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Christmas Lunch

East Kent NARPO CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Canterbury Cathedral Lodge -

Thursday 7th December 2023

1200 for 1300hrs

Capacity 120

This year's Christmas Lunch has again been booked at the Canterbury Cathedral Lodge. The past 2 years at the Lodge have been excellent as evidenced by the numbers attending.

Menu Choices:

Starters Butternut Squash Soup (VG, GF)

Cucumber, Fennel and Feta Bruschetta with Chimichurri (V) (GF & VG Option)

Salmon and Dill Terrine with Tartare Sauce and Frissee Lettuce (GF Option)

Pork Rilette with Piccalilli and Watercress (GF Option)

Main Courses

Roast Turkey with all the Trimmings (GF Option)

Ox Cheek with Boulangere Potatoes and a Rosemary Jus (GF)

Hake, Roast New Potatoes, Basil, Parmesan with a Tomato and Pepper Sauce (GF)

Brie, Cranberry and Red Onion Pithivier with Chateau Potatoes and a Thyme Jus (V)

Desserts

Christmas Pudding with Brandy Cream (VG)

Peach Delice with Caramelised Apple Puree, Blackberry and Oat Crumb

Chocolate Mousse Cake with Raspberry, White Chocolate and Cocoa Nib (V)

Followed by tea, coffee and mince pies

Allergens Gluten Free – (GF) Vegetarian – (V) Vegan – (VG)

Payments

The cost to Members is £25 Non-Members £27 and Widows/widowers £10.

Please pay by Bacs if possible using the reference CL23. Bacs details are:

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7th December 2023
Cathedral Lodge
Canterbury**

**Police Panto -
22nd February to
24th February 2024
St Lawrence Col-
lege, Ramsgate**

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Chairman's Column



Hi Everyone

Welcome to my summer column, we seem to have had everything since last I wrote, heat, wind, and rain, hopefully you have or will enjoy a break away and the weather has been or will be kind.

As I write we are due as the Kent Branches to meet the Chief Constable at the Kent Police College on the 9th August. Tim Smith has a background in East Kent and we look forward to an interesting meeting. I will include an overview in the next newsletter. He has also kindly agreed to be our main speaker at the next AGM in April next year. I anticipate that this will attract a lot of interest and will be your opportunity to hear directly his thoughts and views, so if you would like to attend please put in your diaries Monday 22nd April 2024. Ian Drysdale will also be attending.

The Force Open day for families on 1st July at the Kent Police College was very well attended with the NARPO stall attracting a lot of attention. This was a great success in raising the profile of NARPO in Kent. My thanks to Ian Drysdale for his support for NARPO and helping with the cost of the giveaways that were purchased. They disappeared at a rapid rate of knots.

Our summer lunch was extremely well attended and I know that the Christmas lunch will be well supported. So, to avoid disappointment please book your place.

The National Conference at Blackpool is looming with the decision to move towards a limited company for the organisation. For this to take place, the Conference will need to vote for incorporation with a two thirds majority in favour. The groundswell in our region seems to be positive for the proposal, it will be interesting to see if this is reflected across England and Wales.

There are several safeguards to ensure the autonomy of branches and Conference remaining the policy making body. I am attending a final seminar at Reading in August, just prior to Conference, when legal opinion will be given so that we will have the best information to make a judgement at Blackpool.

As the song goes “The times they are a changing” and I am sure that the future for NARPO going forward will be bright and positive.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and I will see you in the autumn.

Best wishes
Bob

We have all been there!



House for rent. 5 minutes from the beach. 8 seconds if you fall.



Below is from Autocar 1937 - Have things changed ?

HALF-WITS

Examples of Folly on the Roads

[46728.]—What a lot of asses there are driving cars nowadays!

There's the man who exhausts his brain-power with the effort of putting up a traffic direction indicator—it is beyond him to put it down again. What a half-wit!

Then there's the man who overtakes one on a corner and fits in behind the car in front, until it slows down at a cross-road, and then overtakes it. Five minutes later we pass him filling-up with petrol! What a half-wit! And then there are all the many, many half-wits who come along the middle of the road and miss one by inches going the other way, leaving feet of clear space on their near sides. Is this because they want to overtake something and cannot slow down for an instant, or just because they feel like it, or have no judgment of distance?

