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As we go to press this month, the Government has acknowledged that the second wave of Covid-19 has arrived and introduced restrictions upon our lives again. This is a cause for concern for most of us and many of us dread further severe rules being imposed, particularly if seeing family is restricted. Businesses must be extremely worried about their ability to survive.

We have included two poems this month. Maggie Campbell penned her thoughts on the torrential rain at we have suffered over the past weeks. We thought you might enjoy a poem by our regular contributor Roy Jenkins reminding us all of the beauty of nature and how lucky we are to live in the countryside.

Even Halloween will be different his year but see the ideas for a pumpkin trail in the magazine.

Keep safe and sane.

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The last Council meeting took place by videoconference on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Chris Williams and John Feilding, our County and District Councillors also attended.

**Playground:** The RoSPA annual inspection was scheduled for September.

**Green Areas:** A survey has been arranged to assess the condition of the churchyard and the remedial work necessary.

**Roads and Drains:** Although the roads in the village have been marked up for repair for some time, the repairs have not yet been carried out.

**Coronavirus Volunteer Group:** The helpline is still available 07860 702 749.

**Reading Room:** The Reading Room remains closed until Government restrictions are lifted.

**VJ Day:** The VJ Celebrations took place at the Yew Tree and included community singing, cream teas and, despite the weather, the day was a great success. Thanks to the History Group for another interesting display and to Alan Robertson for displaying his family mementos from the war.

**Next Meetings:** Meetings will be conducted via videoconference, unless restrictions on meetings are lifted, in which case they will be held in the Reading Room as normal.

**Next Meeting**  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020**  
**at 7:30pm**  
**via videoconference**

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**Village Playground:** The playground is now open. Damaged equipment has been decommissioned and tenders for the replacement of some new equipment will be presented.

**Social Housing:** The Council are awaiting updates from the District Councillor and the Affordable Housing Group.

**Next Meetings:** Meetings will be conducted via zoom, unless restrictions on meetings are lifted, in which case they will be held in the Village Hall as normal.

**Next Meeting**  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020**  
**at 7:30pm**  
**Via Zoom**

## **FENNY COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Parish Councillor Co-options:** Two new Councillors were co-opted to fill the vacancies created by two recent resignations. A big welcome to Emma Briscoe and David Johnson.

**District and County Councillors:** We are currently without District and County Councillors as Nigel Rock continues his recovery from a heart attack and Bob Stevens passed away in July. Cover is being provided by County Councillor Andy Crump, who was able to attend part of the September meeting, and District Councillor Louis Adams. Contact details in The Directory.

**Recycling Centre:** Stockton Recycling Centre & Wellesbourne Recycling Centre have re-opened but are limited to weekends only. As with other centres, please make a reservation before attending. See [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/recyclingcentres](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/recyclingcentres).

**Planning:** The following planning applications were discussed: 20/02225/FUL: Brook House, Church Street: no representation. 20/02480/TREE: various tree works in the Parish: supported.

**Meetings:** The Parish Council will continue to meet virtually until Government guidelines change. Residents can observe these meetings online by contacting the Clerk for joining details.

**Next Meeting**  
**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020**  
**at 7:30pm**  
**via Zoom**

## **FENNY COMPTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

**There's Safety in Neighbours:** This is a campaign recently launched by National Neighbourhood Watch. Life is safer when you know your neighbours. With more people looking out for unusual behaviour on your street, crime can be prevented. See more [bit.ly/safetyinNW](https://bit.ly/safetyinNW) and [#SafetyinNeighbours](https://twitter.com/SafetyinNeighbours)

**Police UK website:** The police.uk site has been updated. To see our local policing team and the crime stats [bit.ly/policesoutham](https://bit.ly/policesoutham)

**Hare-Coursing/Lamping:** The Warwickshire Rural Crime Team are reminding residents to be aware of hare-coursing/lamping at this time of the year and report any suspicious activity on 101 or 999 if there is an immediate risk of injury or damage to property. Alternatively, an anonymous report can be made via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org).

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**New Planning Rules:** You may have heard that central Government is proposing new planning rules. Worryingly, it seems that this District could see its house building targets more than doubled under the proposals. In the Government's proposed new planning laws, local discretion over house building rates and numbers will be removed. Central Government will share out an annual house building target between local Councils, who will then be responsible for finding enough land to meet the target according to a formula.

