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Ed's Notes

It is really quite astonishing how far technology has evolved. One can today communicate with anyone, no matter where in the world one is, in a matter of seconds we can chat with anyone, exchange documents, and send photos etc. at the touch of a button. I was a bit unsure whether our relationship with Morton's (who are now printing our magazine and what a great job they are doing!) would be a successful one. Here I was sitting some 5,000 miles across the other side of the pond with a whole lot of text, photos and very important club information in my laptop. Some 20 MB of data needed to travel by wireless from Seattle in the US to Lincolnshire in the UK! Did it make it? You bet!

We have got "aimless tourism" in the North West US right down to a tee. We visited Port Angeles a couple of weeks ago, it would have been more exciting traveling on a ferry from Mukilteo to Clinton, drive to Coupeville and on another ferry from there to Port Townsend but unfortunately the Port Townsend ferry was closed for repairs. So we drove to Edmonds, caught the ferry to Kingston and drove the rest of the way to Port Angeles. In the process we got to cross the Hood Canal floating concrete bridge. This oddity is 2.5 Kms long and 4 lanes wide with a 200metre removable section for mainly military ship traffic. It is as far as I am aware the only one of its type in tidal waters. And yes in 1997 during a storm a large section sunk. As the waters are deep they did not bother to recover the sunken section they just cast another concrete section and floated into place. Pt Angeles proved to be yet another charismatic, unspoiled town. We found the sea font, side streets and car parks full of Ford Mustangs, it turned out to be the North Olympic Mustang's 32nd annual show! There was a couple of hundred muscle cars and to add to the mix, a few hot rods and some older models too. You can indulge yourself when petrol is £1.80 per gallon. It turned out to be an enjoyable day and best hotdogs we have had in ages!

It was great to just be back in time for our Haversham match and what a good day we had. It was seven years ago we last ploughed at Crossroads farm; hopefully we can make this a yearly occurrence. For a change of venue we attended the Ford model T road run at Winslow and what a fantastic event this was. We kind of been followers of Model T events whilst in the US, it is amazing how many varieties of one model Ford you can find! Alleexx's travels take us from Thrift farm in Buckingham to the history of yet another Ford model "the Ford Ferguson 2N". From tractors to cars, it seems Ford had it well covered. What do we tractor clubs do best? We make a good many contributions to charity. It so was the case in the latest road run organised by club member Keith Durham for the Sue Ryder hospice in Moggerhanger; it was good to see both the NBVTC and the OVTC join forces for a good cause.

We have a good number of events coming up, gatherings, ploughing matches, road runs, sales and a few local vintage rallies, all in our events page. Have a good summer season!





The next magazine will be due out in August, if you have any material to be included please get it to me by the beginning of July. My email address is sandistockham@gmail.com

Cover Photo

Club member Tom Howe ploughing in the novice class with his Fordson Major at the Haversham ploughing match. Tom took second place in his class.

A Note from the Chairman

Hi everybody

I hope you are all well. With our club meetings now finished until September we are in the process of planning our programme of summer events, which you will find in this newsletter. I hope to see as many of you as possible at these events.

After the speaker for our club meeting in April had to cancel at the last minute I managed to find Richard Travern as a replacement. Richard gave an excellent talk on 'The Evolution of Tractors'. I received an email from Richard after the meeting saying he had really enjoyed the evening and what a friendly club we were - and from the feedback I have received I think everybody thoroughly enjoyed the talk - so thank you very much Richard for stepping in at the last minute.

I would like to thank all those members and friends who attended the ploughing match in Haversham. Luckily the weather stayed fine for us. Well done to the ploughmen and ladies who received certificates on the day – especially our new ladies. It was very nice to see some new ladies taking part.

A club weekend has been planned for 13th – 14th June at John Starsmore's farm. There will be a barbecue on the Saturday night – salad and rolls etc. will be provided by the club but please bring your own meat and drinks. All club members, families and friends are welcome. There will then be a road run on the Sunday morning so just let's hope for good weather.

I hope you all have a good summer and look forward to seeing you at some of our club events or at the various rallies that are taking place.

Thank you all for your continuing support of the club.

