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At the time of writing this we have no new guidance as to when things will start to ease, but we live in hope!

Events are included in the hope that some may possibly be able to start again this month, though probably not until the end of the month. We also include another quiz and would appreciate it if anyone could help with an Easter themed one for next month.

Would anybody out there be willing to contribute an article so we could make a regular feature on a subject like gardening, cooking, hobbies, etc.? We would be pleased to hear from you; - just email us your ideas at magazine@bawdeswell.net

Anne and team

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WHAT'S ON

March Events	Date	Location/Time
Coffee Take Away Hub	From 4 th Mar every Thurs am	Bawdeswell Village Hall Patio 10.30 – 11.30 Fine Weather only
Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting	Thurs 4 th Mar	Zoom Meeting 7.30pm See Parish Council Report for information on how to join
Foxley Parish Council Meeting	Thurs 11 th Mar	Zoom Meeting 7.30pm See Parish Council Report for information on how to join
Reephram Gardening Club	Tues 16 th Mar	Zoom Meeting 7.30pm See letters page for information on how to join
Usual Regular Events	Time/Date	Location
Zumba Fitness	Mon. 10 – 11am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
FitSteps	Mon. 11 – 12pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Zumba Fitness	Mon. 7 – 8pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Zumba Gold	Tues. 9 – 10am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Zenchee Flow	Tues. 10 – 11am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Youth Football Club	Wed. 6 – 8pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Hub Cafe	Thurs. 10am – 12pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Fitsteps	Thurs. 7 – 8pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Zenchee Flow	Fri. 10 – 11am	Bawdeswell Village Hall

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LETTERS

Reepham Gardening Club

16th March 7.30pm - On-line meeting via Zoom

NANCY STEVENS 'Delightful, Delovely, Deranged'

Back by popular demand, all the way from Scotland, Nancy will give a talk with wonderful photos of strange horticultural delights. From the Superbloom of the Atacama and the Flying Duck Orchid of Australia to the 'Apple of Death' (yes really) of Central America, the Red Spider Lily of Japan and all points in between.

Garden Club Members and their Guests are invited to join us. Access to the meeting is simple and straight forward so if you haven't joined us before, please give it a try!

For more information call Jeff Johnson on 01362 680066, visit our website: www.reephamgardenclub.org.uk

Or find us on facebook: Reepham Gardening Club

The Reeves Tale

The Reeve's Tale is also available online each month on www.thereevestale.co.uk. All previous editions back to the start of the magazine in 1974 are in the Archive. There is a lot of interesting reading in them for those trying to think of something to do these lockdown days.

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RON AND OLIVE MERCER

During the last few years, Bawdeswell has lost residents who were real characters as well as assets to the village. Some were lost through Covid, some due to severe illness and others to old age.

We will not list them all, just the most recent, Ron and Olive Mercer.

Olive was born in 1926 and died in November 2020. Ron was unable to attend Olive's funeral as he was very ill in the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital. She lived all 94 years of her life in Bawdeswell. Olive was part of the Bugdale family and her grandfather was a licensee of The Black Horse public house in Bawdeswell. She had a wicked sense of humour, always a smile on her face and willing to help those who needed it. Like many other Bawdeswell ladies she was a 'land girl' during WW2. Both Ron and Olive had fantastic memories and were a massive help in the compiling of our village heritage.

Ron was born in Sutton, Surrey in 1925. He died in the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital on 15th January 2021.

He grew up in Sutton and then joined the Royal Navy at a very young age. He saw active service in WW2 and whilst serving in the Navy he would often use his leave to visit his grandparents who lived in 'The Old Harness Makers' in Bawdeswell. It was during such a visit that he met Olive at a Bawdeswell dance and they were married 2 years later in 1946 in Foxley Church, the Bawdeswell church having been destroyed during WW2.

On leaving the Navy, he took up an apprenticeship as a carpenter and joiner. He soon became expert in both and was also a very skilful wood carver. Many have praised his skills in carpentry when working in local houses and village halls. Ron was also a very good artist. His paintings were incredible.

Ron always said what he thought, so you always knew where you were with him. However, the one person who could smooth his ruffled feathers was the love of his life Olive. They were inseparable and a perfect example of wedded bliss. Ron would have hated being apart from Olive. Now two months after Olive's passing, they will be together again.

Jackie and I were fortunate to become very good friends of Ron and Olive and like their daughter Linda and granddaughter Kerry, we will miss them terribly as will everyone who knew them.

