

VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

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Daisy Chains Pre-School meets

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30 – 12.30
Tuesday & Thursday 9.30—2.30 (includes lunch club) in the Village Hall

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

West Wickham & District Gardening Club
ANNUAL SHOW
Saturday 20 August
Village Hall

THE VILLAGE HALL

is available to hire at the rates below, it also offers the following equipment: Badminton, Short Tennis and 3 Table Tennis tables.

Village Hall rates (for Village use):

Sport Hire	day or evening £8.00/hour
Meeting Room	day (9.00 – 19.00) £5.00/hour. evening £7.00/hour.
Main Room	day (9.00 – 19.00) £7.00/hour evening £10.00/hour.
Complete Hall	day (9.00 – 19.00) £12.00/hour evening £18.00/hour
Children's party	£30.00 daytime £43.00 evening
Adult's party/disco	£60.00
Wedding reception	£150.00

To book the Village Hall contact Louise Salter
T: 01223 291226


Email: bookings@westwickham.org

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West Wickham Fete & WICKHAM FEST 2016
Traditional Village Fete followed by BBQ, Bar, Music & Family Camping,
In aid of the Village Hall and St Mary's Church
Saturday July 2nd

SAVE THE DAY
Starting at 2pm. at the Village Hall & Playing Field
All your favourites
Day: BBQ / bar / teas / cakes / books / plants
games / bottle stall / table tennis / sports
Evening: live music / BBQ / bar / camping
(open call for local musicians/artistes)
Camping costs £10 per tent including breakfast
To guarantee your pitch email
wickhamfest@westwickham.org or call
07823348132
Proceeds to Village Hall and Church
Support your community and have fun.



WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

DIG3
STREETLY END


16 & 17 JULY

Test pit excavations, mainly in the field next to the Mill

PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT US

It's not too late to volunteer to help - there are jobs to suit all abilities.

Contact Janet Morris
Tel: 290863 Email: jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com



FROM THE VICARAGE

It has been such privilege to spend time with people in these villages. Hardly a day goes by without an encounter which brings some gift. For example, someone I visited recently pointed out this poem by Christopher Logue.

*Come to the edge.
We might fall.
Come to the edge.
It's too high!
COME TO THE EDGE!
And they came,
and he pushed,
and they flew.*

Next month, I will be leaving these parishes and setting out on a new adventure to try to write the book that has been waiting impatiently for me to give it some attention for the past seven years. I am surprised by this because at Easter I thought that I was going to be moving to Balsham, and helping the six parishes to develop the next stages of their plans and projects. Then a conversation with Bishop David led me to think again. Once the process of thinking in a new way began, so did an excitement for this new undertaking.

The church can appear to have become silent on some of the major ethical issues of our time. For example, in recent weeks, the media has given attention to a new prospect of growing genetically modified pancreases in pigs. Yet, we have not heard voices of any faith talking about this. I do believe that there is a faith perspective that might not only help people make their own decisions about which medical treatments they consent to, but also help to shape the framework in which decisions are made. I am hoping to make a contribution to this, but also to gather others who are interested in ethical issues to encourage them to make their contribution.

A small bird on the edge of a nest will have already flexed and stretched those wing muscles before it launches to fly.

For me, the prospect of the book on ethics and theology arises from work started when I undertook a PhD looking at the theology and ethics of using genetically modified pig hearts for human transplants. Before that I wrote a Master's dissertation here in Cambridge on the question of, 'When does life begin?' I was motivated in these two pieces of research by meeting women and men who were exploring infertility treatments at a time when many in the Church frowned on such things, or walking alongside people in the parishes who lived with incurable diseases. I believed then that a different voice needed to be heard that was also one coming from a place of faith. The new technologies were offering people the hope of bringing new life into the world, or offering new opportunities for healing, and yet the faith voices speaking were so focused on particular understandings of what is natural, or sacred, that the possibility of presenting a reasoned, compassionate and theological argument from a different viewpoint seemed urgent and necessary.