A national planning consultancy has applied the new formulas across all local authority areas in England. The results show that Stratford District's increase in housing numbers would be one of the largest increases in the West Midlands. The new targets would represent a 129% increase on the current Core Strategy figures to a new requirement of 1,675 homes a year. Additionally, because much of the north of the District is Green Belt, and therefore protected, it would presumably mean much greater increases in house building in the remaining areas, including ours.

Although these are central Government proposals, my colleagues and I will challenge these ideas locally where we can.

**County Councillor:** Following the unexpected death of County Councillor Bob Stevens the 'Notice of Vacancy' for the Feldon County Division has been published. Normally this would trigger a by-election. As a result of emergency regulations - the Local Government (Coronavirus) Postponement of Elections and Referendums Act - it is expected that a poll cannot take place until 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at the earliest. If anyone wishes to know more about this position, please contact me. The Feldon County Councillor post covers Fenny Compton, Priors Marston & Hardwick, Ladbroke, Wormleighton, Harbury, Bishops & Long Itchington, Farnborough, Deppers, Ufton & Chesterton. In these unusual times we will have to work through this extended vacancy period as best as we can.

For myself, I will be working at a reduced capacity for a while as I recover from my heart attack, with support from colleagues. Again, I express my thanks for that help and for the many messages I have received wishing me well.

**Recycling Centres:** At the beginning of the Covid-19 crisis Warwickshire's recycling centres were all closed, with most reopening a few weeks later. However, Stockton and Wellesbourne did not. I formally raised this matter at the Council meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> July. My concern was that Stockton, in particular, provides an important local facility serving our area. Thank you to those that signed our on-line petition organised by Cllr Louis Adam and myself to press for reopening. I am pleased to say that the County Council has now announced that reopening is planned for Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September, with bookings scheduled to be released a week before. There is a booking system in place for residents to book a slot at all the sites at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/recyclingcentres](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/recyclingcentres)



Initially, Stockton will open only at weekends and Wellesbourne will open on weekends & Mondays only. Usual opening hours for these days will apply.

Nigel Rock

Councillor for Napton and Fenny Compton Ward [nigel.rock@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:nigel.rock@stratford-dc.gov.uk)

Until further notice, please contact Cllr Louis Adam for any District Council issues.

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For further information about the charity see the website: [www.dogsforgood.org](http://www.dogsforgood.org) or contact Anna by email [annaatthecarrow@btopenworld.com](mailto:annaatthecarrow@btopenworld.com).

### **AVON DASSETT COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETY**

[www.avondassettcommunitybenefitsociety.co.uk](http://www.avondassettcommunitybenefitsociety.co.uk)

We are delighted to have a new tenant at The Yew Tree. Jack McEntee has signed a lease and took over the business on 4<sup>th</sup> August. See the advert for more information. Many thanks to the many volunteers who worked hard to open the pub and keep it running from 4<sup>th</sup> July.

The ice cream shack has been particularly popular, and we are pleased that Jack has kept the facility open since taking over the lease. The hanging baskets and planters are in full bloom and have much improved the external appearance of the pub.

Our accounts have now been signed off by our accountants so we will now consider how best to hold an AGM. We continue to sell shares to new investors and shares continue to be available.

### **FENNY REMEMBERS 2020**

Remembrance Sunday this year falls on 8<sup>th</sup> November. It is not clear what we shall be allowed to do, but there will be no Parade and there will be no refreshments in The Village Hall on completion.

It is currently planned to hold a brief service at the War Memorial, probably at 10:50am, provided we are allowed to meet outside. We are expecting the usual wreaths to be laid, but with minimal ceremony. More up-to-date information will be in the November *Chronicle*.



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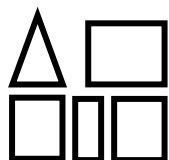
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## LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

The seasons are changing, the leaves are turning and beginning to fall! If I am honest, as much as I love the changing seasons and the colours of autumnal leaves, the leaf clutter and debris is the bane of my life. It is one of the disadvantages of having a garden with several trees.

Last year we gave in and bought a leaf blower. So this morning I ventured out and started the little beauty up – within seconds I had a large bundle of leaves gathered up, but the power of the engine was blowing leaves all over the place, some flying into the air, others scurrying along the floor, some joining together and rolling as one, some were just stuck going nowhere. But most were going in the same direction with one goal, one destination and there was me with the power in my hand directing operations!