TWENTY-TWO YEARS' CLEAN LICENCE.

Forest Row.



Editorial



PLEASE NOTE MY NEW EMAIL ADDRESS
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Hi All

Yet again I'm unsure what to wear, shorts and sunglasses or wet suit and snorkel!

I worked the Saturday of the Kent Police Open Day, luckily the weather remained nice to us as it has in previous years.

It was great to see so many old friends and colleagues enjoying this event.

I'm not sure if the granddaughter, Daphne was saluting me or telling me she was stressed ?



Make note of the Police Panto dates, normally this is in the half term week, however, due to Theatre availability it is now a week later but at the same venue as last year.

Don't forget to send me items and pictures for future letters.

Thanks Graham

Acknowledgements

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When the bosses ask all the "old sweats" to go back and cover short staffing on response



Large Print

Large print Newsletters are available by arrangement with John Pears [see page 12] for any member who is visually impaired.

The Newsletter is double the normal size.



'It's exempt from the Ulez charge, but I was fined £300 for tacking up the A2'



Kent Police Open Day

On Saturday 1st July the Force Open Day for Kent Staff and families was held at the Kent Police College

Kent NARPO represented by Maidstone and East Kent Branches staffed a stall promoting the organisation.

The event was well attended and extra giveaways had been purchased by the 5 Kent Branches for families, these were well received and at the end of the event every last piece had been taken.



The National Organisation had supplied some merchandise as well.

We are grateful for Ian Drysdale's contribution on behalf of the Force towards the cost of those items we purchased. We felt the event was a success raising the profile of NARPO across the county. We do hope the event will be held again.

Those attending on behalf of NARPO were John Fulton Chairman of Maidstone Branch, Bob Pollard Chairman of East Kent and Simon Jessup, Bob Finn, Peter French and David Gadsen, all of Maidstone Branch.



Worth a check !

I just happened to check my National Insurance contributions throughout my career and it showed that I made no contributions for the tax year 1997-98 when I was in full time employment with Kent Police (seconded to Regional/National Crime Squad).

Luckily I've kept my P60 record for the relevant tax year which shows the contributions made from myself and employer (Kent Police) so I'll be making the necessary enquiries with the tax office.

I've checked now with HMRC and they have me shown as having paid for tax year 97-98 but the online record still shows it as not having been paid.

They want me to write a letter to them to get the online record corrected. Why they couldn't correct there and then I don't know!

It could be just a glitch with my personal online record but it's still probably highlighting the issue to members I guess to check their online contribution record.

I mention this as I hope nobody else finds themselves in the same situation, but to urge members to check their contributions. Graham Terry



Quiz Night.

Saturday 19th August 2023

Doors open at 7.15pm for 7.30pm start.

PLEASE REPLY TO COLIN

Grove Green Community Hall, Penshurst Close, Maidstone ME14 5BT.
(We have been assured by the Boxley Parish Council Secretary that, as long as you are using the hall, you can park in Tesco car park).

Refreshments will not be provided, but you are more than willing to bring your own.

There will be a raffle and a 'super' prize for the winning team on the night.

If you would like to enter a team of up to 8, or if you would like us to find others to make up a team with you, please contact Colin Capeling on 07947 188987 or email socsec@virginmedia.com.

The cost is £5 per person and cheques, payable to NARPO (Maidstone Branch)
Should be sent to Colin at 16 Brambletree Crescent, Rochester ME1 3LG.

Alternatively you could make a payment by bank transfer to –

NARPO Maidstone Branch

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Please use 'Quiz' followed by the name of the team leader as the reference.

Please make sure that you let Colin know which method of payment you choose.

Tales from John Lines.

Another solo duty was to pick up the Christmas Tree that Norway donated to the UK every year and get it to Trafalgar Square from the Surrey Docks. The firm that usually performed that duty was called Convoys and they used a Bedford flat back.

