscaping and associated works. Beehive Cottage, Portway, Old Sarum, Salisbury, SP4 6BL

PL/2023/07359 Retrospective planning permission for two sheltered storage buildings at Milford Farm, Milford Mill Road, SP1 1NJ **OBJECT WITH REASONS**

PL/2023/04526 Development of 46 dwellings (Reserved Matters application pursuant of Outline Application) LAND AT WESTSIDE CLOSE, OLD SARUM, SP4 6BX. original **OBJECT WITH REASONS CONDITIONS still stands**

2022/04875 Proposed commercial development, SALISBURY RETAIL PARK, LONDON ROAD Salisbury SP1 3YX **SUPPORT SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS**

PL/2021/09567 relating to landscape, layout, appearance and scale LAND AT WESTSIDE CLOSE, OLD SARUM, SP4 6BX **SUPPORT WITH CONDITIONS**

2021/04084 Residential development of 53 new dwellings on land to the west of Roger Way (Areas A&F) alongside with the change of use of the vacant ground floor unit at Block C of the OLD SARUM LOCAL CENTRE (Area G) to provide 7 affordable apartments. OLD SARUM. **OBJECT WITH REASONS**

20/11598/OUT Erection of up to 135 dwellings, the laying out of a car park with up-to 50 spaces, access from Church Road. (Outline application relating to access) CHURCH ROAD, LAVERSTOCK **OBJECT WITH REASONS**

20/11145/OUT Outline application (all matters reserved except for access) for the subdivision of the residential plot and the erection of up 2 residential dwellings (Use Class C3). Land SE Of BOURNE HOUSE, FORD LANE, FORD, SP4 6DJ **NO COMMENT**

20/09949/FUL Additional 13 new dwellings in Parcel D, Longhedge **OBJECT WITH REASONS**



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On Our Doorstep

In December, Avon Bourne Care Home in Old Sarum, held an Open Day and Cllr Barker was invited along. Anna Brunning on behalf of the Order of St John Care Trust who run the Home, gave an extensive tour and Cllr Barker was thrilled to see so many of the rooms empty, as residents were out enjoying the various activities on offer including a sing-along with pom-poms and a weekly Dementia Cafe. Avon Bourne want their residents to feel part of the local community, so if you are running an event, or have a particular special skill or talent that might be of interests to residents as part of their day, please get in touch with Anna. Email: a.brunning@osjct.co.uk

We have three residential homes in our parish, and you will have seen articles in the PN from Milford House Care Home, who love to get out and about and are regulars at the River Bourne Community Farm. There is also Old Sarum Manor based at Longhedge. The residents of these three local Homes are very much a part of our Parish community.

The Order of St John Care Trust have a series of informative podcasts on their website, if you are dealing with a relative with dementia do take a look. <https://www.osjct.co.uk/news/>

See also the Silver Salisbury article on page 14



Christmas & New Year

Farm & Café - Closed

24th - 26th Dec and 31st Dec – 1st Jan

Otherwise open daily 10am til 1pm

Thank you for all your support in 2023

See you in 2024!

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Silver Salisbury Following our successful autumn programme we are now starting to plan our Spring newsletter and programme.

Thanks to the funding awarded by Southern Area Board and Abri Housing, we are looking forward to reaching out to more older people living in Laverstock, Ford, Old Sarum & Longhedge, especially those who might be lonely or isolated. We have started a drop in coffee morning at Salisbury library and are planning another vinyl café to share and enjoy favourite records from our younger days. Both offer the opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. We hope that activities like these will extend our reach in Laverstock, Ford, Old Sarum & Longhedge, but to do so we need your help. Might you have a few hours each month to contribute as a volunteer?

Could you or someone you know lead on a project or co-ordinate our volunteers? Our rate is £15 per hour on a freelance basis. For more information and to arrange an informal discussion please email Irene Kohler at silver.salisbury@outlook.com. And visit our website www.silversalisbury.co.uk

If your group extends a warm welcome to older people or is planning a spring event that you would like Silver Salisbury to profile in its 2024 Spring Newsletter, please do get in touch by email to thesilverproject@outlook.com

If you are looking for a winter activity, now is the time to pick up the Silver Salisbury winter brochure of groups and activities from your local library, or the Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Centre. There's lots to choose from and groups to welcome you.

Irene Kohler, Chair Silver Salisbury Group

DOWN ON THE FARM

At time of writing, the farm is still a soggy mess! The animals all look grubby from being rained on, or from rolling around in the muddy paddocks. Not fun for them, the visitors, the students or us! However, they are all in good health and the farm dries out quite quickly after a few days without rain.



