

*Sibford Scene*

*July/August 2003*

*Number: 455*



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## ED'S THOUGHTS

Went into the garden today and just listened to the sounds of Summer: The birds singing, the leaves rustling, chatter from a garden, power tools, motorcycles, screaming children and yelling parents. Ah, what bliss.....!

Actually, there's nothing better than walking the dogs up Ditchedge, having a drink at the Wykham and then picnic in the Millenium Field.

Wishing you all a very happy July and August -see you in September

### Thought for the month:

"I'm going where the sun keeps shining  
Through the pouring rain  
Going where the weather suits my clothes"

Harry Nillson



## LETTERS AND NOTICES

### VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY!!

#### June Lottery winners

- 1st - Prize donated to the Village Hall fund
- 2nd - Sandra Clacy
- 3rd - Ivor Hopkyns



### JULY/AUGUST BIN COLLECTIONS

Green	Tuesday: 4th; 18th. 1st; 15th; 29th
Blue/Brown	Tuesday: 11th; 25th. 8th; 22nd

Unwanted clothing and shoes may be recycled anytime at the Textiles/ Recycling Bank at Sibford School Swimming Pool. Bottle banks at Sibford Ferris: Elm crossroads and Sibford Gower: Wykham Arms car park.



## LETTERS AND NOTICES

### Dear Lovely People

We hope you had a great time at the Charity Music Night on the 29<sup>th</sup> April. Just to let you know we raised a total of **£6,260.31** from the event which is truly amazing!

This will be on its way to Headway and Dementia Oxfordshire very soon So thank you all so very much for your wonderful support and generosity.

Best wishes, The Music Night Team

### VILLAGE COOKBOOK

Sibford Church is planning to produce a Village Cookbook later this year and villagers are invited to share their favourite recipes, commenting in just a few words on where/how they came by it. We cannot guarantee that every recipe received will be included but look forward to your contributions. The closing date is 31 August 2023. Please send your recipes to: [recipes@thesibfords.uk](mailto:recipes@thesibfords.uk).

### The School House Sibford Gower

The School House, a three-bedroomed house on Main Street owned by the Town Estate Charity, will be available for long term rental from later this summer. Please contact the Charity's secretary ([petermorgan2@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:petermorgan2@hotmail.co.uk)) for further details.

Sandra Clacy

My sister got in touch to say that she had been delighted to find a newt in her garden pond, and she had named it "Tiny". I asked her why that name. "Because," she said, "it's my newt."

Tim Huckvale



## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

### **Thursday Film Night: June 28<sup>th</sup>, doors at 7pm, film starts at 7.30pm**

Please look out for the poster boards or check The Sibfords website for more details. Refreshments available for a small charge or please feel free to bring your own wine. This is a free event, but donations welcome.

### **Book Swap Saturdays and Cafe: July 22<sup>nd</sup>, Aug 19<sup>th</sup>, Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, Oct 21<sup>st</sup>, Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm**

Books for all ages and genres at this popular event. Come and have a drink and a chat in the Small Hall. Teas and coffees available. It's free to borrow books but donations welcome.

### **Sibford Applefest!! Sunday Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 12-4pm**

A celebration of everything "apple". Apple pressing, hog roast, live music and bar, apple pie and cake baking competition, children's edible apple surprise competition, games and more! Save the date in your calendars, it's going to be fun!

### **Scarecrow competition, end of Sept**

The Sibfords will be holding a scarecrow competition this year to rival Tadmarton!! Start planning now for the most memorable or wackiest scarecrow and where you'll stick them in your front gardens. There will be a scarecrow trail around the village on the morning of Applefest. More details to follow.

### **Support the Village Hall by joining the Sibford Lottery**

We have an amazing community lottery running with fantastic cash prizes every month. Join now and next month could be your winning month! Existing members, just a reminder to renew your annual subscription. Funds from the lottery are supporting the Village Hall Roof Fund. Please contact [juliette53@btinternet.com](mailto:juliette53@btinternet.com) or 07703 836856 to join or renew. £48 for 12 months or £4 a month.

