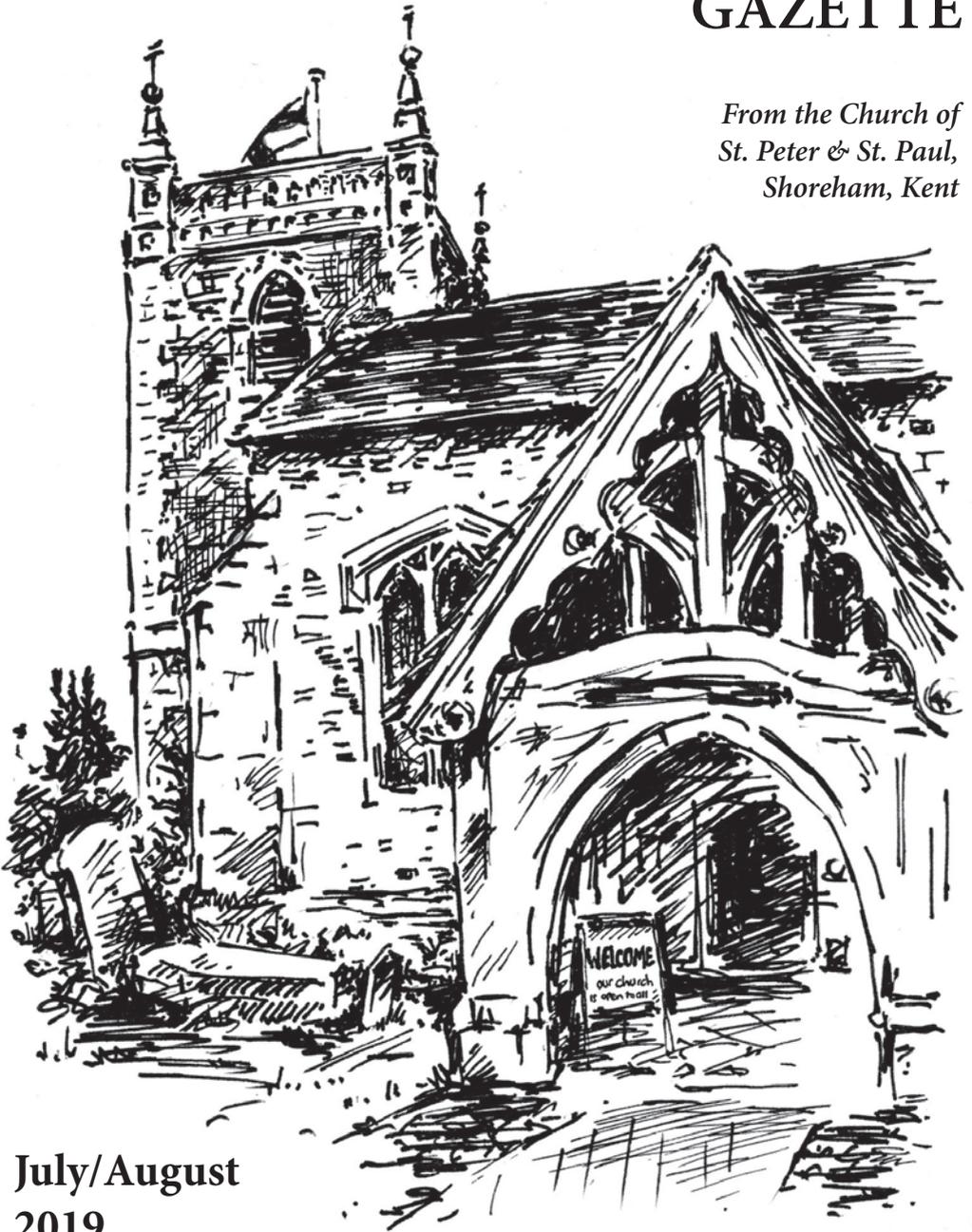


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6.00pm – Songs & Poems

14th July – Trinity 4

8.00am – BCP Communion

10.00am – Short Eucharist with Taize music

6.00pm – Hymns & Pimms

21st July - Trinity 5

10.00am – Eucharist on the Water Meadow Service

6.00pm – Iona Evening Prayer

28th July – Trinity 6

8am – BCP Communion

10.00am – All-Age service

6.00pm – Compline

4th August – Trinity 7

10.00am – Eucharist

6.00pm – Songs & Poems

11th August – Trinity 8

8.00am – BCP Communion

10.00am – Short Eucharist with Taize music

6.00pm – Evening Prayer

18th August – Trinity 9

10.00am – Eucharist – Bishop Simon (Bishop of Tonbridge)

6.00pm – Iona Evening Service

25th August – Trinity 10 – Green

8.00am BCP Communion

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SUMMER, SLEEP AND SABBATICAL

1. A **sabbatical** (from Hebrew: shabbat (שַׁבָּת) (i.e., Sabbath), in Latin: sabbaticus, in Greek: sabbatikos (σαββατικός)) is a rest or break from work. noun: **sabbatical**; plural noun: **sabbaticals**
2. a period of paid leave granted to a university teacher or other worker for study or travel, traditionally one year for every seven years worked.

Don't worry. I'm not taking a year off. But I am having two short sabbaticals (one this year and one in the summer of 2020, when I hope to go back to Tanzania). My sabbatical this year will run from mid-July until the beginning of September. Taking a sabbatical over the summer also makes it possible for me to take some time throughout the year to mark some significant family events, notably for a 90th, a 60th and an 18th birthday ... none of them mine ... and to continue with our pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela. The next section starts from Cahors (we've walked 250 miles, 750 to go!)

The concept of a sabbatical actually started as a biblical term from ancient Hebrew culture, which decreed that every seventh day should be a day of rest, and every seventh year should be a year of rest, to forgive debts, free those in bondage and servitude, and let the land fallow. Sabbatical comes from the word Sabbath, which literally means "rest."

