Community News Badsey and Aldington

lan James (right) has written a very interesting article on his visit to Zambia. See pages 5 & 6.

There is lots of information this month. Ian James article on his trip is particularly interesting. It has been suggested that we try to get some light hearted articles interspersed with the more serious ones. Can you help at all with this. Sheila Lancaster





# July 2009 Your Village Magazine

### BADSEY FLOWER SHOW 25 JULY



This year's Badsey Flower Show will have a new twist.

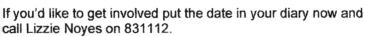
Star attraction will be a **Belly Dancing troupe** who will perform in the main arena. The event takes place on Saturday 25th July 2009 on the Recreation Ground, Sands Lane, Badsey near Evesham. Committee member, Adrian Barradell explains, "As ever, the show will offer a wide mix of entertainments, stalls, and craft and produce exhibits. "But this year the Belly Dancers will



bring a twist to our traditional village show which I'm sure people will find interesting and entertaining. Other attraction include a professional dog display team, a fun dog show (bring your pooch along), fairground rides, brass band.

a rifle shooting range, grass skittles, bar, tea and cakes, ice creams and a wide mix of stalls and displays. The gates open at 1pm and the event runs all afternoon. Entry

costs £3 or £1 for OAPs and children. Car parking is free. Local people are also invited to become a volunteer helper and help-out on the day.





In addition, any commercial organisations, community groups, campaign groups or local charities who'd like to have a stall at this year's event are asked to call Adrian Barradell on 01386 830036.

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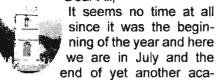


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### FROM REVD RICHARD COURT

Dear All.



demic year: time for summer holidays and all the joy (and sorrow) that this brings. Joy because most children are looking forward to the school holidays but sorrow as some move to new schools, from the safety of the known into the uncertainty of the new. This is something that affects us all no matter what age we are. Change is always difficult, but it can also be seen as a challenge to rise to: it is something that often links the 'old' and the 'young'. When we are young everything seems to be a challenge that we have to overcome, the smallest change seems to be insurmount-

things will never be the same, today is a new day vesterday has gone). As we grow older we begin to realise that we have seen so much change already that we have trouble keeping a Christian there is another ingredient up with it and wonder if it will ever end - things will never be the same again! We all have different skills and if the difficult to explain and to many nonchanges are in an area we understand then we wonder what all the need. For me faith in God is the fuss is about, but if the changes are outside our immediate level of expertise then the scale of the challenge rises exponentially, and we have to rely on others to convince us that all. If that is a prop you can do without is well. As a child I remember being change. As a parent I reassured my children when they were concerned, they are now of an age that they have reassure my aging mother. Relationable - things will never be the same ships (be it inside or outside the imagain (and in a sense this is true - mediate family) are very complex and

change with time and demand trust and respect on both sides. Once the trust and respect break down the support and reassurance disappear. As we need to throw into the melting pot - faith. Faith is something which is Christians it is a prop that they do not reassurance that in all the changes of this life there is something greater than humankind and something that is stable and unchanging.

that is fine, but I think we all need reassured by my parents at times of something to hold onto in times of crisis and change. As well as the support of families and friends the love of God is there for each of us and started to reassure me, and I in turn I will continue to hold in my prayers all those who are facing change and uncertainty.

With love and prayers

# Lichard

### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms:

17 May 09 31 May 09 Benedict Lee William Millar Bailey Adrian Cooper-Harris

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03 June 09 05 June 09 John Edward Buck Gladys Nancy West

(Worcester Crematorium)

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# CHURCH SERVICES

Wed 01 July	10.00 am Communion Followed by coffee
Sun 05 July	11.00 am Family Worship 6.30 pm Evensong
Sun 12 July	11.00 am Morris Men Service at Bretforton 6.30 pm Eucharist
Sun 19 July	11.00 am Family Worship 6.30 pm Evensong
Sun 26 July	9.30 am Eucharist 6.30 pm Evensong

Moming Prayer is said at 0745 each weekday at Badsey except Tuesday & Wednesday, which are a Eucharist.

# ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD

July rota

1st Sunday 2nd Sunday 3rd Sunday

4th Sunday

Julie & Eleanor Hazel & Hazel Mary & Avril

Stephanie & Yvonne

# CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Anne Potter (one of our Readers from Offenham) who has been selected for training for the Ordained Ministry. This means that following her training Anne will be Ordained. initially as a Deacon, then as a Priest. I wish Anne my congratulations and best wishes over the coming years of her training. Once Anne has more details about her course I will get her to keep you informed of her progress via the magazine.

Richard Court

### **50 VOICES IN HARMONY**

The Vale Connection and Harmony Barbershop choruses invite you to support their charity concert, in aid of the **Kidney Kids appeal** and the

**Aizheimer's Society,** on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th July 2009.

Every penny raised will be divided between these two very worthwhile charities. £10 per ticket, available in advance, call 01386 561 248

Venue - Evesham Methodist Church.

We are also looking for sponsorship from local businesses, donations of £20 would be very much appreciated!

### WICKHAMFORD GARDENING

The next meeting of the Club will take place on Wednesday 22nd July and is a Garden Visit to Touchstone, Manor Road, Wickhamford, the home of Rowlatt and Derek Cook. This is always a popular visit, and we hope all members and guests will come along to see a beautiful and unusual garden. We meet at 7.30 pm as usual, but please contact committee the following members for any further information: telephone numbers Colin Hill -01386 853412, Dorothy Turpitt -01386 830834, Ros Fairbrother - 10386 858846 or Sue Stayt - 01386 41849.

### BADSEY SUNDAY SCHOOL

The children enjoyed watching a balloon float into the sky; this reminded them that Jesus had gone back to heaven on Ascension Day. The final meeting of this term will be at 11 am Sunday 26 July at Badsey Nursery School. Autumn Dates are 27th September, 25th October and 22nd November. Details from Wendy Morrey (831080)

# ROUND ROBIN GROUP

We had a very interesting talk in May by Frank Green, Town Clerk. He told us about some of the anticipated future plans for Evesham town centre. We look forward to a guided tour of the Town Hall in August by Diane Raphael followed by light refreshments. Our meeting on Wednesday 25 June is a trip to see the teddy bears at Jean Jephcott's house again followed by refreshment and in July we have more refreshments at our summer buffet. Anyone interested in coming to this group let Sheila Lancaster know on 833929. Transport can be arranged if required.

# WHEATSHEAF FILM CLUB

Forthcoming films at Wheatsheaf Wheelers & Dealers:
Friday 10th July Big Fish
Saturday 1st August Dr Zhivago
Films start at 8pm
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#### BADSEY W.I.

April saw us with 'Lady Thatcher' - no not Margaret but THE Lady Thatcher who gave us a fascinating insight to her world of thatching. Her talk was both interesting and humorous and she herself had a wonderful



down to earth personality with a lovely winning smile. The 11 members who had been to Prague at the end of March had had a lovely time and had seen so much of this wonderful city with all the marvellous architecture and wonderful sights including the troops rehearsing for the visit of President Obama. The sights were magnificent, the food lovely and varied and the weather also varied with rain, wind, snow, sunshine and even a little warmth (on the day we returned!!). The people were very friendly and helpful and those who went thoroughly enjoyed themselves. There was a lot of laughter and fun with some members being waited on hand foot and finger (or at least one member was, courtesy of Nina Ward, she shall be nameless but she plays the Church organ). Member, Maureen Davies, had the dubious pleasure of sharing a room with fellow member Judy Foster who not only wore pyiamas with little frogs on but greeted Maureen on the first night sitting up in bed with a giant frog on her head!! The frog also appeared at our last evening meal with the restaurant full of men and just us, the men and waiters did not bat an eyelid - do they really believe the English are mad? If they didn't they do now! We had a few noisy Italian and French students staying in the hotel who were greeted at 1.45.am in the morning by the sight of our President in pink and white spotted pyjamas, hair on end, shouting at them to 'be quiet'. It worked - we heard nothing else from them for the rest of our stay. Some members went to Bournemouth for a weekend in May and had a really good time with their share of fun and frivolity and visited some lovely places. Also in May we discussed this year's resolution which is asking the Government to put money into more research about the conservation and shortage of bees and the effects this will have on the environment and on food production. We tend to forget that not only do we need the bees to pollinate flowers but also vegetables, trees etc. At the annual Council Meeting held at Malvern member Judy Foster won the 'Denman Dip' which entitles her to a week-end course at Denman College in Oxfordshire where she can take a course on a subject of her choice. Our next meeting in July will be our annual Garden Meeting (weather permitting) being held at the home of our President Stephanie Hartley. If you are interested in finding out what the W.I. is all about we meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.15.pm in the Village Hall. You will be made most welcome. For further details contact 860938 or 830063.

