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Visit the Hanney website regularly: www.thehanneys.org.uk

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Oct Winners:

£100: John Midwinter, E.H.

£50: Pat Beech E.H.

£25: Mary Courtney E.H

Not got a number yet or want to have additional numbers? Just call Hilary on 868590

Final Thoughts

My body is just a filter...coffee goes in and sarcasm comes out.
People who get offended on the internet are the same people who take mini-golf seriously.

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Thank you Hanney for making this year's Michaelmas Fayre such a success! We are still doing final sums but it looks as if the Fayre and Wild West Feast raised very slightly more than last year so

We invite grant applications -

full details are on our website at www.hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk and applications can be emailed to info@hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk.

Details will also be available in the Community Shop and St James Church.

Claire, Emer, Helen, Hilary, Monica & Stuart

An Accident Waiting to Happen

Whilst some parents are using the village hall car park, the school and general community are becoming increasingly concerned about the dangerous behaviour of some drivers.

Please do not park outside school. Doing so creates a hazard for all road users.
Janice Peacock - Headteacher



...Dave is well pleased with his raffle prize!

Editorial

Here we are again and as I write, the world has a positively autumnal feel about it. East Hanney has recently lost two of its great characters, Barry Morley and Anne Lamble - see their obits on page 10. We offer our sincere condolences to their families and friends. My thanks to Shaun Lamble and Angela Cousins for help with Anne's obit, and to Marinella Johnson for her kind assistance with Barry's.

Better news, and big up congrats to Patrick and Stuart at the Black Horse, whose Macmillan Coffee morning raised over £200! Hanney Royal British Legion raised £159 at theirs...well done to all. Meantime, the boys at the Black Horse are hosting a Firework and BBQ evening on Sat 5th, with all profits going to the Pre-School...well worth supporting. If you're having a bash of your own, please see Henry the Hedgehog's message on page 4.

Who spotted last month's mistake? No prizes, but it was of course that the A417 road bridge at Challow did not close for repair work, apparently following the intervention of Big Ed Vaizey. Well done Big Ed, but it was after we had gone to press, hence the error. They do say don't believe everything you read in the press, and maybe it's worth mentioning that 'Hanney News' is something of a misnomer for our little publication, since we are not always able to bring you the latest news, due to our printing and distribution deadlines. Inevitably, the occasional cock-up does occur I'm afraid.

Talking of inaccurate reporting, the Wantage Herald recently lifted my piece from last month's iss about the 'Hanney Parochial Charity' and announced in print, and on their website, that anyone in the Vale could apply for our Hanney and Lyford only awards. Doh! They've since apologised. (Angela Cousin's book about the charity is due out very soon...review and details next month.)

And whilst I'm handing out reprimands, I've just been in touch with Cokethorpe School - the Headmaster no less - to tell him that I saw one of his minibuses speed down Winter Lane at an unseemly, and certainly illegal rate. He was suitably apologetic. If you see any identifiable commercial vehicle obviously in breach of the Highway Code for whatever reason, don't be afraid to ring the company and tell on them.

Still on road safety, please see the front page item - well, you can hardly miss it! - from Janice Peacock the St James Headteacher about the importance of sensible parking when delivering all the little darlings to her wonderful school.

A second CPR/Defib session organised by the Hanney Community Association attracted 21 attendees and all found it very interesting. Hopefully the HCA will organise another in the Spring. If you've missed the two sessions so far but might be interested, let me know.

Ok, time to put this little baby to bed and start planning the Christmas issue....where does the time go?

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WANTAGE CHORAL SOCIETY rehearses every Tuesday at CofE School, Newbury St. (next to Comrades Club) at 7.30pm. New voices always welcome. Contact Judy Gibbons 868516, www.wantagechoralsociety.co.uk, email wantagechoralsociety@yahoo.co.uk.