The Church has always had a part to play in healing and health care. We have an example in Jesus who stretched out his hand to touch the lives of those who were sick and to bring healing. The employment of Teresa as Parish Nurse has highlighted real medical and social needs that were unmet until she came. It seems really important that the Church does play its part in considering the evidence and prospects now opened up by the new medical technologies. In this we need to avoid the knee-jerk rejections, to make an informed contribution to the ethical debate, and not just leave it to others.

Particular thanks to the Friends who have supported St Mary's West Wickham and to Nicky and Marcus for hosting a splendid Garden Party event of thanks last month.

Rev Dr Julie Norris

SUPPORT THE FETE

BOOKSTALL

We need any paperbacks or children's books please for the book stall. They can be left at the Village Hall on the morning of 2 July, or I can collect.

Di Licence. T: 290434.

CAKES AGAIN

The response to our appeal has been encouraging. Thank you to everyone who has offered cakes. However, there are still not enough to do a really good stall. So please if you can contribute (homemade or shop bought) we do need your support.

Vivienne Henderson. T: 290243
Shirley Hulyer. T: 290720

PLANTS, PRODUCE & PRESERVES

If you have any of the above that you can spare for our stall at the Fete we would be very grateful. It would be helpful if you could drop them in to us in advance but, of course, on the day will be fine.

Janet & Andrew Morris, 21 High Street T 290863

RAFFLE PRIZES

West Wickham & District Local History Club has kindly been given the opportunity to run the raffle at the Fete in aid of our own funds. These will go to support our continuing archaeological test pitting in the village, in which so many of you have or are taking part, as well as help us to continue to put on exhibitions and talks. We would very much welcome your support with the donation of a raffle prize. These can be dropped in to me or delivered on the day (please let me know in advance if you can).

Janet Morris, 21 High Street
T 290863 Email: jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com

BOTTLE STALL

Nicky Cornish is running the bottle stall and would like you all to look in your drinks cabinet and donate all those bottles you bought on holiday that you aren't going to drink, or anything else you can spare. She can come and pick up or please leave in the Manor Farm mailbox, with your name so she doesn't hassle you again!

You can contact her on T: 290203

COME ALONG AND ENJOY THE DAY

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

On Monday 23 May the annual Parish Council meeting was held and the following items were discussed.

Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman: Marcus Cornish, Chairman for many years stood down; Patrick Charlton was elected as Chairman, Marcus Cornish as Vice -Chairman.

Di Licence and Alex Schuilenburg agreed to act as representatives for the Parish Council on the Village Hall Management Committee.

Matters arising:

Dean Road hedging. The County Council had agreed to have another look at the safety aspect of the junction with the A1307 but still felt that the trees did not impede the view. A suggestion was made to get someone else to do the necessary cutting back but the County Council would be asked again to carry out this work.

Signage in West Wickham & Streetly End: No further progress and the Clerk will again write to the County Council.

Hedge & grass cutting at the playing field: The contractors last invoice will be queried as they only cut half the field as the machinery got stuck in the ruts made when they cut the hedges. The Parish Clerk will also request that the grass is cut about 10 days before the West Wickham Fete on 2 July. The hedges are to be further cut in the autumn free of charge and we need to find out from the contractors how often they should be cut, annually or bi-annually.

Newspaper delivery: This is working well with papers being delivered to the Church porch. Others still need to be encouraged as with 25 people signed up Sweet Talk News would deliver to homes. (Ed. We presume you need to sign up with Sweet Talk News in Linton. A telephone number or email address would be helpful!)

Finance: The various End of Year accounts, Statement of Accounts and Statement of Governance were agreed and signed prior to going to the internal auditor.

Monies received were:

£5,500 1st tranche of Precept

£ 584.03 VAT reclaim

£ 74.02 Eastern Power Networks wayleave payment.

Planning:

S/0993/16/FL – Single dwelling on land between 39-47 High St. This was recommended for rejection by the Parish Council as still being too high and large compared to surrounding properties and part of it was outside the village development envelope.

Will Stone spoke about his re-submission of planning application for converting his stable area in Streetly End into a dwelling. Two issues raised by the Parish Council were access and it being outside of the village development envelope. The Chairman said the Parish Council needs to be consistent about refusing building outside the VE but should still look at the merits of each application and make their comments.