# COMMUNITY NEWS ONLINE

You can now read the Community News online. A pdf version of the monthly publication, in full colour, can be downloaded from www.badsey.org.uk.

# 4 BARKING DOGS SENDING US BARKING MAD!!

In the village over the last few weeks, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of dogs left alone to bark at any time of the day. My young son was woken last week at 12,05am by our nearby neighbour's dog barking for 5 minutes. If that wasn't enough, it was then barking again at 6.30am that same morning when I guess the owner had woken up. Sometimes the dog is left alone and barks on and off for up to one hour! I too am a dog owner, but my dog doesn't bark incessantly and if he did. I would stop him. We all want to enoy the hopefully, hot summer ahead of us but we don't need a neighbours dog or dogs constantly barking whilst we try to relax in our gardens with friends and family. Please can all dog owners remember those that live around them and stop your dogs barking before I go barking mad!

Around 70 people braved the uncertain weather to attend the Badsey Society's Annual Whit Walk on Friday 5th June. The walk began in the centre of Aldington and was a stroll through the village taking in the various locations mentioned in the Society's latest publication, Aldington and Badsey: Villages in the Vale, A Tapestry of Local History. The authors of the various different chapters gave brief talks. When the rain started part-way through the evening, we made straight for the large Tithe Barn at the back of the Manor where the talks continued. This was a rare opportunity to see inside this historic building as it is not usually open to the public. Many thanks to Mrs Glynda Beames for permitting access and to Mick Taylor for telling us more about the The walk ended at Fircroft, Main Street, where refreshments were available, courtesy of Robin and Jane Neill.

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At our June meeting we held a 65th 'D' Day Anniversary Celebration with 1940's and war-time music and reminiscences. Refreshments consisted of beef paste and jam sandqiches followed by jelly and cakes, it proved to be an enjoyable afternoon. Many thanks for supplying the cakes to Mary Knight, Daphne Cleaver, Jean Lootes and Wynn Part. This months outing is to Weymouth on the 23rd. Our next meeting is our annual garden party on Tuesday July 7th at 2.30.pm. at Mary Dore's house. (if wet 2.30 at the Legion Club). The July outing is to the Forest of Dean, leaving the Legion at 12.00 noon returning at approximately 5.00.pm. Seats are still available for this outing.

### K FITNESS HAPPY FEET

It's the time of year for sandals, strappy shoes, sling backs, flip flops, open toed shoes or just bare feet, so may be we should have a look at our feet. Athletes foot, verrucas, ingrowing toenails, nail bed infections, hard skin, ooooh yuk, not a pretty sight. So here are a few things to help.

1) Dont' leave trainers in your bag, let them breathe. Put them in the washer or spray with trainer antifungal products. 2) Always wear flip flops around the pool, lots of infections are picked up there. 3) Don't ignore problems..see a chiropodist or podiatrist. 4) Get rid of that unsightly hard skin, it looks awful. 5) Use foot spas, creams and massage to soften the skin. 6) Make sure the nails are free from infection and give them a coat of nail polish..no not you guys! Our feet are so important and need tender loving care! Stay Healthy...... Barbara Kay