Regards

Diary of Events & Shows

June 13th&14th NBVTC Wkend Forest Fm ~ Wicken Northants (Rd run on Sunday)

Jun 20th&21th Bolnhurst Vintage & Country Fayre ~ Bolnhurst Beds

Jun 27th&28th Bloxham Steam Rally ~ Banbury Oxon Jul 4th&5th Hollowell Steam Rally ~ Hollowell Northants

July 4th&5th Prestwood Rally ~ Prestwood Bucks

July 11th&12th Keith Durham Tractor Wkend ~ Flitwick Beds
Aug 1st Blakesley Show ~ nr Towcester Northamptonshire
Aug 1st&2nd Great Bucks Steam & Country Fair ~ Shabbington Bucks

Aug 22nd&23rd NBVTC Working Wkend Moulsoe Fm ~ Moulsoe Newport Pagnell

Aug 22nd&23rd Lincoln Rally ~ Lincoln County Showground
Aug 27th Bucks County Show ~ nr Aylesbury Bucks

Aug 28th-30th Earls Barton Rally ~ Earls Barton Northamptonshire

Sept 2nd-6th Great Dorset Steam Rally ~ Dorset

Sept 6th Newport Pagnell YFC Ploughing Match ~ venue TBC

Sept 12th Pete Shirley's Retirement Sale ~ Checkley Wood Fm L/Buzzard Beds

Sept 12th&13th Haddenham Steam Rally ~ Ely Cambs

Sept 18th - 20th
Sept 19th
Bedfordshire Steam & Country Fayre ~ Biggleswade Beds
Cook's Charity Ploughing Match Tudor Fm ~ Edgecott Bucks

Sept 19th& 20th
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Working Wkend ~ Boddington Northamptonshire
VHGMC Weeley's Working Wkend ~ Clacton on Sea

Sept 26th &27th Haynes Working Rally ~ Haynes Beds

Oct 3rd Beds YF Ploughing Match Bourne End Fm ~ Wootton Beds

Nov 7th&8th Newark Tractor Show ~ Newark Showground Notts

Nov 15th NBVTC visit to SE Davies ~ Redditch Worcs

The NBVTC are having a get together weekend at Forest Farm on June 13th and 14th by kind permission of John Starsmore and family. There will be a "bring your own" BBQ on Saturday night and a road run on Sunday. Trailers will be provided with sitting accommodation behind some of the tractors for any family and friends who wish to go on the road run. Camping will be available on site, so do come and join us! For more information ring Malcolm on 07836 525672.

On July 11th and 12th Keith Durham will be holding a Tractor Fun Weekend. In aid of Macmillan Nurses and East Anglia Air Ambulance. There will be ploughing, cultivating, road runs etc. There will also be a BBQ on Saturday evening (bring your own booze) and a raffle. Contact Keith on 07976574070 or 01525752467. All are welcome, but please ensure tractors to be road legal and covered with full insurance.

Blakesley Show on the 1st of August on a new site at Maidford Crossroads static tractors only (no working area). For more information contact Gerald Bootman on 01327 261491.

The NBVTC will be having a summer working weekend at Moulsoe Buildings Farm on August 22nd and 23rd by kind permission of Chris Singer and family. There will be ploughing, cultivating and weather permitting harvesting on the Saturday. Also the usual BBQ on Saturday night and a ploughing match on the Sunday. Plenty of camping available so come and have a good weekend with us! For more information ring Malcolm on 07836 525672.

Forthcoming retirement dispersal sale of general farm machinery and miscellanea as well an extensive collection of vintage tractors including: International B250, Ferguson 35, Petrol 6v Ferguson, 1936 Water Wash Standard Fordson, Fordson Dexta and Ferguson P3. Ploughs including: a number of TS59s YL and TCN bodies, TS90 UCN and TCN bodies, Trail ploughs and numerous plough spares and parts. Sale to be held on Saturday 12th September 2015. On behalf of Peter Shirley of Checkley Wood Farm, LU7 9LG. Full details and catalogue will be available nearer the sale date from: WJA Rural 01296 823050 or 07545 923005 email: will@wjaruralpractice.co.uk

The Boddington Vintage Association is holding a working weekend at Boddington on Sept 19th and 20th. Ploughing Match on Saturday and working day on Sunday. All welcome, room for caravans etc. if required. Contact Gerald 01327261491 or Brian 01327260044.