In many ways this is a vision of the church and our own Christian journey. Sometimes it might appear that we seem to drift aimlessly along, possibly feeling without a specific purpose or direction or we may get stuck in a rut. Yet there are other times when we are moving quickly with real focus/purpose and along the way we get caught up with others who are like minded and travelling in the same direction. However, the important thing to remember is that someone is guiding and directing the blower!

You see, just as God is in control of the changing seasons, he also helps to direct the things that are happening in our lives. We need to learn to trust him in all things, both big and small, this is where faith comes in. It is knowing that God has his hands on us and he is guiding and supporting us along the way. At times we may feel distant from him, alternately we may feel so attuned that his presence is tangible. However, the leaves were all heading in the same direction. God's plan for us as individuals and for us as a church fellowship is to join together, follow his way, grow in his likeness. How? The thing that causes the leaves to move is the wind, in this case caused by the motor. The Hebrew word for the Holy Spirit is 'Ruach' which translated means 'wind' or 'the breath of God'. As Christians when we welcome God into our lives, he quite literally breathes life into us, he places his Holy Spirit in our hearts which enables us to experience the love of God and equips us to grow in our faith. It is also his indwelling Spirit living in us that points to the family likeness in other Christians and deepens our fellowship. I do not know about you, but there are times when I meet a complete stranger that I can sense the 'family likeness', in their words and actions you can tell they are Christians! This is how God is able to ensure that we are heading in the same direction, with one purpose, why – because we're united by our faith and directed by the Holy Spirit.

This Autumn as we watch the leaves falling, let us remember that in good and difficult times alike God's 'Ruach' will continue to lead us and guide us as we put our faith and trust in him.

*Rev'd Nicki*

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<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>3</b>		
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>4</b>	9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 11:00am  6:00pm	Morning Prayer - Gaydon Holy Communion - Farnborough Morning Prayer - FC St Peter & St Clare Communion (BCP) - Burton Dassett with Live Zoom Songs Of Praise - Online via Zoom
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>5</b>	7:30pm	Avon Dassett PC Meeting - Videoconference
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>6</b>		
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<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>11</b>	9:30am 11:00am  11:00am 6:00pm	Communion (BCP) - Gaydon Holy Communion - FC St Peter & St Clare with Live Zoom Morning Prayer - Northend Evensong - Farnborough
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>12</b>		
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<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>18</b>	9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	Morning Prayer - Gaydon Communion (BCP) - Farnborough Morning Prayer - FC St Peter & St Clare Holy Communion – Northend with Live Zoom Songs Of Praise - Online via Zoom
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>19</b>	7:45pm	Fenny Compton PC Meeting - Online via Zoom
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>20</b>		
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October?*

31<sup>st</sup>  
October  
Halloween!

4<sup>th</sup> October  
World Animal Day

3<sup>rd</sup> October  
is World Poetry  
Day AND 4<sup>th</sup> is  
Grandparents  
Day!  
- so why not  
write a poem for  
your  
grandparents!

What would you find on a  
haunted beach?  
A sand-witch!

October is  
Black History month

Which ghoul  
is the best  
dancer?  
The boogie  
man!



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## *Little Makes - Halloween Marshmallow Monsters!*



### Ingredients:

- Marshmallows
- White chocolate chips or white chocolate
- Silver ball cake decorations or similar
- Writing icing
- Strawberry laces (optional)

Melt the white chocolate in a glass bowl in the microwave  
To make your ghosts. Thread a couple of white marshmallows onto a lollipop stick for each one. Now dip the ghosts into the melted chocolate and swirl them around to cover the top of the ghosts' "heads". Bring them out and lay them flat on a paper plate for the chocolate to harden, pushing a couple of silver balls on for eyes before it does.  
Use a tube of writing icing to draw on a mouth and any other features you would like. Keep in the fridge until you need them.

To make the ghouls, use either white or coloured marshmallows. Thread one on per stick. Add some green food colouring to the chocolate and then swirl the marshmallows in it as before, this time covering as much of the surface as possible. Use silver balls for eyes, but this time add some other decoration too: we used strawberry candy strands for hair and would have added chocolate drops for ears if we hadn't eaten them all already! Leave to harden as before.





