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It's summer time, which means it's Village Fete time! In this bumper edition, we have dedicated our centre pages to this mainstay of village life (pgs 29-32). If you have any local community and charity events that could do with a bit of a boost, please remember the Exmoor News, insertions are free, it's best get in touch with us well beforehand, we are bi-monthly and as you might have noticed, we are getting tight on space. Deadlines below.

Deadlines : 2019 Sep-Oct 1 Aug, Nov-Dec 3 Oct.

Deadlines : 2020 Jan-Feb 5 Dec, Mar-April 6 Feb, May-June 2 April, July-Aug 4 June, Sep-Oct 6 Aug, Nov-Dec 1 Oct.

Best wishes, Ceri Keene and Claire Savill

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Jonathan is a keen amateur photographer as well as a hobbyist aerial photographer. 'I use a Phantom 4 Pro for my aerial photography and Exmoor is by far my all time favourite place to fly - the elements change the scenery on every visit.'

If you would like to see your photo on the cover send us a low resolution copy for our library. If used we will ask for a high resolution version and you too could be in print.



The deadline for the Sept/Oct issue of the Exmoor News is

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& R.D. BLACKMORE**

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JULY 21ST**

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Dulverton Heritage Centre

**Dates for your diary from Dulverton
Heritage Centre**

Thursday 4th July 2.30pm Lorna Doone talk by John Burgess at Dulverton Heritage Centre

A talk traces some of the adventures of Jan Ridd and Lorna Doone and a few of the other characters who feature in R.D.Blackmores classic novel Lorna Doone as we celebrate 150 years since the book was first published. £4pp Well behaved dogs welcome

Saturday July 6th - Friday July 12th Annual Shamanic Exhibition - An exhibition of visionary shamanic art and tools by shamanic practitioners Kerry Manning-Dedman and Mark Dedman

Saturday July 13th - Friday July 19th Art Exhibition by Andy Palmer- mixed media from graphite drawings, watercolour and acrylics. Originals and limited edition prints. All work influenced by living on Exmoor.

Wednesday 10th July at 3pm Why not join us for a guided walk exploring the history of Dulverton. Discover some secret places and hear tales from local guides. Meet Dulverton Heritage Centre £3 pp.

Tuesday 23rd July at 3pm Town Tour as above
27th July Book Sale at Dulverton Heritage Centre. New second-hand stock arriving daily!

Tuesday 6th August 3pm Town Tour as above

Tuesday 13th August 3pm Town Tour as above

Wednesday 21st August 3pm Town Tour as above

Saturday Aug 24th - Friday Aug 30th – Exhibition by North Molton Art Group. Paintings and prints by members of the group using various mediums and styles at Dulverton Heritage Centre

Tuesday 27th August 3pm Town Tour as above

31st August Megga Used Book Sale at Dulverton Heritage Centre – many new titles. Books from only 50p.

Tuesday 3rd September 3pm Town Tour as above



Meets on the last Wednesday of the month at Fishers Mead Community Centre, Dulverton (adjacent to Exmoor Medical Centre) 10.15 for 10.30 am.

**Wednesday 31st July A talk by Rev. Barry
Prior (Retired Rector of Porlock)
'THOUGHTS ON THE WORK OF THOMAS HARDY'**
There is no meeting during August.

THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR

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Director: Amanda Knott



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Amanda Knott is a regular collaborator with Cygnets, directing Playhouse Creatures and Animal Farm for the Cygnets Company in 2015 and 2017.

Formerly Associate Director of Theatre Royal, Plymouth, she is now Director of Creative Cow whose many productions have toured extensively around the UK.

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FRIENDS OF
DULVERTON
LIBRARY

DULVERTON LIBRARY MATTERS

THE FRIENDS OF DULVERTON LIBRARY will meet on Thursday July 4th at 2pm. There will be no meeting in August.

