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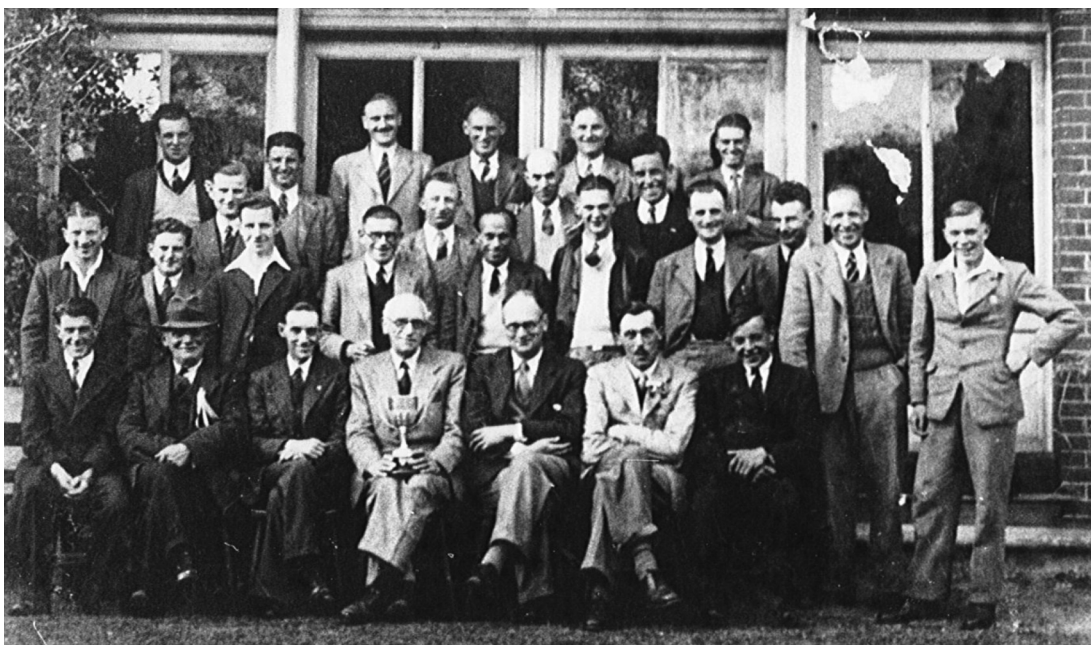
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### HASSOCKS FIELD SOCIETY

Mon. 23rd Sept. 7.45 pm

### HASSOCKS JAZZ LUNCH

Tues. 24th Sept. 11.30 am

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### HASSOCKS VILLAGE MARKET

Sat. 28th Sept. 9 am – 1 pm

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**Fri. 11th Oct.**

## BURGESS HILL DISTRICT LIONS

**Sat. 12th Oct.**

## ST CATHERINES HOSPICE

**Sun. 13th Oct.**

## WOLSTONBURY WI

**Tues. 15th Oct. 7.45 pm**

## STAR CINEMA

**Fri. 18th Oct. 7 pm**

## HEBER OPERA

**Sat. 19th Oct.**

## HURST, HASOCKS & DITCHLING U3A

**Fri. 27th Sept. 2 pm**

Adastra Hall, Hassocks - History of the Houses of Parliament - Kevin Gordon

**Fri. 14th Oct. 2 pm**

Hurstpierpoint Village Centre - Tommy Cooper (What was he really like?) - John Field

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**Mon. 30th Sept. 7.30 - 9.30 pm**

**Mon. 7th Oct. 7.30 - 9.30 pm**

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**Fri. 4th Oct. 7.30 pm**

**Fri. 11th Oct. 7.30 pm**

**Fri. 18th Oct. 7.30 pm**

## MID SUSSEX HEALTH CARE

**Sat 28th Sept. 8.30 - 11 am**

**Wed. 2nd Oct. 3 - 5 pm**

**Thurs. 10th Oct. 9 - 11 am**

**Mon. 14th Oct. 5 - 7 pm**

**Cyprus Hall, Burgess Hill**  
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In the junior age groups, honours were shared around the competitors with eleven gymnasts winning the different s e c t i o n s .

For all the Year 3s, it was their first Championships. Zoe Alden won the Floor, Molly Smith the Vault and Lily Standing and Poppy Hall the Pairs.

In Year 4 Imogen Holmes retained both her Solo title and her Pair title with Freya Thwaites, while Isla Paterson won the Vault with a handspring.