This particular year I picked it up with another solo around 3am in the morning. I noted the night duty Land Rover crew appeared with a foot duty WPC (Probably not politically correct now but I think it was then!) and did not think much about it. However she suddenly appeared dressed as a fairy with her truncheon wrapped in tinsel sitting on the back of the lorry!

All went well until we reached Trafalgar Square and the local Chief Superintendent had turned out to welcome the tree with other local big wigs. I must admit I went hot and cold thinking of the 'fairy' but to this day I am really not sure whether he actually realised that she was one of the Met's best.





Christmas Lunch

East Kent NARPO CHRISTMAS LUNCH
Canterbury Cathedral Lodge (Capacity 120)
Thursday 7th December 2023

The Christmas Lunch at Canterbury Cathedral has highlighted to us possible problems with providing seats for such events.

We are in a way a victim of our own success. More members are booking for events and many are including guests who are not members of NARPO. This has the potential to result in late booking members not being able to come whilst non-members are.

However, whilst this was raised by a member the proposed rules have led to a number of members cancelling bookings which would, perversely, lead to fewer members being at our functions.

As a result the previous rules have been amended and the following rules have been put in place and will apply from now onwards:

1. Members and their spouses and widow/widowers are considered to be members. The spouse and widows and widowers by association
2. Members will be able to invite 2 guests
3. The final date for any booking will be 14 days prior to the event
4. In the two weeks between the final booking dates and 1 month before the event, members may apply to bring any number of guests on a first come first serve basis

I know this may mean that some members who choose to book at the last minute may not get places, however these events have been advertised months in advance and members have had ample opportunity to secure a place. Whilst the Committee holds the view that members must have priority, it is apparent that guests form a minor proportion of attendees and as such should be allowed.

Thank you Tony Bartlett

What have you done since retirement ? This is my story by Ian Tilling OBE

I retired in 1992 and moved to Romania to work with profoundly disabled children in a state institution in the county of Calarasi and founded the Romanian NGO (charity) to advance that work.

It's a long story, but I was asked by the mayor of Bucharest to open the country's first night shelter - for people experiencing homelessness = since between the two world wars.

The shelter was officially opened by Prince Charles (now King Charles III) in 1997 and proved very successful in reintegrating clients back into society. Consequently, we worked hard to develop professional social tools for empowering people confronted with homelessness. Casa Ioana joined The European Federation of National Organisations working with the homeless (FEANTSA) in 2000, and I was appointed Romania's representative on the FEANTSA Board.

I was awarded an MBE the same year for my work with those experiencing homelessness. In 2002, I was awarded the Order of Faithful Service in the rank of Officer by the President of Romania for developing professional social services in the country. Between 2016 – 2019 I was the President of FEANTSA. In the recent King's Birthday Honours, I was awarded an OBE for services to Civil Society in Europe, particularly in Romania. As you've probably guessed, Romania is home to me and I'm still very actively involved in Casa Ioana although we now concentrate on women and children confronted with domestic abuse and family homelessness. We offer families temporary accommodation and comprehensive psychosocial support services.

Best wishes Ian

Founder and President at Casa Ioana



<p>Order of the British Empire Civil Division Overseas and international list Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood St. James's Palace, London SW1 17 June 2023</p> <p>THE KING has been graciously pleased, on the occasion of the Celebration of His Majesty's Birthday, to give orders for the following promotions in, and appointments to, the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire</p> <p>O.B.E. To be Ordinary Officers of the Civil Division of the said Most Excellent Order</p> <p>Ian Charles Andrew TILLING M.B.E. President, Casa Ioana Association, Romania For services to Civil Society in Europe, particularly in Romania</p>	
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Kent Police Benevolent Funds update

Here's a message from our East Kent NARPO treasurer, Gary Sutton, but this one concerns his "day job" as the Secretary of the Kent Police Benevolent Funds.

He says:

I've been a member of the Kent Police Benevolent fund for 40 years now and I know that there are NARPO colleagues out there who have been members for a lot longer than that.