### **Polite reminders**

**Please do not walk your dogs on the Village Hall field.** This is a play area for children and a public facility where for obvious reasons dog walking is prohibited. Keep dog walking for our beautiful countryside paths and fields instead.

**Tree at the bottom of the Village Hall field,** whilst we know that children loving climbing this tree, we won't be able to keep the platform that has been built in the tree for Health and Safety reasons.



## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

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### **Book the Village Hall for your next event using our new online booking system!**

Our online booking is now up and running. Regular users will be advised when they need to start putting their bookings through and Ginny will be on hand to support. Bookings are made via [www.sibfordvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.sibfordvillagehall.org.uk). We have preferential rates for village residents, only £11/hr (one hall); and £20/hr (both halls). Please use us for your next birthday party or community gathering.



## FILM NIGHTS

Unfortunately Ageuk has decided, because of lack of funding, they can no longer buy the dvd's that I request every month.

However I am trying hard with Troy (who works as their activity person and gets the dvd's for me) to get round this and hopefully we'll find a solution. We will still be able to use their license.

So not sure what the July film will be, but look out for the posters and on the website.

The June film is A Man Called Otto.

See you there!

Petra Berry

**After 3 very happy years in our cottage in Burdrop, our family of 4 (Mum, daughter, dog, and cat) must sadly find a new home in the Sibfords. Please contact me if you know of anything for rent. Tessa Sparks 07930375714.**



# HORTI SOCIETY

The Spring show on May 20th was a big success. Loads of people entered one or two things each, rather than a few people entering a great many things. We are delighted that so many of you had a go! And with that, it's time to turn our attention to the Summer show on Bank Holiday Saturday, 26 August. You should have received a Horti Summer Programme along with your July Scene. If not, they will be available from Green's Post Office in the Ferris. Now is the moment to focus your attention on showing us the prolific provender from your gardens and store cupboards! Remember that if you still have any gaps or deaths in your borders, Sue Bannister and her team will be on hand at the Show to sell you replacement plants of all sorts.

On June 14th, 46 intrepid souls from The Sibfords, and members of 3 other gardening clubs, travelled by coach to RHS Wisley by coach for a jolly good day out. Wisley is vast and was at it's glorious best in the warm summer sun. Huge result that no one got lost and all 46 of us returned.

In other news, The Horti is organising an afternoon visit to Kiftsgate gardens on July 12th. We will leave the village car park in our own cars, but car sharing as much as is practicable, at 2.30 to arrive at Kiftsgate at 3.00pm. Entrance, which is being subsidised, is £8.00 for members and £10.00 for non-members. (Normally £11.00 a head) Kiftsgate is less well known than Hidcote but just as beautiful and less busy. Please note that, for the less physically able, there are steep areas. That being said, there is plenty of garden on the flat, the Kiftsgate rose to admire and a marvellous tea room serving sustenance of all sorts. We will probably aim to leave at 5.30/5.45. Please contact Veronique Tyrrell on [veronique53@gmail.com](mailto:veronique53@gmail.com) BY JULY 5TH to reserve a place. Kiftsgate postcode is GL55 6LN. and we will be heading towards Mickleton.

Diana Thompson

# SIBFORD BUS SERVICE

## Bus 75 - Timetable from 25 July 2022

Leave Sibford Ferris to Banbury: 06:56, 08:37, 11:09, 13:59, 17:31 (Sat only)

Leave from Banbury for Sibford: 11:35 (Sat), 11:40 (Mon-Fri), 14:35, 17:40

Leave Sibford Ferris to Stratford: 11:58 (Sat), 12:02 (Mon-Fri), 14:53, 17:58

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## NATURE NOTES

Both Colin Lamb and Sue Etherington-Smith have commented that the Bee Orchid has reappeared in the same place as last year. Hopefully it might spread. A Common Spotted Orchid has also been seen in the same area.