THE LIBRARY BOOK GROUP will meet on Friday July 5th at 2pm and on Friday August 2nd at 2pm.

THE CRAFTERNOONERS will meet on Friday July 12th at 2pm and then again on Thursday July 18th at 10.30am. In August we will meet on Friday August 9th at 2pm and then again on Thursday August 15th at 10.30am.

TRIVIAL PURSUITS CLUB will meet on Thursdays July 18th and August 15th at 2pm.

LEGO CLUB will meet on Saturdays July 19th and August 17th at 10.30am. There will be extra Summer Holiday sessions on Saturdays August 3rd and August 31st at 10.30am.

THE KNIT AND NATTER GROUP will meet on Fridays July 26th and August 30th at 2pm.

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JULY CONCERTS IN LOCAL VINEYARD

After a couple of sell-out concerts in May and June, Wellhayes Vineyard continue their series of classical music concerts – **Music@Wellhayes** - with two concerts in July featuring outstanding young Artists. Wellhayes Vineyard produces quality English Sparkling Wine on the edge of Exmoor near Clayhanger, about 10 miles from Dulverton. The **Music@Wellhayes** concerts take place in a room above the winery overlooking the vineyard and provide an opportunity, in an unusual environment, to taste their sparkling wine and other products as well as English Wine by other local producers alongside enjoying the high-quality musical performances.



On Thursday 4th July exciting young pianist Clare Hammond will perform a programme which includes Rachmaninov, Debussy and Schumann. Clare won the Royal Philharmonic Society's "Young Artist Award" for outstanding achievement in 2016 and has been widely praised for her playing, including by the Telegraph which described her as a pianist of "amazing power and panache".

The following week, on Saturday 13th July, the Janus Ensemble return to perform a programme that includes Schumann's Piano Quintet. Described as "a terrific group of young, talented, enthusiastic players whose musicianship is exemplary", the Group was founded in 2015, and this will be the third successive year that they have performed as part of the **Music@Wellhayes** series.

Full details of the concerts can be found at wellhayes.uk/music or by telephone on 01398 361612. The venue can only accommodate 45 people and concerts frequently are sold out so booking in advance is highly recommended.



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Friday July 19th

THE KEEPER (Cert 15)

Director: Marcus H. Rosenmüller

120 mins

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Friday July 26th

FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS (Cert 12A)

Director: Chris Foggin

112 mins

A fast living, cynical London music executive reluctantly heads to Cornwall on a colleague's stag weekend where he's pranked by his boss into trying to sign a group of shanty singing fishermen. He struggles to gain the respect or enthusiasm of the unlikely boy band who value friendship and community over fame and fortune. Attempting to overcome the fishermen's scepticism about the music business, he finds himself drawn into the community, has his integrity tested and ultimately is shown the meaning of loyalty, love and friendship. This forces him to re-evaluate what really matters in life; ultimately giving him the chance of a different kind of success.

Friday August 9th

GREEN BOOK (Cert 12A)

Director: Peter Farrelly

130mins

This year's Oscar award winning film in Best Film category, plus two further categories tells the story of a working-class Italian-American bouncer who becomes the driver of an African-American classical pianist on a tour of venues through the 1960s American South. Confronted with racism and danger as well as unexpected humanity and humour, they are forced to set aside differences to survive and thrive on the journey of a lifetime.

Saturday August 17th

WOODSTOCK (Cert 15)

SPECIAL SCREENING MARKING THE 50th ANNIVERSARY

Director: Michael Wadleigh

180mins

In 1969, 500,000 people descended on a small patch of field in a little-known town in upstate New York called Woodstock. In this documentary, the iconic event is chronicled in unflinching detail, from the event's inception all the way through to the unexpected air-delivery of food and medical supplies by the National Guard. The film contains performances, interviews with the artists and candid footage of the fans in a defining portrait of 1960s America.

Come and meet local dudes Paul Chanter and Keith Ross who were at Woodstock and even had tickets!