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<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>26</b>		SCHOOL HALF TERM STARTS
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>27</b>		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>28</b>		
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>29</b>		
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>30</b>		SCHOOL HALF TERM ENDS
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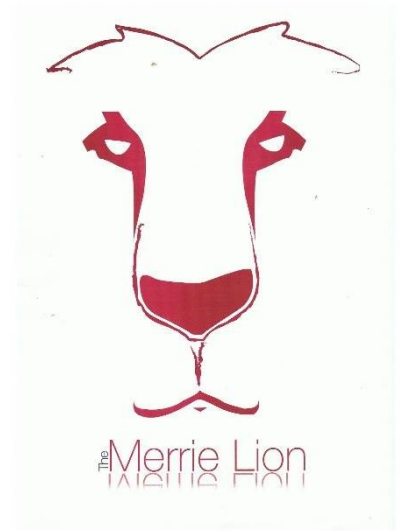
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## Thoughts During Torrential Rain

Maggie Campbell

All is getting very Biblical,  
A plague to curse us all,  
But as if that is not enough,  
The skies darken and huge raindrops fall.

Storms on the westerly wind approach,  
I would do something about it, if I could.  
I have a box with tools and ingenuity,  
But, damn, I am completely out of gopher wood!

I am spared - the rain abates,  
The water lapping at my step recedes,  
Just a warning for a while,  
But against the force of water what impedes?

My brave but foolish mind thinks I can go it alone,  
But little whispering memories from my childhood,  
Creep unwelcome into my mind,  
Of when at Sunday School I'd brood.

Sitting in those cold unwelcoming pews,  
Dark dampness while outside sun's warmth beckoned,  
Hearing tales of punishment  
(The Egyptians deserved it all I reckoned.)

But even the Chosen People fell short of expectation,  
It was the Naughty Step for them I bet  
Their loving Father made them stay and watch  
While the Teachers' Pets sailed off into the sunset.

But I shall cast away my childhood fears  
And not consider punishment to be the case,  
It is not Jehovah but Gaia whom we have angered,  
And not punishment but consequences that we face.

We must grow up and not use God to punish or forgive,  
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For now, we are getting back to normal but taking care to work in smaller groups. There were two tasks last month, half of us went strimming and did The Lankett and along the allotments, the rest of us went over to Northend. We do not usually do much outside of Fenny Compton, but we found that the path from the Country Park into Northend had a stile missing and 2 other stiles had no steps. It took a bit of organising because there were two landowners involved and then we had to get the materials together and ready for the Sunday morning session. It all went well though and we had a fairly early finish.

Our donated strimmer is now repaired and ready for service. It had not run for years and it needed new fuel lines and an exhaust de-coke but it is all working now.

There are about 10 of us in the Group and we meet up every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday from 9am to 12noon. The work is not hard or difficult, but it is very rewarding and helps to keep the footpaths in good order. If you like the sound of it and want to try it out call me on 770 644. Equipment and on the job training is provided and there is no obligation to be available for every session. We are also on Facebook so you can follow us there for regular updates and photographs of what we have been doing. Look for 'fennycomptonfootpathgroup'

Brian Peers *Contact details in The Directory*

## TOTS AND TODDLERS & LEGO CLUB

I had hoped to be able announce that Tots and Toddlers and the after-school LEGO Club would be re-opening. However, having read a lot of discussion online about Playgroups/Toddler Group/Stay & Play unfortunately this is not possible.

The Government guidance for both early years settings and out of school settings requires that parents and carers should not be allowed into the setting unless absolutely essential, due to guidelines on group sizes and social distancing.

Both of these local events are meant for parents and carers to meet and chat whilst the children play and due to the Government restrictions on numbers of people meeting together and according to the current Church of England guidance these cannot take place. However, they will re-open as soon as social distancing and sanitising rules permit.



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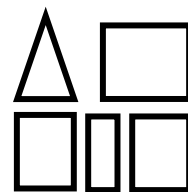
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## ABACUS

We have had a busy month, we have looked at faces in the mirror and painted pictures of ourselves, we have been practising our cutting and mark making.

All the children have returned, and they have all settled really well and very quickly. We would like to thank the parents for their understanding and support. Things can change quickly and we do our utmost to minimise the inconvenience that this may cause.



We have had our AGM but we would always welcome new people on the committee. We have spaces available at the moment and various funding options are available. Please call to discuss what you need and how we can help. We cannot show you inside the building due to current restrictions, but we can sit in our outdoor area and all Play Areas are easily viewed from there. We look forward to hearing from you.

## FARNBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall is open for private hire. The regular Coffee Mornings on Tuesdays have also resumed at 10:30am. Please check with Emma on 690 254 or Fiona 690 039.