Isabel Faulkner retained the Year 5 Floor Solo and Pairs with new partner Grace Balcombe, while Emily Jane won the Vault in her first competition.

Evelyn Stainto pulled off a double in Year 6 – winning the floor & Vault trophies, while Elena Angelaki-King & Tilda Rayner won the Pairs. The 'Stan Brown Memorial' cup for the Junior All-round Champion was presented to Isabel Faulkner.



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Starting from the South of England Showground at Ardingly, a brand new venue for this year, the hike will take you through Sussex fields and past historic landmarks including the Balcombe Viaduct, Ardingly Reservoir and Wakehurst Place Seedbank. And will allow you to enjoy the changing colours of autumn whilst raising funds for your local hospice.

The full hike is 13 miles, but there are also 9 and 6 mile walking routes available, and a 3 mile nature trail, making this a family friendly event. Even suitable for the dog! There will be plenty of parking on the day, and you'll be greeted with hot food, entertainment and delicious cakes to celebrate at the end of your hike.

Sophie Peckham, Community and Events Fundraising Manager at St Catherine's said: "We're delighted to host Sussex Landmarks Hike for a second year. This autumnal hike follows a stunning route through the Sussex countryside and is great fun for all involved. We hope lots of you will join us, along with your family and friends. Your support will help us be there to provide end of life care for more local people when they

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Advance registration is best but on the day registration is open from 9 am at the South of England Showground at Ardingly. Ready to make your steps count? Gather your walking buddies and register online here: [www.stch.org.uk/SLH](http://www.stch.org.uk/SLH) or call St Catherine's Events Team on **01293 447364**.

*Sarah Tuhey*

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Our dates for this year for any of our patients within the flu vaccination criteria are as follows:-

Hurstpierpoint is Saturday **28th September** from 8.30 to 11 am and Monday **14th October** from 5 to 7 pm. Hassocks is Wednesday **2nd October** from 3 to 5 pm. Ditchling from Thursday **10th October** from 9 to 11 am.

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**WI HASSOCKS** Our AGM this month marks the end of another WI year, and what a year it has been! The highlight was when we celebrated our 10th birthday in May, but we've had a wonderful year of activities too. We have sung and exercised. We have campaigned against plastics, learned how to improve our recycling, and found out what it's like to be a magistrate. We have made cushions for mastectomy patients and indulged in all sorts of crafts. We have eaten, lots. We did rather well in the WI craft competitions at the South of England Show; not so well in the regional quiz, but at least we didn't disgrace ourselves. As well as our usual choir, walking, book and creative writing groups, we now also have an Arty group. So far this group has visited Farley Farmhouse, Rottingdean Grange and Church and West Dean. Several local eating and coffee establishments have been visited. If all of this sounds like a lot of fun, you'd be right! At a planning meeting in September lots more ideas were put forward for our future programme. We are lucky to have so many people involved with the activities of our WI, and hopefully, more people will join the committee at the AGM.

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Even at the AGM it's not all business, and we'll have some light-hearted entertainment to follow. We meet on the third Monday in the month, this month **21st October**, at 7.45 pm, and further information can be found on our website, [wihassocks.org.uk](http://wihassocks.org.uk).

*Maureen Dodd*

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Finally, after more than two years' work there is some good news to report!

The changes to traffic management at Stonepound crossroads over the summer have included 'bike boxes' – areas right at the traffic lights approached from all four directions which allow cyclists to queue in front of motorised traffic and get away first when the lights allow. This will not only make cycling safer but will contribute to diffusing the accumulation of polluting gases at the crossroads.

And that's not all. West Sussex County Council have prioritised a plan to improve the B2116 for cyclists from the roundabout in Hurstpierpoint east as far as Downlands School. The plan comprises measures to develop an alternative route for cyclists as well as interventions that will make the main road safer for cyclists to use.

Although this is a very considerable step forward, don't hold your breath. It means that the chances of getting

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*Chris Thomson*

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meets on the last Friday of each month in the Guides' HQ, Trinity Road Car Park. At each meeting we have a presentation by an expert speaker on a subject with a historical or geographical flavour. Our next meeting will be on **25th October** starting 8 pm with an illustrated talk by Dr Geoffrey Mead entitled "Brighton Rock, Brighton Crime". Come along and join us. New members are always welcome.

*Bill Kent*

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*Brian Hudson*

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** at Sayers Common Village Hall - will take place on Friday **27th September** 10 am to 12.30 pm.