The NBVTC trip to view the S.E. Davis & Son Collection date has now been confirm for the 15th of November. There are still some places left and bookings are still being taken. Full payment of £15 to include travel and entry will be needed in order to book your place. Contact Richard Wray on 07921461542 (evenings please).

Club Nights

Our club nights are now finished for the summer. We will resume our meetings in September with a new list of speakers. We meet at the Newport Pagnell FC on Willen Road in Newport Pagnell ~ MK16 0DF on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.



The line up of NBVTC tractors: Malcolm Foster's MF 135, Steve Anguish's Ford Ferguson 2N and Bob Dickens' Fergie TEF20

Alleexx's Travels ~ Thrift Farm Lambing Day

On Saturday 28th march I attended the lambing open day at Thrift farm on the Buckingham road, the farm caters for special needs children and adults. A request was put to NBVTC if anybody could attend with vintage tractors. In attendance was Malcolm Foster with his MF 135, Steve Anguish with his newly acquired Ford Ferguson 2N and also from the old "F.A.R.T.S" Bob Dickens from Winslow with his 1953 TEF20.

The weather was a bit hit and miss but there seemed to be plenty of public in attendance most of the youngsters seemed thrilled to jump on and sit on the tractors... no DO NOT TOUCH signs here. All in all a good feel good factor by the three owners.

Speaking to Steve his Ford 2N looked very interesting as on the back was attached a rare Ford Ferguson Sherman Bros 2 furrow plough or in US speaking a 2 bottom plough,





which seemed to be how it came out of the 1942 and the 2N from 1942-1947. The 9N factory, I have only seen them in grey. The had horizontal bars on the front grill and plough is said to have been with the 2N since the 2N vertical bars with a central gap. The it was purchased new. The tractor and plough 2N was originally introduced as an wartime came from France in 2008. It was bought for austerity model in December 1941, with steel the previous owner's father who had always wheels no electric start and magneto ignition had Fordsons "F" and "N". The tractor was but within a year tyres and full electrics fitted with a 12v alternator and lights and re were restored initially because of shortages painted Ford N grey. This tractor was for a following the USA entry into WWII, the launch couple of years shown at GDSF.

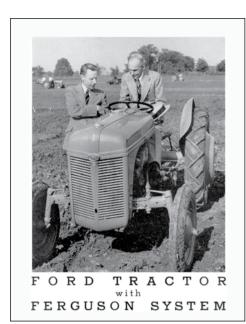
production in July 1947, a total of 356,256 8 gall tank and 23HP. 9N and 2Ns were made over an 8-year period, and during the same period the Ferguson The Ford Ferguson partnership came to an end Company sold 943,957 implements. Officially these were Ford tractors with the Ferguson System and badged to this effect but became Ford senior took back control of the company commonly known as Ford Ferguson.

interestingly the plough was painted in red and the 2N. The 9N was made from 1939price for the 9N was \$585. Ford Lhead engine "Flat head or Side valve" made from half of V8 The final Ford Ferguson came out of the from the Mercury car 4 cly 119.7 cu in petrol

when Henry Ford senior decided to hand over control to his grandson Henry Ford II. Henry when his son Edsel died in 1943, but now in his 80s he was finding being president of such a There was little difference between the 9N large corporation a strain on his health. Henry



Steve Anguish's Ford Ferguson 2N with a rare Ferguson Sherman 2 furrow plough



Ford II was unhappy with his grandfathers handshake agreement with Harry Ferguson and announced the company would no longer produce tractors for Ferguson instead it began building a new range of Ford tractors know as the 8N a lookalike of both 9N & 2N. This led to a seven-year legal battle between Ford and Ferguson, which finally settled in Ferguson's favour on 9 April 1954.

Although everybody raves on about the TE20 being a pioneering tractor (me amongst them) but you only have to look at shape design and even the colour of the 9N and the 2N to see it was Henry Ford's money and production skills that the TE20 owes its heritage to. Harry

Ferguson may have had all the good ideas but money and facility were would we be now.