Our small garden pond has had several species of Dragonfly and Damselfly breeding in it. It is also home to Smooth Newts which are breeding successfully and is occasionally visited by a Grass Snake. Many of the garden birds use it for both drinking and bathing.

Red Kites are becoming an increasingly common site in the skies above Sibford. It is amazing that a bird that was nearly extinct is doing so well.

Having been trapping and recording moths in the garden since 2015 it is becoming quite unusual to add new species to the garden list. However, I recently caught a Light Brocade for the first time followed by 7 more. I understand they are having an exceptionally good year. (The Charge of the Light Brocade!??)

Please send contributions for the next Nature Notes to [ajnewbold88@gmail.com](mailto:ajnewbold88@gmail.com).

Andy and Gill Newbold



Bee Orchid



Light Brocade

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## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At our last Meeting in June, Rev Neil gave a VERY entertaining talk. There was an awful lot of laughter in the hall. He was presented with a box of Maltesers (his favourite). We shall miss him when he leaves.

I'm in the middle organising 3 trips so members, please keep these dates free.  
Sept 19; Oct 17; Nov 21

Evey Boughton

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## FUN CORNER

There is nothing the matter with me  
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and when I talk I talk with a wheeze  
My pulse is weaker and my blood is thin  
but I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in

Arch supports I have for my feet  
or I wouldn't be able to be on the street  
Sleep is denied me night after night  
but every morning I find I'm alright  
My memories failing, my heart's in a spin  
but I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in

My moral is this as my tale I unfold  
that for you and me who are growing old  
It's better to say I'm fine with a grin  
than to let folks know the shape I'm in.  
How do I know that my youth is spent  
Well, my get up and go has got up and went!  
but I really don't mind when I think with a grin  
of all the grand places my got up has been

Old age is golden I've heard it said  
but sometimes I wonder as I get into bed  
with my ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup  
my eyes on the table until I wake up.  
E'er sleep overtakes me I say to myself  
is there anything else I could lay on a shelf?

When I was young my slippers were red  
I could kick my heels right over my head  
When I was older my slippers were blue  
but still I could dance the whole night through.  
Now I am old my slippers are black  
I walk to the shops and puff my way back

I get up each morning and dust off my wits  
and pick up the paper and read the Obits.  
If my name is still missing I know I'm not dead  
so I have a good breakfast and go back to bed.

Ginny Bennett



## DID YOU KNOW?

The July photograph in the Village Calendar was taken by Petra Berry and features the attractive wild flowers at the field margin adjacent to the stone wall that separates the lower garden of the first house in Walford Road and the Sib Valley. The homes in Walford Road were part of the extensive development when Sibford School sold the whole Sibford Manor Site to Swan Hill Development company in 2001. Extensive piling work was undertaken to stabilise the site and the Manor was converted into apartments and new houses were built providing a total of 22 new homes. The steeply sloping land below the new houses has been divided into paddocks which have to remain uncultivated to retain the conserved Sib Valley but the wild flowers provide a welcome and natural rural aspect.



Leslie Baily wrote about the history of the Sibford Ferris Manor:-

*'The Knights Templars acquired the whole of the Ferris manorial estate in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. They farmed it for 200 years, their first manor house was probably of part-timber construction, and the chances are that before the Norman invasion there was a Saxon moot hall on or about this site. Once established on the most satisfactory site, the largest and most important house in the village – the manor house where the agricultural community was administered and where the manorial court was held – was likely to stay more or less on the same site, pulled down and rebuilt in stone during successive centuries. The building was well sited for springs, its surrounding reddish-brown soil was highly productive, and the house lies just below the adjoining hilltops, giving shelter in wintertime. There is evidence of a fish-pond a hundred yards away, along the side of the stream in the valley immediately below the Manor house.'*