Sadly, we have made the difficult decision to rehome our highland cows. They are getting quite old and we were offered for them to go and live with a small herd of nine other highlands who live up on the Downs. We felt it would be better for them to spend their retirement with a few more of their own kind.

We were very sad to see them go but felt it was the best thing for them. If you are walking up there you may well see them. We hear they have settled in very well and we are planning to take our students up to see them soon. The four black Aberdeen Angus Cross calves that we hand-reared have also gone to join a local cow herd and are also doing very well. We will be looking to get more calves for the farm in the spring.

After a few years of keeping lovebirds in our bird aviary, we were delighted to see that a young one has just fledged the nest. We didn't know that it had been born as we can't see into their nest, so it was a lovely surprise to see a beautiful yellow and orange baby emerge! We have two breeding pairs of lovebirds so now we are hopeful for more chicks!



The two pygmy goat kids that Myrtle had this year are growing up fast and are cheeky little things! Myrtle always has lovely babies and she's a really good mum. This time she had a (mainly) white female called Storm and a grey male called Bandit. As soon as we know that they won't escape from the paddocks, they can go out and join the others.

If you have visited recently, you may have seen a new wooden building has gone up in the area between the bird aviary and the farmyard pens. Many of you will be delighted to hear that this is going to be our new toilet block! The compost toilets will be a thing of the past. When we first put that building up it was intended to last for ten years and has been there for twelve years. Whilst it is still functional, we decided to replace it before it is no longer useable. Whilst it is very eco-friendly, it wasn't a favourite of our visitors, particularly the children, so we hope everyone will appreciate the new toilet block which will be more traditional. One of the toilets in there will be fully accessible. The main structure of the old compost toilets will hopefully be repurposed at some point in the future.

The Farm Cafe will re-open from its Christmas break on Jan 3rd 10 - 1pm offering a range of snacks and hot food, with a selection of local products and gifts, including delicious hot chocolate to warm you up after a winter farm visit!

We have a date for Live@TheFarm 2024 which will be Sunday 26th May so save the date! Please keep an eye on our website and social media for more information.

We will also be holding our annual Egg Hunt round the farmyard in the Easter school holidays. More information nearer the time.

— Sarah-Jane Hancock
Education & Marketing Manager
riverbournecommunityfarm.org.uk



**Boscombe Down Aviation Collection
Presentation Programme 2024**



All talks start at 1900 hrs (7pm). Venue (unless online) BDAC Conference Room (see below for more info and email contact)

January 09 (online)

The Story of a B-24 Liberator crash and the recovery and search for crew member by Mark Khan AIEpE

February 13 (online)

The Old Dragon Who Spread His Wings - Nevil Shute by Stephen Robson

March 12

First Flight Over Everest by Col (rtd) Meryon Bridges OBE MIMechE

April 09

Fast-jets Aden to ADV by Grp Captain Ron Burrows AFC FRAeS

May 14

ETPS & Wiltshire Air Ambulance - From making the pieces to picking them up by Cape Matt Wilcock, Chief Pilot WAA

June 11

Aircraft Reconnaissance by Phil Nelson

September 10

Crash, Bang, Wallop by Maj (rtd) Stephen Turner & Col (rtd) Dr Mark Adams

October 08

C47 - Digging for Band of Brothers by Dan Miles & Richard Drew

November 12 (online)

WW1 & 2 NAS Carrier Operations by Jim Carter

December 10 (online)

Flying the Jindivik at Llanbedr by Tim Miles AFC

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John RH Merifield

Group Captain J. R. H. Merifield DSO, DFC & Bar, AFC, Royal Air Force, widely recognised as one of the finest Mosquito and Photo Reconnaissance Unit pilots of the Second World War. He flew in over 160 operational sorties and took the first photograph of a V1 rocket on a launch ramp - over the Luftwaffe Test Installation, Peenemunde West, Usedom Island, northern Germany. Born in Southampton 10th March 1920 to John Hugh Merifield DSC & Ada Merifield (nee Wyke), he was educated at King Edward VI Grammar School on Hill Lane, Southampton before joining Oxford University and was a member of their University Air Squadron. With the outbreak of war in 1939 cutting short John's studies, he began pilot training soon after, arriving at RAF Old Sarum in the spring of 1940 to the School of Army Co-Operation, flying the Westland Lysander.

After promotion to Pilot Officer in September 1940, and to Flight Lieutenant in September 1941, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in June 1942. Shortly after, Merifield was then posted to 540 Squadron at RAF Leuchars as part of the Photo Reconnaissance Unit (PRU), before moving to RAF Benson. A most key objective was made on 28th November 1943 following a sortie by Merifield and his navigator Flying Officer William Norman Whalley, which photographed a "midget aircraft" on a ramp at the edge of the Peenemunde-West airfield, which RAF Photo-Interpreter Constance Babington-Smith detected on December 1 when the photographs were analyzed at the Central Interpretation Unit at RAF Medmenham.

