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The Grapevine

February 2016

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Blair Drummond Blethers

This friendly monthly gathering for 50 plus-ers meets in Blair Drummond Community Hall on the last Monday of the month. For our winter season we meet from 12 noon to 2pm, for homemade soup and sandwiches.

At our January meeting we enjoyed a Burns lunch, followed by the Primary School children from P1 – P4 giving us renditions of Scots poetry and songs. They were a credit to the Scots language and the teaching provided!



Our next meeting is on **Monday 29th February**, when, in addition to lunch, Kate Sankey, West Moss-side, Thornhill, will speak about Flanders Moss. Then on **Monday 28th March**, lunch will be followed by a Beetle Drive - usually a cause for great competition and hilarity!

So you live in the local communities, are over the age of 50 years, and would like to join us, please do come along. You'll be made very welcome. For more information please contact - **Christine Bauer** (Tel: 01786 841191). A lift can be arranged if needed.

Thornhill & Blair Drummond Community Council News

There have been two recent meetings of the CC (15 Dec & 19 Jan) since our last update.

The issues discussed included 'The Nib' – a traffic calming and management measure on Main Street, Thornhill. Residents have provided useful feedback on its effectiveness. One of the problems is that drivers are leaving vehicles parked on double yellow lines outside Main Street properties, and this is reducing the scheme's effectiveness. Whilst it is an offence to park on double yellow lines at any time, the police have asked the community to try to regulate this themselves rather than the authorities having to pursue legal action.

Speeding traffic on the A873 continues to be a serious problem for rural residents trying to access the main road, and for school children getting on and off the school bus at various stops including Woodside Cottages, Blair Drummond. The police are looking into the matter.

The local police also advised the meeting that there has been a recent spate of burglaries in the local area. Anyone leaving their home empty is advised to leave a light on as a deterrent. French windows are particularly vulnerable and extra security is advised for these.

The installation of a defibrillator at Blair Drummond Community Hall is imminent. Training sessions for responders will be arranged in due course.

The CC is seeking more notice from Stirling Council regarding planning applications. At present we are only able to comment once a decision has been made. It was suggested that the CC should receive the same notification as that received by neighbouring properties, to give the CC the maximum opportunity to review plans and comment on them.

Ken Ingle, Community Councillor

Christmas Fayre

The Hall Committee would like to thank everyone who came along and supported our Christmas Fayre. £247 was raised for the Blair Drummond Defibrillator Fund. We would also like to thank all the stallholders who attended and kindly donated the prizes for the raffle.

We hope you all enjoyed this event and that you will come along again to this year's Christmas Fayre, which will be held in the hall on Friday 25th November from 7pm. If you, or anyone you know, would like to take a stall, please email: Catherine@grasslands.plus.com

Births



Johanna and Andrew Bauer, West Woodside, Blair Drummond are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Eva Maeve, on 4th December 2015, weighing 7lbs 1oz. Mother and baby are both doing very well and baby Eva is being thoroughly spoiled by her twin brothers.



The group for younger women in the Carse area, which aims to share friendship, faith and fun.

For our first meeting of 2016, we had a well-supported informal Burns Supper. After the haggis, neeps and tatties, the company were entertained by friends who formed a scratch choir for the evening – styled as ‘The Ellisland Entertainers’ – to sing Burns songs, while poems were added by Dr Alistair Durie and Alison McAlpine, librarian from Doune.

Further meetings for the year are on Tuesday 23rd February and Tuesday 22nd March, both at 7.30pm in the Gargunnock Community Centre. New friends are invited to come along and are assured of a warm welcome. If you would like more information contact -

Fiona Campbell Tel 01786 860678, or **Janette Gilliland** Tel 01786 470637.

Superfast in Sight

A local company specialising in Broadband, especially for rural and under-served areas, is now available in this area. Briskona can provide you with High Speed Internet, without a BT line.

Coverage from our antennas is on a line-of-sight and near-line-of-sight basis; this means that, if you can see one of the sites, you will receive high speed connections of up to 24mb with all normal Broadband facilities. Our coverage includes Gartmore, Kippen and Dollar, to name but a few. To check your eligibility, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We have already supplied the Camphill Trust with a high speed link, courtesy of Briskona, to aid their day-to-day business needs; they previously had a connection of under 1mb. Blair Drummond Safari Park has also been supplied with a high speed link of 24mb to help their business transactions, as has the UA Market/Business Park estate.