Having a break from ploughing John Howe, son Tom and Robin Warner with Harvey the family pet

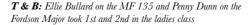


Ploughing in the trailed class were Richard Cook with his Lamborghini crawler and Colin Jamieson with his AC crawler

Haversham Ploughing Match

Our spring ploughing match this year was held in Haversham on the 22rd of March by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Peter Dunn. The last time the NBVTC had ploughed in Crossroads farm was October 2008, move the clock forward seven years.... We had forty-eight tractors booked, and forty-five ploughmen made it on the day. Looking back to 2008 when we only had twenty-four tractors then, it just goes to show how our club has evolved and how popular our matches have become.

It was a wonderful spring day; the sun was shining and rain earlier in the week made ploughing conditions nearly perfect. Unfortunately with the number of tractors booked, allocating all the plots in one field was a impossible so we had to use the adjacent





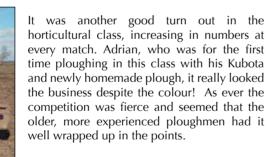






field which was not as easily accessible for some tractors, specially the heavy trailed ploughs. However after some juggling of the classes early before the match we were almost able to keep everyone happy.

We had some new names in the ladies class; both Ellie and Penny did a very nice job, their scores being comparable with many of the "old hands" and there was only four points between them!



Some of our younger ploughmen just keep moving forward, in the novice class young Teddy won first place so he now moves on to plough in the vintage mounted or classic and Tom who came third in our Sherington match got second place here so will it be first for you next time Tom? On the other hand some of our older novice ploughmen just love to stick around!



M: It was Adrian Lusted first time in the horti with his Kubota

B: In the v mounted class was Brian Stillwell with his MF35

For the first time we did not just see one crawler on the field, but two! Both ploughing in the trailed class were Richard Cook with his rare Lamborghini 3403C crawler and Colin Jamieson with his Allis Chalmers model M crawler.

The most popular class in the field was indeed the vintage mounted; there were twenty-two ploughmen here. Winner of this of this class and a fairly new member of the club was Richard Keeves ploughing with his Fergie FE35. Richard joined at the Sherington match, where incidentally he also came first.

Last but not least in the classic class the most popular tractor make was Massey Ferguson, which provided five out of the seven tractors taking part. Out of those five, three were MF35X. Tom Baird came first in this class ploughing with.... yes you guessed it, his MF35X.

It was yet another enjoyable day for both competitors and spectators. We took just short of £300 in entry money for Milton Keynes Hospital (Critical Care Dept.). Our sincere thanks go to Peter Dunn and his family for allowing us the venue. And we are always grateful to all the people who gave their time to make this, another successful event.

T: Richard Keeves on his Fergie FE35 took first in the v mounted

M: In the classic class was Andy Phizacklea on his MF135

B: Winner of the same class was Tom Baird on his MF35X









NBVTC Official Score Sheets

Haversham Ploughing Match 22/03/15

Classes	Vintage Mounted														
Plot Nos.	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Opening	10	14	12	11	10	9	14	13	12	14	9	12	14	9	9
Start	10	11	10	8	10	8	9	12	11	10	10	8	9	11	10
Seed Bed	8	10	10	9	10	12	12	10	10	7	8	10	13	11	10
Firmness	8	10	8	8	8	11	11	9	9	7	8	9	13	11	11
U'formity	8	0	8	9	9	10	9	8	9	7	9	10	13	10	10
Finish	8	13	12	10	7	10	15	6	13	7	9	11	12	8	9
Ins&Outs	9	10	11	8	11	11	9	8	9	8	9	9	9	9	8
Gen. Ap	10	13	11	12	11	12	14	12	13	10	9	12	12	10	11
Total	71	90	82	75	76	83	93	78	86	70	71	81	95	79	78

Classes	Vintage Mounted (Cont)								Vinta	age Tr	Classic				
Plot Nos.	19	20	21	22	23	43	44	24	25	26	27	28	30	32	33
Opening	13	13	9	14	10	10	10	14	11	12	12	9	12	9	10
Start	10	8	8	8	9	12	12	13	14	10	10	9	12	8	8
Seed Bed	11	10	6	11	8	11	12	13	12	12	11	10	13	9	11
Firmness	11	11	5	11	7	10	11	14	15	12	10	9	12	8	10
U'formity	10	8	5	9	7	11	12	14	14	13	11	10	12	8	9
Finish	12	9	8	13	7	7	9	4	14	9	11	8	14	8	10
Ins&Outs	10	8	8	9	8	11	11	10	11	9	12	10	13	10	11
Gen. Ap	11	8	7	11	8	9	12	11	12	10	11	10	14	9	10
Total	88	75	56	86	64	81	89	93	103	87	88	75	102	69	79