Maintenance:

Pavements in need of repair: The County Council have now marked the pavements which require work but the worst one was not down for repair. Cllr. Hickford said it must have been out of their “criteria”.

Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr. Hall had circulated the findings of the initial survey and Terms of Reference to the Committee. The names of the committee members and the functions they will perform can be found on the Draft Minutes on the noticeboard.

Report by County Cllr. Hickford:

City Deal has agreed that the A1307 from Haverhill to Linton is adequate but a survey of the “rat runs” is being carried out in all the surrounding villages in order to get a picture of where the traffic is going.

A Boundary Review is in progress and it is likely there will be 61 councillors county wide, reduced from 67.

The Local Highways Improvement scheme has been increased in value to £600,000.

Cllr. Hickford is now deputy Leader of the County Council.

The Parish Council agreed they were in favour of having monthly meetings with other parishes which would be attended by staff from Planning, Housing and other sections of SCDC and CCC, allowing discussion of various issues.

The draft Minutes will be put on the Noticeboard.

The next meeting will be on Monday 18 July at 7.30pm. All are welcome

Jenny Richards, Parish Clerk. T: 01223 665260

West Wickham Parish Council 2016-17

Chairman: Patrick Charlton, 37 High St. T: 290027

Vice Chairman: Marcus Cornish, Manor Farm. T: 290023

Council: Peter Grieve, 29 Burton End. T: 290503

Trevor Hall, 49 Burton End. T: 290559

Di Licence, 7 Maypole Croft. T: 290434

Justin Plumb, 65 High Street. T: 291395

Alex Shuilenburg, 47 High Street. T: 290084

Parish Meeting held on Monday 23 May

The Minutes of the last Parish Meeting held on 18 May 2015 were signed as correct.

Matters arising: The work on the staggered junction at the West Wickham/Weston Colville/West Wrating crossroads was completed by mid July 2015 and the rough area has now been cleared and the grass cut back.

Chairman's Report: This will be placed on the Noticeboard.

Reports on Village Hall, Societies, Groups and Associations: Reports were received from the Village Hall Management Committee, the Gardening Club and the Daisy Chain Preschool. Arthur Mawby read out the Gardening Club report and the Chairman read out particular points of the Village Hall report as Nick Salter was unable to attend. These reports will be placed on the Noticeboard and will go on the website.

Finances: The accounts were available to view having been signed off at the earlier Parish Council meeting. The Chairman went through the accounts with regard to the budget for last year which was satisfactory but care must be taken to keep the spending within the budget set for 2016/17.

Jenny Richards, Parish Clerk. T: 01223 665260

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR DOG TO FOUL THE WILDLIFE AREA

If it does a poo...PICK IT UP !!! This area is used by the pre-school children... think community!

Di Licence

THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all my friends and neighbours for the kindness shown to me during and since coming out of hospital. For the lovely cards and flowers and the visits for a chat. It really has cheered me.

I am now hopefully on the road to recovery and looking forward to enjoying my garden.

Love and thanks to you all.

Ann Denley

EUROQUIZ – THE ANSWERS

Whether I am innumerate or illiterate has yet to be determined, but I apologise for solution 4 below

The answers were:

1. Berlin
2. Lisbon
3. Warsaw
4. Stockholm (9 letters, not 8)
5. Sofia
6. Prague
7. Vienna
8. Amsterdam
9. Nice
10. Helsinki
11. Budapest
12. Rome

Congratulations to Guy and Liane (my neighbours – no collusion) who win a suitable prize. They obviously realised that I had a spelling (or counting) problem, as did Katie Binks, who told me, but didn't send in the answers. Dave and Amy also got nearly all of them right. Next time I will check more thoroughly.