We are grateful to the local business and estate owners who have allowed us to install repeater stations and access points on their properties to help develop our network.

We hope to benefit all rural communities in Stirlingshire and our key aim is to make all areas aware that there is a solution away from BT that is available now. For more information, email our team or please visit our website enquiries@briskona.com www.briskona.com or telephone 01259 726630.

Jamie Parsons, Director, Briskona Ltd

N.B. We are holding an information meeting at Blair Drummond Community Hall on Monday 22nd February, at 7.30pm. Come along and find out more about our services.

Thank you from the Inglis

Robin, Mary and family would like to thank everyone who attended their recent gathering for their kind donations to charity! The final total came to an amazing £600 which was divided equally between Cancer Research and MS society. Thanks for all your donations and help on the night.

Robin and Mary Inglis

Resolve to Get Involved Event at The Inn at Kippen



On Saturday the 16th we held the first Resolve to Get Involved event at the Inn at Kippen. A day which was borne out of the idea that there is a lot going on in this area; from events, volunteering opportunities and wonderful local food, but that there was a need to spread the word and encourage people to get involved.

The 12 stall-holders did a fantastic job with their displays and each one looked very enticing. From the video of people splashing through the mud on the Lanrick Challenge, volunteering on Flanders Moss, to delicious samples of organic beef from West Moss-side farm and beautiful cakes from Camphill, there was something to suit all ages and interests.

We were delighted that people braved the snow and there was a good turn out, with some extremely positive feedback from both the public and the stall-holders. The day had a lovely, sociable atmosphere and a lot of fun was had by all. Many of the stall-holders got something just from talking to each other and the people who came along all had a genuine interest in learning more about what's happening in the Carse of Stirling area.

I certainly met some new and interesting people and came away from the day feeling inspired and enthused that we have so many fantastic things happening on our doorstep. Overall the day was a huge success and this may well become an annual event, so watch this space! I'm very grateful to the Stirling local Food Collective, which is where the idea

for the Get Involved day came from, and for all of the introductions they've made.

What was my reason for 'getting involved'? Well, you may have seen the building work which is going on at the Blair Drummond corner (junction of the A84 and A873) and wondered what is going on! I'm involved in the new Blair Drummond Smiddy, which we're planning to open this summer.

There will be a shop, café and butchery selling lovely local produce and I have been having a fantastic time over the last few months meeting potential suppliers. More on what's happening at the Smiddy in a future edition. In the meantime, if you have something which you make or produce, then get in touch with me: daisymuir@hotmail.com

Youth Club



Blair Drummond Youth Club runs every Tuesday evening, from October until Easter during term time, from 7 – 9pm, in the Community Hall. It is open to anyone aged 10 years and upwards. There are a variety of activities on offer, from unihoc to badminton. There is an annual membership fee of £10, and a weekly charge of £1 and there is a reasonably priced Tuck Shop.

This year, as part of 'Scottish Government Cash Back Small Grants Scheme', the

Youth Club successfully applied for a grant and was awarded £1002. This money will be used to replace some of the existing ageing equipment with more modern versions, and some will be used to take the young people on outings. Some of the trips planned are to visit a robotic dairy farm and a milk processing plant. Also to visit a trampoline park for some bouncing fun!

Anyone wishing to join in the fun at Youth Club on a Tuesday evening is more than welcome. **Mary** (07443 455978) or **Lorna** (07851 364227) can be contacted for more information.

Callander Young Farmers

January has been a busy and important month for Callander & District YFC.

Members enjoyed playing Bubble Football in Stirling, where lots of fun and laughs were had by all.



After months of rehearsals we held our annual Variety Concert in Thornhill Hall. All sketches, scenes and dances were written by ourselves and I am immensely proud of all the members who took part and helped with the concert.



The performance was sold out on both nights and the dance after the Saturday night performance was a success too. During the concert our raffle and a percentage of the bar profits helped fund raise for the charities – Kidney Research UK and The Willard Trust. Thank you to all who contributed.

