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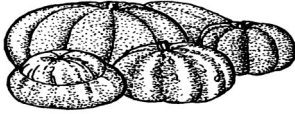
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Hello

On a bright September morning, I joined others in placing flowers at the Gravesend statue of our late Queen as a mark of my respect.

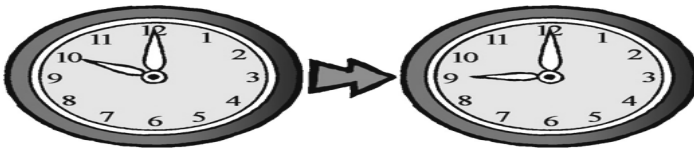


Her Majesty was a reassuring constant in the UK, the Commonwealth and beyond. Whether you agree with the monarchy or not it would be difficult to question her dedicated service.

As the country mourns the loss of its Head of State we should remember the many people who will be quietly grieving, the loss of their own loved ones and experiencing their own very private grief at this time.

Sending you all good wishes . Tina

Don't forget the clocks go back this month!



Just a note:

On the August Bank Holiday: The Friends of Cobham Church served teas in the church and raised £317. Many thanks to everyone who supported us!

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP JONATHAN TO THE PARISHES

"None of us could have imagined that the first time I would be speaking to you as your new bishop would be in the sad circumstances of the death of Her Majesty the Queen.

The news of her death came as a huge shock to all of us. It's just beginning to sink in.

Her Majesty has been a beacon of Christian faith, hope, and love to us in this nation, to the Church of England, to the Commonwealth, and indeed to the wider world for these past 70 years of her reign.

Rightly, we feel a great sense of sadness and of loss as we mourn her passing. At the same time, in the days ahead, quite rightly, we'll pause to remember and to give thanks for a tremendous example of Christian service. For the way in which she has been a beacon of stability, of faith and hope to our nation throughout her reign.

At the same time of course, in our sadness, we stand alongside His Majesty the King and the whole Royal Family in their bereavement and loss, and we seek to uphold them in our prayers.

Thank you for all that you are doing in your local communities to open your churches as places of reflection and prayer. I know that many of our churches will see many visitors coming this Sunday and next Sunday as people gather to seek solace and support and comfort in a time of loss and of uncertainty for our nation.

At the heart of Her Majesty's life was her faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. That faith which, she spoke about so openly in recent years, that faith which sustained her in all the ups and downs of the life of our nation, and in need in her own life.

We remember her dignity and courage at the time of the loss of her dear husband Prince Philip. We remember also the way in which she has led our nation in times of celebration and in times of sorrow.

Thank you for the ways in which you will support your local communities in the days ahead. May we all be inspired by Her Majesty's Christian example.

May we hold to the faith that was so central to her life and may we bring the message of faith, hope and love which inspired her, and through her inspired so many, to those whom we seek to serve in this Diocese of Rochester.

I will be praying for you as I know you will be praying for our nation and for the Royal Family in the days ahead. Thank you."

Bishop Jonathan
Bishop of Rochester

BELL RINGING by Peter Hartley

With a decades long love of history and a delight in reading, sitting amidst the centuries of Cobham College, I have been intrigued by a book (published in 1914) which I have been loaned “Bell Towers and Bell Hanging” by Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart., President of the Central Council of Bell Ringers (founded 1891), a Member of the Ancient Society of College Youths (established 1637 and the oldest ringers society in the world) and “of other Ringing Associations”. The family and baronetcy continue to this day as recorded in Burke’s Peerage but typically Sir Arthur’s bell ringing prowess is ignored. I wonder if any of the family ring today.

Writing just over a century ago Sir Arthur includes various ringing topics and mentions “Occasions of great public rejoicing have always been celebrated by the ringing of bells. Her Majesty’s Jubilee, for instance, in 1887, and the celebration of the sixtieth year of her reign in 1897, have occasion for much ringing of peals, and also to the rehangings and restoration of church bells all over the country”. I certainly have rung some Victorian Jubilee bells amongst the 637 towers in which I have rung, and been distracted by the always fascinating churches.