### FEMALES SEEK MEN!

5 youngish ladies seek able bodied, willing men to lend a hand three or four times a year. To apply you need to be willing to work under the direction of females without complaint. Be willing to lift tables and chairs and set out where required. Be able to transport chairs from one village venue to another and return. Have knowledge of erecting gazebos, have a good sense of humour and your rewards would be good fun loving company whilst working, free entrance to events and the satisfaction of knowing you have helped five, fun loving females make their social events a success and saved them an awful lot of backbreaking work. Any age considered, good looks not essential. You would be entered on a list of willing men who could be contacted on the two or three occasions required with compete flexibility of saying yes you can help on that occasion or no you cannot. Interested? Then contact Wendy on 832283, Chris on 831235, Yvonne on 830063, Maureen on 832492 or Hazel on 832623!

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69 Bretforton Road Badsey Evesham WR11 7XQ On 27th March I was fortunate enough to visit Zambia, representing Pershore High School through the Global Schools Partnership, an initiative funded by The Department for International Development and delivered by organisations including The British Council and The UK One World Linking Association. Partnerships between schools are critical in enhancing cultural and professional exposure among teachers and students. A major aim of the Ndola-Pershore link is to increase the cultural awareness of young people and their families, staff, and all members of our diverse community. The expectation is that it will help us to tackle prejudice and narrow-mindedness.

Another ambitious aim is to understand and disseminate issues relating to diversity, peace and conflict, sustainable development and values and perceptions. To achieve this aim, teachers from Pershore High School have worked closely with their counterparts from Lubuto High School in Ndola, Zambia's second largest city. Different curriculum projects in English, Art, Sport, Technology, Geography and Citizenship have made significant progress towards enhancing understanding and indeed student achievement. As part of a three year initiative, curriculum projects will extend to Maths, Religious Studies, Science and Business Studies for 2009/10:

This year, the theme of slavery and exploitation has been explored through Art; English has focused upon story-telling through poetry and novels. Students also compared non-fiction writing, including news writing. Technology allowed food recipe books to be produced and shared along with furniture and toys depicting origins and meanings. Through Geography, comparisons were made between sustainable development and inter-dependence. Data from field work and farming methods helped to understand different seasons, climate and vegetation. As a PE teacher I was responsible for delivering teacher training to a dozen PE teachers from the surrounding District. I was able to educate the staff on current teaching and learning methodology, techniques and strategies including assessment from our National Curriculum. It was very gratifying to be able to provide a wide range of sporting equipment and teaching resources as well as introduce new sports to them such as cricket and table tennis.

Zambia (formerly Northern Rhodesia) became independent in 1964 following British colonial rule. The 73 different tribes live in peace and harmony, which is in contrast to some of its neighbours, most notably: Angola, Zimbabwe and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The country is politically stable and from my experience the people are incredibly warm, friendly and welcoming. However, many years of under-investment in its infrastructure has left the roads and sewerage networks in a very poor state. 70% of the country is believed to be living in poverty and hundreds of people are clearly seen trying to survive by selling whatever they can: mainly ground nuts, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, charcoal and even rats! Maize is the staple diet for most Zambians, which is usually ground into a mashed potato-like paste called Nshima. Alternatives include pumpkin, okra and eggplant although families will occasionally enjoy chicken, sausages, fish or caterpillars! Zambia has three seasons: hot, cold and wet. My visit was at the end of the wet season (October to March) and the devastating aftermath of the rains was obvious. In addition to ruined crops, some roads were impassable by our standards and the open sewerage pipes created serious hygiene issues. Despite the torrential rains and the lack of transport in these conditions, schools remained open as children and staff walked (sometimes many miles) to school.

There are 5 types of schools in Zambia: Basic, Upper Basic and High schools in the state sector plus community schools and private schools. Basic schools (primary – grades 1-7) provide a good foundation although there are only places for 35% of children to go on to grade 8 at Upper Basic schools. Only 20% go on to high schools! The small percentage is due in the main to the financial burden as all students must pay for their education. This becomes increasingly challenging when older children are faced with the dilemma of having to feed their younger siblings and sometimes parents and grandparents. At Lubuto High School, 70 students are double orphans and a further 107 students have lost one parent. This is due in part to Malaria although it is suspected that HIV/Aids has been the major contributor. The 2,700 students are educated in two

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### 6 ZAMBIAN ARTICLE CONTO

shifts from 07.00 to 10.30 and 11.00 to 14.30. Resources are poor or non-existent; in technology lessons for example, students are taught theory with little or no practical application. The country has only 8 FE colleges and 2 universities for a very small proportion of the country's brightest students.