WANTAGE GARDENERS ASSOCIATION : 9am - 12noon every Saturday Feb-Sept. See website for details of all they offer. ww.wantagegardeners.org.uk

WILTS & BERKS CANAL TRUST/EAST VALE BRANCH First Wednesday in the month, Social Meeting at the Hanney British Legion 8pm. Details contact Brian Stovold on 763072 wbct.org.uk

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HANNEY WI (WOMEN'S INSTITUTE) meet the second Thursday of the month (not Aug) 7.30 - 9.30 in the Olde Hanney Room. New members are welcome, contact Angela Morris Tel. 223245, Email: angie.m@ntlworld.com or Helen Evans 868542

Regular Events

HANNEY LITTLE RAINBOWS, Activity and fun for 0 - 3 yr olds meet every Monday, 9.30 - 11.30am. At the Village Hall Contact Hayley Aram for details 07900 696 921

DANCING CLASS, Tuesdays, 3.30-4.30pm during term-time. Children from 3 1/2. Ballet, tap, acrobatic dancing, deportment. New pupils welcome. Nancy Becker on l.becker@virgin.net

OXFORDSHIRE FITNESS CLASSES Mondays 6.15 - 7.15pm Legs, Bums & Tums at the British Legion; Thursdays 6.15 - 7.15pm. Pick and mix exercise at the British Legion. Call Lisa on 07885635367

YOGA (HATHA) – MIXED LEVEL at Hanney War Memorial Hall, Fridays 9.30-11am. £45 for 6 sessions; £9 for drop-in. Ring Eleanor on 01865 863316 or email eleanorwadge@yahoo.co.uk to book or for more information.

HANNEY CHAPEL. Every Sunday, Morning Service at 10.30 (and "Explorers" for children) - creche available. Evening Service at 6pm. All welcome. "Jumpstart" club for 6-10 year olds, Thurs 6pm. Friday Club for 10-15 year olds at 7.30pm, both in term time. Thursday Lunch & Listen first Thurs in month 10.30am. Contact Bob Pritchard on 868864.

HANNEY PRE-SCHOOL meets term time, in the Elliott Building in the grounds of St James School. For 3+ year olds: Monday - Friday 9am – 2pm, For 2+ year olds: Mon - Fri 9am - 2pm. Contact Hanney Pre-School on 07759181330 or see www.hanneypreschool.co.uk

OLDE HANNEY ROOM COFFEE SHOP, Tuesdays, 10.00-11.30am. Everyone welcome for tea or coffee - chat and a raffle.

BINGO every Sunday, R.B. Legion Hall 8pm. Cash prizes. All over 18 welcome

PILATES CLASS Wednesdays 6 -7pm (term time only) at the Royal British Legion, East Hanney. Novices and Improvers welcome. To book your place or for more details please contact Pippa Carey (STOTT Pilates teacher) on 07941 260427 or at pippa@thrive-nutrition.co.uk

Clubs and Societies

HANNEY BOWLS CLUB Wednesdays 7.30-10.00pm, and Thursdays 2.00-4.00pm. Contact 868145

RBL WOMEN'S SECTION MEETINGS are held at 8.00pm on the second Monday of the month in the RBL 66 Club. New members very welcome.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRANCH meets bi-monthly on the 4th Wednesday of September, November, January, March, May and July in the RBL Club. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.

HANNEY BADMINTON CLUB meets every Thursday in the HWMH, 8-10pm. We welcome new members. Call 868256 for details.

HANNEY TENNIS CLUB New members welcome. Club sessions Sunday 10am onwards, Tuesday 7pm - just turn up. For coaching adult or junior contact andy.aitken@growingthegame.co.uk
More information www.hanneytennisclub.org.uk or call 868261.

HANNEY HISTORY GROUP. meets 8pm every 4th Tuesday. New members and visitors welcome, non-members £3. For further info ring Bill Orson 868859.

HANNEY BELLRINGERS meet every Wednesday St James' Church West Hanney from 7.30 pm until 9 pm. Beginners very welcome. Contact Jean Hazard for more details (868883).