Squire Thomas Walford purchased the Manor in 1657. The house remained in the Walford family until 1800. During the 18<sup>th</sup> century they had become wealthy farmers and landowners and had the building restyled in the Queen Ann fashion, which was very much in vogue with the aristocracy. The front and sides were clad in local cut stone much as we see it today. Ownership then passed through several hands until Thomas Harris sold it in 1842 to the Society of Friends for 'the purposes of having a school'. It had barns and a farmyard to the rear of the house. The buildings were altered and extended to accommodate school life until the building of a new school on the Hill Site afforded additional facilities in the 1930's. The redundant Manor site was sold for development in 2001.

*Maureen Hicks*



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## SIBFORDS WALKING GROUP

### WALKING DATES

3 July; 17 July; 31 July; 14 August

We leave the village hall on foot or by car at 10 am sharp to do a circuit of approximately 2 hours. You are advised therefore, to get to the village hall by 9.55 am latest. Often a shorter version of the walk is possible but that it is advisable to check with Sue just before

Dogs are welcome provided they are put on the lead when requested. Walking boots and poles are recommended but not compulsory. Some routes include stiles. If you would prefer a shorter walk, please contact Sue to discuss as it is sometimes possible to leave a car about halfway, so the less energetic may drop off and drive home. At the village hall, please park either on the road or on the grass field beyond the tarmac.

Please don't hesitate to ring me on 01295 780365 or email [sebannister@gmail.com](mailto:sebannister@gmail.com) if you have any queries.

Sue Bannister

### FOOTPATHS

Ian Sharp, [ian@iansharp.net](mailto:ian@iansharp.net), Lamb's Croft, Back Lane, Sibford Ferris, OX15 5RE. Tel. 01295 780790, is the footpaths warden and anyone who has a problem or complaint should contact him.

WELCOME TO SIBFORD

If you are new to the Sibfords and would like any advice on our village, please call Ivor Hopkyns on T: 788367 (Gower & Burdrop) or Nic Durrant T: 788865 (Ferris). We are lucky enough to have a really great village website at: [thesibfords.uk](http://thesibfords.uk)



## In Your Garden - July

1. The most important things to do are dead heading, weeding and watering, along with enjoying delicious meals in the shade, and being able to pick some of your own delicious fruit and veg. By the way, did you know that Shakespeare called cooking apples "costards", and cooking pears "wardens". ?
2. Check climbing roses and clematis. They are scrambling maddly up the walls this summer - much better than last year, and need the new growth tying in sideways, not straight up. Wisteria is waving out long tendrils. Off with them too.
3. Heavy rainstorms can batter tall plants down. Try and make sure your delphiniums, phlox, etc are well staked before this happens.
4. Pick your courgettes whilst they are still small and young. When they start to grow like adolescent marrows they become squashy and tasteless - remind me of those awful school dinners.
5. Any new shrubs or trees you have planted this spring will need regular and generous watering.
6. Ponds probably need attention. Scoop out the algae and blanket weed, and any leaves that have blown into them. My pond has become very low with lack of rain, but the water lilies still look lovely.
7. Did you rewild your lawn this year? If you have a dried up lawn that has been mown you can give it a summer feeding, but only if the rain comes pouring down and the grass is green again. Keep trimming the edges.
8. Your philadelphus will have finished flowering now, so it must be trimmed back, moderately hard. Cut off the flowering branches - now - not later, or you will not have so many flowers next year.





## In Your Garden - July

9. .Bugs! Greenfly, whitefly, lily beetles, slugs under the hostas - under the flowerpots, eating the dahlias - keep spraying and fighting them all.

10. I keep a little old radio in my greenhouse, and I swear that the plants enjoy music as much as I do. King Charles 3rd said that his plants enjoy music too, and so apparently do cows! Funny old world, isn't it. Enjoy your garden.