Peter Grieve



**HORSEHEATH
COUNTRY FAIR**

Horseheath Racecourse
4 miles west of Haverhill on A1307
Nr Horseheath, CB21 4QP

3rd July 2016
10.00AM TO 4.00PM

Entry - £6 per person, £3 for under 16 year olds and under 5s get in free

HEAVY HORSE, SHEEP DOG, FALCONRY
& GUN DOG DEMONSTRATIONS . HOUND PARADES
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GUN DOG SCURRY . PONY SHOWING & JUMPING
EAST ANGLIAN HOUND SHOW . FARM MACHINERY DISPLAY
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REFRESHMENTS . TRADE STANDS . CHILDREN'S ATTRACTIONS
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NATURE NOTES

For generations of us, the word meadow evokes lazy days spent on our backs watching the clouds scudding across the sky, picking wild flowers, running and making tunnels through the long grass, holding buttercup flowers under each other's chins, searching for beetles and spiders in the long grass and the smell of hay. Rupert Brooke in his famous poem "The Old Vicarage, Granchester" wrote:

"I only know that you may lie

Daylong and watch the Cambridge sky

And, flower- lulled in sleepy grass

Hear the cool lapse of hours pass,"

Sadly, meadows are in decline, and certainly not nearly as accessible as they were. But look around and you can see set aside fields and roadside verges where the wild flowers and grasses are flourishing. Just outside Weston Colville there is a pink field, a mass of red campion, these lovely flowers seem to like our gardens better than the roadside verges, where the white campion is often growing. I noticed that Chelsea this year is using a lot of meadow flowers in their show gardens; field poppies, Queen Ann's lace, ragged robin, foxgloves and red campions. The grass on Maypole Croft is long and is a mass of yellow buttercups and red clover, very meadow like.

This year the cuckoo was heard in West Wickham by many of you in the week of 19 May, late, but very welcome. It was very vociferous behind the Old Vicarage one morning calling its melancholic "cuckoo". I saw it on two other occasions, did anyone else see it anywhere in the village? It somehow epitomises a British summer, hearing the cuckoo. Pete and I had several people ringing to tell us they had heard it. The blackbirds seem to be very vocal in the early evenings now, probably rejoicing that their parental duties are done for this year. Our blue tits are still feeding though, and Shirley from Streetly End has a family of them in her nest box with a camera, compulsive viewing she tells me!! One enterprising blackbird built her nest behind a flower arrangement in the church porch, but sadly has abandoned it. Len has had a family of robins in his allotment shed. Do tell us about any unusual nest sites that you have found this year.

My neighbour and I have been exploring the footpaths in Horseheath. We had a wonderful moment one day as we walked along the side of a ditch. It had running water in it, and steep sides and we noticed several holes at water level in the muddy banks. At one point it widened out into a small pool, and as we watched we saw a water vole swim from one of the holes across the ditch and back. It did this on several occasions much to our delight and we both recalled childhood memories of a TV programme called "Tales of the Riverbank". These delightful mammals are now quite uncommon.

Last year we had baby shield bugs feeding on one of the alders on the Croft, so we have been keeping a look out recently. We found some curious white fluff in the leaf nodes, which on closer inspection have legs. Looking through the magnifying glass, my heart skipped a beat as the fluff scuttled off! We have identified them as 'woolly alder aphids'...fascinating.

And finally, Mr Fox, seen on several occasions behind White Gables, meandering across the paddocks, taking no notice of man and dogs. Maybe something to do with Leicester winning the Premiership?

Di Licence (Pete is away)

MEADOW SCHOOL NEWS

As term draws to a close, there has been no let up in the activities on offer or the learning taking place. Since last month we have already crammed in Year 6 residential trip, June Revels, visits from our Early Years children for September 2016, Sports Day, rehearsals for the end of year production and the Year 1 Phonics Check from the Department for Education! Not much at all really!

After a gruelling time of taking the new Year 6 SATs papers we took the whole cohort away for a week of outdoor activities and a chance to build even more independence and resilience before they move to secondary school in September. The excitement on arrival at the centre was high and continued to grow once allocated their bedrooms with up to 8 of their friends! I knew we were in for a tricky time when we asked the children to unpack and they asked what we meant. This was further compounded when they asked why there were wardrobes and what to do with them!