HANNEY GUIDES meet on Mondays 6.30 -8.00 during term time. All girls welcome, aged 10+, contact Sue Clark 765885. HANNEY BROWNIES (aged 7+) meet on Tuesdays in British Legion Hall from 6.00 - 7.30. RAINBOWS (5+) in Grove on Wednesday and Thursday. Further details and waiting lists: www.girlguiding.org.uk

HANNEY GARDENING CLUB meets on the first Monday of each month in the HWMH. 7:45 for 8.00pm. Tea and coffee followed by a talk. Visit www.hanneygardeningclub.org.uk

HANNEY WHEELERS CYCLING We meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 9.30am prompt (10am after the clocks have gone back for the winter) at the Hanney WMH. New cyclists, you will be warmly welcomed for recreational local cycling with essential coffee stop!! Call Bob Wilson 868389 or bobwilson300@hotmail.com

HANNEY WINE CIRCLE meets on the 2nd Tuesday each month: www.hanneywinecircle.org.uk

HANNEY CRICKET CLUB Indoor nets available in March & April followed by outdoor training every Thursday evening throughout the summer from 6.15pm at the rec. League fixtures every Saturday, occasional friendly Sunday games & mid week T20. Contact: Secretary Jerry May 07714 033651, or first XI captain Mark Tracey 07775 503169

HANNEY YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB trains at the rec. on Thursday night. We play in the Oxford Mail Youth League and have teams from age 5 up. If you would like to join us please contact Paul on 07510 435 508, hyfcfooty@gmail.com or visit our website hanneyyouthfc.co.uk

HANNEY TABLE TENNIS meet every Thursday from 6.30pm till 7.30pm at the HWMH. £2 entry. Richard Anstis 07908 673367 for details, or just turn up!

WANTAGE MALE VOICE CHOIR rehearses at HWMH on Tuesdays, 7.30-9.30pm. The Choir is looking for more men who enjoy a good sing to join their existing number of 30 or so. Call Geoff (868440) or Nick (768249), www.wantagemalevoicechoir.org.uk

Notices...what's happening this month

Weds 2nd. St James School, Term 2 begins...Whoopie!!

Fri 4th: Film Night, Hanney Hall. 'Florence Foster Jenkins' - see page 11 for details.

Sat 5th, 11am - 12 noon, Drop-In Drawing Hour for all ages at the Vale Museum in Wantage. Details on their website: wantage-museum.com

Sat 5th Fireworks and BBQ at the Black Horse. All profits to Hanney Pre-School.

Sun 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th. Services at St James. See page 15

Thurs 10th. 7.30pm, Hanney Hall, W.I. 'The Archway Foundation'.

Sat 12th, 1.30pm, Wantage & Grove Lions are holding a grand jumble sale & second hand sale. Lots of bargains. Hanney Royal British Legion Hall.

Sat 12th Freecycle Live, Old Mill Hall, School Lne Grove, 10 - 11am. See panel below.

Sat 19th Christmas Bazaar at Village Hall for Cancer Research UK. See front page.

Sat 19th at R.B.L Hall. Live Music with 'Move It', 60's and 70's songs. Groovetastic!

Tues 22nd, 8pm, Hanney Hall, History Group, 'The Abingdon Map', by Manfred Brod

Thurs 24th 2.30pm, Hanney Hall, Senior Citizens, Learn Hand Massage with Lilly Dunkley. Open meeting, all are welcome.

....and further ahead

Sat 10th Dec, 2 - 5pm. R.B.L. Women's Section invites Senior Citizens to a Free Christmas Party (food similar to last year). If interested, please contact Maureen on 868744 or Kim on 868967.

Tues 20th Dec, St James School, Term two ends....Boohoo!!

Freecycle Live. Everyone welcome to take whatever they like for FREE, from a selection of used but usable household goods. You don't have to bring to take. No entrance fee and everything is absolutely free! Refreshments available in the cafe. Especially welcome are books, CD's, DVD's, toys, small electricals with CE mark, and small household or gardening items. No clothes/anything to large for one person to carry/toxic/hazardous/broken items please. Large items can advertised on a board at the event. www.sustainablewantage.org.uk | mims@talktalk.net

Contact details for our political chums.