Editors note: Merrifield Road in Ford is possibly named after John but we can't explain the extra R.



continued over.

Merifield continued to serve with 540 Squadron throughout the war until the ending of hostilities, being awarded the Bar to his Distinguished Flying Cross in October 1944. His citation read –

“Since the invasion of Northern France the squadron has completed many sorties against enemy communication systems and military installations. Much success has been achieved in which Wing Commander Merifield has played a leading part. He planned the missions, advised of the tactics to 'be adopted and invariably undertook the more dangerous tasks himself. On two of these his brilliant work was well proved by the perfection of the photographs which he secured.”

Following the Second World War, Merifield went on to break two flying records, one over the Atlantic and one in South East Asia, prior to serving in Korea. At the outbreak of the Korean War, Merifield was one of a small number of R.A.F. officers seconded to the United States Air Force. He served with the 51st Fighter Interceptor Wing and flew in 20 combat missions with the U.S.A.F. against the North Koreans in the famed North American F-86 Sabre jet aircraft. Group Captain Merifield was killed during a flying accident, along with his instructor, whilst carrying out a Westland Whirlwind helicopter conversion course at R.A.F. Upavon in June 1961 & was buried in Upavon Cemetery.

If this story & others interest you, please do visit the Boscombe Down Aviation Collection at Hangar 1, Old Sarum Airfield to find out more about the amazing & heroic men & women who have served our country, flying from our local airfield in years gone past. The Museum is open Tuesday to Sunday throughout the year.

by Tim Cornish



Castle Hill Country Park

Winter Wonderland: Wildlife Encounters

Wiltshire's winter season offers a unique opportunity to explore its wildlife from charming birdlife to some of our cheeky mammals. As winter begins to blanket our countryside, Wiltshire becomes a sanctuary for a variety of avian species.

Castle Hill's open grasslands and woodlands are home to impressive birds that thrive in the winter months. Our beloved skylarks can still be spotted over the grasslands but more often heard singing away hidden away in the grass. Keep an eye out for the red kite soaring overhead, its red forked tail a distinctive feature. Buzzards, kestrels, and even the elusive peregrine falcon can be spotted hunting amidst the stark winter.

Winter can be a challenging time for our prickly friend the hedgehog. These endearing creatures hibernate during the cold months, but finding a safe and suitable place to do so can be a struggle. Consider leaving out a shallow dish of water and some food to support these hibernating hedgehogs in your garden.

This winter, we will be focusing our work on removing some of the Hawthorne. Although hawthorn provides a very important source of food with their bright red berries, it is important that we don't allow them to cover too much of our grassland floor. If we allow this to happen it will reduce the amount of space for our wildflowers.

If you are interested and want to learn some new skills and techniques and why we do what we do to increase the biodiversity you can join us on our volunteer sessions.

To sign up head over to the volunteer portal at:

<https://volunteering.wiltshirewildlife.org/>

Winter may bring frost and chill, but it also unveils a world of wildlife waiting to be discovered. From the gentle hover of a kestrel to the secretive movements of badgers in our woodlands our country park offers a winter wonderland for nature enthusiasts. During the colder months, remember to show respect for the wildlife and their habitats, ensuring that future generations can continue to enjoy the natural beauty.

Russell, Castle Hill Country Park Community Engagement Officer
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Little Lost Luna

Local resident Karen Chapman turns a story of Country Park misadventure on it's tail

Do you remember a dog, Luna, that went missing for ten days back in the November of 2020 at Castle Hill Country Park? Her story has now been captured in a children's book to raise money for small dog organisations starting with the local Solstice Missing Dogs and the charity who initially reassembled her, Stronger Together Animal Rescue (STAR). Little Lost Luna can be ordered from Blue Monday (15 January) to Valentine's Day (14 February) to arrive to you early March.

See www.littlelostluna.com for more details

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Monies raised go to OSLCC registered charity number 1184009

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Pheasant Drive, Old Sarum SP4 6GH

ENTRY £2

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DRINKS & SNACKS

JOIN US! For some fun and prizes!

Monies raised go to OSLCC registered charity number 1184009

What's On at the Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Centre
Come and visit us at the Community Centre on Wednesday mornings 9am - 12.30 where we open up as a WarmSpace and where we have our latest addition of a 'Chatter and Natter' table. The C & N table is all about interaction and throwing everyone together. We want to mix it up. We believe people of all ages can have a positive impact on one another by taking away that barrier of difference and instead embracing it. Come and give it a try. We offer Tea, Coffee, Hot chocolate and light bites for free. So please come along and see what we do.