In June this year we rang a quarter peal in celebration of the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II and advised Her Majesty at Windsor Castle of our ringing. We have now received from Balmoral Castle a Message of grateful thanks from The Queen together with a letter from the Lady-in-Waiting addressed to the Bellringers of St. Mary Magdalene Church, Cobham, Kent.

“The Queen wishes me to thank you very much for your letter, and for the news you sent of the quarter peal of bells you rang in St. Mary Magdalene Church, Cobham, on Sunday 5th June, in celebration of the seventieth anniversary of Her Majesty’s Accession to the Throne.

It gave The Queen great pleasure to hear that her milestone Platinum Jubilee was marked in this special way; Her Majesty was especially touched to know of the pride you felt in expressing your loyal support whilst drawing your community festivities to a close.

Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated, and I am to thank you again for taking the trouble to write as you did.”

Down the centuries celebrations and bells have gone together. From national to local, from Balmoral to Cobham there is reason to rejoice with bells. On August Bank Holiday Monday we rang a quarter peal for the Cobham Fete.

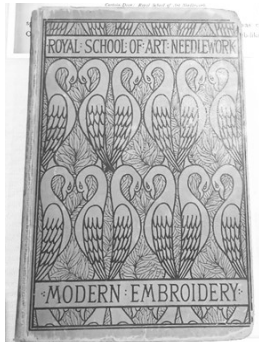
North Kent Embroiderers

Hello Everybody,



As we didn't meet in August I thought I would write about a visit I made to the Fashion and Textile Museum to see the exhibition entitled "Crown to Catwalk" - 150 Years of the Royal School of Needlework. The exhibition travelled through the one hundred and fifty years since the school was established in 1872 by Lady Victoria Welby. Her aim was "To revive a beautiful art which had fallen into disuse and, through its revival, to provide employment for educated women who, without a suitable livelihood, would otherwise find themselves compelled to live in poverty."

The piece shown here is entitled "An Unfinished Symphony in Stitch" and it was made by the members of the RSN Embroidery Studio in February 2022 for the Worshipful Company of Broderers' Exhibition. It is a contemporary twist on a traditional Jacobean design worked on linen with woollen threads and paint.



There were of course many other beautiful pieces as well as information about Queen Victoria's funeral pall where the fabulous goldwork stitching was completed incredibly in twenty one hours by forty five women from the RSN working continuously.



Our next meeting will include a talk by Lydia Stonely www.pollyhadadolly.co.uk If you would like to join our group or would just like to find out a bit more about us then please look at our website <https://northkentembroiderers.co.uk/> or email us at: info@northkentembroiderers.co.uk or contact our Chairman, Eileen Tuff on 01474 324734
Happy stitching, Karen
(All links and photographs used with permission.)



SOLE STREET WI



At the time of writing, everyone is deeply saddened and shocked by the news of the passing of our cherished Queen Elizabeth. Her Majesty was a member of the Women's Institute, and would have been the longest serving member at almost 80 years at Sandringham WI in January. Many in our community will have seen the portrait created by our Sole Street members for the 70th jubilee and it is reproduced below in monochrome as our tribute to Her Majesty.

Our two Reading Groups had not met since 2020 due to the Covid Pandemic and started meeting again on the afternoon of 5th September as a new Book Club at Meopham Library. Everyone is invited to bring a book they have enjoyed reading recently and books or magazines to swap. We can all take it in turns to choose a book to read (but not feel obliged to read that choice). Refreshments of tea, coffee and biscuits are provided via a flask of hot water made available by the library as access to their kitchen no longer allowed.

Members participating in the Garage Driveway Sale for the Local Funding Group raised at the last count a contribution of £190 towards the renovation of the St Mary's Church Room.

The Craft Group have meetings planned to create items for the Meopham WI Christmas Tabletop Sale on 19 November. Weekly walks continue on Tuesdays at Jeskyns.