They will also be missed by a grateful village who know how much Ron and Olive contributed to it.

Bill and Jackie Cunliffe



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April 2021

Thurs 1 st April	Ideal Home Show	7.30am	£40
Thurs 8 th April	Newark Antiques Fayre	7am	£37
Fri 9 th April	Bletchley Park	8am	£45
Fri 16 th April	Andre Rieu – Wembley	1pm	£110
Sat 17 th April	Andre Rieu – NEC	1pm	£110
Sun 18 th April	London Classic Car Show	8am	£52
Wed 21 st April	Pretty Woman Musical	8am	£75
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Fri 23 rd April	Harrogate Flower Show and NY Railway/Whitby	7am	from £230
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Tues 27 th April	Genesis Tour – Concert Travel O2	1.30pm	£37
Thurs 29 th April	Genesis Tour – Concert Travel O2	1.30pm	£37
Thurs 29 th April	Tower of London	8am	£50
Fri 30 th April	Hyde Hall Spring Crafts	8am	£42/32 RHS

May 2021

Sat 1 st May	Dover Castle	7.30am	£52
Sun 2 nd May	Newmarket Stud	9am	£46
Sun 9 th May	Strictly The Professionals – London Palladium	8am	£80
Mon 10 th May	Scotland from Coast to Coast	7am	
To Fri 14 th May	SS £160		
Fri 14 th May	AHA Concert Tour Wembley	1pm	£37
Sat 15 th May	Kensington Dolls House Festival	8am	£39
Sun 16 th May	Chatham Dockyard Call The Midwife	7.30am	£52
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VILLAGE NEWS

Bawdeswell Village Hall



2021 was already a strange year, and then came the snow. We had huge drifts against the Hall door, but fortunately our Hall remains in a good condition.

We're going to try doing things differently

It can't be the same as it used to be at the Hub, but we want to try different things which can be socially distanced and safe.

The Trustees have agreed that our Volunteers can open an outdoor

Coffee Take-Away Hub on dry Thursday mornings, starting on Thursday 4th March from 10:30 to 11:30.

It's what your calendar has been waiting for something to write in on the empty page and something different to do. Hopefully the weather will be more spring-like and you could enjoy a Take-Away Coffee whilst you do some gentle exercise. Come and collect a coffee (or tea) whilst you enjoy your daily walk. Or, bring your car and have a drive-in coffee. We know we can't get close but you could wave to old and new friends.



We are being supported by Norfolk Council's Winter Resilience Fund. This has helped us buy more items to enhance our existing Covid-secure building. We will have 'sneeze guards' and a 'safe queueing' barrier to help us make sure that we all social distance safely.

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Don't forget, we've started taking bookings for 2021. We know it's difficult to predict when events will be able to restart but we can take a provisional booking with nothing to pay if the event cannot go ahead. This way you can plan your diary without worrying that you'll lose any money. Please ring Carolyn Good on 01362 688944.

Contacts:

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Bawdeswell Bowls Club

Bawdeswell Bowls Club is a very friendly and accommodating club with a splendid green. Two more club's namely Bintree and Lakeside also use the green, Bintree has been with us since 2009 and Lakeside since 2014. Both are very welcoming and friendly. This partnership has worked very well for all involved raising much needed funds. Many of Bawdeswell members have been playing for the same club for over 30 years. So, with the village growing very quickly it would be very good to welcome new members for all three club's both male and female. The green which is on the recreation ground behind the village hall would usually open about 20th of April. Bowls are available.

For information, please contact **Paul on 01362 688615, Mob 07769694574**

E-mail: paul.digby5@hotmail.co.uk



Bawdeswell Knit and Natter

Dates for March are the **11th** and **25th**.

It is still not looking good for Meetings. We can but hope!

Knit, Sew or Crochet. Refreshments served. All welcome - do come and join us.

Enquiries: **Josie Beach 01362 688869.**



Book Club

Book Club Gatherings

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Bintree Bowls Club

Not a great deal of activity to report this month. No indoor bowls since 4 November 2020 and unlikely to have any for the rest of the winter season.

We have to look forward to the possibility of having some outdoor bowls this summer.

We are in the process of arranging fixtures for the forthcoming season, just in case we are allowed to play. If league games are not allowed, as in 2020, then, perhaps we may be able to have the same arrangement as last summer with competitions involving members from Bawdeswell, Bintree and Lakeside all played on the Bawdeswell green. Let's hope something is possible!!