Now that the concert is over the Club looks forward to attending other District Clubs concerts and the National YF Competitions weekend in Elgin. This year the Club is trying to organise a Ploughing Match, although the weather will have the final decision on whether this goes ahead or not!

The Club is always on the lookout for new members. If you are aged between 14 – 26 and are interested in meeting new people, trying different activities, or would simply like more information, please get in touch on – 0755 799 1784, or through the Facebook page. You don't have to be a farmer to join us, there are a range of events and competitions to suit everyone!

David Bennie, Chairman

Blair Drummond Curling Club

We are now more than halfway through the season and on Friday 15 January at the Peak, following the Club Bonspiel our Burns Supper took place. The winning team on the night was skipped by Sandy Holl, with Susan Seaman, Tanya Wilson and Ian Stanley completing the team and prizes were presented by Club President John Sands. (See below)

For our celebration of the National Bard, 22 members and guests attended. All were welcomed by Club Chairman Fred Bauer and the supper began with the piping in of the haggis by Club member Sam Burton. The Address to the Haggis was given by Nigel Holl, followed by the Selkirk Grace, led by Susan Seaman. The Immortal Memory was given by Guest Speaker John Rankin, and he then followed up with a rendition of Tam O' Shanter which had a definite Russian flavour. The evening was rounded off with a Vote of Thanks by Club Secretary Steve Walker to all participants particularly John Rankin, for his very entertaining contribution.

The Club AGM is to be held on **Thursday 14 April** at 7pm at the Peak, please come along.

New members are always welcome to the Club so please contact Fred on 07500354004 or fredbauer@outlook.com and start enjoying this wonderful sport.



Briarlands

The team at Briarlands Farm are looking forward to welcoming everybody back when we re-open on Friday 5th February for the 2016 season. We can hardly believe the time has come around so quickly! Here at the farm we have been busy planning lots of exciting things for 2016.



Following on from the success of our 'Pop Up Fun' last season, we have some exciting new activities.

We will have -

- A new High Ropes Course, over the four days of Easter (25th March– 28th March)
- An old favourite, the Climbing Wall (4th – 8th April)
- And a new Zorbing Track (11th – 15th April) - see picture
- Spider Mountain will be back for the May Bank Holiday weekend
- And the High Ropes Course will be back again for the Summer Holidays!

We will also have our regular pre-school classes, with Boogle Beats and Hartbeeps, which will start up again when we open. We are excited to welcome 'Messy Mitts and a Buggy Fitness class. Please check out our events on our website, for more information on dates and how to book your place. We also offer half-price admission for the Funyard immediately after a class, for any participants, so why not stay for a play, or buy one of our popular Season Passes?

We hope you will be able to visit us this season and we thank you for your continued support for Briarlands Farm. Please, everyone, keep your fingers crossed for some dry weather!

Pippa Glennie, Duty Manager

Police Scotland

Unfortunately, at this time of year there is usually an increase in thefts, due to the darker evenings. Between 1300 – 1830 hours on 1st January 2016 a theft occurred in Thornhill, when a house was broken into. Entry was gained by smashing a window and a quantity of jewellery was taken. If anyone has information regarding this crime, please contact Police Scotland, on the 101 phone number.

We would encourage local residents to consider how their property looks to a would-be thief. Given that we are now in winter, and the hours of darkness are greater, consider the lighting of your property, inside and out. Inside, leave lights on, or leave a lamp on an electronic timer. Another good tip is to leave a radio or TV on, when popping out and consider closing blinds and curtains also, to make the house look as if there is someone at home.

Consider taking note of serial numbers of any expensive items of property in your house, and taking photos is also a good idea. Another good solution on the market is Smartwater. Have a look at their website www.smartwater.com. If you are interested, please get in touch with the local Community Officers, who will provide you with details.

Ensure all sheds and outhouses are locked at all times, even if working in the garden. If you leave doors open on sheds and garages, it lets everyone see what's inside and gives them the opportunity to plan a return visit!