The Tea & Chat Group met at Margot's and on this occasion were invited to bring along an item which meant something special to them. Our scheduled speaker for the main meeting on Tuesday 25th October is Chris Stewart on the subject of "The Flower Villages of The Alsace and Lorraine". This is currently arranged to take place at 7.30 pm in the St Mary's Church Room but if building works are under way another venue will be publicised. For further information on this and all our activities please contact our President, Yvonne
01474813455.

Molly Isaacs

Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots with the Celtic peoples of pre-Christian times.

In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Celts celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or ‘Summer’s End’. The priests, or Druids, performed ceremonies to thank and honour the sun. For there was a very dark side to all this: Samhain also signalled the onset of winter, a time when it was feared that unfriendly ghosts, nature-spirits, and witches roamed the earth, creating mischief. So the Druid priests lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off or appease these dark supernatural powers. Then the Romans arrived, and brought their Harvest Festival which honoured the Goddess Pomona with gifts of apples and nuts. The two festivals slowly merged.

When Christianity arrived still later, it began to replace the Roman and Druid religions. 1st November – All Saints’ Day – was dedicated to all Christian Martyrs and Saints who had died. It was called ‘All Hallows’ Day’. The evening before became an evening of prayer and preparation and was called ‘All Hallows’ Eve’, The Holy Evening, later shortened to ‘Halloween’. For many centuries, however, fear of the supernatural remained strong. During the Middle Ages, animal costumes and frightening masks were worn to ward off the evil spirits of darkness on Halloween. Magic words and charms were used to keep away bad luck, and everybody believed that witches ride about on broomsticks. Fortune telling was popular, and predicting the future by the use of nuts and apples was so popular that Halloween is still sometimes known as Nutcrack Night or Snap-Apple Night.

Today, Christians have learned to turn to prayer instead of charms to overcome the powers of darkness. And the deeper, true meaning of All Hallows’ Eve, should not be forgotten. As Christians, we all draw closer to Christ when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for others who have gone before us through the gates of death.



Miscellaneous observations on life:

A lot of people want to serve God, but only in an advisory capacity.

It is easy to do any amount of work – provided it isn't the work you are supposed to be doing.

Anyone who thinks talk is cheap never argued with a traffic warden.

Anything that is good and useful is usually made of chocolate.

One reason why a dog is such a lovable creature is that his tail wags instead of his tongue.

Agatha Christie's Mousetrap

It was 70 years ago, on 6th October 1952, that the world premiere of Agatha Christie's play, *The Mousetrap*, opened in Nottingham. It then opened in London on 25th November, and is still going, making it the world's longest-running play.

Originally a short radio play written as a birthday present for Queen Mary, it was broadcast in May 1947. The stage play, a murder mystery, has been performed more than 28,000 times – the only break being, because of the Covid pandemic, between 16th March 2020 and 17th May 2021. The play also made theatrical history by having an original “cast member” survive all the changes since its opening night. The late Deryck Guyler can still be heard, on a recording, reading the radio news bulletin in the play. There have been many physical alterations, with the set being changed in 1965 and 1999, but one original prop survives – the clock above the fireplace in the main hall.

Christie regarded detective fiction as a distinctively moral genre because it deals with questions of guilt and justice that are at times almost theological. The society and milieu of her stories are distinctively Christian. She was baptised into the Church of England and kept her mother's copy of *The Imitation of Christ* – a spiritual handbook – by her bedside. Its flyleaf carried a quotation from Romans, beginning “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?” At her memorial service in 1976, her publisher William Collins described her as having a “gentle Christian spirit”.



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COBHAM & LUDESLOW W.I.



We would firstly like to express our sadness at the passing of our dear Queen Elizabeth II and to offer our deepest condolences to the royal family for their loss. We were so pleased to have had the opportunity to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee earlier in the year; a chance for us all to express our love and gratitude to her for the devoted service that she gave throughout her long life.

She was one of our most famous W.I. members, joining Sandringham W.I. in 1943 and becoming their president in 2003 in the footsteps of her mother. The W.I.'s current logo includes the words "Inspiring Women" and Her Majesty was, indeed, an inspiring woman in every way and an inspiration to us all. She will be greatly missed.