I have also been on the management committee for the Police Fund for nearly 17 years, and for the last 8 ½ years it has been my privilege to be the secretary of both the Kent Police and the Kent Police Staff benevolent funds. In my time as secretary I've been responsible for overseeing every single payment that has come in or out of both funds, whether they be grants, loans or bills being paid out, or subscriptions or donations coming in. I also oversee the current state of the investment portfolio's, although I should stress we leaving the buying and selling of our stocks and shares to the experts.

The reason I wanted to point these things out is simply to highlight that I have both a personal and professional interest in the ongoing success of the funds, and that there is no one with a better understanding of the current finances of each fund than me.

It's important because I'm delighted to finally be able to tell you that after much deliberation and much consultation we're no longer going to have a Police and a staff benevolent fund. We will soon amalgamate the funds and there will soon be just one Kent Police Benevolent Fund.

The Police and the Staff funds are vastly different in size in terms of both membership numbers and assets. Despite this, in many areas the cost of administering the funds separately simply leads to duplication and spending members money on unavoidable costs such as FCA licences, audit and accountancy fees and corporation tax. The admin costs disproportionately affect the Staff fund, for example, they spend over 5 months worth of subscriptions on legal & professional fees alone, whilst the vastly bigger police fund who have the same fees to pay, covers its annual fees with less than a month's contributions from its members.

You may ask: Will members see any changes?

Absolutely not. The management committee do, as a matter of course, periodically review members benefits and subscriptions, but there will be absolutely no changes at any benefits paid to, and subscriptions collected from any member, be they serving or retired police officers or PSE colleagues as a result of this amalgamation. The only practical change will be that 3 PSE representatives will be invited onto the current committee, which currently has 15 elected Police officers on it.

If there are still any retired colleagues out there who are feeling concerned or anxious, let me put your mind at rest. The assets (cash at bank and investments portfolio) held by the Staff fund, which will be incorporated into the Police funds holdings are more than sufficient to make this a worthwhile and profitable exercise for all parties.

If it wasn't then rest assured I for one would not have been advocating for it and I'm sure any sceptics on the committees of either fund would have vetoed this proposal at a very early stage.

The fact that all the elected Police committee members are unanimously behind this amalgamation will I hope curb any worries, but of course, if anyone still has any questions feel free to drop me an email highlighting any concern you have to: office@kpbf.org

or simply leave your number and I'll get back to you personally.

Gary Sutton



Diamond Wedding Anniversary

DIAMOND WEDDING CELEBRATION

Many congratulations to David and Ann Doughty who have celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary.

They were married on the 25th May 1963 at St. Margaret's Church, Rochester on a sunny day. David attending the church in a friends Heinkel Bubble car.

They honeymooned in the Channel Islands. David recalled that they caught a propeller plane from Rochester Airport to Southend and then flew in the Golden Comet to Jersey.

David had joined the Force in June 1961 and the married couple settled in a Police House in Ulcombe where David was the village bobby.

They put down their long marriage success to adapting to each other and taking life as it comes.

They have held various family celebrations and one of their daughters came over from Australia to celebrate with them.

Tony Bartlett and Bob Pollard called round on their special day to present them flowers and champagne on behalf of the branch.

We wish them many more happy years together sending them all our congratulations.





Diamond Wedding Anniversary

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Many congratulations to Roger and Pauline Clark who have just celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary.

They married on 6th July 1963 at St. James Church, Tunbridge Wells.

Roger recalls it was raining heavily. Roger was 21 years old and had been told to wait until he was 21 before getting married, Pauline was 20 .

They went to Barnstable for their honeymoon.



They had a celebration for family and close friends in Ashford. Their secret for a happy marriage? Give and take and remaining good friends.

Bob Pollard called on them on their special day to present them with champagne and flowers on behalf of the branch.

We wish them both many more happy years together.



OBITUARY NOTICES

It is with great regret that I inform you of the following deaths. We send our sympathies to their families.

Please note: Information available at the time of publication is often very limited.

Please report any colleagues deaths to FHQ

Obituary.notification@kent.police.uk

Phone 07870 252889

NOTE

For widows pensions, KCC Pensions department will require copies of

- Widowers birth certificate
- Marriage certificate
- Death certificate.

