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Editorial from the Church of the Good Shepherd

April 2026

As April arrives we are already a quarter of the way through the year! New Year's resolutions and those short, rainy days of winter a diminishing memory. Forty days of Lent and the Spring Equinox are behind us. War, conflict and political uncertainty continue to lurk unsettlingly in the background yet, through it all, day by day, we just rush on dealing with the demands of our busy lives.

But April's longer days and the bursting of new life all around deserve our attention and urge us not to waste the year. The season invites us to step off life's conveyor belt for a while and really notice the beauty of the natural world. Newly emerging flowers, unfurling leaves, the buzz of an awakening bumble bee, the delight of a blackbird's song, the calm serenity of a sunset; to find quiet joy in God's creation. It is a season that perfectly mirrors the message of Easter: life breaks through where we least expect it. This month, I encourage you to take time to be still, breathe deeply and be amazed by Mother Nature.

At church our 120 Acts of Kindness Tree on the wall in the annexe is also coming to life as more and more leaves are added; each leaf representing an act of kindness performed by someone in our community. Have you added one yet? This month, as a community, let's look for ways to bring the warmth of Easter to our friends and neighbours; help the Kindness Tree to flourish and show God's love at work in us and through us.

Julie Sweeting
Churchwarden

Read more about the 120 Acts of Kindness Tree on page 5.





Easter services at the Church of the Good Shepherd

2 April Maundy Thursday

7pm - Bring and Share Last Supper

A chance to remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples

3 April Good Friday

10am - All Age Good Friday Worship

We hear about the events that led up to Jesus' crucifixion

2pm - Last Hour Vigil - with Bishop Simon of Tonbridge

A reflective service focusing on the last hour of Jesus' life

5 April Easter Sunday

10am - All Age Easter Holy Communion with Rev Clive Wood

A joyous service to celebrate Jesus' resurrection

NB: 29 March 10.30am Palm Sunday Communion Service will be with our friends at St Mary's Platt (there will be no service at the Good Shepherd that Sunday).



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Our 120 Acts of Kindness Tree

Celebrating 120 Years of God's Faithfulness
In the Church of the Good Shepherd



Our Kindness Tree in the Annexe is growing beautifully — we now have 37 leaves, each one marking an act of kindness offered by someone in our community.

Everyone is invited to contribute. Blank leaves are available in the Annexe and in the side porch of the Church. Simply write down a moment when you offered care, support, kindness, or encouragement to someone, and hang your leaf on the Tree. Every kindness matters! We hope many more moments of kindness will find their way onto the Tree.

This is a community project! Please take and share flyers and blank leaves with family,

friends, and neighbours. Completed leaves can be left in the basket in the side porch if the Annexe is closed, and they will be added to the Tree during the week.

Let's keep the kindness growing — one leaf, one act, one person at a time. Thank you for all you do to make this community a place of care and generosity!

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Notes from Borough Green Council

The Council met at 7.30pm Monday 2nd March 2026 at the COGS Annex. Matters raised included:



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- **Town Status** commences 1st April 2026. The Clerk has changed the bank accounts to "Borough Green Council" and the decision will be reviewed every 6 months.
This year marks the 92nd anniversary of our incorporation as a distinct parish and a political entity in our own right and we will again be flying the Borough Green flag in celebration.
The shield on the flag (and above here) was designed by the late Cllr Charles Willsher twenty years ago and is registered with the College of Heralds. The wavy cross on a green background represents a crossroads in the countryside - Borough Green precisely. The portcullis means a place of safety, a refuge, which it is, if you forget the traffic on the aforementioned crossroads.
- **Thursday and Friday Lunch Club.** Pauline Nix, supported by the Parish Council, runs this very successful lunch club for our older residents. It is such a valuable event giving those elderly residents a hot meal and friendly company. If you know of any elderly neighbours who would benefit from the service, please let the Clerk know - transport can be arranged.
- **Recreation Ground Pavilion.** Planning, disability access requirements and tight end of year finances have delayed the project - we will not now open in time for this spring and summer. But at least we have stopped any further deterioration with the new roof and the damp proofing.
- **Speed Indicator Devices.** We are investigating the possibility of purchasing two SIDs and installing them on Council controlled land to try and reduce vehicle speeds through the village. Whilst drivers may not be exceeding the speed limit by much, the extra harm caused by every extra mph to a pedestrian in a collision is enormous.
- **Pavement Parking** continues to be a severe problem for pedestrians, pushchair and wheelchair users, forcing them out into fast traffic to get past. We do accept that in some corners of the village there is a desperate shortage of parking and road space, but these tend to be less trafficked roads. An awful lot of pavement parking in the village on the main roads is just laziness and a false sense of entitlement - try and remember others need the pavements.
- **Basn the Trash** is an initiative started several years ago by a young lady resident of the village. It still runs monthly on the first Sunday starting at 11.30am at the village hall. All the equipment is provided and it is a great fun event for a family, a huge benefit to the community, a healthy walk and good for the soul as well.

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Articles for the next magazine

The Voice is your community magazine and it relies on the people of Borough Green to make it as interesting as possible. Organisations, clubs and individuals are welcome to submit articles on their activities and subjects likely to be of interest.