In the last edition of this wonderful magazine, Paul Digby said that the green was wintering well. A picture is shown below to confirm that. Well done Paul!!

One hopes that all our members are staying safe, having their jobs and maintaining their fitness programmes, including jigsaws, to be ready for a jolly summer.

New members are always welcome and you can track us on our website, bintreebowlsclub.co.uk.



Bridge Club

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The JayCee Bridge Club is now meeting online, until they are able to return to the village hall. Please contact Roger or Patsy for information, or to confirm a session is to take place. Whilst we aspire to play well, our range of bridge playing abilities means that it's really bridge for fun! No regular partners are needed.

Contact: **Roger Fryatt: 01362 688627 or Patsy Catchpole: 01362 688352**

Mother's Day / Mothering Sunday 14th March 2021

The UK's Mother's Day always falls on the fourth Sunday during the period of Lent, when people typically give up things like certain foods or bad habits for the days leading up to Easter.

In the UK, the original event had nothing to do with mothers at all and it was a day for Christians to visit their "mother" church, but it has now lost a lot of its connections to the church and is mainly a family day.

Mothering Sunday is a celebration held to honour mothers and maternal figures. The day has evolved into an occasion for children to honour and give presents to their hardworking mums.

In the past, domestic servants were given the day off to return to their hometown and worship with their families. On their way home, these youths would pick wild flowers to place in the church - or give to their mums.

Mother's Day Quiz

1. Who sang the 1976 number 1 single "Mamma Mia"?
2. What sort of mother would you find inside a pyramid?
3. In which Indian city did Mother Theresa found her missionary?
4. What did Old Mother Hubbard find in her cupboard?
5. What hit song starts with the line "Mama, I just killed a man...?"
6. Who stars as Mum in the 2005 film "Keeping Mum"?
7. 'Mother's ruin' is a common British name for which alcoholic drink?
8. In the famous proverb, what is 'the mother of invention'?
9. Name the mother of Queen Elizabeth I?
10. Where is Mother Shipton's Cave?

(Answers on page 26)

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Beck WI

The Beck is an enthusiastic group which normally meets on the second Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the Old School Room at Sparham. Unfortunately, due to the covid-19 restrictions we are not able to meet at the moment.

Please contact **Linda Rose on 01362 688488** for further information.



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Fifty and Beyond (FAB)

FAB should meet on the first Wednesday of alternate months, the first meeting should have been on 3rd February 2021 but unfortunately due to the recent 'Lockdown' did not take place. The next scheduled meeting is on 2nd June.



Foxley Village Hall Coffee Morning

No Coffee morning in March



Flower Arranging

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Little Monkeys Parent and Toddler Group

Bawdeswell Village Hall every Friday morning during term time, 9.15-11.30am. £2 for you and your child, 50p for each additional child. Includes snacks.

Opening to be reviewed after Lockdown ends.

For more information, contact **Tara** on **01362 688826** or **Anne** on **01362 685308**.

Find us on Facebook: Bawdeswell Little Monkeys.



Short Mat Bowls

Foxley Village Hall

Every Monday and Friday 7pm – 9pm

Short mat bowls is suspended until restrictions allow.

To find out more, call **Dennis** on **01362 688099** or **Carole** on **01362 688567**.



Wensum Valley Birdwatching Society

Indoor meetings at Great Witchingham Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome (There is a £2.00 charge for non-members)

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Jackie Cunliffe
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PARISH COUNCILS

MEETING OF BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 4th
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Present: B.Cunliffe (Chair), J. Mallen, J. Lilwall, A Hartley-Walder, A.
Toomey, K. Ewing, R. Reed and Mrs. J Boxall (Clerk)

Members of the public – 0

County Councillor B.Borrett, District Councillor G. Bambridge and the Police were not in attendance.

Reports of speeding in Bawdeswell

Residents had approached the Council with concerns over speeding in the Village. Norfolk constabulary confirmed they were targeting speeding in known blackspots. An officer with a speed gun recently monitored vehicles on the Reepham Road and Norwich Road. It was acknowledged that speeding was an issue in most villages and the Council were limited in what further action could be taken. Residents are encouraged to report incidences of speeding to the Police.

Drainage Village Hall car parking area

As the flooding in the car parking area at the Village Hall is severe and restricting access to the children's play area, the Council agreed to continue with plans to install pipework to drain excess water into the nearby field. Further enquiries will be made in an effort to obtain further quotes.

