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From The Rectory

Forgive them

As if dealing with a pandemic has not been difficult enough, the public square has been dominated by so many vexing subjects in the last year. The fallout from Brexit; the Me-Too movement and claims of historic sex abuse; the murders of George Floyd and Sarah Everard; statues toppled and thrown into Bristol docks; JK Rowling and the trans activists; Marcus Rashford and food parcels; the US elections and violent Trump supporters; Harry, Meghan, Oprah and now Lilibet; taking the knee or not taking the knee... it's bewildering, worrying, and sometimes you just want to make it stop.

We would all rather think about other things probably, but sadly there is no getting away from it. One or other or many of these matters will continue to dominate the public discourse this summer, and no doubt there will be new catastrophes for the media to scare us about very soon. But I think there is one common thread worth thinking about this summer as we either lark about trying to enjoy a staycation or work our socks off trying to recover from Covid (delete as appropriate).

Incidentally, on the big C... Sorry! Forgive me. I might have jinxed it in last month's edition. I should have learnt by now. As I write, it looks like roadmap stage 4 is going to be delayed. Hey -ho... what's a few more weeks? / How dare they make this life-sapping nightmare go on any longer (delete as appropriate again.) I think both.

There is a common thread in so many of the controversial matters of our time: an inability to forgive; accept an apology; let bygones be bygones; allow lesson to be learnt so everyone can move on. No, not these days. After a misdemeanour it seems the repentant must pay deeply, pay long and pay publicly; the modern-day equivalent of being shackled in the stocks in the centre of the village. Except now, the humiliation is even more public; online for all to see. Of course, a perpetrator should be judged justly by the appropriate authority, but it seems proportionality and a way back have both vanished at the hands of the social media mob.

A recent example is the England cricketers, particularly the debutant Ollie Robinson. In researching this subject, I thought I should read some of the allegedly offensive tweets he wrote nine years ago as a teenager. Well, they are offensive, and it is right that he apologised publicly. He received a measure of public support for his apology, including even from government ministers. But many others, including past England cricketers, have seen fit to add to his humiliation. I feel really sorry for the guy. I gather he is now taking a break from cricket, which is an even greater shame considering how poor the team has played so far this summer. Surely, in a more forgiving culture, following his full public display of contrition, he should have been able to continue representing his country having learnt his lesson and with the full backing of the cricketing authorities. In most circumstances, public apology should bring about public forgiveness, should it not?

Anyone who finds themselves in the position of role model should be concerned about their reputation and example. But at the same time, perhaps we all need to be better at accepting times when people fall short. I'm reminded of the biblical tale of the women caught in adultery. The authorities bring her before Jesus to test him. If guilty, the law of the day meant she could be stoned. Famously, Jesus tells them "If any of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone." They all slide away, as none can condemn her, and she is left alone with Jesus. "Neither do I condemn you. Go and leave your life of sin," Jesus concludes. Perfect, sinless Jesus is the one and only person who could have rightly condemned her. But he doesn't. Absorbing her guilt, he challenges her to change, letting her go free. It's a beautiful moment of justice, mercy and forgiveness.

In reality, we have all said and done things in the past that we regret. Those things may not be recorded online. They may never come back to bite us, but we remember them as clear as day, and those we have offended may also remember them too. We are all sinners. No one qualifies to throw stones. So the next time a celebrity is dragged through the mud or some ancient statue is cast-down, remember that whatever just deserts they are receiving is ultimately ours too; a just deserts that sinless Jesus came to bear on our behalf. "Father, forgive them..." he cried out from the Cross.

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Please turn to page 32 for a friend of mine to introduce himself...

As information in our local community tends to spread quite quickly, it is unlikely that this piece of news will catch many folk by surprise, but since the June "Roundabout" was published, an announcement has been made in the four parish churches of our Benefice that Nick Weldon and his family will be leaving North Tawton in the autumn.

He is to take up a new post in Oxfordshire as Vicar of Marcham with Garford. His installation will be in October and the family will probably make their move in September, so there may be several more items from him under the heading "From The Rectory" before he takes his leave.

We are very grateful for all the contributions Nick has made in our community life over the past ten years or so, and also for the support he has had from Jane and the younger Weldons. We are sorry they are going. They will be missed and we wish them all the best as they begin the new lives they will be building together in Oxfordshire.

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Membership of North Tawton Town Council and current vacancies

At its meeting on 1 June 2021 the Council voted to co-opt Mr. Chris Jordan as a member of the Council. We welcome Cllr. Jordan, and look forward to working with him, he is very enthusiastic and keen to get involved in the work of the Council.