Families! Sign up for the Good Grub Club on Thursday the 4th Jan - always good fun. On Friday the 12th of January we have an afternoon of Bingo from 1 - 3pm so go get your bingo groove on. Parents of Neurodiverse children are welcome on the 19th January. We will be holding a meet-up for parents from 1 pm. For the Local History buffs there is a history talk by Lesley Self from Salisbury District Hospital on Jan 26th at 1pm.

Booking is essential for the Good Grub Club, Bingo and the Talk. See here for details: <https://oslcommunitycentre.co.uk> email oldsarumcommunitycentre@gmail.com for more info or ☎ 01722 335349



The Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Pantry is at the Community Centre, running on a Tuesday evening 8.30pm - 9pm and Wednesday 9am - 12.30pm.

Members receive produce totalling 10 points for £3.50 or 15 points for £5.00. Membership to the pantry for the year is £1. A great way to help both reduce food waste and help with rising household costs.

During the colder months the Pantry is a registered 'Warm Space'. Do pop in for a hot drink and a chat at the Chatty Cafe.

Most of the up and coming events will be posted on Facebook, or for more information please email oslpantry@gmail.com or call 01722 335349

Laverstock & Ford Village Hall Weekly/Monthly Timetable

Any booking enquiries to Ruth Harris, Booking Secretary, 07870 648841 or ruthharris61@gmail.com

Private Hire also available (no bouncy castles). Laverstock & Ford Village Hall is a thriving and large community space with excellent kitchen facilities. It is well used by all generations of the community.

**WI is the Women's Institute **Flexercise is a fitness class for the over 60s, a fusion of exercise movement & dance to improve posture, mobility, strength and balance.*

	WEEKLY AM	WEEKLY/MONTHLY PM	CONTACT DETAILS AND INFORMATION
MONDAY		1.30 – 4.00 Line Dancing	07946 733605 or www.linedancingsouth-mulepackers.co.uk
		1 st Monday, 19.00 – 23.00 Bonsai	
		2 nd Monday, 19.45 – 22.00 Ladies Open Group*	moyahill@hotmail.com
		3 rd Monday, 19.45 – 21.30 WI*	laverstocksec@wiltshirewi.org.uk
		4 th Monday, 19.30 – 21.30 Salisbury Gardening Club	
TUESDAY	10.00 – 12.00 Taoist Tai Chi		07403 293974 jocdomin@gmail.com (starting Feb 23)
		14.00 – 16.30 Laverstock Art Club	07790 902754 loralforbes55@gmail.com
		18.00 – 20.00 JaxFit Dance	07763 251153 www.yourtzworlance.co.uk/jaxfitdance
WEDNESDAY		1 st Wednesday, 13.00 – 16.00 Evergreen	
		18.15 – 19.30 Cubs	kate.chill@sswscouts.org.uk
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		16.45 – 19.00 11+ Teaching	
		19.30 – 22.00 Line Dancing and Western Partner Dancing	07946 733605 or www.linedancingsouth-mulepackers.co.uk
FRIDAY		11.00 – 12.30 Flexercise**	07961 071288 or pmsemails@aol.com
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		19.30 – 21.30 Scouts	07864 073311 andychisholm2018@gmail.com
SATURDAY	09.30 – 11.30 Beavers		01722 421287 jane.waspe@btinternet.com

Phoenix Artists Exhibition & Crafts

Thank you to everyone who supported the art and crafts exhibition and sale at Laverstock Village Hall 28th/29th October 2023. It was a very busy and sociable event with the WI and friends serving refreshments throughout the weekend for which we owe a huge thanks. We are very happy to report that we were able to donate £715 to Laverstock Village Hall. We are planning to take part in the Salisbury Art Trail in May/June 2024.

Message Mel on 07946 733605 if you wish to be notified of any of our future events. Many thanks, Mel, Mary and Liz, Phoenix Artists



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ROUTE SAT 4 - Week 4

Laverstock: Napier Crescent 14.10 - 14.35, Elm Close 14.45 - 15.05,
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Sept 09, Oct 07, Nov 04, Dec 02, Dec 30, Jan 27 2024

ROUTE SAT 2 - Week 2

Laverstock: Napier Crescent 14.10 - 14.35, Elm Close 14.45 - 15.05,
Bishopdown Farm: Pavilion Ash Crescent 15.20 - 15.50 on Saturdays
Sept 23, Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 16, Jan 13 2024, Feb 10 2024

ROUTE B - TUES Week 1

Bishopdown Busy Bees Nursery 9.55 - 10.40, Ford Green Lane 10.55 -
11.20 on Tuesdays - Sept 12, Oct 10, Nov 07, Dec 05, Jan 02 2024, Jan 30
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ROUTE C - WEEK 1

Old Sarum Pheasant Drive 10 - 10.45 on Wednesdays - Sep 13, Oct 11,
Nov 08, Dec 06, Jan 03 2024, Jan 31 2024

ROUTE M - Week 3

Old Sarum Pheasant Drive on Wednesdays 10 - 10.45 on Wednesdays -
Sept 27, Oct 25, Nov 22, Dec 20, Jan 17 2024, Feb 14 2024



News from the WI

LAVERSTOCK DISTRICT EVENING WI

Happy and Healthy New Year Greetings to Everyone from Laverstock WI.