Ed Vaizey MP - 'You can contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350

or dicksonce@parliament.uk.

Vale of White Horse District Council leader **Matt Barber's** email and website addresses: councillor@matthewbarber.co.uk
www.matthewbarber.co.uk

Over for another year, but hopefully my selection of snaps here will bring back a few memories. The weather was kind, the many stalls offered a variety of fine fayre and activity, much money was raised to ultimately go to very deserving local causes, (see front page) and West Hanney, once again - third year running! - won the tug of war! Well done lads. As for the Wild West Feast, it was mighty fine y'all, with a great little rockabilly combo called 'Wild' who filled the dance floor with real cowboys and some mighty purdy little squaws and cowgirls, who all shaked what their Mamas gave 'em dag nabbit! Well I'll

be durned. (Not actually sure what that means but it's supposed to sound American!)

The Michaelmas Fayre is a great community event and well done to everyone who made it happen. Not usually to be recommended, but I do want to single out one person who really did make the whole thing happen...without her immense efforts it simply would not have taken place. Step up Hilary Cakebread Hall, and on behalf of the village, thank you for all your hard work. It is much appreciated.



Remember remember...

'Before you light your bonfires, please check them for little creatures like me who may have made it their home. Many thanks. ' Henry the Hedgehog.

To all residents of East and West Hanney.

As you know, the Royal British Legion has a parade from the Legion Club to St James Church in West Hanney on Remembrance Sunday, November 13th. This is a civic parade, organised by the Legion in memory of the fallen in all conflicts. All members of the public are invited to join this parade, including all Parish Dignitaries. As the older members who used to parade are no longer able to do so, it would be appreciated if the younger residents and members of the Legion would join in the parade. I look forward to seeing you on Remembrance Sunday - the parade assembles at 10.15am in the Legion car park and marches off at 10.30am sharp. K.L.Weetch, Hanney Legion Chairman.

Back Issues...a request.

I mentioned in June about back issues - recent ones anyway - being available should you want one, but earlier copies are harder to come by, and our team of archivists and historians here at Hanney News Global International are keen to complete our collection. If you have any back issues you no longer want, please let me know and I'll come and collect them.



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East Hanney Parish Council

You will have spotted the hi-vis clad volunteers with Speedwatch cameras over the last few months at prominent sites in the village, on the A338 and outside the school. This initiative is supported by Thames Valley Police and repeat offenders contacted directly by TVP. The Council is pleased to hear the proportion of speeding vehicles declined recently and it is hoped that the Speedwatch Initiative is having a positive affect on drivers' behavior. Staying with traffic, residents have reported that drivers leaving the side roads off Alfred's Place are not always checking that their path is clear by looking both ways, the Council reminds all drivers in East Hanney that with few footpaths it is essential that drivers are vigilant to avoid accidents.

Over recent years, alongside the increase in housing and population, there has been a marked rise in activities that the Council is required to be involved with. In response, the Vale's democratic services department is reviewing the number of councillors that the village may elect. This is welcome, as with the anticipated further devolution of services from both District and County Councils it is a very interesting time for the village. More help is welcome and the Council acknowledges that there has been greater involvement from the community in matters recently. The Council welcomes attendance at its scheduled meetings and community involvement in projects, particularly if people are able to help support village-wide initiatives, such as public art installation, the Neighbourhood Plan, Speedwatch, and the expansion of amenity spaces and associated regula-

tions. The Council would be interested to hear from anyone who would like to become more involved, for a specific matter that may be of concern or for a wider project.

Following the latest visit by travelers to the playing fields, the Council contracted specialists to clean up the field at a cost of £1689.00, representing over 10% of precept income for 2016-17. The Council cannot sustain this level of spending and it is hoped that the security measures in place will ensure that unwanted incursions are a thing of the past. The measures were reviewed at the Council's last meeting and it will be reviewing the regulations for playing field use at its November meeting.