Jupe Marshall

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Their exciting programme includes English, Ukrainian and Italian music, plus Bach's Cello Suite and Piazzolla's "Le Grand Tango".

Proceeds will go to Chernihiv, a town in the north of Ukraine, which suffered badly in the first 3 months of the Russian invasion.

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**Entry is free**  
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On 18 May we had a fascinating address by Alastair Lack on the Colin Dexter inspired TV series Inspector Morse. It was encouraging that we had a good turn out, and interest was reflected in the number of questions following the talk. Alastair has indicated that he is willing to do a return visit to share with us some of his many insights in the life of Oxford and the University.

On 15 June Simon Wenham spoke about Lord Nuffield and the development of the Cowley Morris works. Amazing to think that this industrial Goliath grew from a modest cycle shop! And did you know that the Morris marque stands for Morris Garages? Lord Nuffield gave away all his immense wealth while living modestly in Nuffield Place near Wallingford. We are hoping that Simon will also return to share with us more of his amazing Oxford stories.

On Thursday 20 July our very own Jan Warner will speak on "Survival of the Fittest – a brief history of child rearing", illustrated with items from her remarkable collection of infantalia of the last three centuries. From bottles to baby walkers via prams, bouncers and swallowed safety pins, Jan's hoard of stories delivered with infectious enthusiasm is sure to delight you. We were all babies once! As usual, doors open at 7.15 pm; talk starts at 7.30 pm; free to members, visitors £3; refreshments follow the talk.

For more information about the Society and upcoming talks, please visit our webpage at <https://thesibfords.uk/shs> or contact David on 01295 788 242 or Diana on 01295 788 214.

## CHURCH SERVICES

**Quakers** - Sibford Gower, Sunday, 10.30 am

**Roman Catholics** - Brailes, Saturday, 5pm; Shipston, Sunday 9am  
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## SIBFORD PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Our meeting on 27th June was an outdoor gathering, with members walking round the Sibfords, photographing scenes and details that caught their eye paying particular attention to careful composition and attention to detail. The monthly topic for June was "Red", with a wide selection of images showing great creativity.

An additional event in our programme in June was a photoshoot at Home Close to capture attractive shots of the garden there. Many thanks to Carolyn White for her kind invitation to photograph her beautiful garden.

During July, we will have another photoshoot at Fenny Compton Tunnels Nature Reserve (weather permitting), which is run jointly by the Canal & River Trust and Butterfly Conservation, so there should be a good selection of butterflies to see and photograph.

Our monthly topic for July is "In the street" and at our meeting on 25th July, we will be enjoying members' photos from the recent photoshoots and monthly topics.

Sibford Photography Club is a friendly, informal group with a shared interest in photography. Activities include instructive presentations and regular photo topics with the resulting images presented and discussed at meetings (face to face or virtual). In addition to our regular meetings, we also arrange outdoor photoshoots at local nature reserves and other places of interest.

We would like to welcome more members to the club, so if you are interested in joining, please contact Colin Lamb at [colinlamb.cl@gmail.com](mailto:colinlamb.cl@gmail.com) or phone 01295 780357. We meet on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the small hall at the Village Hall, so in August our meeting will be on the 29th.



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We wouldn't exist without the incredible support of our community, whether it's taking part in an event, playing our lottery, volunteering or even spreading the word about Katharine House – it all makes a difference. We're sharing just a few of the ways you can help our hospice this summer. Thank you!

### **Be in the running...**

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### **Three cheers for our volunteers**

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### **Gardens galore**

Our Open Garden events are already under way and off to a great start. We have some fabulous villages taking part, as well as some private tours and events with limited availability. You can find the full list of our Open Gardens on our website. [www.khh.org.uk/gardens](http://www.khh.org.uk/gardens)

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# THE LAST POST

## "THANKYOU!"

As I penned my other letter before Saturday 13th May to say thankyou, I had no idea of the gathering in the Wykham Arms to say goodbye to me. I must say, I was utterly overcome by the amount of people that turned up - it was honestly most humbling. So, many thanks for all the cards and gifts and I hope I managed to see everybody that came, but I must apologise if I didn't, as it was very busy and I was chatting to so many.