## SCOUTS

At the time of the writing the Scout Group has been given the go-ahead from National Headquarters to restart face-to-face scouting, outdoors. This is great news for the young people and Leaders, who have really missed the chance to see one another and embrace the Outdoors. It will take time, but we are really looking forward to getting outside once again and making the most of the local area! Watch this space for details of what we get up to over the autumn months!

We also wanted to give advance notice that Santa has been getting his Elves into action and has been dusting off his sleigh! We will have to make a few adjustments



this year, such as social distancing, etc., but we hope to bring some much-needed Christmas cheer to the local villages over December. More information, including dates, will be posted in *The Compton Chronicle* and on the Santa Sleigh

Facebook Page. Search for 'Fenny Compton Scout Group Santa Sleigh'. Please help us to spread the word.

## THE DASSETT SCHOOL

We are really pleased to have everyone back at school. We are doing everything we can to keep us all safe. Start and end of days times are staggered, as are playtimes and lunchtimes. The teachers are working incredibly hard to provide a broad and balanced curriculum in difficult circumstances. The day at school looks different and it does not allow for the level of close interaction that we are used to but the children are adapting well. We miss meeting up en mass for assembly but we are using the available technology to 'get together'.

Suzanne Corry Headteacher

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- \* There are different vaccines for different age groups, and they will be arriving at different times over the coming months. Clinics will have to be carefully planned to ensure we do not over book.
- \* Personal Protective Equipment will be worn by our team with increased precautions in between vaccinations which will increase the time it takes.

Due to the above please understand the first flu clinics will only be for those patients 65 years and older or those at risk as identified by the practice.

You can help us when you arrive for a flu vaccination by being aware of the following guidance:

- \* You must not attend if you have any COVID symptoms.
- \* Clinics will be held outside to avoid all patients entering the surgery - if rain is anticipated bring an umbrella. Vaccinations will occur under cover.
- \* You must wear a face covering.
- \* Please respect social distancing and be patient if there is a queue.
- \* Clinics will take place initially at Shenington Surgery OX15 6NF due to the increased ability to park and maintain social distancing.
- \* If patients have mobility problems and are unable to walk please call the reception and we will advise.

The next clinic will be held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1pm–3:30pm. This clinic, at Shenington Surgery, is strictly for pre-bookable appointments only. The Surgery will be contacting patients to invite them to attend a clinic, mostly by text message or telephone call. No other services will be available at the same time and the dispensary will be closed to minimise patient numbers. We will be holding more clinics and we will let you know once these have been finalised.

This year we strongly advise that you should have a flu vaccination with the increased risks associated with Covid-19 infection in vulnerable groups; one of the biggest risk factors is age.

We apologise in advance for any difficulties you face during the clinics and ask that you be patient with our team. These are new times for us all and we will not know how efficient this new way of working can be run until we try.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the vaccination clinics.

Drs Marshall and Sharples





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## CARERS4CARERS

Carers4Carers is a self-help support group for carers living in Kinton and the surrounding villages and rural area. While we consider how to safely resume our face-to-face meetings, we are keeping in touch via our monthly email and newsletter; our volunteers are offering telephone support calls and we continue to run a "virtual coffee morning". If you would like to join us, look out for joining instructions in our monthly email or contact the number below. If you are a member, have not heard from us but would like a call, do get in touch. To find out more about our work, take a look at our website [www.carers4carersonthefosse.org](http://www.carers4carersonthefosse.org), email us at [kcarers4carers@gmail.com](mailto:kcarers4carers@gmail.com) or call 07947 893504.



## FARNBOROUGH LAKE - AWAY FROM IT ALL

Roy W Jenkins

An autumn nip was in the air  
September sun shone so bright everywhere  
It was to the lake surrounded by a wood  
Where ancient trees like soldiers stood.

Down a winding path my wife and I strode along  
Birds twittered and sang such lovely songs  
So tranquil is this wooded world in so many ways  
Far removed from our world today.

Broken twigs crackled under our feet  
As we walked along oh! boy what a treat  
Huge trees stood proud making you feel so small  
Hundred years of growth they have grown so tall.

As the sun shines beams of light through the trees  
Painting a picture of all shades of green  
As we continue along the winding path  
That seems never ending and would always last.

Soon after arriving at the water's edge  
What a calm and peaceful scene  
Only two swans gliding by  
Making the picture so serene.

Walking along the water's edge  
The swans followed us all the way  
Soon two cygnets appeared  
Not white more of a dull grey

Walking further around the lake  
A wooden seat appears so we take a break  
But swans stare waiting to be fed  
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