As expected, the last two months of the old year were very busy and we hope to be heading into quieter waters after an eventful year.

Looking back to October, the members enjoyed a very good talk entitled "Gone to Blazes" which was a light hearted look at the Fire and Rescue Service. The Lunch Club met again for an excellent meal at the Winterbourne Arms and the Coffee Club enjoys its monthly meeting at the Community Farm Cafe.

Our November meeting was very "hands on" as we learnt to make festive wreaths. The Village Hall was awash with foliage, holly, dried flowers, fir cones, berries and an air of total concentration interspersed with occasional yelps as fingers met holly prickles. A lovely and productive evening.

A small group of members spent an amazing day at Sherborne Castle Garden Centre admiring a terrific display of festive "stuff", including a working miniature railway, talking animals and a human sized group of barbershop singing penguins, baubles and trees of every description and in fact anything you could possibly use for decorations and more... A proper wonderland, all free to enjoy and with a cafe selling homemade cakes and lunches. Wonderful outing.

By now our Christmas Tree for the St Thomas's Festival will have been displayed, our theme for 2023 having been 'international festive greetings', and the committee will be planning next year's programme which starts after our AGM in March.

For more information, please contact our Secretary, Louise Hall, on 01722 326549 or by Email – laverstocksec@wiltshirewi.org.uk.

We wish you all a Happy New Year!

NEW SARUM WI

In keeping with our WI's passion for all things sustainable and environmentally friendly, our guest at our October meeting was Sarah Jane Parker, a local entrepreneur. She talked about the inspiration behind her online sustainable fashion business and brought along a selection of the clothes for us to see.

At our November meeting we were joined by Jane Arnold a local celebrant who gave us an insight into her unusual work entitled 'Four Funerals and a Wedding'. She passionately told us about various ceremonies that she had celebrated. Many of them unique, some in unusual places, most of them happy but some a little sad. Jane explained that although she couldn't actually legally marry a couple she could celebrate their marriage in whatever form the couple chose, for example as a handfasting. She can also conduct naming ceremonies (an alternative to a Christening) and conduct memorial services to remember the life of a loved one.

The History and Culture group had a very informative, if a little damp, walk through West Harnham learning about it's local history.

The Coffee and Chat group had a somewhat different meeting in November as they were invited to a filming of Channel 4's 'The Hotel Inspector' that was taking place in Salisbury. Keep a look out for the episode in the New Year to see how that went!

Our Munch Bunch/Wine o'clock group has had some lovely recent outings enjoying food and drink at the Pickled Frog, Elas Restaurant and Nani's Seafood Restaurant. Craft and Chat continues at various member's houses enjoying a good natter, tea and homemade cake. There is usually some crafting involved as well!

The Book Group met at their usual venue the Old Ale House & Coffee Shop (yes we like to support local independent businesses!), for lively discussions about 'The Island of Missing Trees' and 'Behind the Scenes at the Museum'. Members of our group also visited the Rockbourne Fair for some early Christmas shopping, and the Old Forge Farm Shop at Berwick St James to make our own Xmas crackers whilst enjoying a mince pie & coffee.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to our Christmas lunch at the White Hart Hotel and our December meeting will include our Christmas celebrations and some Scottish Country Dancing.

Our 2024 programme has just been finalised so if you would like to find out more please either phone Sue on 07931 582357, email at newsarumwi@gmail.com, find us on www.facebook.com/NewSarumWI, or just turn up at the Old Sarum Community Centre, the first Wednesday of the month from 7.00pm

Laverstock Gardening Club

The Laverstock Gardening Club meets on the fourth Monday of most months in the Laverstock and Ford Village Hall at 7:30 pm. We usually have a talk by an outside speaker and then it's tea/coffee and a chat. All are welcome however we do not meet in December and January is our New Year party.