Tickets –Dulverton Films members £3, non-members £4.50, students, accompanied by an adult, £2.50. (Tickets may be available on the door - £4). Book in advance at Dulverton Post Office (Tel: 01398 323474) or email janaross2003@yahoo.co.uk.

Bar open from 7pm.

VINTAGE FILM CLUB

Wed 10th July – EVITA – starring Madonna & Antonio Banderas (1996)

Wed 14th August – GOLDEN BOY – starring Barbara Stanwyck & William Holden (1936) starting **2.30 pm** at **Fishers Mead Community Centre**

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Clarks Village or Wells Sunday 28th July £13.00pp

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Bristol Zoo – Thursday 1st August Adult £27.00pp Senior £25.00pp Child £19.00pp

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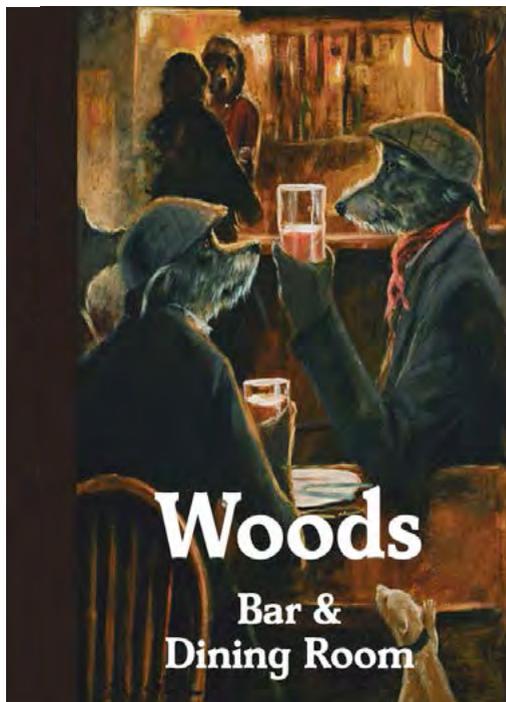


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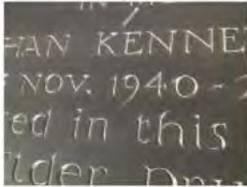


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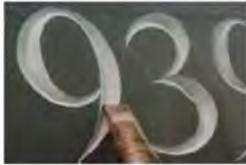
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Friday 5th July 2019 1.00pm – 3.00pm
Hawkcombe Butterfly Walk

A walk to look at some of the coppice management work being done in this National Nature Reserve to help the recovery of the heath fritillary butterfly. Sight of the butterfly is entirely weather dependant. We will follow a circular woodland route to see other butterflies including the silver washed fritillary (hopefully). Dogs on leads. 3 miles.

Meet 1pm at car-park on south of A39, 400m west of cattle grid at top of Porlock Hill, SS 861 460. NB. Do not go down to Bromham Farm; postcode for guidance only.

Tuesday 9th July 2019 10.00am – 12.30pm
Historic Lynton and the Valley of Rocks

A 2.5 hour walk from the Valley of Rocks into Lynton, to look from a different angle at how the Victorians influenced what we see today and how they were drawn to this majestic coastline and the splendour of the Valley of Rocks. 2.5 miles

Meet 10am Valley of Rocks ENPA picnic area, car park adjacent to the public toilets, EX35 6JH / SS 711 496.

Wednesday 17th July 2019 10.00am – 1.00pm
Coastal Wildlife - Porlock area

A spectacular circling walk starting in picturesque Bossington, via the dramatic cliffs at Hurlstone Point, continuing around the sweeping shingle ridge and across the saltmarsh. The walk will provide lots of opportunities for discovering coastal and marine wildlife, historic landscape features and the changing features of this nationally important coastline. No dogs. Refreshments available in Kitnor's Tearoom, Bossington. 3 miles.

Meet 10am NT car park Bossington TA24 8HF (fee payable).