Rest and sleep (I had to get another's' in the title) are vital to our wellbeing. These apparently are the top 12 benefits of having enough rest: Boosts your immune system; Improves your memory; Restores and energises; Stimulates creativity; Helps with weight management; Improves mental and emotional health; Improves concentration and productivity; Improves health and helps us maintain our bodies' vital functions; Slows down the ageing process; Makes you happier; Eat fewer calories; Increases tolerance for pain.

So ... after nearly 23 years of ordained ministry (the last 13 in Rochester Diocese), it is time to take a pause, time to think, time to sleep, time to be with my family, time to travel, time to be creative and make some glass art, time to pray, time to read some books, time to recharge, time to take a retreat. You will hear from me again in the autumn but in the meantime, I wish you a blessed summer, with time to pause, recharge and gain some new perspectives.

Revd Diane

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Wedding Service

27th June Naomi Bailey and Lee Loveridge
29th June Megan Richmond and Richard Goslitski

Funeral Service

28th June Brenda Capon
1st July Stephen Brice

Thank you to Kate Britten who has kindly volunteered to be Editor for the September Gazette. Copy by 18th August to her email address only (see back page)

SHOREHAM OPEN GARDENS SAFARI 2019



The SOGS Committee is enormously grateful to everyone who participated in the event over the 15-16 June weekend, from the gardeners to all those who volunteered in other people's gardens, served refreshments, baked cakes, staffed the car park and welcomed visitors to the village. The Allotments had a strong showing of scarecrows and the response to the call for gardens in a wheelbarrow was excellent (16). The barrows themselves were a delight.

It was a very successful weekend fundraiser despite the Saturday showers and the soggy Sunday with the refreshments by the residents of Shoreham Place and by the Friends of Shoreham Church at the Village Hall raising record amounts and around 900 people enjoying the wonderful gardens that had opened. The art exhibition of local artists in the Village Hall was a new, welcome interest.