On Monday 23rd October Mike Bacon, a Laverstock gardening consultant, gave us an entertaining talk about the Daphnes. There are about 50 species of the deciduous or evergreen shrubs around the world of which 2 are native to the UK. Daphne mezereum with pink flowers and D. laureola with yellowish flowers. All parts of Daphnes are poisonous. The plants are popular for flowering early (February in some cases) and for their powerful scent. Mike explained that they can be tricky to establish but that once in a favourable site they can romp away, given time. It is best to buy container-grown plants as they do not transplant well. A rich soil is usually best and they like full sun or partial shade. They can attract aphids and any viruses which they carry.

Lyn Miles from Boscombe treated us to "For the Love of Snowdrops" on 27th November. Snowdrops are flowering earlier in the year now and some of the rarer bulbs are selling for enormous sums, up to £1800! She mentioned some lovely snowdrop gardens to visit such as Thenford Arboretum near Banbury and Colesborn, Cirencester as well as the annual snowdrop festival in Shaftesbury. The Open Gardens booklets give more info. Lyn's own garden will be open from 4th January to 11th March (11 - 4), admission £4, children free. Lovely homemade food plus snowdrop goodies are available. lynmiles @ icloud.com

Our next meetings are 26th February (Harnham Water Meadows) and 25th March (Rebecca Twigg on Arundell's Community Garden)

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LAVERSTOCK LADIES OPEN GROUP

As I write this report Christmas is just around the corner and the winter weather has arrived. For our December meeting we are looking forward to our Christmas celebration meal at the Duck Inn. Prior to December we have enjoyed a lovely evening with Steph Read giving a floral demonstration making beautiful floral arrangements and prior to that in October, Nicola Lipscombe told us about the Lime Kiln Way, certainly a place to visit for an interesting walk.

Looking forward to the New Year and our January meeting, Nick Baker is coming to give us a talk 'How to try and make change happen' and in February Alan Jones will tell us about 'Tales of a roving reporter.' We now have a full Programme for 2024 including a talk on the Born Free Foundation, a visit from Salisbury Chiropractic Clinic and into the summer we are planning a Treasure Hunt.

If any of these appeal to you, we always welcome new members. We meet on the second Monday of the month at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

For more information contact Moya Hill on moyahill@hotmail.com or Carol Taylor 01722 322702

Postscript to the article in November's newsletter about finding a live bat in my toilet bowl!

A lot of folk have asked me what ever happened to Loo-Loo, the bat I found last year in my toilet bowl. Well, a few days after delivering my bat to Debbie, the local Bat Conservationist volunteer I telephoned her, and she informed me that Loo-Loo would soon be ready for release. She was eating well, and Debbie had undertaken two test flights in a restricted space.

In contrast to how I felt on that Sunday morning when my heart was pounding, I now felt very excited. My daughter joined me for the release which took place in my garden just before 9pm and took just over a minute. Loo-Loo went so quickly once she had decided to go, she circled my garden twice and was then on her way.

I only hope she enjoys living on Bishopdown Farm estate as much as I do. My thanks to Debbie and Roger from the Bat Conservation Trust, as this happy ending is down to their support.

CLlr Waller

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YOUTH CLUB

Laverstock and Ford Parish Council are delighted that Salisbury City Council have helped them to create a brand-new youth club running out of the Pavillion in Bishopdown Farm, after Parish Clerk, Trudi Deane, approached Sarah Gregson, Communities Manager at Salisbury City Council, and joint funding was granted by the Parish Council and the Southern Area Board. This was in recognition of the need for local parish councils and community organisations to be able to work together to ensure young people feel

welcome and supported across Salisbury and the surrounding area.

The Youth Club, led by the SCC Communities team, with the help of local coaches from District Sports, offers a safe space for young people, from school year 6 to year 11, in the local area. There are different sports and games, arts and crafts on offer but it is also just a place to hangout with friends. The club runs on Thursdays during term time, from 5-6:30pm and over the past 5 weeks, the participation has increased from 9 young people attending to 12, with room for more!

All young people attending must be registered and you can get a registration form by popping along to a session or **email: bhac@salisburycitycouncil.gov.uk**

All the young people who attended the first session have returned and we have received lots of positive feedback from them and their parents from *'It's amazing, there's space for different activities for different people'* to *'So much fun, always different activities'*

Get in touch to find out more!

WILTSHIRE POLICE - EVOLVE PROJECT/CLARES LAW

We are all on tenterhooks as we await the final decision on where Wiltshire Police locate the much needed 'Southern Policing Hub'. The Parish Council has been part of Wiltshire Police's Evolve project looking at improving areas found wanting within their Operations model, and have been really impressed at the dedication and commitment demonstrated by the Evolve team.

A key message in helping the police to tackle crime, is for members of the public to report it! Either online via <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/> or by calling 101, or in emergency situations via 999. The evidence provided by reported crime is crucial for our local Police. We look forward to the benefits of all the work the Evolve Project is achieving for Police operations here in South Wiltshire.