Pension payments stop immediately and nothing more will be done until they receive the required documents.

Brown Adrian former Detective Sergeant 8280 aged 56 years.

Adrian Brown, born 22 September 1966 who sadly died 11 June 2023 aged 56 years 8 months.

Adrian joined Kent Police in April 1988 serving in Tunbridge Wells, Swale, Sheppey, Coquelles France – Border Policing and Fraud – Commercial Crime at HQ before retiring in April 2016.

Adrian was living in Sheerness and leaves a widow Adelle.

Williams Graham former Detective Chief Inspector 3855 aged 76 years.

Graham Williams, born 22 August 1946 who sadly died 5 June 2023 aged 76 years 9 months.

Graham joined Kent Police on 28 April 1966 serving at Tunbridge Wells, Folkestone and FHQ in various training roles, also public order, Special Patrol Group and later both as a Detective Sergeant and Detective Chief Inspector at Ashford.

In September 1992, Graham transferred to Merseyside on promotion to Superintendent, where he served until retirement and was living in Bethersden. He leaves a widow Annie, also a former Kent officer.

Gorham Neil former Detective Constable 7033 aged 67 years.

Neil Gorham, born on 4 September 1955 who sadly died on 5 May 2023, aged 67 years 8 months.

Neil joined Kent Police in February 1980 serving in Tonbridge, Traffic-Coldharbour and Sevenoaks, CID-Maidstone and Fraud Squad– FHQ

Pitman David former Constable 3377 aged 87 years.

David Pitman, born 27 April 1936 who sadly died 12 June 2023 aged 87 years 1 month.

David joined Kent Police in May 1963 serving in Sittingbourne, Canterbury and Dover before retiring in April 1991.

David was living in a care home in Temple Ewell Dover, there is no widow.

Vereivalu Timoci former Constable 10336 aged 55 years.

Timoci (Tim) Vereivalu, born 8 March 1968 who sadly passed away 3 June 2023 aged 55 years 2 months.

Tim was living in his native homeland Fiji .

Tim joined Kent Police in March 1999 serving in Dartford, North and West Kent Intel and Investigations before moving to the Met- Counter Terrorism for several years.

Tim leaves a widow Anamaira.

Butcher Christopher former 5421 aged 75 years.

Christopher Butcher who sadly died 15 May 2023 aged 75 years.

Christopher joined Kent Police in 1974 serving in various departments including CID and response in Folkestone until retiring in 2002. He received a commendation for bravery during his service.

Chris was living in Folkestone; he leaves a widow, Pam.

McManus Edward former Constable 4398 aged 77 years.

Edward McManus, born 8 May 1946 who sadly passed away 1 June 2023 aged 77 years 3 weeks.

Edward joined Kent Police in June 1969 serving in Margate, Canterbury and Dover before retiring in November 1993.

Edward was living in Birchington and leaves a widow Valerie.

Bolton Neville former Sergeant 2459 aged 94 years.

Neville Bolton, born 10 March 1929 who sadly passed away 8 May 2023 aged 94 years 1 month.

Neville joined Kent Police in March 1956 and serving in Folkestone, St Margaret's Bay - (Village Bobby) and Tunbridge Wells before retiring in December 1981. Neville was a Clerical Officer based at Sevenoaks Police station from early 1982 – 1991.



Bingham Michael former Constable 3456 aged 86 years.

Michael (Mick) Bingham, born 15 December 1936 who sadly died 30 March 2023 aged 86 years 3 months.

Mick joined Kent Police in December 1963 and served as a Motorcycle Patrol Officer in Sevenoaks and as the "Village Bobby" for Bidborough Ridge Tunbridge Wells. He then became a Dog Handler and was attached to the Drug Squad. He was instrumental in setting up the kennels in Stockbury and helped introduce the breeding program for German Shepherds. Mick also trained the first Kent explosives trained dog "Dina".

Following his retirement in December 1992 Mick immediately returned to Kent Police in a support role as the Kennels Manger where he worked alongside his wife Brenda who was a Kennels Assistant. He served until retiring in January 2002.