On the subject of waste, Biffa and the District Council have implemented stricter rules about what can be put in each bin and will suspend collections if they consider a household to be 'repeat offenders'. When asked what they could do about others putting the 'wrong' waste in a household's bins, the District Council advised that bin locks could be purchased and the bin left unlocked on collection day. These locks are c£20 each and can be purchased online. The Parish Council has asked that the local ward Councillor investigate this issue.

Parish Council meetings are open to the public and are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 8pm. The agenda will be available to view on the notice board outside the Community Shop, on the Council's website and on Facebook a week in advance.

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West Hanney Parish Council

Now that Autumn has really arrived can we echo the request of the Hanneys Flood Group and ask all residents with ditches at their frontages, whether open or piped, to ensure that they are free of any accumulations of leaves, debris or any items that may impact on the flow of water should we get a lengthy spell of wet weather. The ditch along Winter Lane is especially important as that handles most of the water draining from the village into the Childrey Brook and eventually of course to the River Ock.

Unfortunately the never ending saga of dog poo is rearing its ugly head again with residents complaining about owners who do not clean up after their dogs. The Community Woodland is a particular worry as it is used by school children. It has been noted that 'commercial' dog walkers coming from outside the Hanneys are prone to ignoring their dog's 'left behinds'. If you see such disregard for our village's wonderful woodland please remind them to clean up after their charges.

Motorcycles have also been accessing the woodland causing damage to the rides, apparently through the 'kissing' gates by lifting their bike vertically onto its back wheel to manoeuvre through. Your parish council will be putting up 'Pedestrians Only' signs, so if you do come across a rider please ask them to leave the area immediately or the police will be called.

More daffodil bulbs have been purchased and are being planted around the village to hopefully bring some joyful colour in the spring.

Substantial money has been spent in an attempt to stop unauthorised vehicles parking on the sports field but unbelievably drivers are deciding to risk damaging their cars by manoeuvring between the new wooden posts rather than walk a few metres! More posts will now have to be bought and fitted to narrow the gaps even further.

Volunteers are still desperately needed to help with the Speedwatch initiative. If you have an hour or two to spare just once a month or even less then please help us control speeding in the villages. Retired residents are ideal due to the daytime operation. Please contact any councillor or our coordinator Gerald Chaffey on 868627 to find out more.

Next Meeting - Tuesday - 1st November - 7.30pm - Church Bell Tower

Your Councillors:

Chris Surman (Chairman)	868749	Edward Wilkinson	867216
Kay Sayers (Cllr & Clerk)	868146	Trevor Brettell	868459
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The next scheduled meetings are **2nd Nov and 7th Dec 2016.**

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Obituaries

Anne Lamble

15th June 1940 - 5th Oct 2016

Less than six months after the passing of Mick Lamble, his wife Anne, a Hanney resident all her life, has also passed away. Anne and Mick married in 1973, and had four children, Shaun, Craig, Dale and Kerry. Our thoughts are with them at this difficult time. Anne embodied the spirit of community in our villages and spent her life helping others in many ways, from delivering newspapers through to caring for the elderly. In October 2010, her efforts were finally recognised when she was presented with a 'Caring in the Vale' award by the Vale of White Horse District Council, having been nominated by East Hanney Parish Council. The citation read 'In recognition of your wonderful dedication to the village of East Hanney and the care of its residents'. Anne really understood 'Community' and went quietly about her business of helping others whenever she could. She will be sorely missed by her many friends and family.

Barry Morley

8th June 1937 - 22nd Sept 2016

Barry was born and grew up in Windsor. He was a keen and able rugby player, making many appearances for Windsor RFC as a young man. He settled in East Hanney when he married his second wife Sally, who was a teacher at St Helens School. Barry was a very keen motorcyclist and he and Sally would spend holidays riding round Europe on his motorbike. Sally died of cancer aged only 62 and since then Barry lived alone. He was an only child and had no children of his own. He spoke little about his work, some kind of sales role in the aeronautical industry. As well as rugby and motorbikes, Barry loved steam trains and classical music, particularly organ pieces. He travelled far and wide to indulge his passions. Closer to home, Barry was secretary for a period for the Village Hall and also did his bit on the bread run for the village shop.