Thanks to the magnificent efforts of the garden hosts and the other volunteers, we raised £8,350 net for landscaping the extension of our church. Many thanks too to the generous hospitality of the entire village in welcoming our visitors. Congratulations to all. *Jenny Knott, Jeremy Tooley, Suzzane Hubble, Jenna Leight & Peter Kasch*

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SHOREHAM MUSIC FESTIVAL IN SHOREHAM CHURCH

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Our aim is to bring some brilliant music to the village and keep our ticket prices low while covering our costs. Any profit made will be donated to the Church Repair Fund. We hope to see many of you there.

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SHOREHAM CHURCH EXTENSION UPDATE

Art Work and Completion

It was brilliant that on the Open Day sponsors were found for every tile in the artwork being produced by Amanda Hopkins our artist in residence. The means by which the work is incorporated in the wall immediately inside the entrance from the nave has been agreed with the builder. We look forward to its installation in the not too distant future. Completion is still expected in the week ending 2nd August. The Grand Opening in the presence of the Bishop of Tonbridge will take place on Sunday 29th September.

Building contract

Progress on site this month has been good, although with the completion of all structural works everything seems to be proceeding much more slowly. At the time writing the painter has applied a mist coat to all of the plastered surfaces, the carpenter is fixing the skirting and architraves and the plastering to the vicar's vestry is continuing. All doors have been hung and the electricians are on site.

Vestry cupboards

The provisional sum specified in the tender documents for highly ornamented solid oak cupboards on the east side of the Lady Chapel was horrendous. As a result the cupboards were excluded from the building contract. The Lady Chapel cannot function as a vestry unless there is somewhere to hang vestments. Cupboards are needed for church records which currently have no proper home. The PCC decided to go ahead with unornamented oak veneer cupboards with the doors to match other doors in the extension. . The form of the cupboards has been modified to ensure that the bottom skirting is set back to miss the D'Aranda tombstones.

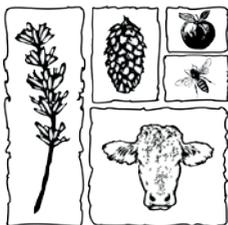
Kitchen tops and appliances

Towards the end of the contract there are lots of little but important decisions which are often far from easy. One area of controversy was the kitchen top. My proposal was rejected as being too "opulent". Brian Wallis (the managing director of Riverside who is attentive to the smallest detail) did brilliantly in finding a cheaper alternative. The kitchen appliances have been chosen with a ceramic hob instead of an induction hob because of the possible risk to those with pacemakers.

External lighting

The external lighting will be very restrained with just two additional light fittings to match the existing one on the bell tower. The lights (along with the exiting path lights) will be on a switch in the extension with a delay timer to allow the person turning off the lights to exit the churchyard without being in the dark.

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Although not covering the whole cost the contribution from the Garden Safari towards landscaping was higher than expected despite the weather: a brilliant result. Many thanks to Peter Kasch, the members of his committee, garden owners and the many helpers

Fundraising

I am now in the not entirely comfortable position of having to see how the final bills can be paid when the sum remaining in the extension fund bank account is not sufficient and we are dependent on VAT and Gift Aid reclaims and pledges.

Cheques for repairs and decorations should be made payable to Shoreham Church Repair Fund and sent to The Vicarage with an indication of whether gift aided. Direct transfers: NatWest Sevenoaks, Sort Code 60-19-02, Account number 13785532, account name Shoreham PCC

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Please 'Gift Aid' your donations. For every £100 donated we receive an additional £25. Alternatively give to the extension fund through Mydonate by clicking button at www.shorehamchurchkent.org/church-extension. *Frank Hinks Churchwarden*

ROSE WOOTTON

Our mother Rose (nee Gertrude Rose Ewing) was born on Christmas Day 1918 in Shoreham village and had a wonderful childhood there. She wrote about this for her family and later, in January 2017 when she was 98, the Shoreham and District Historical Society published these memoirs as "Publication No. 34 - A Shoreham Childhood". Sadly, Mum passed away on Easter Monday, 22nd April, at the grand age of 100