We wish King Charles III good health, happiness and a long reign and look forward to celebrating his coronation at some time in the future.

Our September meeting was well attended. Our speaker for the afternoon had entitled her talk "Felt Like Fun" and it was indeed exactly that! Two sisters, Roz Dace and Judy Balchin had, during their working lives, been a "crafty pair" and when they retired, they decided to go into business together using those skills and, having covered all the boring bits of starting up a business, calling themselves "The Woolly Felters", they got down to creating felted people and animals. The talk was given by Judy Balchin, who was friendly and full of fun. Among the characters that they had created, were people well known and recognisable like Boris Johnson, Donald Trump and the Queen and her corgis. All of these had been accurately portrayed through the process of "dry felting". Fabrics for the clothing with which they were dressed, were created by "wet felting". They had also created a house for their felted people called "Felty Towers".

Judy explained the difference between "wet felting", which is a way of forming a supple fabric, and "dry felting", which is a way of transforming sheep's fleece into solid shapes, using a barbed needle with a stabbing action.

The audience was enchanted by her stories and the passing of time went unnoticed. A great deal of interest was shown during the question time and we all shared a splendid "tea and cake" time afterwards.

At our April Spring Show, our members had an opportunity to show off their cooking, flower arranging and horticultural skills. On October 5th the artists, crafters and photographers amongst us have their chance at our annual Autumn Show, when we will see some of the beautiful work that they have created over the past two years.

Jenny Brooker, Secretary

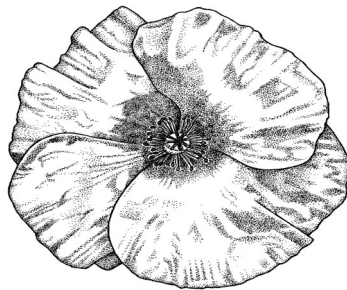
Remembrance and the Poppy Appeal

Many thanks to all our helpers and those who contributed to the Poppy Appeal last November 2021. The full total from this area will not be available for a while, but the amount that I have sent to HQ is £8609.41. There should be more adding the donations sent straight to Aylesford.

Very soon this year's Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal will be upon us (from Saturday 29th October actually), if you feel that an hour or so going house-to-house with a Poppy tray, or maybe spending a couple of hours selling souvenirs at Millbrook, perhaps delivering collecting boxes around the area, is something you could do, please give Sandy a call on 01474 814931.

The Legion spend more than £1.7m a week supporting the Armed Forces community in all sorts of ways. We are the major voice for them throughout the year. We campaign and lobby on a wide range of issues, including mental and physical health, housing and homelessness, community and adult care. Our aim is to continuously improve the support provided for veterans young and old, and their dependants.

Remembrance Sunday this year is 13th November. It is hoped that many of you in this area will join us for a service of Remembrance, in either Cobham by their War Memorial at 10am. Meopham War Memorial with parade starting at 3pm. Finally Luddesdowne Church congregation will gather at 5pm.





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**Cobham, Luddesdowne and Sole Street Church Services
during October**



Sunday 2nd October

10:30am Harvest Festival Service, Cobham

***Please Note:- The collection will go to Poverty and Hope, Packets
and tins to Food Bank and fresh produce to The Ellenor Hospice***

Sunday 9th October

10:30am Holy Communion (BCP), Luddesdowne

Sunday 16th October

10:30am Holy Communion, Cobham

Sunday 23rd October

10:30am Family Service, Luddesdowne

Sunday 30th October

10:30am All Saints Service, Cobham

(Joint service)

Midweek services

9:30am Sole Street Church Room

5th Holy Communion

12th, 19th & 26th Informal Morning Prayer



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A prayer for the new King

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King.
Bless his reign and the life of our nation.
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so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness
flourish among us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.





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Luddesdown & District Rights of Way Group.