There are still 2 vacancies and at the time of writing we are waiting to see if any electors contact West Devon to call for an election. If no election is called then we will advertise both posts for co-option. This means that electors can apply to be co-opted as members of the council, and existing members vote as to whether to accept applications.

NTTC lies at the Parish Council level of Local Government, this level being the closest to the community that it serves. Parish Councillors live within the community and know the parish of North Tawton well, so are aware of ongoing issues which affect the lives of our residents. Our powers are relatively limited, but we also liaise with other agencies and levels of Local Government. For example, at a meeting with representatives of Devon County Council as part of their 'Doing What Matters' initiative, we were able to highlight very strongly the problems of the road surface at Newland Bridge and Taw Bridge. Newland Bridge has recently been resurfaced, and work is due to begin at Taw Bridge and the approaches on either side in August of this year.

The Council meets on the first Tuesday of each month, there are committees which meet as and when necessary. Being a councillor is a commitment but it is not that onerous – if you think you have something to contribute to your community contact the Town Clerk or Assistant Clerk for more information. Have a look at our website, especially the agendas and minutes of meetings to see what goes on. We can arrange a meeting with potential applicants to talk through how local government works at this level and answer any questions you may have. No special qualifications are necessary – enthusiasm, dedication, and a willingness to take an active part in the work of the council are very desirable qualities.

Dog Fouling and Dog Poop Bags

We're still getting complaints about dog fouling, and about dog poop bags being left on the ground around bins, tucked into gaps in walls, etc. Remember, poop bags can be put into any litter bin, we have lots of litter bins and dedicated dog bins all around the town, so we'd just like to ask residents to please use the bins provided – no-one wants to see poop bags littered around the streets. We all know the health hazards associated with dog fouling, so it is important to try and protect everyone. Thank you for your cooperation.

Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2020-2021

Each year, the Council's financial accounts and statements must be examined by an independent internal auditor appointed by the Council.

The Council is also required to complete an Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) which includes the findings of the Internal Auditor, together with Governance Statements and Financial Statements. The AGAR is then submitted to the independent external auditor appointed by the Audit Commission for examination.

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Sarah Say

Town Clerk

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North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

Ramblings of a North Tawton W.I. Member

Sadly, Boris Johnson failed to contact our W.I. and ask us to knit/crochet a Ring of Steel to pop around the G7 venue in Cornwall – and I'd already chosen a beautiful lavender colour chunky knit. That's going to make one heck of a scarf. So, I was wondering if Joe Biden and the other G7 members were issued with instructions on the placement of the individual components which, when fused scientifically together, form that sublime local delicacy known as 'a cream tea'. In other words, is he a jam on first kinda guy? Husband remembers the time he was called 'working class' when he applied a very deep layer of cream prior to the jam – we were in a Devon hostelry after all – and his reply was swift and firm and not one I can repeat through Roundabout magazine. And as for Mr Yoshihide Suga – I hope he puts his 'kurimuti' together in the correct order. And if that turns out to be a rude Japanese word, I apologise in advance.

I suppose you want to know who entertained us at our June meeting? Well, not just one actor – oh no, we had a pair. Peter Harding and his partner Liz Crowther (yes, yes – daughter of the late Leslie so enough of your Crackerjack jokes). Peter spent a couple of years at drama school, got his first job with Folkestone Repertory and then spent a number of years involved in children's theatre which, he admitted, was very hard work but incredibly rewarding. It was at the National Theatre in 1979, where he appeared in Arthur Miller's play Death of a Salesman, that he really began to learn his craft. He worked with the 'mighty performer' Michael Gambon in 'The Life of Galileo', had a role in 'The Romans in Britain' and has since spent a large part of his career in musicals.

Liz followed in her mother's footsteps, initially, by becoming a dancer – her debut as Clara in 'The Nutcracker' was swiftly followed by a role in an early film version of The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe. Roles in Equus, a touring production of Pride and Prejudice, a variety of plays at the Orange Tree theatre in Richmond and then the role of Sonia, the receptionist for 'Radio West' in Shoestring, soon appeared on her CV. Since then, Liz has had a variety of roles on the stage and on tv both here and abroad, appearing in productions of Animal Farm, Miss Marple, London's Burning and The Bill. (husband has just generously said that Liz Crowther must be getting on a bit now – he has such a sweet way with flattery).

A chance for questions at the end. How do you remember your lines? 'By association, i.e. linking the script to the person you're working with, where you are on stage and the context of your lines at the time so it becomes a real conversation'. Any 'dream' roles that you would love to play? Peter went for 'Macbeth' and Liz would love to play 'Beatrice' in Much Ado About Nothing. And with an interesting sense of timing their Zoom screen froze and they were gone!