Readers will all know that Shoreham is a special place which can capture something in your heart. Mum's happy memories of growing up there remained strong and shaped the person she became. In turn, we her descendants all grew up hearing her accounts of Shoreham life. Her family walked the valley and hills together and there she learned about wildflowers and country lore. She spent endless hours with her grandfather Samuel Cheeseman (Parish Clerk and Sexton 1900-27) following him around the church, churchyard and vicarage garden, where she developed a lifelong love of gardening. She had happy days in the school too. She felt the sadness of losing the uncles she should have had, Richard and Cecil Cheeseman who fell in battle in 1917, and taught us to respect their memory. She stood on the hillside with the villagers who first dug out the chalk cross. At her funeral, we heard the words of Psalm 121, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills", and it was your peaceful valley and green hillside that we all saw in our mind's eye. Her memories enrich us. *Jean Bishop and David Wootton*

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A huge thankyou to all who donated cakes for our Cake sale on June 9th. We were truly overwhelmed by the amount we were given.....the people of Shoreham are so generous. Thanks to all those who came and bought one or, in lots of cases, more! We were so lucky with the weather which always makes such a difference. We raised a fantastic amount of £335 for The Royal British Legion.

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Due to a cancellation we have one space available on the coach. If you would like to come on Saturday 6th July the cost is £17.00. The coach leaves the carpark at 9.00am. Please get in touch with Mike 525772 if you are interested. *Lorna Robinson*

TALES FROM THE SKETCHBOOK

In 2018 I made a proposal to the PCC to be Artist In Residence for the Church Extension. The idea was simple. In return for access to the site I would record the construction of the extension, providing my labour and time for free. At the outset I had no idea about where it would lead. Sarah Parkes suggested printing drawings on tiles that could be sponsored to raise funds and that's become the first of – I hope – several outcomes

The idea of recording construction isn't new of course: the Bayeux tapestry records Romanesque construction after 1066 and Canterbury has wonderful drawings showing peasants making great Gothic cathedrals. Looking at those images, what struck me was their vivid realism: everyday people working with hoists and mallets and saws. In the same way I tried to record construction today: scaffolding, hi-vis jackets, digger trucks, saws. And the builders accepted - sometimes humoured - this mad woman who wanted to draw concrete reinforcement or bricks being laid. Now many hours and one hundred and fifty sketches later, an ongoing sequence of drawings records the church as it was, the bits that are now hidden, the new building and the people that created it. Amongst the drawings are rubbings from gravestones uncovered by construction, so in some way they still rest where they have been for centuries.

My thanks to everyone who visited the church on May 11th. You saw almost forty drawings mounted on the walls in two groups - 2018 and 2019 - showing the construction sequence. These drawings, printed on 8" tiles, will be sited on a wall in the extension. What's been lost, what's been gained, and how it's been achieved will be there for all to see. People were so generous sponsoring the tiles. All funds received will go to the Church Extension Fund. Visit again in a few months to enjoy both the sponsored tiles and the new building. *Amanda Hopkins*



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SHOREHAM VILLAGE STORES

The rise of the internet has gone along with a sharp fall in people reading a daily newspaper. Not necessarily in Shoreham, though, where Mike Robinson reports that about the same number of people have a paper delivered as they did more than twenty years ago, when Mike took charge of the village newspaper round.

Mike gets up at 5.30 am six days a week so that his eighty or so customers can read the news over breakfast. He enjoys seeing the village as the sun comes up – although once when it was still dark he took a tumble into an open manhole along Chapel Alley and ended up in hospital. With Lorna, he's looking forward to serving the village for many years to come.

Santhosh, Kannan, Lorna and Prasanth

NEWS FROM SHOREHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

We are delighted to announce a new and exciting initiative that has been launched at our school. Once a week, one of our parents will bring May, her specially trained dog, who will be listening to (invited) pupils read. May is an ex-racing greyhound and Mrs Winsler led an interesting assembly where she introduced us to May and told us about her life. We all had a chance to pet May on the way out and she didn't move a muscle – in fact, she slept through the whole assembly!