If you are going away for a few days, always consider leaving a key with a neighbour or friend/family member, who will visit regularly, daily if possible. Do not allow mail to stack up behind doors. If it is possible, leave a car outside the house and whoever is checking to property can move the car if possible. If you are going on holiday, let us know by either popping into Callander office, or phoning. It means that where possible, we will try to keep a look out for your property, when we pass by.

Have good quality locks fitted to doors and windows, and consider the use of an alarm. Some alarms will contact the police and we will attend, along with a keyholder, to ensure all is in order. This is not always the case so if you hear a house alarm sounding, think about phoning the police.

Make sure you lock your vehicles at all time and remove the keys from the ignition. Do not leave vehicles unattended outside your house, to defrost your car, as they are liable to be stolen and your insurance will

be void! Take items of value out of the car, or if you have no choice, cover them with something to make them less obvious.

The most important piece of advice is to be vigilant and keep an eye out for your neighbours and the local community. Call the Police immediately on 101, or 999 in an emergency, if you are at all concerned about the behaviour of a person or vehicle.

PC Colin Mckerracher, Trossachs & Teith Community Ward, Police Scotland

Safari Park News



One of the Safari Park's most treasured attractions is getting a face-lift! The Fort is the biggest and favourite attraction in our Adventure Playground. It was built by staff over 20 years ago and has been enjoyed by children – and the occasional parent – ever since.

Do not worry! The Fort will be replaced and we will make sure it's just as exciting. It will be ready for the Park opening in March 2016. Staff hope that visitors will get just as much enjoyment out of the new Fort as they had with the old one.

Dave Warren. Education Officer

Kincardine in Menteith Primary School

Day of Dance

On the 18th of November, Primary 5-7 went to the Peak for a Day of Dance. There were four other schools with us including, Port of Menteith, St Ninians, Gartmore and East Plean. We did lots of dances but luckily we got to have breaks in between. Everyone really enjoyed it but by the end of it, quite a few people had sore feet!

Scots Song Project



Last term, the whole school had been learning about the Scots language through singing. We got to do the singing project and do a performance at the Albert hall. We all enjoyed the experience and we think we have a better understanding of the Scots language.

Swimming Competition

A team of 7 pupils represented the school at a recent Swimming Gala. Everyone tried hard and enjoyed taking part.



Cross Country Event

Recently the P5-7 went to an Active Stirling event in Aberfoyle. Everyone did really well and finished in a good time. P6-7 are looking forward to the Regional Cross Country Event in February.

Recipe Book

In November 2015 our school decided to make a recipe book for our Christmas Enterprise Project. Everyone in school brought in their own family recipe to put in the cookery book and we asked for recipes from the community. We used a company called The Cookbook Initiative and it was all done on the internet. It was such a success that we sold out of the recipe books very quickly. We hope everyone enjoys trying some new recipes!



Nativity

On the 16th on December, the whole school did a performance called The McTivity, a Nativity in Scots. There were 8 narrators, 4 kings, 4 Innkeepers, 1 Angel, 1 Guard and Mary and Joseph. We learnt lots of new songs. We all enjoyed ourselves and we hope you did too.

School Burns Competition

Everyone in school had to learn a Scots poem to recite at the Burns competition. We had a wide range of poems. The winners of the 2016 competition were.....

P1/2 - Ethan Bauer - Mince and Tatties

P3/4 - Kirsty Rodger - The Sore Tooth

P5 - Mary Kealey - A Dug, A Dug

P6 - Kirsty Fotheringham - My Love is like a Red Red Rose

P7 - Flora Duff - Address to a Haggis

Primary 5 swimming

On the 25th of January, P5 started their swimming at the Peak in Stirling. They are going two afternoons a week for the rest of the term.

Gymnastics competition

On the 26th of January, 8 pupils (Caitlin, Charlotte, Kirsty, Camryn, Isla, Kirsty R, Myrn and Gavin) from the school went to a Gymnastics Competition. At the competition, they had to do the vault and a floor routine. Their routines had six gymnastic moves in them and soon we will find out where the pupils were placed.