Other matters

Work to move the parish noticeboard has been delayed due to current restrictions and will be carried out as soon as possible. The Council agreed in principle to reinstate the Boundary of the Church / Saxon Meadow. A quote had been received for a post and rail fence to be installed the full length of the boundary.

Norfolk Wildlife Trust sent a report on Adams Pit. As no further action in the next couple of months was recommended, any decisions with regards to the future maintenance of Adams Pit could be deferred to another meeting.



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4. Nothing, it was bare
5. Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen
6. Maggie Smith
7. Gin
8. Necessity
9. Anne Boleyn
10. Knaresborough

PARISH COUNCILS

Bawdeswell continued:

Planning applications

3PL/2021/0017/F - Change of use from annex to separate residential property

LOCATION: Cobblers Cottage, The Street, Bawdeswell

The Council objected to the application due to a lack of parking, Highway concerns and their understanding that the application may be contrary to Breckland's policy on garden development.

The appeal was dismissed for development of three detached self-build properties with garages on land adjacent to Meadowbank and Loran, Dereham Road, Bawdeswell, Norfolk NR20 4AA

Finance

The balance of the Community account as at 31st January 2021 was confirmed as £18111.52, Business Money Manager was £2258.82, Project Bawdeswell account (earmarked reserves) was confirmed as £5006.64.

Due to current Government restrictions, the next Parish Council meetings will be held on Thursday 4th March & 1st April 2021 starting at 7.30pm via remote means. Members of the public are warmly invited to attend. Please contact the Clerk for joining instructions or see website.

If you have any concerns please contact the Parish Clerk Jo Boxall, White House, Pettywell, Reepham, NR10 4RN, Tel: 01603 879480, Email: bawdeswellpc@hotmail.com

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PARISH COUNCILS

MEETING OF FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 21ST JANUARY 2021 AT 7.30pm HELD VIRTUALLY BY ZOOM

Present: Mr N Mears (NM) (Chairman), Mr M Watson (MW), Mrs G Blyth (GB), Mrs H Hemingray (HH), Mrs L Rose (clerk) and 0 residents.

There were no apologies for absence and no declarations of interest

The **Minutes** of the meeting held on Thursday 15th October at 7:30 pm using Zoom were unanimously approved and signed.

Items from the last meeting, not on this agenda: The council expressed its thanks to residents who have power washed the War Memorial and cleaned the adjacent bench. The bench will be returned to its normal site once the weather improves. The bus stop pole, flag and timetable demolished by a car in the first lockdown have all been replaced

Planning applications

Second application has been made for the erection of an agricultural worker's dwelling on land off Norwich Rd. The previous application was refused and councillors felt that there was little difference in the two applications. As before they felt that the development was too far outside the village and the documentation did not show sufficient need. Breckland decision: Undecided

Finance

The Summary of Accounts from 15th October 2020 to 20th January 2021 was agreed and signed.

Foxley Parish Council documents- The following documents were reviewed and approved. These will be placed on the Foxley Council website

7.1	Standing Orders	7.2	Financial Regulations
7.3	Complaints policy	7.4	Equality Policy
7.5	Code of Conduct	7.6	Data Protection Policy
7.7	Planning Application Policy		

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Foxley continued:

Village Hall. GB updated the councillors on plans for Foxley Village Hall. The decision to extend the kitchen has been rejected as too expensive. Instead, air conditioning/heating units have been installed to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the heating. A shed will also be erected to keep unused chairs thus freeing-up space in the store room.

Items from members of the public. Concern was expressed to the clerk by residents about the state of the building site at the top of The Street, which compared unfavourably with the one on Old Fakenham Rd. Mud on the road and the state of the grass verges caused by so many cars parked on soft ground was raised. Clerk to contact the site foreman.

Date for the next meeting. at 7:30pm on Thursday, 11th March 2021 in Foxley Village Hall, by Zoom or in Foxley Village Hall depending on government restrictions.

Note there has been a change to the proposed date and day for the May meeting, which will now be held at **7:30 pm on Wednesday 12th May 2021**

A full copy of the draft minutes for both meetings and a full account of the finances are available at

<http://foxleyparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>

For Zoom meetings please contact Foxley Parish Clerk for the code to access the at foxleyparishclerk@outlook.com

CHURCH NEWS

The Friends of Bawdeswell Church

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Our annual **100 club** has been a sustaining fund-raising source during a year when like most organisations our ability to raise funds has been decimated.

We are so grateful to our members who renew each year and it was such a shame that the popular drinks party we give our members at the start of the New Year again had to be cancelled.