Be a "bean" and come along to meet old friends and new - there will be delicious coffee and cakes to eat and for sale (more always welcomed on the day!) books, bring & buy, plus raffle. Every single cuppa and cake bought is vital to help support people living with cancer.

Also - on Sunday **29th September**, a Sunday Morning Brunch - come and have a full English (with coffee) from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm at Sayers Common Village Hall - all for Macmillan. Last year we raised a fantastic £2060 - thank you.

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**NEWS FROM STONEYWISH** The biggest stir on the farm this month is the arrival of five new piglets, recently installed with their mother in a roomy run in the farm centre. This patch of well-nosed ground offers up earth minerals and weeds to delight a foraging nose, shade under the hedge where hot piglets can scamper in comfort and a mud wallow, regularly replenished with water, for a cool soak on a scorching summer's day. To the casual human eye it's a poor piece of real estate, but then we can't savour soil the way a pig can. With a Wessex Saddleback mother and an Oxford Sandy and Black father, these piglets have come out all colours: ginger, ginger with spots, black, black with white midriff and brindled black and tan. Autumn is providing all the windfalls a grateful pig can eat. And what else can you do with so many apples? Ditchling, now rightly proud of its 'community orchard' was once plentifully supplied with fruit nurseries, whose trees, provided scrumping (and tummy-ache) opportunities for generations of children. There was Catchpole's just next to Stoneywish, in Spatham Lane. Shirleys was an orchard, as was Orchard Lane, and the very house names in the village testify to the importance of growing-your-own: Cherry Tree Cottage, Walnut Tree Cottage and Mulberry Cottage, in East End Lane alone. What better way could a young Tom Sawyer find to

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while away his truant hours, than hiding up in somebody's outhouse, nibbling green walnuts? No need for an i-phone. The problem is that the fruit comes all in a rush. A crowd of starlings may swarm in and polish off the dogwood berries at a sitting. And squirrels take care of the hazelnuts. And our blackbird ate every cherry on our cherry tree, with frantic imprecations hurled at any competitor who approached while he was gorging. But apples?

The whole process of collecting and preserving food for the winter demands hours and days. It demands an involvement which was once a necessity, but also a labour of love. For families trapped in towns, annual forays for blackberries were a celebratory event. One account from the early 20th century, describes a general exodus from Brighton, with whole families, swarming onto buses, or marching on foot to the open Downs, armed with buckets and baskets and sandwiches and returning with their harvest for next stage of bottling and jelly-making. Exercise, fresh air, gnat bites, laughter and pudding, all for free! Of course if you think of time as money, you cannot make an economical case for this hands-on approach to food. But not all cultures buy into the time = money equation. Having a long and slow relationship with one's food can open up a surprising dimension in which time is not lost or saved, but

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simply *lived*. In country cottages, when time was slow, food matured and fermented over months, sharing living space with the family. There might be bacon up the chimney, and pickles in the larder and apples in the attic. Every farmhouse had its dairy for cheese and a still room where herbs were dried and wines matured. After the long months of growing produce, came further months of curing and preparing. In some cultures, every stage of the process brought its own songs and dances and rituals. Eating the food then arrived as the culmination of whole seasons of loving attention and everyone who had been involved was sure to appreciate it. The wonderful thing is that most foods need just a little help to kick off the maturing process. Starting a batch of bread or yoghurt can be as simple as pie. And suddenly, once they are off, the kitchen becomes a true *living* space, where the link between food and life is plain to see. With everyone warning of post-Brexit



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shortages, I cannot help thinking we should save those apples and love them and spend some time with them. Have you room on your shelf for a cider vinegar jar? Or an airy space where you can dry fine slices for winter muesli? No plastic. No recycling needed. And a breath of autumn every time you taste them!

The last of our History Morning Talks for 2019 takes place on Friday **27th September**, when Amanda-Jane Doran is coming to tell the extraordinary story of one of the Nation's cultural treasures. Saving the Punch Archive has a local relevance too. Founded by Henry Mayhew in 1841, Punch Magazine provided a new, humorous and satirical view of contemporary politics and culture, employing a dazzling line-up of literary contributors, from Dickens and Thackeray in the early years, to the likes of A.A. Milne, Sylvia Plath and Kingsley Amis. Illustrators, including creators of the famous Punch cartoons, numbered amongst their ranks: John Tenniel, E.H. Shepherd, Ronald Searle and Ditchling's own Rowland Emmet, Amanda takes us on a tour of the Punch archive and tells the story of her own dramatic role in rescuing its treasures for the nation when the magazine finally closed in 2002. Also on view, Emmet ephemera from the Stoneywish collection. As ever, the talk starts at 10.30 am at the Visitor Centre in Spatham Lane and will be followed by freshly-baked cake and freshly-brewed coffee, all included in the ticket price. To reserve a seat, please telephone **01273 843498**. Further details of all Stoneywish business are available on [www.stoneywish.com](http://www.stoneywish.com).