We have taken part in a LOT of sport over the past few weeks, including tri-golf, cricket and swimming. Ten pupils from Year 3/4 went to Sevenoaks School to take part in a Tri-Golf Master-Class. They were taught how to stand correctly to hit the ball and importance of keeping their arms straight when hitting. They then used two different clubs - a putter and an iron - as they rotated around six different activities focusing on accuracy of their hitting, the power of their hitting and control. The team are now looking forward to more practice and taking part in the Tri-Golf tournament later in June. We are very proud of our swimming team who won the shield in the swimming gala at Sevenoaks Leisure Centre last week, beating many local schools. Each team member received a medal and we are having the shield inscribed with our name before we display it in the school Entrance Hall.

Just after the holidays, we had new play equipment installed on the field. This equipment was chosen by the children and includes some really cool climbing, balancing and swinging pieces. We can all play on it at break and lunchtimes and it is a brilliant addition to our school. We would like to thank FOSS, who contributed some of the money towards the equipment.

We have had lots of visitors at school over the past few weeks as we celebrated VE Day and had a special morning coffee for villagers who had experience of WWII; we learned so much from them about what life was like as an evacuee and generally what it was like to be alive when there was a war on.

This week, it was lovely to welcome so many dads and grandads to our Fathers' Day Breakfast. What a lovely, busy, happy event it was and we hope our dads felt special and loved!

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evening walk soon, weather permitting. Join us and we'll send you details.

Can you leave your car behind?

- This month we look at how we can travel more sustainably. Living round here, getting around is difficult without a car, but there are public transport options. And technology is making trains and buses much easier to use.
- Regular commuters have serious issues with last year's timetable changes, and are asking for better connections and for fast trains to stop at Shoreham and Eynsford. But Shoreham has a much better train service than many other villages. We have two trains per hour each way, seven days a week until very late. London is forty minutes away (via Sevenoaks). We can reach most towns in Kent by train changing once at Sevenoaks, Otford or Swanley. You can take a day trip to Hastings (on a line passing through stunning scenery) or Canterbury, or Dover or Rochester Castles. And children love trains!
- We are keen to encourage weekend visitors to arrive by train, to improve our traffic and parking situation. It's a wonderful experience for the visitor to alight at Shoreham and walk through the village. Our line doesn't connect everyone, but do suggest it to your friends and relatives.
- Then there is the bus... It's sadly infrequent, but daytime Mon-Sat, the 421 bus from Church Street or Filston Lane will take you to Sainsbury's, Homebase, Aldi and Sevenoaks town centre. You can reach the shops in Swanley by train or bus We hear the bus sometimes has to use the pavement when negotiating Church Street, to the alarm of pedestrians. However, a bus service to Shoreham is essential for less mobile people and those without a car.
- Public transport is handy for walks;– for example, you can walk to Otford or Eynsford and return by train. We did a lovely walk to Downe and then returned by bus to Bromley South and train on to Shoreham. On summer Sundays, there is a free National Trust bus to Knole from Sevenoaks Station.
- The key to using public transport is predictability, which is where technology helps. If you have a smartphone or computer, the *Citymapper* app covers Shoreham and Sevenoaks, including buses and trains. Enter your destination and it will plot the route from your door, and will advise delays and disruptions. Many other apps and websites will also give you train times and – importantly – live running information.

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TALES FROM THE HILL

In a previous tale I wrote about St Mary's Church at Woodlands and its restoration by the Vincent family. But hardly a mile away in Romney Street, in the parish of Shoreham was a tiny Methodist chapel. Jack Holland, in his book "On East Hill" tells us how the small community built the chapel out of flint gathered from the surrounding fields. A photo in Jack's book shows a picture of the congregation of around thirty adults and children dressed in their Sunday best taken in 1930. Jack recounted that there was only one travelling preacher for the whole Sevenoaks area. Most Sundays Miss Powell, a school teacher from Shoreham, would do the preaching. Sometimes a Mr Skevington would come to preach. Jack said "We always stayed for his services because we would like to hear him shout, if the window shutters were open you could hear him all down Romney Street. He used to wave his hands and get really carried away. "One Sunday he preached for over an hour-- we thought that was great entertainment."