Thursday 25th July 2019 10.30am – 2.30pm
Moorland walk from Landacre Bridge

A walk onto the open moorland above Withypool, including Brightworthy Barrows, Withypool Hill and the stone circle, demonstrating map and compass navigation. There will be rough ground, some boggy conditions and two shallow fords, so good boots advised. Two fairly steep climbs near the start. Dogs on leads. Please bring a packed lunch. Optional tea room at Withypool afterwards. 6 miles.

Meet 10.30am Landacre Bridge SS 817 361.

Saturday 27th July 2019 11.00am – 2.30pm
Lyn Down and Cheriton

This walk starts at Combe Park car park, Hillsford Bridge. It climbs to Myrtleberry Cleave with views across the East Lyn valley. We then cross Lyn Down and drop into the Hoar Oak Water valley with a small ford crossing to Cheriton. If there has been a lot of rain the walk will

be shortened to avoid the ford. We then return to the Hoar Oak Water to follow it back to the start. Bring a picnic and waterproof footwear. Dogs on leads. 5 miles.

Meet Combe Park car park (NT, fee payable) EX35 6LF / SS 739 477.

Friday 9th August 2019 1.00pm – 4.00pm

North Hill Woods 'Continuous Cover' Forestry

On this stroll we will be looking at some of the principles of "continuous cover forestry", sometimes called "close to nature" forestry, and the measures to help woods become more resilient for the future. The discussion of some technical issues will be included. 2 miles

Meet 1pm at the Tank Grounds, North Hill, Minehead TA24 5LB (gets you to campsite – go 500m on the right) / SS 954 474.

Tuesday 13th August 2019 10.00am – 1.00pm
Wheddon Cross: The Saxon Harepath

A circular walk from Wheddon Cross taking in Hare Path and part of Thorne Lane, thought to be part of the Somerset herepath, a Saxon military road from Bristol on to Exmoor. Mostly on tracks and lanes, but be prepared for some mud and slippery rock. A moderate walk with some steady climbs. Dogs on leads. Refreshments available in the Rest and Be Thankful after the walk. 5 miles

Meet 10am at the car park next to the inn at Wheddon Cross TA24 7DR / SS 924 388.

Wednesday 21st August 2019 10.00am – 12.30pm
Molland Moor Heather Management

A walk to look at the flowering heather on Molland Common and to discuss moorland management, including the impact of heather beetle, and reduced swaling. 5 miles.

Meet 10am Molland Moor Gate (between Molland and Anstey Commons) SS 835 298 / near TA22 9QT.

Thursday 29th August 2019 10.30am – 4.00pm
Wimbleball Circular

9-mile circular walk round Wimbleball Lake, one of the South West Lakes Trust reservoirs. May be muddy in places. Bring a picnic. Dogs under control welcome.

Meet 10.30am Haddon Hill Car Park TA4 2DP / SS 969 285

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Update and thanks from Jane Lock

Finally my 15k In three days swim is all over, and I must say I am quite relieved. It was an awful lot of training, from November through to March, but well worth the effort. Donations are still coming in and I have been so overwhelmed by the generosity of people. I shall continue to fundraise until the end of August now. I should like to say a huge thank you to all the people who have helped, donated and supported me with my events. The Whist drive raised £473.20. The tea and cake day was hugely successful and I then went on to serve tea and cake on the lawn throughout Easter, and the two raised just over £800. Alongside other events I have held, my fundraising total is now in excess of £4500 (including the gift aid). I am hoping to crack the £5000 mark, if I can. It has been an amazing journey, and I am so grateful to you all.

The Hunt for Britain's Most Dog Friendly Place

A DOG lover is on a mission to find the UK's most dog friendly destination and is asking pet owners and businesses in the Exmoor area for their help.

Becky Baker and her Cockerpoo Buddy will spend two months living in a motorhome checking out cafes, pubs, walks, groomers, pet shops and public spaces.