Community schools outnumber state schools and provide a rudimentary education for the country's poorest and most vulnerable children. Providing resources for Ulalo Community School on the outskirts of Ndola was certainly an eye-opening experience. Perhaps the most striking aspect was seeing the pure joy and excitement our visit generated – there was an appreciation that is difficult to comprehend. Despite large class sizes, often in excess of 50, students are incredibly happy to be given some kind of education. Teaching is provided by volunteers and the school relies completely on charitable donations for resources. I am sure that our students and teachers can learn a great deal from the resilience and resourcefulness shown by these people.

Malaria remains the most dangerous disease and is prevalent in the rainy season. Diarrhoea is a serious problem affecting children under 5. A reduction requires adequate provision of financial and material resources, which is currently lacking. Much work is being done within communities to tackle HIV/Aids although changing the culture and attitudes of males, in a very patriarchal society, is very difficult. It is estimated that 17% of the country has HIV, although this is a conservative estimate and is likely to be much higher due to a lack of testing and a culture of denial. In the copper-mining town of Mufulira, in the Copperbelt District of Zambia north of Ndola, the percentage is estimated at 30%. Mufulira's development has been based on the growth of copper-mining and its export value. A major economic slump in the early 1990s led to its privatisation by a Swiss company, which initially created jobs. However, the current recession is likely to see over a 1,500 workers laid-off, which will have a devastating effect on the whole community as there is little alternative employment and no welfare state.

It is hoped that this article has been interesting and informative; I guess that if you have read this far it has been! It was my intention to outline the facts and provide a platform for learning. Only by interacting with other cultures and learning from each other will we ever really understand the plight of others and truly appreciate our own existence and purpose. It is my opinion that we should not apologise for what we have in our country but be proud of it and use it to improve the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves. The best way to do this is through education; understanding and respecting different cultures rather than being threatened by them. If we could all keep an open-mind and avoid prejudices, I'm sure the world would be a better place.

Ian James, Assistant Head of Sixth Form and Head of PE at Pershore High School

If you would like further information on Pershore High School's Zambia link, please contact me at <a href="mailto:ii@pershore.worcs.sch.uk">ii@pershore.worcs.sch.uk</a>. If you would like to experience life as it really is in the towns and villages of Zambia it is possible through an organisation called IntroZambia. Contact Steve Curtis at <a href="mailto:info@IntroZambia.co.uk">info@IntroZambia.co.uk</a>. Steve Curtis is a trustee of UK One World Linking Association (UKOWLA) and would also be happy to receive enquires about The Global Schools Partnership and wider opportunities for linking between school and community groups. Contact <a href="mailto:steve.curtis@classresource.co.uk">steve.curtis@classresource.co.uk</a> or visit <a href="mailto:www.classresource.co.uk/IntroZambia">www.classresource.co.uk/IntroZambia</a>

# VISIT THE BADSEY SOCIETY STAND AT THE FLOWER SHOW

It's nearly time for the Flower Show, so come and visit us at our stand. We have a double pitch booked and lots of things for you to look at, as well as the opportunity to buy some of our merchandise, including our latest publication, Aldington and Badsey: Villages in the Vale, A Tapestry of Local History. And be sure to enter some of the competition classes. Here you can see five Society members who were all cup-winners at last year's Flower Show.