The drinks party is an opportunity for the committee to say '*thank you*' for their continued support, but it also allows us an opportunity to update members on our current projects.

There are always places for new members, you would be most welcome. If you are interested in joining details are on the next page.

We have started to tentatively consider some fund-raising events for later in the year.

One very exciting event not to be missed is the return of the ***Festival Players*** with a production of Shakespeare's *Henry V*. This year, by kind permission of Ben and Helen Budworth we will be staging the event on the south lawn at Bylaugh Hall as a joint fund raiser for us and Bylaugh Church Fabric Fund.

The date will be *Sunday 1st Aug 4pm*. We will share further details in the coming months, but do note the date in your diary.

We had to postpone twice our planned **Race Night** last year but have now settled on a new date later this year, Saturday 20th Nov at the village hall. Doors will open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets include supper, it's fun for all the family. Why not buy a horse and or sponsor a race, it will add to the excitement on the night and you could win a bottle of fizz!

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QUARTERLY DRAW All members are automatically entered in the Quarterly Draw.

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2021 Events

Aug 1 st	4pm	Festival Players Henry V	Bylaugh Hall
Oct <i>tbc</i>	7pm for 7.30pm	Harvest Lunch/Supper	Village Hall
Nov 20 th	7pm for 7.30pm	Race Night	Village Hall
Dec 11th	10am – 1pm	Wreath Fair	Church/VH ?

All ticket information and further enquiries from 01362 688499 or pjilwall@hotmail.com

James Lilwall – Chairman

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CHURCH NEWS

Bawdeswell Church News



We have been meeting on-line, not because we had to but because it was agreed the safe thing to do following the serious reasons for the third covid-19 Lockdown.

We hope by Easter to return to using churches for Sunday services, but that depends on the ongoing situation.

Ron Mercer's funeral did go ahead on 11th February despite the deep snow. Our thanks to Bill Cunliffe for clearing a path to the grave site, also to Fr Christopher for braving the hazardous journey all the way from his home the other side of Wymodham.

Please sign up for the Weekly Church Bulletin for up-to-date details (sanditaylor@bawdeswell.net). This also has links to the weekly Zoom Service.

In the meantime, All Saints Church remains open for Private Prayer and the twice weekly Post Office (Tuesday and Friday mornings).

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** is to be held on Saturday 6th March at 10.30am on Zoom. This is a public meeting. You do not need to be on the PCC to attend. Please email sanditaylor@bawdeswell.net for joining instructions.

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CHURCH NEWS

Church Letter

Dear Friends,

You may remember the book *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson (USA), published way back in 1962. The book focused on the adverse environmental effects caused by the indiscriminate use of pesticides. It was massively influential on US environmental policy, leading ultimately to a nationwide ban on DDT for agricultural uses and the creation of the US Environmental Protection Agency.

I first came across *Silent Spring* whilst living in Devon during the Foot & Mouth outbreak among cattle in 2001. Nationwide, over 6 million cows and sheep were killed in the eventually successful attempt to halt the disease. The farms in Devon were certainly locked-down and silent that Spring and for much of the year.

I am not a scientist, but what we are living through with COVID-19 feels very much like 2001, although the casualties are now our fellow human beings, with the appalling statistics we hear on a daily basis. Some of those 'statistics' are our friends and loved-ones; we grieve their loss and pray for their eternal rest.

The thread which seems to run through both awful episodes seems to rest on how we care for the environment. In the rush for greater efficiency, have governments and businesses the world over enabled nature to become distorted, destabilising the balance of creation?

Locally, the church community in the Heart of Norfolk Group is exploring how we can make our church buildings and churchyards more ecologically sustainable, with a target across the Church of England to become net-zero carbon by 2030.

There is a project called "Caring for God's acre" which supports groups caring for churchyards and burial grounds, encouraging refuge space for native wildlife. But we also need to start thinking about our church buildings – particularly the use of energy for heating and lighting. If you would like to contribute towards this work, we'd love to hear from you.

Yours, in Christ,
Revd Sally

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Sunday	14 th March	10:30am	Mothering Sunday
Sunday	21 st March	10:30am	Passion Sunday
Sunday	28 th March	10:30am	Palm Sunday

Church Services in March

We are continuing to plan for 'locked-down' Church, which means that Sunday services continue on Zoom at 10.30am.

The HON weekly e-bulletin publishes the service plan and Zoom links, along with other news and resources you may find helpful.

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