On the 22nd August they will be in the local area and Becky is asking people to get in touch with their recommendations to help her provide pet parents with the most comprehensive, first hand guide of things to do with their dog.

The 35-year-old from Wakefield, Yorkshire left her job as a technical product manager and plans to blog about her 2500 mile #pawson tour2019 trip on her pet social media and review site, K9Nation.

She said: "I'm hoping to check out as many dog friendly places as possible so I'd love to learn about things dogs can do in the Exmoor area."

"We'll be doing lots of walking and it would be lovely

if people would like to join us and show us hidden gems to visit with dogs.

"I'm hoping to meet people from all kinds of businesses that welcome dogs, from groomers and pet shops to pubs and cafes.

"Each place will be given a rating and I want to create the most thorough guide I can for dog owners across the country know where they can go and make

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with apologies to Edward Lear

Oh dear, there's been a message received from the Editor of the Exmoor News! It says she saw a dog wearing a hoodie in Dulverton and she thought I could write about it in this column. Do you think she's having a wibbli wobblu? People do, you know, when they get to a certain age. She's probably been dreaming. "I run after rabbits in my sleep Buddy". I've noticed. You mutter nonsense at them too. I dreamt the other night I saw men dancing with bells on their legs and hitting each other with sticks and hankies. It was quite disturbing. "I know I was there with you. We were outside the pub. I was the little dog that laughed as it was so much fun." Did they have shiny black shoes and white stockings on? Did I go missing afterwards? I remember disappearing through a hole and walking round a strange garden. "Si, that was you – she had to go through the neighbours backyards to get you out!" I can't afford to upset the Ed. Honey! This is my bread and butter but I've never seen a dog wearing a hoodie.

I'll gently tell the Ed. I'm not an investigative reporter – more a conversationalist. Perhaps she should talk to a policeman. I'll send her some flowers. "Why don't you write her a poem".

How would I begin? I know. A dog in a hoodie. Okay, here goes Dear Editor,

*A dog in a hoodie
Where has he been
Down on the river
To eat an icecream?*

*The dog in a hoodie
Has run a big race
Or maybe a jailbird
To cover his face.*

*Why little dog
Is that on your head
I'll tell you kind sir
I'm dressed ready for bed.*

*She's forgetful you see
Had to pop to the shop
to buy me a biscuit to eat
For my tea.*

Love from

Buddy Brown (pure Jack Russell) roving reporter

Acknowledgement: The West Somerset Morris Men



DOGS AND SHEEP

Residents and visitors alike love the patchwork of fields and open spaces which make walking on Exmoor such a pleasure. Livestock graze on both private and common land, and all belong to someone. Imagine how distressing it is to go out one lovely May morning and find that one of your young fit ewes has been killed by dogs a few hours earlier. The details are gruesome, so we'll omit them here.

When dogs are out of control they enjoy a chase. Two or more dogs will act co-operatively as a pack and a ewe defending her offspring is no match

for them. The only defence a sheep has is flight, but under these circumstances they are paralysed by fear.

If you should witness negligent behaviour by a dog owner, please try to explain the possible consequences. Nobody wants to shoot a pet dog, but if it is caught red-handed committing the crime of sheep worrying then that is the risk. Dogs driving sheep over a cliff are equally guilty.

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News from the Exmoor Pony Centre, Ashwick, Dulverton TA22 9QE

The Pony Centre opened again on 17th Due to the lovely weather, the whole of the Easter holidays was extremely busy and we were fully booked for rides on many days. We had a good time at

the Exmoor Day in the South Molton Pannier Market when Linzi took Tom and Rama to meet the public. They attracted lots of interest from people who then visited us on the Sunday at our Activity Day where we made an Easter record breaking amount!!

We have had two very successful Birthday Pony Parties where the children, groom, ride and play games with the ponies, and Linzi has given another of her very popular presentations, this time to the Torrs Ladies Club in Ilfracombe. If you would like information on how to book a party, or a presentation or talk, please do contact us.