Mick was living in Sittingbourne and leaves a widow Brenda.



Hay John former Constable

Aged 79 years.

John Alan Hay (known as Alan), born 17 October 1943 who sadly died 10 May 2023 aged 79 years 6 months.

Allen joined Kent Police in October 1962 serving in Dartford, Eynsford, Sheerness and Sittingbourne before retiring in November 1993.

Allen was living in Skipton and leaves a Widow Geraldine.



Dean Margaret

I regret to inform you of the death of Mrs Margaret Dean, who sadly died on 11 June 2023, at the Kent Hospice following a short illness.

Margaret was the widow of former Kent Police Constable 3299 Dixie Dean, who died in August last year.

Tompkins David former Constable 2981 aged 82 years.

David Tompkins, born 28 April 1941 who sadly passed away 3 May 2023 aged 82 years.

David joined the Kent Police Cadets in 1957 and then Kent Police in September 1961, serving in Isle of Sheppey, Traffic – Nackington and Canterbury until retiring in December 1989

David was living in Canterbury and leaves a widow Jill.



Bryan Gwendoline aged 90 years.

I regret to announce the death of Gwendoline Bryan aged 90 years 7 months.

Gwendoline was the widow of the late Police Inspector 2662 William (known as Bill) James Bryan, who served at Cranbrook, Maidstone, Dover and retired on 29 May 1991 as the Station Inspector at Deal, sadly passed away on 12 August 2020.

Gwendoline died peacefully in St. Winifred's Care Home, Deal on Sunday 25 June 2023, after a long battle with vascular dementia, and is survived by her two Sons, Kevin and David.



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Smith Allen former Chief Superintendent 3918 aged 88 years.

Allen Smith, born 7 April 1935 who sadly died 29 April 2023 aged 88 years 3 weeks.

Allen joined The Met in 1955 and served in Bethnal Green, Slough, Chalfont St Giles and Chesham before transferring to Kent Police in September 1966 as an Inspector based in Canterbury. He served 20-years with Kent retiring as a Chief Superintendent at HQ in March 1986.

Allen was living in a care home in Canterbury, there is no Widow.



Mission Kevin former Detective Constable 7219 aged 61 years.

Kevin Mission, born 19 October 1961 who sadly died 11 June 2023 aged 61 years 7 months.

Kevin joined Kent Police in March 1981 serving in Dartford, Gravesend, Thanet, Canterbury and Ashford before retiring in February 2010.

Kevin was living in Cyprus with his wife Jane.



From Jane Misson (Widow of Kevin Misson)

On behalf of myself and the whole family, I would like to thank all those people who attended Kevin's funeral on Wednesday 12th July, either in person or via the web-link. It was a wonderful show of support and a great tribute.

Thank you also for the kind donations to two very worthy charities in Cyprus, PASYKAF and Archangel Michael Hospice, both of whom took excellent care of Kevin during his final weeks and days

Jane Mission



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Branch Directory

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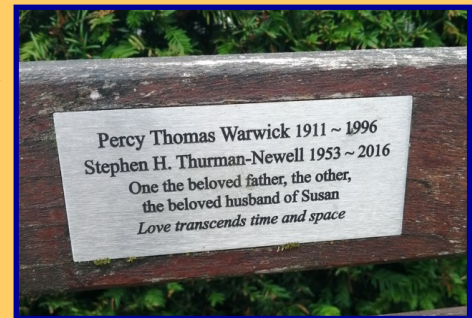
Steve Thurman-Newell (Shotgun)

former PC 7057 (deceased)

In addition to the mention in the May newsletter of Steve Thurman-Newell's plaque in his memory, situated in the garden of remembrance at the Holy Trinity church, Margate.



It has been brought to our attention that a further plaque is situated on a bench dedicated in his memory at Thanet Crematorium with an entry in the crematorium book of remembrance opened on the anniversary of his death every year and available for public viewing.



Percy Thomas Warwick 1911 ~ 1996
Stephen H. Thurman-Newell 1953 ~ 2016
One the beloved father, the other,
the beloved husband of Susan
Love transcends time and space

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