Philip Wilkinson, the Police & Crime Commissioner is asking residents to fill in a survey helping him to prioritise this years policing budget in line with the needs of communities. Please take some time to fill this out. The survey runs from Tuesday 5th December 2023 until Monday 29th January 2024 and can be accessed on the PCC's website or via this link: **surveymonkey.com/PolicingPrioritiesAndPounds**

Mr Wilkinson says "As your Police and Crime Commissioner, it is my job to ensure Wiltshire Police have the necessary resources to fight and prevent crime, improve visibility and improve the service you receive – answering 101 and 999 when you call, responding when you need help, protecting vulnerable people and Making Wiltshire Safer".

Chief Constable, Catherine Roper has been overseeing a review in relation to domestic violence, and says "I would like to repeat my heartfelt apology to anyone who we have let down." If anyone is concerned regarding people at risk of domestic abuse, or may be concerned having made an application to Wiltshire Police under Clare's Law between April 2015 and August 2023, please contact Wiltshire Police directly by emailing clareslaw@wiltshire.police.uk.

If anyone feels they are in immediate danger of violence, they should call the police emergency number 999.

To find out what's happening in your area visit
<https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/area/your-area/>

ST. ANDREWS & ST. MARKS

What is Communithea? A space during term time when anyone from the Community can get together for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee. It has become a space for some parents from St. Andrew's School and their children to call in on their way home from school. Here is what one parent wrote:

'You will always receive a warm welcome and a hot drink with a biccie every Tuesday at St. Andrew's Church.

The kids all have a great time running around, playing or colouring. There are toys to play with too. Every now and again we are treated to a tune on the piano, although most of the time it's the kids having a go at tinkling on the ivories!

I've made new friends and find out information from the mums about what is going on at the school, so it's quite a network hub!

All in all it's just a lovely space to have a cuppa and a chat with lots of friendly faces while the children have fun!' Annie

Jessica said 'I enjoy the church because we get lots of biscuits to eat and a nice time to play with my friends.'

St Andrew's Church – A warm welcome

It has been a challenging winter for us this year after the church boiler packed up, but our vision is to offer to the village a warm welcome. When we replace the heating in church we want to do this in a way that reflects our values about our faith, the people we are called to serve, and the planet we inhabit. As we think about our calling to the village and beyond we are more committed than ever to make sure our presence here is valued and makes a difference. I wonder how you would express your calling to the important people around you, and what our partnership with you might look like in the year ahead? Happy New Year! From Rev Andy and the church family.

St Andrew's Church meet's weekly at 9 and 10.30 on Sundays and 9.30 on Wednesdays

Our doors are open Tuesdays 2-4 for Communithea, Wednesdays 11-12 for ManChat, and the first Saturday of the month 10.30-12.15 for Crafting4



Contacts around the Parish

Air Cadets (Old Sarum)		http://bit.ly/40vdRC6
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Cafe Craft Club	Angela	cafeonthegreen@gmail.com
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Evergreen Club	Sandy Small	01722 321969
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GreenTrees Primary - Head	Alan Geary	01722 340596
Hampton Park Pavilion Bookings	Veronica Ford	hamptonparkpavilion@gmail.com
Immaculate Tots Nursery (Old Sarum)		01722 237200
Laverstock & Ford Sports Club	info@laverstockandfordsportsclub.co.uk	
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Laverstock Beaver Scouts	Jane Waspe	01722 421287
Laverstock Cubs	Kate Knight	01980 622495
Laverstock Explorer Scouts	David Waspe	01722 421287
Laverstock Gardening Club	Jill Kay	01722 323407
Laverstock History / Archaeology	Bryan Evans	01722 320129
Laverstock Ladies Open Group	Carol Taylor	01722 322702
Laverstock Scouts	Russell Sach	07718 826138
Laverstock & District Evening WI	Louise Hall	01722 326549
Line Dancing (Mulepackers)	Mike Sainsbury	717800/340054
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Old Sarum Aviation Museum	@BDACATOldSarum	01722 323636
Old Sarum Beaver, Cub & Scouts		oldsarumscouts@outlook.com
Old Sarum Community Centre	Nina Cope	01722 335349
Old Sarum Primary School - Head		01722 410677
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St Andrews Primary School - Head	Jo Fernie	01722 503590
St. Andrews Toddlers - Chair	Char Parfett / Zoe Roe	standrewtoddlergroup@yahoo.com
St. Josephs - Head	Mrs R Ridley	01722 335380
TA Centre Old Sarum	Capt. David Oliver	01722 438300
The Duck Inn	Becki and Tim	01722 327678
Two Birds Experiences & Education	@birdsatthefarm www.twobirdsexperiences.co.uk	
Wyvern St. Edmund's Learning Campus	Head of School	01722 328565