# BADSEY BRITISH LEGION - WOMEN'S SECTION

Once again the ladies of Badsey Legion had a very enjoyable monthly meeting on Wednesday 27 May. Speaker for the evening was Jim Swingler talking on the Talking Newspaper. He was then asked to judge our Alphabet competition, always a difficult job as the ladies bring some surprising items beginning with the letter of the month. This month the letter was 'X' quite difficult to find something beginning with 'X' which meant a fair amount of forfeits were paid by the ladies who did not bring anything. The winner was Pat Gorin with her cardboard model of a pair of knickers, where did the 'X; come into that you may ask, they were size 'XL'. Wednesday 24 June is our Fete in the Legion Car Park if dry but the lounge if wet. Admission £1 to include refreshments. Everyone welcome. Tombola, Raffle, Bric & Brac, Books, and Plants will be available.

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# SPOILING BADSEY BROOK

Most villagers have at some time or another walked along the grounds besides Badsey Brook where they will have spotted swans and ducks and where countless children play pooh sticks under the bridge. This is a lovely part of our village and is frequented daily by dog walkers and walkers in general who delight in the scenery and the various wildlife which is spotted from season to season. Why then oh why is the brook getting damned up towards the Evesham Road end by some people, whose gardens must obviously lead to the brook, deciding it is a good place to dump their grass cuttings, unwanted garden rubbish etc. Walking besides the brook a couple of weeks ago instead of swans and ducks gracefully floating down it was old geraniums! Where is the consideration for our countryside by those people whose houses have been prone to flooding at the end of the brook where the garden rubbish is causing a damn? It is a sad indictment of our times when we don't even look after our own backyard let alone our own countryside.

### SOME CAN SEE

But where is God daddy, I can't see him Does he have a house and garden where his children play?

Can he make a shiny light daddy, with fairies flying through silver rain, and sparkly stars dancing?

The fairies, are flying all around and touching me, and the stars are falling like sparkly leaves through the silver rain.

But where is God daddy? I can't see him. But he's here, I know he's here, I can feel him all around me. Can you feel him daddy, can you?

You can let me go now daddy. It's nice. The light is warm, and I don't hurt anymore.

I'm in the rain and the stars are falling all around and the fairies are smiling.

I can see him daddy. I can see him.....

David Cox

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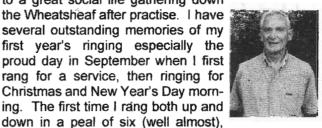
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### PEOPLE PROFILE TIMOTHY PINNER. BELL RINGER

My first year's bell ringing. I have happy memories service to the church and community. It can also lead of visiting St Mary's Tower in Warwick and Sherbourne. Warwick, where my father was ringing. I must have been between eight to ten years old then. It wasn't until I moved into Badsey that the opportunity arose to fulfil a long held ambition to have a go myself. A month after moving in. I went over to the church to meet Hilary Bolton, the Tower Captain, and arranged to start the following Monday, 9th June 2008. I had never received such a warm welcome before, and after meeting the band was shown the ropes. Bell ringers I have found are a ace apart. They come in all shapes and sizes, all ages and from all walks in life. All those I have met are kind, considerate, understanding, non-judgmental and only too willing to encourage and help beginners. If I had any preconceptions about bell ringing it was that you perhaps had to be musically minded but this is not neces-All you really need is to be able to sarily so. rhythmically count to six or eight. Ringing bells is a great hobby, costs practically nothing and heips keep you both physically and mentally fit while providing a

to a great social life gathering down the Wheatsheaf after practise. I have several outstanding memories of my first year's ringing especially the proud day in September when I first rang for a service, then ringing for Christmas and New Year's Day morning. The first time I rang both up and



ringing for a wedding for the first time and then last Monday ringing down in a peal of eight. In April I went to my great niece's baptism in Whitnash, Learnington Spa. Arriving early I heard the bells ringing so next stop the tower. I introduced myself and was immediately given a rope and had a wonderful twenty minutes of call change ringing before the service. I am told hat this sort of welcome, awaits any ringer in towers across the country. Apart from ringing at Badsey I also attend the Willersey practise each Thursday. I have really enjoyed my fist year thanks mainy to Hilary, John, David and all the band

### BADSEY MOTHERS' UNION

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Tuesday 28 July 6.30 pm Garden Meeting at 36 Brewers Lane.



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