Jack's favourite preacher was Mr Wheeler, a baker from Sevenoaks, who would arrive in his horse drawn bakers van and after the service he would distribute cakes to the congregation. The old chapel, now a little worse for wear, can still be seen behind Corner Cottage. The thirty strong congregation, on the day the photo was taken must have been the entire population of this small community. From what Jack said it would appear that there was some fluidity amongst the local population in their choice of where to worship and on high days, such as Christmas and Easter, many would migrate to St Mary's and if there was an important wedding or funeral often Shoreham Church was chosen.

Benjamin Harrison the famous amateur palaeontologist mentioned in his journal "Found good Neolithic tool in No Parish, a field where three parishes meet but whose ownership was disputed." In Jack's day, despite the area being at the confluence of three parishes, the Church Chapel and Pub contributed to a strong community identity. Now when I walk down East Hill Road, traffic permitting, it's like a gated community where self-imposed incarceration denies casual contact with the rest of the world. Thanks again to Jack Holland and the late Monty Parkin.

John Bovington

RURAL TAXI BUS ROUTE LAUNCHED EAST HILL

A new taxi bus was launched in Sevenoaks on Tuesday 3rd June. The new service is the first part of a county-wide imitative supported by Kent County Council to plug a gap in rural bus transport.

The small taxi buses will run in the same way as the normal service but can be hailed in remote locations as well as operating along specified routes and stops. Passengers will be able to use their Kent Travel Saver or older person's bus pass while everyone else will pay a set price of £3 single or £5 return.

The Sevenoaks scheme will serve Fairseat, Stansted, West Kingsdown and **East Hill** – linking to Otford and Sevenoaks town. It will operate off peak between 9.30am and 2.45pm, Monday to Friday. For information and timetable look on the KCC website or the Parish notice board at the junction of East Hill Road and Birchin Cross Road.

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The July meeting is at 7.30pm on 2nd July for members only - our 101st Birthday - when we will be entertained by Tony Harris - and his subject will be "There is nothing like a dame".

July Community Coffee morning is on Thursday 11th July at the Village Hall between 10.00am and 12.00 noon. Please come and join us where homemade cakes and copious tea and coffee are on offer.

August meeting is on 6th August for members only.

August Community Coffee morning is on Thursday 8th August in the Village Hall between 10.00am and 12.00 noon. All are welcome. Tea/coffee and cake on offer. Hope to see you there.

Sylvie Poynter

VILLAGE DIARY FOR JULY AND AUGUST

2 nd	Women's Institute	Village Hall	7.30pm
6 th	Abba Evening	Village Hall	7.30pm
7 th	Well Hill Mission Church Concert		2.45pm
10 th	Over 60's Garden Meeting	meet at 2.15pm in Car Park	
11 th	Community Coffee	Village Hall	10am to 12noon
21 st & 22 nd	Sevenoaks Dance Festival		
24 th	Over 60s Garden meeting	Meet at 2.15pm in Car Park	

August

6 th	Shoreham Women's Institute summer meeting		
8 th	Community Coffee Morning	Village Hall	10am – 12 noon
14 th	Over 60s Garden Meeting	Meet at 2.15pm in Car Park	

Advance Events

13 th September	Music Festival in Shoreham Church		7.30pm
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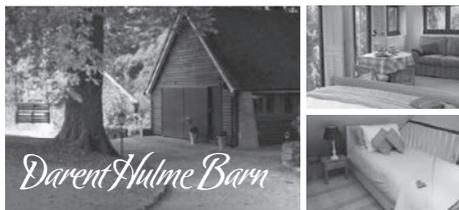
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