Husband wants to know what I'm doing. Isn't it obvious? I'm decorating my litter picking stick. With lace. And I've ordered a new frock. A lacey, flowing frock of course. I don't intend to be an underdressed litter picking lady of this Parish you know. And I have lace gloves too. So there. All we need now is lovely Devon rain when the W.I. Picky Ladies venture out on our next litter picking day.

Do you think it'll pour through my lace parasol?

Sue Knott

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 <p>October</p>	 <p>November</p>	 <p>December</p>
<p>30th - Pumpkin Trail</p>	<p>11th – Armistice Day Service 13th - Countryfile Children in Need Footpath Ramble 14th – Remembrance Service</p>	<p>6/11th - Christmas Cheer & Santa's Grotto</p>

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News from Sampford Courtenay

The death in the RD&E of 92 year old Stanley Stanford-Stimson, former postmaster of Sampford Courtenay, occurred on 28th April 2021. This followed a deterioration of his health over several weeks. His coffin was brought into The Square for residents to pay their respects prior to cremation at Exeter Crematorium.

Malcolm Craig and Sarah Hanks were elected as Churchwardens at St. Andrew's Easter Vestry on Monday 17th May.

The Village Hall held a Roofus' Re-loved Sale, on Saturday 22nd May, of quality goods that are no longer wanted.

Sampford Courtenay Flower Club held a coffee morning and plant sale in the Church rooms and The Square on Saturday 12th June and raised £442 for club expenses. It is hoped that the first meeting following lockdown will be a demonstration on Monday 13th September in Sampford Courtenay Village Hall.

Welcome to new tenants at the New Inn – Jason and Debbie Manton. We hope that they will settle happily into their new role and enjoy being part of this friendly village.

As one couple arrives so another departs as the Rev'd Nick Weldon and his family will be moving to Oxfordshire later this year as he takes up a new post as vicar of Marcham with Garford. We will miss them all enormously but wish them well. The parish will be in an interregnum for possibly 12 months or more.

Nicky Craig

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				Craft Class
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Sat July 17 th	The Countryman	Traybakes/ Biscuits	Jams/Preserves	Decorated Jam Jar
Sat July 24th	The Square	Fruit Cake	Sausage Rolls	Something from an old sock.
Sat July 31st	Sampford Chapple	Sponge	Chutneys/ Pickles	Something made using handprints
Sat 7 th Aug	The Square	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Pasties	Small bug hotel or bird feeder
Sat 14 th Aug	The Beeches	Fairy Cakes	Quiches/Meat Pies	Homemade Game

Sat 21st August 2 p.m. – in The Square and Village Green

50p Entry fee for each item entered in following classes.

1. Longest Carrot
2. Longest Runner Bean
3. Heaviest Marrow/Squash
4. Heaviest Potato
5. Heaviest Crop from one Seed Potato (Bucket Challenge) including the **Peat-free Bucket Challenge (50p Entry fee already paid with your £1 for bucket and seed potato)**
6. Longest Dock leaf
7. Photo – **Bugs, Bees or Butterflies – pollinators at work in your garden.**
8. Scarecrow Trail
9. Door Step planted Floral Container
10. Limerick – “Working from Home” or “Home Schooling” theme
11. Tallest Sunflower
12. Children’s Photo – **Going or Growing Wild**
13. Children’s Painted Pebble/Stone creation
14. Children’s **Recycled item for the Garden** – Planter; Bird Feeder, sculpture.

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News from the Castle Moor

Hi everyone

The eagle-eyed among you may have spotted the change to the title of this article. Now that the building project at Castle Drogo has completed, my role has changed slightly and I am now helping out at all the places that the National Trust cares for across Dartmoor. This is such a treat for me to start to get a better understanding of the work the teams are doing across the patch. Plus I get to visit them! I am a very lucky lady.

I thought it would be nice to give you all a virtual update from the comfort of your home. Are you sitting comfortably? Then I'll begin...

Let's start off at Finch Foundry. I am delighted to let you know that, after a whole year of being closed, we re-opened on 1 June. As Finch is so small, the team there is now running visits by guided tour so pre-booking via the website is crucial. The team there has refreshed the displays and you get shown around by passionate and knowledgeable experts. The sights, sounds and smells of the machinery are just wonderful.

Next is Lydford Gorge. The team there have managed to keep a one-way circular route down to the waterfall open through spring, which has been much appreciated by locals. They are now working hard to complete all the tasks needed to re-open the riverside track which will open soon. As always, check the website for the latest news.