Classes	C	lassic	(Con	t)	Novice			Ladies		Horticultural						
Plot Nos.	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	49	50	Α	В	С	D	E	F	
Opening	11	7	11	14	5	5	7	10	9	10	12	11	15	9	8	
Start	12	8	11	9	6	6	9	10	9	8	10	11	15	12	10	
Seed Bed	12	10	13	11	7	5	15	10	10	10	12	11	15	13	10	
Firmness	11	10	12	10	7	5	15	10	10	8	11	10	15	13	12	
U'formity	12	9	13	11	7	5	14	10	9	8	13	10	17	15	12	
Finish	9	8	13	11	8	6	8	9	8	4	12	11	15	13	10	
Ins&Outs	15	9	13	12	8	4	11	9	10	10	12	10	15	12	12	
Gen. Ap	12	10	14	11	8	5	13	10	9	10	14	11	17	14	10	
Total	94	71	100	89	56	41	92	78	74	68	96	85	124	102	84	



Results Vintage Mounted 1st Richard Keeves 2nd George Norman 3rd Ray Gibbins
Vintage Trailed
1st James Cook 2nd Richard Wray 3rd Richards Cook Classic 1st Tom Baird 2nd Andrew Phizacklea 3rd Evan Cook Novice 1st Teddy Singer 2nd Tom Howe 3rd Robin Warner Ladies 1st Ellie Bullard 2nd Penny Dunn Horticultural 1st Graham Soule 2nd Pete Shirley

3rd Paul Gent



Young Teddy Singer ploughing in the novice class and taking first place with his Fordson Major.







Ford Model T Road Run

To make a change from tractor road runs and American V8 road runs we attended the Ford model T road run at Winslow on Saturday the 28th March.

The vehicles (a good percentage were not cars) gathered at The Bell at Winslow early in the morning for a mid-morning start. The majority were driven to the pub yard with the intention of carrying out a 50 mile road run on the Saturday and another 50 miles on Sunday. Could you say that about English cars of the same era? I suspect not. Despite their by modern standards frail chassis these are quite robust vehicles with a sizeable engine, 2.9 litre 4 cylinder. Unfortunately they do have period brakes (contracting bands) driven by rods on the rear wheels only. Which must make driving very interesting. Whilst in the

T: Early model T line up at the Bell in Winslow

M: Splendid two seater!

B: One that isn't black

model T's homeland late last year one owner who uses his on the road regular told me that without the beautifully engineered cookie cutter motorcycle disc brakes hidden inside the original drums and the LED lights again hidden in original headlamps the thing was to quote "bloody lethal" on a modern road. And that was in Washington State where driving is generally more tolerant and polite than in the UK.

Ford made a number of types of car body as standard and throughout the production period always sold bare chassis for coachbuilders. Sometime later in the production run Ford also introduced their own pickup body. As these were the first readily available and affordable motive power plants many were modified for specialised applications over the years, such as large pickups, vans, trucks and of course tractors. Production of the model T was from 1909 to 1927 with 15,007,033 vehicles being



M & B: Arriving to the take part on the road run were Richard and Laura Wray with their newly restored model T.















produced. All of this means that at a model T rally despite Fords shift to mass production and identical parts there are just about no identical models on show.

We are at the gathering following an invite from club members Richard and Laura who have imported a model T small truck /pickup from a dry state in the USA and renovated it to working condition whilst retaining its original patina. This was to be its first really serious outing. It is cold on Saturday and will be wet on Sunday. One tip: To be a Model T owner in the UK it is helpful if you are or have been a motorcyclist as you will have a suitable set of clothes.