We are a small friendly group that usually walks from The Cock Inn, Henley Street, Luddesdown, Gravesend DA13 0XB, at 11am on Wednesdays. We walk at a gentle pace for some 90 minutes in beautiful countryside. Occasionally we lead weekend walks.

With four Socials a year in Luddesdown Village Hall and a twice yearly Newsletter, we would be delighted if you joined us for a walk or two. Becoming a member costs £7 per person a year.

Please contact Walks Co-ordinator Janet Ferguson, preferably by email janetferguson@hotmail.fr . Or Chairman Gerry Minister on 01474 813 376.



Autumn Show

What an Autumn Show we had with more exhibits than last year! We had been concerned that with the heat, drought and then heavy rain members would have little to show, but it was an excellent turnout. The sun shone and visitors were able to have tea, coffee and homemade cake outside whilst browsing the plant sale which generated money for The Ellenor. More information next month on how much our two plant sales have raised for The Ellenor.

October - The autumn chill sets in

Although we had some warmer days over September, the autumn is now definitely here for real, and it feels colder. It's a beautiful time of year, with the trees changing colour. Sometimes it may seem pointless raking, when the wind blows even more leaves onto the lawn, but just think of all the lovely leaf mould you can make! It's also time to start preparing for early frosts.

RHS - Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Divide established rhubarb crowns to create new plants
- 2 Cut back perennials that have died down
- 3 Divide herbaceous perennials
- 4 Move tender plants, including aquatic ones, into a greenhouse or conservatory
- 5 Plant out spring cabbages
- 6 Harvest apples, pears, grapes and nuts
- 7 Prune climbing rose
- 8 Finish collecting seeds from the garden to sow next year
- 9 Last chance to mow lawns and trim hedges in mild areas
- 10 Renovate old lawns or create new grass areas by laying turf

You can sign up for Membership of Cobham Gardeners at any time ... and get savings at local garden centres straight away to help with all of those garden jobs. Membership is only a modest £8 for the year – money you get back from free entry into all Gardeners' expert speaker talks and massive savings of up to 50% on quality plants at local garden centres. For further details email cobhamgs@hotmail.co.uk

Meopham Library Writing Group meets again on **Thursday 6th October 2022** at 10am until about midday. There is a different writing theme each month and everyone is invited to write a short story, poem or article, using less than 1,000 words. Recent writing themes have included; “Moving Day”, “The Cruise” and “Bottled”. There is also the monthly writing challenge, where everyone chooses a word, which all have to be included in a paragraph, using less than seventy words. A new Rolling Story will be started in October, ready to be read out at the November meeting. Each person has to write just 150 words for their part of the story.

Anyone who is interested in writing poems, stories or articles, either as a beginner or as a more experienced writer, is very welcome to join our small, friendly group. Some people may just enjoy writing about their memories, which are really appreciated by their family and friends, while others have already had their stories and poems published in magazines or books. Writing can also be very therapeutic when facing difficult times.

The following writing group meetings will be on 3rd November, 1st December and 5th January 2023. For more information about the group, please ring **01474 813379** or just turn up at Meopham Library on the first Thursday of the month.

The **1st South Street Boys Brigade and Girls Association Company** meets every Friday at South Street Baptist Church, next to Hope Hill Scout Camp, from 6pm until 7.30pm during term time. Boys and girls aged 5-18 years old are very welcome to come and join in the fun, which includes challenges, badge work, team games, craft, cooking and outdoor activities. The weekly subscription is £2 and the uniform is a blue T-shirt and a blue sweat-shirt with embroidered badges.

Half term is on 21st October. To find out more please ring **01474 813379** or visit the **South Street Baptist Church Website** at: **www.southstreetbaptist.org.uk**

The Boys Brigade **Honey Hill Camp Site** is in Maidstone and has an adventure playground, wooded areas and well equipped camping facilities. The Boys Brigade **Water Activity Centre** in Tonbridge has recently been upgraded and it has bought new canoes, kayaks and stand up paddle boards.