The children had a fantastic time, even if not much sleep was had during the week. They experienced activities such as abseiling, archery, crate climbing, quad biking, climbing, kayaking, raft building (yes they sank!), trust trail and bushcraft to name just a few.

We broke a tradition in June by changing June Revels from a Saturday to a Friday after school and what a success it was! We launched the evening with the whole school strutting their stuff to a Latin American inspired dance. The children danced their hearts out, the sun shone, the BBQ sizzled, the Pimms flowed, the children had a great time on the stalls and the inflatables including getting their own back on their teachers on the greasy pole and there was a great atmosphere. It was a highly successful evening, with a whopping £4430.95 being raised. We are in the process of deducting all of the expenses, but are expecting a great profit! A massive thank you to everyone who bought a raffle ticket, came along and had a good time whilst helping us raise much needed funds for our school.



As well as all of the exciting activities happening in school the rest of the curriculum remains. In order to meet the expectations of the challenging new curriculum we are looking for more volunteers to come into school and hear children read. You don't have to be able to give up hours, 20-30 minutes a week would be great! We will offer full support and training and fantastic children who are a pleasure to work with. If this is something that interests you then please do contact the school office who will arrange a DBS check and provide more details.

We also recently welcomed the children who will be joining us in Early Years in September for a messy play session. It was great to have Butterfly and Ladybird Class so full of children once again, with this intake being our biggest for a number of years. There was lots of excitement in playing

with the gloop, shaving foam, mud kitchen, water, coloured spaghetti, salt and glitter and paint. It was a good job that we asked for old clothes to be worn as we clearly have lots of children joining us who love getting messy! We now look forward to welcoming them for stories, songs and playtime and then a whole day of transition in early July.

Finally, after discovering that the last whole school photograph was taken 14 years ago and included Spider Class teacher Miss Taylor in it as a young and enthusiastic pupil, we decided it was time to have a new one taken. It was a military operation organising everyone into height order and then getting them to climb up onto the staging platform. Seeing 217 children standing so smartly was fantastic, it was a very proud moment, if not also slightly nerve wracking, I kept worrying one person would fall and the whole lot would come tumbling down like dominoes. The photographer did assure me that this has never happened! Once everyone was positioned the staff took our seats on the front row. It was quite interesting sitting with the whole school behind, the shout of the photographer to the boys to leave their hair alone, was a regular occurrence! Eventually with everyone facing the right way (hopefully) and lots of saying cheese, we were done. When it comes back from the photographers it will hang proudly in the entrance, near the old whole school photos, where I am sure the game of spotting Miss Taylor in both pictures will begin!

We share photos and news of everything that happens at The Meadow on our twitter page, @Meadow_Balsham. Take a peek!

Nichola Connor, Headteacher

THE VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU

Nick Salter, Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee is disappointed that he has not heard from anyone interested in joining the Village Hall Committee and possibly take on being Chairman. It is vital that a new Chairman be found, someone who will bring new ideas and energy to the Committee.

Over the last few years the Committee has undertaken a programme of repair and maintenance on the Hall, including resurfacing the car park, refurbishing the floor, installing new strip lights, replacing heating fans and repainting the inside. Online booking has been introduced via the Village Website. A structural survey of the Hall was recently performed, to provide an idea of future maintenance requirements. The findings were very positive; the Hall was built well and is lasting well.

In a nutshell, the Hall is in great shape, and solvent, with a reasonable cash buffer for future maintenance and replacement of equipment. The Hall is widely used and appreciated by many in West Wickham and the surrounding villages, and is a real village asset.

If you think you might be interested, please do contact Nick, who would be happy to explain in a little more detail what's involved. **This is also a great opportunity to get more involved with village life, so why not give it a try?** Nick's contact details are: T: 291226
Email: nick@thesalterfamily.org

TELEPHONY AND BROADBAND UPDATE

Connecting Cambridgeshire have informed us that BT have confirmed that planning for the new cabinet is underway and proceeding as expected, and Lucy Fraser has advised that properties not able to benefit from speeds over 2Mbps from this upgrade will be able to claim up to £350 towards installation costs and equipment for alternative broadband technology (wifi/satellite/other).