You may have noticed some of our re-homed ponies providing a beautiful background to an interview on a recent Countryfile programme. These ponies live on estates near Rothbury, Northumberland. Another six of our ponies are with Dorset Wildlife Trust, conservation

grazing at their Powerstock Common Nature Reserve, tackling some of the tough grasses and scrub to help manage the site's biodiversity.

We have recently acquired the use of a new yard near Bratton Fleming which we plan to use for the handling of new foals and for bringing on young ponies away from the distractions of the Pony Centre. We have already started long reining and walking ponies out to get them used to the surroundings.

We would like to thank everyone who has given donations and raised funds for us, including Prism Equine Laundry who raised £184.50 by donating 50p for every rug they washed to our charity during one month. Our thanks also to everyone who contributed to the quiz at the Sportsman's Inn which raised £717. Over 80 people took part and there were lots of generous donations from local companies for the raffle prizes.

Future events include:

Wednesday 10th Jul Teddy Bears Picnic 3pm - 6pm. Celebrate National Teddy Bears Picnic Day with the ponies. Bring along your teddy, enjoy fun, games and refreshments.

Sunday, 28th July - 11am - 3pm - Celebrate Summer and the 13th year of the Pony Centre

Thursday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th August - Activity Afternoons - 12 midday - 3pm

Sunday 11th Aug Exmoor Pony Festival BBQ and Quiz 7pm. Join in the fun and laughter as part of this annual event, celebrating the Exmoor ponies. General knowledge questions. Booking: Booking essential. Charge: £6 per person

Activities available at ALL the events at the Centre are: Pony Rides (the minimum age for riding is 4 years old and there is a 12 stone weight limit)

Pony Grooming; Crafts & Games; Refreshments (cakes, sandwiches) served by our volunteers in our warm Green Room Building

We are open every day except Tuesday and Saturday so do come along and see us sometime.

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The Dulverton Players are having a busy year, starting with a fashion show and then a murder mystery evening, before their magical production of "The Railway Children" in April. The fast-moving comedy thriller, "The 39 Steps", will be the Dulverton Players' autumn production. The Players were due to present the award-winning show a year ago, and rehearsals were well-advanced when the director, Charlie Blanning, was severely injured in a riding accident, causing the postponement. Based on John Buchan's famous spy story, the action rushes from London to Scotland and back again. The hero, Richard Hannay, tries to solve the riddle of the "39 Steps" while pursued by both the police, and the sinister Professor Jordan and his murderous gang. A cast of five play hundreds of parts, from beautiful spies to corset salesmen. "The 39 Steps" will run from Wednesday, October 30th

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From 14th October to 3rd November, Exmoor National Park Authority will be teaming up with local businesses and groups to put on an array of events in celebration of the region's spectacular dark skies, now one of 13 International Dark Sky Reserves.

Katrina Munro from Exmoor National Park Authority said:

"We're delighted to have extended the festival to three weeks to ensure there are plenty of activities for all and that the half-term break is covered for both Devon and Somerset schools.

"We aim to introduce people near and far to Exmoor's incredible starry skies and are very grateful for the support

once again of our festival sponsors, rural broadband providers Airband UK. With the return of old-favourites like our mobile planetarium and guided Orionid meteor walks, plus the introduction of our very first Dark Skies Big Adventure with the National Trust, there'll be plenty to delight space enthusiasts of all ages."



Exmoor National Park was designated as Dark Sky Reserve by the International Dark Sky Association in 2011. The National Park Authority continues to work with developers to help limit light pollution, providing unrivalled views of the celestial landscape while also preserving it for nocturnal wildlife.

Details from exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/darkskiesfestival and a full printed programme will be available from National Park Centres in Lynmouth, Dunster and Dulverton from August.

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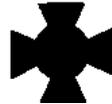


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