Before I go I had better declare here and now that, of course, I deplore scrumping, which is strictly for the Tom Sawyers of this world. Civilized apples may be found in boxes at the gates of philanthropic gardeners. Happy peeling and coring!

*Rosemary Pavey*

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The Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment returns with one of its popular 45-minute TOTS concerts for 2 to 5 year olds (OAE TOTS – Stories of Old, **28th September**) and this is followed by another concert for this age group - The Musical Forest – A Bug's Ear View - on **12th October**. On the same day there will be 2 performances of Perseus, Andromeda and the Sea-monster, an interactive concert for 5 to 12 year olds and their families. There will also be an adult workshop entitled Polychoral Transformations, for experienced amateur singers and players, on **29th September** and a community Ceilidh with live Scottish baroque music on **5th October**.

Highlights of the main festival, which opens on **25th October**, include two staged works – Burying the Dead, a music theatre piece capturing 17th century

London as seen through the eyes of Henry Purcell, and a new play with music exploring the life of the celebrated female Venetian composer Barbara Strozzi. Another highlight will be a day exploring the music of JS Bach performed in different ways – an hour long afternoon concert including his famous piece, a musical offering, an early evening concert of his works dynamically re-coloured on synthesizers in The Art of Moog, and an informal later evening session by a jazz trio improvising on famous baroque ground bass themes.

Other festival events include choral and instrumental music ranging from the medieval to late baroque, culminating in a performance of the medieval Feast of Fools. This will feature top professional players alongside street dance, community performers and children from Brighton & Hove schools.

For those who prefer to attend daytime events there are several on offer in the centre of Brighton – St Paul's Church, West Street will host lunchtime concerts from up-and-coming artists Drama per Musica and Improviso, as well as the festival's ever-popular afternoon concert featuring four ensembles of young performers at the beginning of their professional careers. All the information on performances, dates and times, plus details of Season Ticket and other discount offers,



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*Mike Clemens*

**FRIDAY 11th OCTOBER.** A date for your diary. If you would like to enjoy an evening with friends, why not make up a team and join Sussex Vale Rotary at their charity Race and Quiz Night in Adastra Hall, Hassocks. It gives a great opportunity to have a little flutter, whilst also giving the brain some exercise in an informal and relaxed atmosphere. It is always a convivial evening, with lots of excitement during the races and much scratching of heads during the quiz. Regarding the races, there is a minimum bet per horse, with winners sharing the total amount staked, with the charity.

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*Duncan Honeyman*

**A HEAD GARDENER'S YEAR** An illustrated talk by Mark Saunders the Head Gardener at Fittleworth Place. Hurstpierpoint Horticultural Society, Club Suite, Hurstpierpoint Village Hall at 7.45 pm on Tuesday 8th October.

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By the mid to late 1920s motor mowers were being mass produced and there was little demand for mower pushers, and with only a minimal number of pushers being sold very few have survived.

Clive Gravett curator of the museum unearthed this fine example in Sept 2018, having rescued it from a barn where it had been for over 50 years because the building was due for demolition to make way for the HS2 rail project.

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month restoration period which required some parts to be replicated and many hours of rust removal and cleaning back to bare metal, before re-painting.

The museum situated within the South Downs Heritage Centre is operated on behalf of The Budding Foundation a charity supporting local young people.

*Trevor Butler*

### HURSTPIERPOINT & SAYERS COMMON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Programme for 2019 - A golf competition has been arranged again this year that will now take place in September. Any golfers out there please get in touch for more details.

Unfortunately the football match that had been arranged had to be cancelled because it proved impossible to find suitable transport at a reasonable rate.

What we do - The Hurstpierpoint and Sayers Common Twinning Association is twinned with St Martin-de-Boscherville, a delightful village on the banks of the Seine just north of Rouen. St Martin is famous for its historic Abbey which has recently celebrated its 900th anniversary. Travel is normally on the Newhaven to Dieppe ferry followed by a pleasant 50 min drive to St Martin. Accommodation is with our hosts and we reciprocate by inviting our French friends to stay in our homes. The Association organizes a variety of events for all ages. These events could have a sporting theme (golf, tennis, cycling, walking etc.) a cultural theme (art, concerts, visiting historical buildings, gardens etc.) or an educational theme (student exchanges, pen friends). They all involve much socialising and meeting new friends.