Finally, back to Castle Drogo. The castle re-opened on 17 May and was quickly followed by gale force winds (typical!). Half term was wonderful though with lots of (but not too many) visitors arriving for their booked time and enjoying seeing the castle once again as a family home instead of a building site. We are keeping everything crossed that some outdoor theatre organized by Plough Arts will be able to go ahead this summer. Please visit the Plough Arts website for more info and to book.

Take care everyone,

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News from Sampford Courtenay Parish Council

Full minutes can be viewed on our website www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk where any useful links are live. Plus check out our new **FACEBOOK** Page. Like and Share to help us spread S.C.P.C. news.

SEAMOOR LOTTO – Sampford Courtenay Parish Council has registered as one of the charities which will benefit from the new Lotto run by W.D.B.C.. If you have not bought your ticket yet, please sign up at <https://www.seamoorlotto.co.uk/support/sampford-courtenay-parish-council>

SCPC – held their 1st June meeting back in the Village Hall with all Councillors attending and 2 members of the public + DCC Cllr J. McInnes on Zoom and 5 parishioners also joining in.

SCPC COMMITTEES – with newly elected Cllrs. Collins and Morrissey, the council were able to set up various committees for the coming year. (Details of all committees on the website) <https://www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk/transparency-code-other-official-documents>

NEW LGA CODE OF CONDUCT – SCPC unanimously adopted the new Code of Conduct and councillors submitted new Declarations of Interest forms,

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – items brought to the Clerk's attention for this meeting.

Crediton Road Closure until July 31st – SCPC have been in contact with DCC and Highways who have explained there is no alternative to this road closure and diversions. SCPC will monitor disruption caused during the closure.

Re-opening of SC Station – SCPC has set up a Working party consisting of members of SCPC and other neighbouring councils, agencies or members of the public who will liaise with GWR and Network Rail with a view to the re-opening of Sampford Courtenay Station.

SCEnSus – a new Sub-Committee was agreed to carry forward plans already published.

DEFIBRILATOR – it was agreed at this meeting that SCPC would adopt the BT phone kiosk in the square to house the defibrillator. First Aid Training in the use of the Defibrillator will be arranged for interested parishioners.

PUBLIC TOILETS – a Certificate of Lawfulness has been granted to replace the roof, doors and windows of the public toilets.

NEW PARISH SIGN – Sign Number 3 won 93 out of 125 votes via Facebook and email. Thank you to all those who sent in their preference.

END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS – The Clerk has completed the End of Year Accounts which have been approved by the Internal Auditor and have now been sent on to PFK Littlejohn, the appointed External Auditor. All documents are on the Website for public viewing: <https://www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk/transparency-code-other-official-documents>

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH TRAINING – Thank you to the group of parishioners from Sampford Chapple who have completed the Community Speed Watch Training to enable them to monitor traffic speed within the parish.

GET SCPC & PARISH NEWS DIRECT TO YOUR INBOX - the best way to keep up to date is to sign up for emails via Julie and the Website

Please contact SCPC Clerk – Marion Pratt at SCPCclerk@aol.com or on 01837 82285 if you would like to raise any issues. Even better, come along to a meeting.

Next meeting MEETING July 6th SCEnSus 6.45 p.m. SCPC 7.30 p.m.

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Bondleigh Rainfall

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Danny Semorad

St. James' Patronal Festival

The Bondleigh Even Bigger Sing! - Sunday 25th July 11a.m.

After last year's very special oasis of praise and worship in the midst of a difficult summer, this year we are going bigger... more singing, bigger band, guest speaker, and followed by a picnic.

Please bring your voices, a deck chair and a picnic to Bondleigh Barton (next to the church) for a special service of praise and worship outdoors on the last Sunday in July.

(see page 25)

Caroline
on behalf of
St. James' PCC

Sampford Courtenay Parish Website:

<http://www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk/>

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Den Brook Community Fund

As reported in the May issue of Roundabout, the deadline for receipt of applications for the current "round" of funding toward capital projects is 31st July 2021.

An application pack (for not-for-profit, voluntary organisations and social clubs and societies based within the five parishes listed below) contains our new Guidance Sheet (which explains our Cost/Benefit scoring system), the terms and conditions and the application form, and is available from Den Brook Community Fund, c/o North Tawton Town Council Offices, 14a The Square, North Tawton, Devon EX20 2EP or by e-mail at denbrookcommunityfund@gmail.com

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Out and about – Plastic Packaging and Litter

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Sadly, you will probably also notice the **litter on road verges, beaches etc.** which others drop along the way. Pick up what you can and think about how you (we?) can get others to stop dropping it!