Winners of RHET Haggis Competition

We recently entered a competition with the Royal Highland Education Trust, where we have to come up with our own haggis recipe. We were to put a twist to our haggis, so we decided to do our haggis with an Indian twist. We were invited to a final on Monday the 25th of January. We had sent our recipe to Forth Valley Collage and they made our haggis for us. The judges tasted it and decided that ours was the best. We were also given an award for best recipe idea. As we had won both sections we were given a shield!



The Rev's Rant !



Hatches, matches & dispatches !

....was the somewhat irreverent way the Family Announcements column in the newspaper was referred to by my lawyer father! Everyone enjoys the welcoming of new life into a community and at Kincardine in Menteith Church we are looking forward to baptising Gracie, daughter of Nicola and Andrew Drummond on Valentine's Day – Sunday 14th February, at the morning worship at 9.30am. It'll be the first baptism of 2016 but I hope not the last and we, as a congregation, promise to support new(ish) parents and celebrate God's goodness with them all.

In Africa they say it takes a whole village to raise a child and I don't suppose it's much different in Blair Drummond. Our children learn from and are cared for by many people in a community, building relationships from an early age that they can enjoy into old age.

Marriages too will be forged in the kirk this year with much laughter, as couples come together and celebrate their love. It's one of the best jobs a minister is involved with. Over the years I've conducted more than 400, some in churches, others in houses, hotels, castles and occasionally on beaches, boats and bridges. All have been unique experiences, as guys and girls sign up for lifelong commitment – and most of them have been able to keep that promise in spite of the statistics that say otherwise. Some say weddings are less significant today. Not in my world they're not! Loving is a matter of choice not of chance. We often have to choose to continue loving through the difficult times, to enjoy loving in the good days that are still to be made. I enjoy helping couples discover that.

Funerals too are hugely important – not always as enjoyable as the other two, but sometimes better than the other two, for telling us who we are, as a family and community - because at funerals we make time to talk, share and 'fix' memories and reflect on what is important to us and what defines us. We tell the story not only of the person who has died, but our story too and how they influenced and continue to shape our lives. We value the lessons learned, the love shared and the life lived.

These events ask us to consider the really BIG questions we often put to one side – What is the origin of life, what is our purpose and what happens when we die ? I still think the Christian church conducts these three life-defining ceremonies better than anybody else in our society, enabling folk to truly appreciate what it means to be human and are for many, the few occasions when they are obliged to bump into the God they spend much of the rest of their time ignoring, complaining about or avoiding.

But you don't have to wait for a baptism, a wedding or a funeral.....if you want to have the conversation; you know where to find me? I'll always be pleased to hear from you!

Your minister

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Carse of Stirling Partnership METHODS OF FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT

An interesting case study “looking back for the future”.

Pickering in North Yorkshire was flooded four times between 1999 and 2009, with the last flood doing £7m of damage. The proposed official solution at a cost of £20m was to build a concrete wall in the town to physically keep the water in the river but this solution was ruled out as it would have completely destroyed the ambience of the town and on a cost benefit analysis too few people would be protected to justify such expenditure.

Hearing how the moors had traditionally released water much more slowly and how centuries ago the monks of Byland Abbey had built a bund to hold water back, the Pickering community consulted with academics from 3 universities to study the options. It emerged that the probable best option was to slow the run-off of water from the hills and have more water absorbed in the rain catchment area. This led to the building of 167 “leaky dams” of logs and branches in burns, which let through normal water flows but slowed down high flows. 187 lesser obstructions of bales of heather were inserted in smaller drains and gullies for the same reason: 20 hectares of woodland were planted to help absorb rainfall and improve natural drainage into the soil through tree roots; finally a bund was built to store 120,000 cubic metres of flood water and release it slowly through a culvert. The cost of all this was £2m – 1/10th of the proposed official solution. In the outcome Pickering escaped flooding during the recent storms and floods affecting the North of England and much of Scotland.

Traditionally, and often currently, the approach to alleviating or solving flooding problems is physically to block, contain or divert flood water and to get rid of it as quickly as possible down to the sea. This is wholly understandable particularly when flooding affects one’s own village, house or farm and it may well be the right solution. However, increasingly thought and action is turning to reducing and slowing the water arriving in flood risk areas by forestry planting in the rain catchment areas where the burns and rivers begin; by creating many mini dams in burns and drains, to store or hold back flood water, so that it is released more slowly and by creating bunds to store and slowly release flood waters - copying what the monks at Byland Abbey did to protect their monastery farm land centuries ago.