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Walks are arranged on Tuesdays and weekends throughout the year and vary in length from 4-12 miles. During the summer there are short walks on Wednesday evenings, trial walks and leisurely nature walks.

New and experienced walkers are both very welcome and if you would like to try one of our walks please get in touch via the Contact Form on our website, email [msrpublicity@gmail.com](mailto:msrpublicity@gmail.com) or telephone our Secretary and Publicity Officer, Sue Blandford, on **01403 255654**.

*Jo Mitchell*

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### DITCHLING APPLE DAY – 6th October.

Come and enjoy Apple Day on Ditchling Village Green on Sunday **6th October** from 11 am until 4 pm.

Please bring your apples for juicing together with clean containers for storage. Plastic milk or juice containers are ideal. An added bonus is that the juice can be frozen for storage. Whilst we do not make a specific charge, your donations are gratefully received (donation per bucket this year).

To refresh you there'll be a hog roast, veggie food, apple fritters, a bar, and hot and cold drinks.

The 'smoothie bike' will be here to help you get fit and with a delicious end result. As usual we would appreciate any donations of your favourite apple, or orchard related fruits, cakes, bakes or savouries to add to the spirit of the day.

Activities are planned to keep all ages amused and entertained, so bring along your largest (heaviest) apple to be entered into the competition to find the largest, come and taste some honey and learn about bees, learn about the Monday Group and their lovely bird boxes. Ditchling Morris and Ditchling Museum of Art and Craft will be joining us, as usual. For those more athletically inclined there will be the very popular welly-wanging competition - a perfectly safe participant sport but somewhat hazardous for spectators!

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Keep an eye out for further details on our posters from mid-September onwards.

Donations are to be used to fund our plan to create a green roofed shelter in the Orchard, so please help us to make this happen. Do come and join us for a different kind of day, always fun whatever the weather. Contact us by email at [ditchlingorchard@hkdtransition.org.uk](mailto:ditchlingorchard@hkdtransition.org.uk).

*John Willis & Tae Chisholm*

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**MEMBERS OF THE HASOCKS TOWNSWOMENS GUILD** met for their monthly meeting in July when we spent a most entertaining afternoon in the company of our guest Michaela Wynn-Jones who demonstrated ingenious ways of wearing and tying the common scarf; one example being the 'Focale' inspired by the military of Ancient Rome. The following day, eight of our members spent a very pleasant afternoon at Blatchington Windmill at the invitation of the Hove and Hangleton Guild where it was good to chat and catch up with the news of guests from other Guilds.

In August we visited Roundstone Garden Centre.

We welcome anyone who would like to join in with events such as these as Guild members. If you are interested please telephone Sheila Southwell on **01273 841106** for details. Our next meeting will be held in our usual venue, the Pauline Thaw Centre on the **24th September** when the subject of our speaker will be MacMillan Nurses. The meetings commence at 2.30 pm and they always conclude with refreshments and a raffle.

*Avril Williams*

### **THE CLAYTON & KEYMER BRANCH OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION**

We meet at 3pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month at our headquarters in Woodland Road, Hassocks. We are a friendly group and visitors are very welcome.

For further information about our activities, please contact our **Chairman, Jenny Budd** on **07719 922326**.

On the **10th October** a member of the local clergy will be in attendance, and we will be having our Bring & Buy Harvest Table. All produce donated will be sold during the afternoon to raise funds for charity. The competition is for 'The Biggest Conker'. Without wishing to get personal we mean the Horse Chestnut variety of course!

A Date for your Diary - Our Christmas Fair will be on Saturday **23rd November** at Age Concern Hassocks.

If you wish to make any donations of toiletries, toys, books, bric-a-brac, or even raffle prizes, they will be very welcomed. Please bring them along to a meeting or speak to Jenny to arrange collection. Hope to see you there.

*Liz Thomas*

**THE STAR CINEMA** film on **18th October** is Fisherman's Friends. Loosely inspired by the real-life story of an all-male group of folk singers who went from singing harbour side sea shanties to signing a £1 million record deal, Fisherman's Friends is a comedy drama set in the charming Cornish fishing town of Port Isaac. Doors open at 7 pm and the film starts at 7.30 pm. Wine, tea, coffee and soft drinks available. Raffle with great prizes. Hope to see you there.

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*Frank Titford*

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*Vincent L'Estrange*

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