The pub car park has far more model Ts than I Imagined would be there, many were older brass models but although style changed over the years the technology seems to have remained constant. My favourites among the cars are still the two seaters (not grown up yet) of which there were a number of fine examples here. The two seaters came in many forms but there were none of the no door or one door roadsters (did they make many?). Best in the show undoubtedly the commercial vehicles

Something of interest to the lovers of minutia. The coil-spring devices in the front suspension are an aftermarket accessory, the "Hassler shock absorber". How does a coil function as a shock absorber? The model T has trembler coil ignition one coil unit for each cylinder, as this was cheaper to produce than a precision piece of equipment like a magneto.

In 1909 there was a New York to Seattle Ocean to Ocean endurance race, 4106 miles with no proper roads. It took 22 days to complete and Henry Ford who believed a lightweight durable car would win was proved correct. This was the first year of Model T production. In 2009 the race was celebrated by running

T: Unrestored model T tipper lorry

M: Fully renovated model T truck

M: Suspension tunning kit

B: Ignitions coils

an event over the original course as far as possible with over 50 Model Ts, this route was 3860 miles and was going to take 1 month. This is one of the vehicles that took part; en route it ascended and descended Snoqualmie Pass in the Cascade Mountains, which, must have been very interesting to say the least. Only a month ago I drove the same pass in a 2015 5.7 litre V8 petrol Chevrolet Tahoe and it had to work hard on the ascent and the cruise control was using brakes continuously on the descent to hold the speed down.

All bar one of the Fords here at Winslow made the 50 mile run and that had a rattle before it started and, as you all know optimism does not overcome or reduce an engine rattle.

This was a highly enjoyable day and a recommendation to add to your calendar.



T, M & B: This is one of the vehicles, out the fifty model Ts, that took part on the Centennial of the 1909 New York to Seattle Ocean to Ocean Endurance Race











Keith Durham Rd Run for Sue Ryder Hospice words Keith Durham ~ photos Ken Robinson

The road run took place on April the 5th Easter Sunday with proceedings to Sue Ryder hospice Moggerhanger in memory of Pat Simpkins, Roger Simpkins wife who pass away in March. Members from NBVTC and OVTC plus a few more friends and family came to join us.

There were thirty-one tractors, one lorry, three cars and trailers behind three tractors, we also had a good turn out of punters to watch. £760.57p was raised on the day and still more coming in.

We left from Folly farm in Flitwick after a full English breakfast of bacon and egg rolls. We then went off road to the centre of Flitwick, on

T: A picture to remember!

M: Organizer of the run, Keith Durham on his International

M: Simon Jackson of Moulden driving a very nice Unipower

B: Ben Palmer on his DB995 with his family in the trailer

B: Chris Parry driving his DB Selectamatic 780





to Millbrook past the test track, on to Marston and lower Shelton to the Stewartby Club; there we stopped for a beer. Then we rode off to Ampthill, Maulden, and back to the farm for a jacket potato and a raffle.

In the raffle I won 1st prize, a chainsaw, so I decided to auctions it off. It sold for £ 130, just how lucky was that? I must say thank you to Barry Coy, for a good natter, he will know what I mean. All in all it was a very good day, many said how much they enjoyed it.

On the 21 April Roger, his daughter Kerry, my wife Carol and myself went to Sue Ryder to give them the money raised. A grand total of £1,206.57. The extra £440 raised came from the sale of DVDs of photos from the day donated by Ken Robinson and what Roger collected from friends and family.

T: Bob Coleman on his Fordson Major

M: Roy King driving his Massey 35

B: Keith Durham & Roger Simpkins with Paula from Sue Ryder







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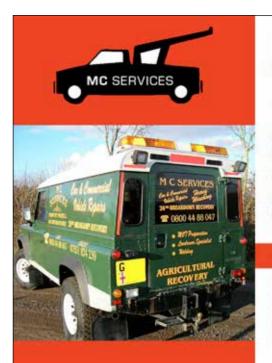
Contact Richard evenings or weekends 07921461542



Jonesey's Tractor Run

As tribute to Ken the Richardson family planned Jonesey's Tractor Run to take place on May 24th. As Ken was known as Jones from "Dad's Army", the road run took this theme. Forty tractors started from Bushey Lane farm in Preston Bissett on a 10 mile run stopping at a number of local pubs and farms en route. £1000 was raised for Ken's favourite charity, the Air Ambulance. Ken was a good supporter of the club and will be sadly missed by all members.





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