All these water activities are supervised by a team of fully qualified leaders. Please watch the video on the **Water Activities Centre Website** at **www.thewac.org.uk** For more information, please visit the **Website** at: **www.BOYS-BRIGADE.ORG.UK**

FRIDAY CLUB is for families with children aged about 3-6 years and it meets every Friday from 5pm until 6pm at South Street Baptist Church. Half term is on 21st October. There is a variety of toys, Lego, construction toys, board games and creative activities. The weekly subscription is £1 a family. Please visit the Church website at **www.southstreetbaptist.org.uk** or ring **01474 813379** for more information.



Luddesdowne's Register

Wedding

Thomas Oliver STRATFORD and Linzy Kay DENMAN were married in Luddesdowne church on the 6th August 2022. The service was conducted by Rev'd Johnny DOUGLAS, Vicar of Swanley and Hextable parish churches.

Wedding

Philip Graham Lemoine MINISTER and Kim Patricia BYWATER were married in Luddesdowne church on the 20th August 2022. The service was conducted by Rev'd Canon Mandy BROWN, clergy with PTO from Dartford Deanery.

Interment of Ashes

Gloria Jill HUSSEY (known as Jill) was born on the 23rd October 1933 and died on the 15th March 2022 aged 88 years old. Jill's ashes were interred in Luddesdowne Garden of Remembrance on the 27th August 2022, in with her husband Rex Brian HUSSEY (known as Brian). The service was conducted by Licensed Reader from Ash, Alison HARDING. Our sympathy and prayers go to Jill's daughters Jane and Sarah, their families and friends.

COBHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2022

Tuesday 4 October 8:00pm, - Meadow Room

Tuesday 1 November 7:30pm - Meadow Room

LUDESDDOWN PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 22/23

21 November Full Council Mtg. Luddesdown Village Hall at 7.30pm

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THE TUESDAY POP-IN

Meetings are held at the Leather Bottle on the second Tuesday of the month from 10.30 till 12 noon;

everyone is welcome to join us for a relaxed chat and coffee.

Next pop-in Tuesday 11th October

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The wedding feasts went on for days



Then the wine ran out...



What a disaster! The bridegroom and his family would be shamed for life, and perhaps even sued!

Mary noticed...



Jesus, they've run out of wine!

So why are you telling me?



But Mary wasn't put off.

She told the servants



Do whatever he tells you.

Fill those six jars to the top with water



The water was for the special washing of hands before meals

and each jar held about 100 litres



Now take some out and serve it to the toast-master



He tried it....



... then he called to the bridegroom..

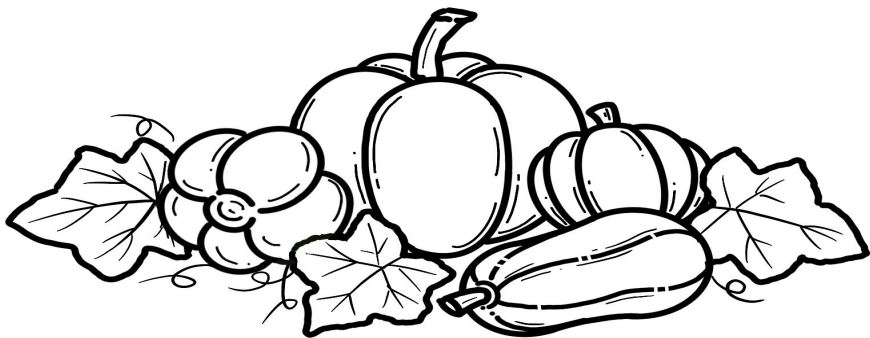


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With October, autumn is underway – the leaves are turning gold, the chilly nights are closing in and the shops are full of Halloween things. Our ancestors were frightened of the dark and cold of winter, and feared that evil things might attack them. So they lit fires and wore frightening masks, to ward off evil spirits. But Christianity taught a much better way: it taught that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that when He died for us on the cross, He overcame all the powers of evil that there are. So we don't need charms to ward off evil, we just need to turn to Jesus in prayer. He will protect us from any power of darkness that menaces our lives. The Psalms say that He is our shield and protector!

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