If you've got lots of 'small/light' plastic look up **eco bricks** made from **plastic bottles** and see what you can do with them – a useful way of recognising how much plastic you use as well as creating something useful. We know someone who could use any that you make if you try this and have a few spare. You might also want to look at "**greenhouses** made from plastic bottles' to get some other ideas – we're going to have a go at making a **cold frame** so save those bottles but don't just buy more to have enough to make something!

SAMPFORD COURTENAY ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY GROUP

MEETING – Tues 6th July 6.45 pm

Village Hall or via Zoom (See Website for details)

SEED BOMB WORKSHOP – Sat 7th Aug – 11.30 a.m. Village Green. Come and make some wildflower seed bombs for the Village Green or to try in your own garden.

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New tap room at Taw Valley Brewery opening in July

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Taw Valley Brewery started brewing in summer 2017 at Westacott Barton, by Nichols Nymet between North Tawton and Bow. Ale is brewed with crystal clear spring water from a medieval well, together with the finest local malted barley, generous helpings of hops and a passion for great tasting craft beer.

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In addition to buying a pint in the new tap room, ale will continue to be available in bottles and in bag-in-box for home delivery every Friday. For more information please check out their website at www.tawvalleybrewery.com or their facebook page. Call Marc on 07900 002299 for further information. (See advert on page 33)



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Who leads the school?

This month I thought I'd write about an aspect of school leadership, and it makes sense to start with 'who leads the school?'

As Principal, I have the day to day responsibility of running the school and strategic planning for the future. However, I am not alone! There are a whole teams of people in different positions who I work with to run the school. There are of course the teachers, who not only lead their classes, but also have responsibility for leading a subject. They keep up to date with current theory in their subject and share best practice with the teaching team. There are also our teaching assistants, cleaning, kitchen and office teams who all contribute to the smooth running of the school.

You may be aware that we are part of an academy trust called Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust, DMAT for short. There are 17 schools in the DMAT, led by our CEO, with a team of trustees and staff with responsibility for aspects including HR, finance, safeguarding and school improvement. The school and DMAT leaders have recently formed smaller groups who take strategic lead for different aspects of school development; for example I am part of D-Lead who develop cooperative leadership structures and within this, a smaller group D-Coach with responsibility for setting up a supportive coaching programme.

North Tawton is one of three schools in the Three Hares Hub. The three principals and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCO) work together with our governors who are elected staff parents and community members who make up our Three Hares Local Stakeholder Board. These volunteers are divided into small groups covering Ethos, Safeguarding, SEND, Foundation, Resources, and Quality of Education and work to support the leadership of the three schools.

At North Tawton we have our wonderful FONTS Committee, a group of parents who lead on fundraising and organising community events. They have raised a huge amount of money for the school over the years and are currently funding lots of new resources and improvement to our Early Years environment.

One very important leadership group is our School Council. This is a group of pupils who have been elected by their class peers to represent them and their views. Recently the school council met with a team of DMAT leaders to talk about their experiences of being at North Tawton. They spoke eloquently and passionately about the school, explaining systems to support their learning and keep them safe.

If you would like to find out more, please look at our school website www.ntcps.co.uk and the DMAT website www.dartmoormat.org.uk

If there is any particular aspect of school life you would like to know about, please let me know for a future edition.

Next month, a review of the summer term!

Tara Penny

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A special introduction (continued from page 3):

Hi everyone. My name is Wez Cutler and I am really excited to have joined Nick and the team here at St. Peter's Church. I started my new role last October having previously worked in Chagford and the surrounding area for the churches there. I still run a youth project in Chagford called On The Edge alongside my role in North Tawton, and have worked there for nearly 12 years. I'm originally from Exeter, and I live in Okehampton with my wife Kathy and our two little girls. Having begun my role here mid-pandemic, work has been slightly stop-start. However, we have settled well into church where I am getting stuck into different areas of ministry. Like Nick, I also go into North Tawton Primary School to lead assemblies. I lead services in church and help with the running of Sunday Club and the Little Fishes Toddler Group. As restrictions continue to ease, I hope this will allow for more opportunities to get out into the community to begin planning ways in which we at St. Peter's can serve the communities of North Tawton and the surrounding area more.

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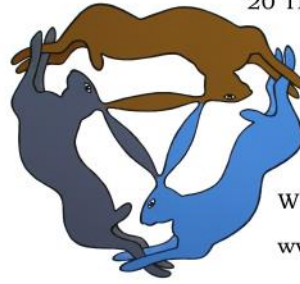
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