St Andrews & St. Marks & Church on the Green

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Community facebook groups and pages: search for

Ask a Salisbury Vet, Bishopdown Farm and Riverdown Park Community, HOPEChurchSalisbury, MissingDogsSalisburypage, SalisburyCampSiteQuest, LandFPC, Laverstock & Ford Community, @RiverBourneCommunityFarm, @Cafeatthefarm, Laverstock & Ford Residents, Longhedge Greenfingers, MilfordAreaPreservationGroup, The Duck Inn, New Sarum WI, Laverstock, Bishopdown, Ford & Old Sarum Litter Wombles, Laverstock and Ford Parish Council, Longhedge Residents, Longhedge Residents Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, Laverstock & District Evening W.I, St Joseph's Catholic School, Laverstock, Wyvern St Edmund's Learning Campus, Friends of Wyvern St Edmund's Learning Campus (link to group for uniform exchange), Old Sarum & Longhedge Community, SOS - Save Old Sarum, Old Sarum Community Centre, Old Sarum Garden Centre, Laverstock & Ford Ladies FC, StMarksAndStAndrewsSalisbury, SarumRotary, WildaboutLaverstock

VENUES AROUND THE PARISH

Laverstock & Ford Village Hall Casual Hire Available.

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Nina Cope ☎ 01722 335349 📧 oldsarumcommunitycentre@gmail.com

Bookings: 🌐 oslcommunitycentre.co.uk

The Pavilion, Hampton Park Casual Hire Available

The Pavilion is located on Ash Crescent at Hampton Park. It offers excellent facilities for both indoor and outdoor sport, as well as a meeting place for various groups and organisations or for parties/special occasions.

🌐 www.hamptonparkpavilion.org ☎ 07483 894519

Boscombe Down Aviation Museum - Conference Room available

contact Graham Horner Visits Manager ☎ 07785 261978

The Ray MacEnhill Stadium Meeting Rooms

📧 info@salisburyfc.co.uk ☎ 01722 776655.

Domestic Abuse Support

Male and Female: 9am - 5pm weekdays - Splitz Support Service 01225 775276

5pm - 9am weekdays, all night, all weekend and every bank holiday -

Male specifically: 10am - 4pm Weekdays - Mankind 01823 334244

If in any doubt, ring Swindon Domestic Abuse Support Service 01793 610610

In an emergency always dial 999



JOIN US!

Sarum u3a, is an organisation which welcomes people no longer in full time employment to join together to learn, laugh and live! We hold Monthly Meetings on the third Wednesday morning of the month with interesting and varied speakers. These meetings are held in St Francis Church on Castle Road and begin with coffee/tea at 10am. We also offer a vast variety of Interest Groups led by members with knowledge, experience or simply an interest in the subject, generally meeting in their own homes.

January 17th	<i>Secrets, and Salacious Gossip from the Royal Court 1660 to 1830 with Sara Slater</i>
February 19th	<i>The History of Orkney from 3500 BC to Today with Peter Davies</i>
March 20th	<i>Seaside Piers with Paul Tracy</i>



Mothers Union It's been a busy time... Four of us joined in the Activism Service Against Gender

Based Violence at the cathedral on 21st November. This was part of the international 16 days of activism that involved some 6000 organisations in over 187 countries. The MU "No more 3 in 1" campaign highlights that 1 in 3 women will suffer from some form of abuse throughout their lifetime. Mothers' Union are passionate about raising awareness of and

calling for an end to gender-based violence and abuse in all its forms. I wonder if you noticed the displays of shoes in various Salisbury business/ shop windows late November/ early December, with quotations from abused women. Two of us continue to volunteer at the Salisbury Pantry.

A group of members & friends of MU continue to support St Andrew's Toddlers group – and 2 of us also help at Magpies, at St Mark's.

If you receive your copy of the newsletter before 11th January, please do come and join us at our AGM that afternoon. Our February meeting (on 8th) will be an opportunity for us to share something about our experience of prayer – perhaps you quickly say a prayer when faced with a crisis, or perhaps you have a favourite prayer. And then in March (on 14th which is during Lent) we will meet earlier than usual for a soup lunch and a talk about Mothers in Shakespeare.

Please contact Joan Prior on 0783378105

or Pip Carter on 07854827233 if you want more info.



Salisbury Football Club Dates for the Diary

First Team Home Fixtures at the Ray Mac Stadium Old Sarum

January

Saturday 6th v Tiverton Town K/O 15.00

Saturday 13th v AFC Totton K/O 15.00

Saturday 27th v Sholing K/O 15.00

February

Saturday 10th v Poole Town K/O 15.00

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