Barry was a familiar and popular figure within the village, often to be found enjoying a leisurely tittle down at the Black Horse. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

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including details of suspect vehicles. **The recent new housing developments in East & West Hanney have not yet taken advantage of this service.** If any residents there are willing to consider coordinating new Neighbourhood Watch groups in their road, and providing their members with this service, please contact me by email: rwoodyear@gmail.com
Ray Woodyear, Area Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

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Just last year there were 3,025 blockages in this area. Over the next 6 weeks, Thames Water will be contacting residents to encourage them to stop pouring cooking fat down the sink and flushing wet wipes down the loo.



The Winter Lane footpath..... I don't know about 'fatbergs' - see above - but they're still wading through the ridiculous amount of red tape I'm afraid, though the developer, Bellway, assures me that a contractor is standing by, shovel in hand, ready to start the work once the sticky red stuff has been dealt with. Oh dear, this has all gone on for an awfully long time hasn't it?



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My wife Sue has recently taken over as the new booking secretary from Nicky Kauert and we are very grateful for all the work that Nicky did to promote the Hall and manage the bookings over many years. Michelle Brady has also taken over as Bar

Manager from Nigel and has already brought fresh ideas to it.

You may not realise that the Hall is a registered charity and every event or activity raises money to support the future of the Hall and its maintenance. A major source of income is the revenue from our Bar at events such as private parties and the recent Michaelmas Fayre Wild West evening. It is therefore very disappointing that a small number of guests attending such events believe it is acceptable to bring their own alcoholic drinks into the Hall, jeopardising our drinks licence and importantly, denying the Hall, a charity, of essential funding.

Please keep on supporting our Hall, the hub of the communities and thank you if you voted in our solar project competition. Let's hope we are the lucky winners.

Graham Garner, Chairman

Letter

Dear Editor

I am grateful to your correspondent, Phil Mobbs, who wrote sensibly in response to complaints about RAF helicopters over Hanney. The throb of the chopper always gives me warm reassurance, no doubt from the comfort it has heralded in less desirable situations - there will be others who have the same memories, I'm sure! So carry on with this vital training: I'm certainly not complaining.

Yours sincerely, Geoffrey Bourne-Taylor



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All this prompted a lot of comment and discussion, which is unusual for so early in the morning in our household. Not least that inner strength was considered by the advertisers a topic that people would be interested in but mainly that there was a glaring omission. If you are seriously writing about inner strength then I believe you do need to mention God.

It reminded me of when I was training recruits, and part of my role as a Chaplain was to help the soldiers explore strength. For not only did they need to become physically strong, they also required an inner resource which involved their mind and emotion and, we would add as Christian Chaplains, the spiritual nature of their lives. So we tried to explain that there is a quality that builds resolve, courage and resilience but that is not reliant on our own resources rather comes from elsewhere. The best way I found to describe this spiritual strength was "more than". More than we have, more than we can produce, more than we are; and for me that "more than" is the LORD.

The fact that some military personnel are being taken to court for alleged misconduct and mistreatment of civilians in the chaos of conflict and are receiving little or no support from the authorities means that they will still need to find a great deal of inner strength to cope with such injustice.

At this time of Remembrance it is important we remember those who gave up their lives but also those who gave up their limbs and are living with seriously damaged bodies, as well as those who are affected by conflict emotionally, mentally and through injustice. Such vulnerable men and women need inner strength and it is vital that such organisations as the Royal British Legion use their funds for welfare purposes. It is also good that more charities are forming to give this much-needed assistance.

The wonderful thing about the LORD God is that he offers help and strength to everyone who calls on Him. As the vulnerable disabled once called out *Jesus Master have mercy on us* because they recognised he offered a strength more than they could manage themselves, so we can all **Look to the Lord and his strength**, as Psalm 105 v 4 says.

If you pause to remember our fallen sailors, soldiers and airmen also remember that

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