Unfortunately the recent heavy rains has seen a couple of phone lines in the village become faulty and broadband connectivity speeds drop by an average of around 25% (by those who have let me know). If you do see a drop-off in speed, please start by power-cycling your router, and if that does not resolve the issue please contact your ISP. If your line is faulty or more noisy than usual, please also report that to your telephone provider. Don't just leave these issues in the hope they will fix themselves.

Please also try to extract the BT fault reference numbers from them and pass them onto me, (alex@schuilenburg.org, 01223 290084, 47 High Street) even if they are resolved, as I have been asked to collate these and pass them back to BT. Unfortunately BT Consumer do not appear to have an idea of the cumulative poor state of the telephone lines to West Wickham, only individual records of faults per line, so hopefully this will convince the need for en masse improvement. The Superfast broadband option made available by the new cabinet will only improve broadband speed and reliability and will not resolve the existing poor state of our phone lines.

Air Broadband are still happy to move ahead in West Wickham, despite BT OpenReach's assurances of the cabinet installation date, but to proceed the scheme requires cash donations of £5,000 in total to make up the excess required to circumvent BT OpenReach's capacity issue at the HorseHeath cabinet. Pledges of donations will be welcome - please email them to me at alex@schuilenburg.org - as will suggestions for fund-raising drives. Air Broadband will still provide the remaining investment required for the equipment at both Horseheath and Hill Farm, as well as the normal leased-line installation costs at Horseheath.

Alex Schuilenburg

WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

ANNUAL SHOW

This will be held on Saturday 20 August. The show schedule will be delivered to all households with next month's Village Voice but if you would like an early copy please contact me.

A reminder that this this year we are celebrating the 150th anniversary of the birth of Beatrix Potter and there will be classes inspired by her wonderful books. In the children's section there will be a class for "Mr McGregor's garden in a seed tray". In the vegetable section many of the classes will be for things grown in Mr McGregor's garden. In the domestic section the "Star Baker" Technical Challenge will be a "loaf of sage & onion bread", the Show Stopper a decorated carrot cake and the Signature Dish will be a cheese cake.

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LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS

'What do you want to be when you grow up?' A question that is often asked of children with the expectation of a chosen occupation title in response.

Their ambition may involve becoming successful, wealthy, accomplished, popular or respected. Or it may reveal more selfless motivations: to make a difference; to contribute positively to society; to help others.

Primary age children's aspirations have shifted considerably over the last couple of decades. Survey data reveals that the traditional career choices of doctor and teacher have been overtaken by jobs such as sports star and pop idol. The trend towards celebrity is understandable given that current role models include YouTube sensations and reality TV stars.

Schools not only help students to achieve academically in order to secure their next steps, but they provide information and advice to help students to make well-considered decisions about their future.

I recall my own experience of careers advice: I was actively discouraged from teaching, being told that my 'talents would be wasted' and that I would be much better off in a more highly respected job. The comments from staff stuck with me; I seriously considered law before committing to teacher training.

I am pleased that I followed my instinct, not others' judgements, but my experience does convince me of the need for good quality, impartial careers education. This is even more crucial with students likely to experience more flexible and varied career paths in the future.

Our Year 8 students will start their first option choices in September, Year 9 will begin their chosen GCSE subjects, while Year 11 move on to post-16 studies elsewhere. Some of these stepping stones are more significant than others but they all mark a growth in students' independence towards their futures, with guidance and support.

In contrast with my own experience, I actively encourage students to consider teaching. I hope that some, inspired by a love of learning and convinced of the transformative and hugely rewarding nature of the job, may decide that their talents and ambitions are well-matched to the profession that builds and influences entrants into all others...

Helena Marsh, Principal

WESTON COLVILLE CIRCULAR WALK

Let's hope for fine weather for our next circular walk as we had in May, c.5 miles as usual, on Saturday, 9 July: meet at the Reading Room at 10 o'clock, BYO lunch, and maybe something to share. You can put your lunch in the fridge before we set off, if you'd like, and refreshments will be available.

Jacqueline and Alastair Douglas
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