Once again, many many thanks. You are a most amazing group of people and I will miss you all.

Steve the Postie

## ROAD CLOSURES IN JULY & AUGUST

The parish councils have received notice of road closures for the installation of the broadband fibre network:

- The short length of road in Burdrop, in front of the cottages above Miriam Tebbs Land, will be closed for **three days from Monday 31 July**.
- Back Lane in Sibford Ferris will be closed for **five days from Monday 7 August**
- The main street through Burdrop will be closed for **five days from Monday 14 August**.

For more details, search the village website for "road closure" or visit [https://thesibfords.uk/?s="road+closure](https://thesibfords.uk/?s=)

Alan Berks



The final term of the year is always fun-filled at **Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School**. Although the children continue their learning right up to the end of the academic year, there is always a sense of 'lightness' once the SATs are over and the days are long and sunny.

Our lovely Mrs Roseblade has been visiting every Thursday afternoon to run Forest School sessions with our younger children. It has been lovely to see them out and about in the school grounds, exploring and engaging with nature.

The children have taken part in a number of inter-school sporting events, including cricket, quad kids, and the very popular 'pickle-ball'. As ever, all those children who have represented our school through participating in these competitions have made us very proud with their exemplary manners and courteous attitude.

Our summer Sports Day is always one of the highlights of the school calendar. We have had to make a few changes to the arrangements this year because of the digging efforts of a huge nightly influx of rabbits onto the Big Field. However, much of the fun of this annual event is being able to welcome all of our families into school at the same time, have fun together and celebrate our lovely children.

## NURSERY PLACES AT OUR SCHOOL

We offer term-time nursery provision within our mixed-age Early Years Foundation Stage Class (unit) catering for Nursery and Reception children from age 3 to age 5.

Parents who wish their children to attend the school are most welcome to visit. Arrangements can be made through the school office by contacting Aoife or Charlotte at [office.3005@sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3005@sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk) or by telephoning 01295 780270.

This term is always a time of transition too, with arrangements in place to welcome new families to our school community and the sadness of saying good-bye to our Year 6 children. Most of our children spend 7 or 8 years as part of our school 'family' and their personalities really do shape the way the school feels. This year's leavers are a lovely group of young people. We are immensely proud of all of them and send our love and best wishes with them as they move onto the next stage of their educational journeys.

*To find out more about our wonderful, welcoming village school and the things that are going on in each class, please take some time to visit our school website at <http://www.sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk/>*

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Props

Stage Management

Front of House

Publicity/posters/programmes

Hair/Make up

Set construction (working with our set designer)

If you want to be involved please do contact us. We hope to find new members who in future years might also join us on the stage.

Jo and Vee

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JULY

- 7th - Mens Brunch - Sun Inn - 1130am
- 4th - Friendship Club - Village Hall - 2pm
- 5th - Ladies Coffee Club - Wykham Arms - 11am
- 14th - Horti Club visit to Kiftsgate Gardens - Village Hall - 2.30pm
- 20th - Sibfords History Society - Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 22nd - Book Swap Cafe - Village Hall - 10am
- 25th - Sibford Photography Club - Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 26th - SGPC meeting - Village Hall - 7pm

### AUGUST

- 1st - Friendship Club - Village Hall - 2pm
- 2nd - SHS visit to Kelmscott Manor - 10am
- 2nd - All Aboard Opera! - Holmby House - 6.30pm
- 2nd - Ladies Coffee Club - Wykham Arms - 11am
- 4th - Mens Brunch - Sun Inn - 1130am
- 19th - Book Swap Cafe - Village Hall - 10am
- 26th - Horti Club Summer Show - Village Hall

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