There are of course many methods of reducing flood risk. But if current solutions are not working satisfactorily or are becoming prohibitively expensive, the case study of Pickering merits serious consideration. I understand their approach is being followed in parts of the Tweed and also the Allan Water.

Ronald Graham, Chairman

The Community of Blair Drummond

Jean Penman (nee Arnott) formerly of South Kirklane Farm, Blair Drummond has kindly shared this 1970 school photo with us.

John Graham and Una Paterson have managed to name many of the faces.



Back row left to right

Mrs Waugh, John Inglis, Robert Sheriff, Una Paterson, Ian Brisbane, John McBeath, Gillian Drysdale, George Graham, John Graham, Jean Arnott, Lorraine Allan, Alan Brisbane,??.

Middle row

??,??,George Paterson, Andrew Graham, Nicola Sheriff, Catriona McBeath,??, James McIntyre, ??, John McIntyre, Florence Allan, ??,??.

Front row

??, Michelle Kelso, David McNie, Tom Duncan,??, ??, Mario Grillando, Robert Fotheringham, Gordon/Ian McGinley, Joanne McLean.



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By arrangement 15 February - 13 March Tel: 01786 822 295

Admission: £4.00, children free

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Admission: £4.00, children free

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Wednesday 2 March 2:00pm - 4:30pm

Wednesday 9 March 2:00pm - 4:30pm

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Blair Drummond Hall

27th Feb 2016

7.30pm - 12.00

LICENSED BAR

Raffle

Ticket :£15.00 *includes Light Supper*

For tickets : contact **07769336861**



Doune and Dunblane Agricultural Society

WANTED: 1:1 Befrienders

Like meeting up with your friends on a regular basis?

Christopher would like to do this too!



Why not add another unique friendship to your life?

Here is Christopher's story. He is just one, of a number of our male residents, who would benefit from having a befriender.

Christopher is 24 years old and would really like to have someone to go out and about with. He likes listening to music, going for trips, playing games on the computer, swimming, cycling, bowling and going to the cinema. He really likes food too!

He has a cheeky streak too, seen in our summertime water fights when he remained dry having outwitted and soaked others. 😊

Christopher is able to communicate his needs and wishes verbally although sometimes he may just point to things. He is softly spoken so sometimes you may need to ask him to repeat things. Sometimes he may take a bit longer to answer or just shake or nod his head.

What would you gain from being a befriender?

Existing befrienders have said ...

- I get back a lot i.e. feeling of family and being part of community
- Residents and students make me feel valued and appreciated
- He is always pleased to see me and I always leave smiling
- Befriending is the best bit of my day!

If you would like to befriend Christopher or find out more about our other befriending opportunities please get in touch with our volunteer co-ordinator:

Jocelyn@camphillblairdrummond.org.uk or **01786 843049**

For further information about Camphill Blair Drummond www.camphillblairdrummond.org.uk

Blair Drummond Hall Diary Dates

Weekly Classes

Monday:	Metafit – 6.00pm to 7.00pm
Tuesday:	Youth Club – 7.00pm to 9.00pm
Wednesday:	Ballroom dancing – 7.30pm to 9.30pm
Thursday:	Metafit – 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Other Events

Monday 22nd Feb:	Briskona Broadband Information evening. 7.30pm
Saturday 27th Feb:	Doune & Dunblane Show Ceilidh.
Monday 29th Feb:	Blair Drummond Blethers. 12 - 2pm. Soup & sandwiches. Kate Sankey, Flanders Moss
Monday 25th Jan:	Blair Drummond Blethers. 12 – 2pm. Soup & sandwiches. Beetle Drive.

Badminton: Anyone wishing to hire the Hall please contact the Booking Secretary.

As always, the Hall is regularly used for meetings, kids parties, ceilidhs, and wedding receptions, to name but a few. For more information visit our website: www.blairdrummondhall.co.uk or contact Louise (Booking Secretary) on 01786 841352 or info@blairdrummondhall.co.uk.

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