The deadline for articles for the next magazine will be **Tuesday 14 April** and these should be sent to the address below. The next magazine will cover **May** so if you have any events planned for that month and you would like them to appear in the diary section please send to :-

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The next **Borough Green Council meeting** will be held on **Tuesday 7 April at 19.30 in the COGS Annexe**. The agenda will include a period for public contributions and questions.

The Annual Community meeting will be held at 7pm Tuesday 5 May where clubs and groups can present an annual report, followed immediately by the **Council Annual meeting** with the election of the Chair and Vice Chair, and appointments made to committees and outside bodies.

Council Contacts

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Clerk clerk@boroughgreen.gov.uk 07568 536405

Full minutes are posted at [MINUTES](#) | [mysite \(boroughgreen.gov.uk\)](http://mysite.boroughgreen.gov.uk)

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We would like to share the news that our Senior Partner, **Dr Paul Unwin**, will be retiring from the Practice on 31 March.

Dr Unwin has dedicated many years of committed service to our patients and community. Throughout his time with us, he has shown unwavering professionalism, compassion and leadership. His hard work and commitment have made a lasting impact on both patients and colleagues; he will be greatly missed by us all.

From April, all of Dr Unwin's patients will be transferred to our new partners joining the Practice - Dr Fiona Humphreys and Dr Louise Roberts. We are delighted and excited to welcome them to the team and are confident they will continue to provide the high standard of care our patients deserve.

While Dr Unwin is retiring from his role as Senior Partner, you may still see him around the Practice as he will be continuing to run some ENT clinics.

Please join us in thanking Dr Unwin for his many years of dedication and in wishing him a very happy and well-deserved retirement. We wish him all the very best for this next chapter.



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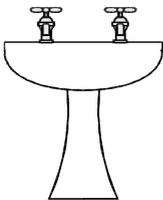


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Want more than just social play? We have organised roll ups, friendly matches and club competitions, where skills, strategy and teamwork matter. You can keep it casual or go fully competitive - or mix both. Bowls is a great sport that all the family can take part in and may be the only sport where you could compete against your grandparents and lose!

Expect social events, laughs and a welcoming clubhouse and bar, that's just as important as the green. But when it's game time, the competition is real and the wins feel great. It's affordable, inclusive and perfect for players from the very young, right up to the 'more mature'. Come for the laughs. Stay for the competition. Feel better doing it.

Looking for a fun, friendly way to stay active and meet new people? Come and try lawn bowls with us! We are a welcoming club open to all ages and abilities. Whether you're completely new to the sport or have played before, you'll receive a warm welcome on our green.

Location: Harrison Road, Borough Green TN15 8RZ (back of the recreation ground). Our car park postcode is TN15 8SG.

For more details contact: BGBC Hon. Secretary Alison Andrews 07809 775322 or email bgbc@boroughgreenbowls.co.uk.

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St Joseph's Catholic Church Services over Easter period



2 April	Mass of the Last Supper	7.00
3 April	St Bernadette's, West Kingsdown - Solemn Liturgy	3.00
	(No service at St Joseph's)	
5 April	Easter Sunday Mass	9.30



Borough Green Baptist Church Services over Easter period

3 April	Good Friday	10.30
5 April	Easter Sunday	10.30



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- Breakfast** cereals, breakfast bars
- Lunch box** cartons of fruit juice, packets of snacks
- Tinned** sweetcorn, chopped tomatoes, baked beans, ham, tuna
- Store cupboard** Fray Bentos pies, UHT semi-skimmed milk, biscuits
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Donations of Easter Eggs before 29 March will be very welcome.



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NOTHING FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS THIS MONTH



Monday Minis Toddler Time

Play and socialising for pre-school children and their grown ups. **Monday 27 April** 10 to 12 noon in COGS annexe. No charge, just a donation for tea and coffee please.



Games, Tea & Chat



On alternative **Mondays** (for dates see diary section) at 2 - 4pm in the annexe to the Church of the Good Shepherd. Come and enjoy board games, tea and a chat. Plenty of room for new folk so, if you are wondering whether it's for you, do get in touch and ask for more information or just turn up at 2.00.

Contact Elaine Almond on 886440 or etalmond@aol.com

Cinema at COGS

Wednesday 15 April 2pm in the Church of the Good Shepherd. Please check the Church's noticeboard for this month's presentation. All are welcome so come for an afternoon of free entertainment. Refreshments available during the interval. This is the last one of the season - will start again in September.



Contacting the Church of the Good Shepherd



In the absence of a Vicar:

If you need to speak to someone from the church (including any enquiry about a wedding, a baptism or a funeral) contact one of the churchwardens –

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COGS website www.cogsonline.co.uk

Events in the community for the month of April

- 2 BG Lunch Club - BGVH - 10.00 to 1.00
 BG Library - Coffee & Chat - 10.15 to 12.15
 SJCC - Mass of the Last Supper - 7.00pm
COGS - Bring and Share Last Supper - 7.00pm
- 3 **GOOD FRIDAY**
COGS - All Age Good Friday Worship - 10.00
 BGBC - Service - 10.30
COGS - Last Hour Vigil with Bishop Simon of Tonbridge - 2.00
 St Bernadette's, West Kingsdown - Solemn Liturgy - 3.00
 (No service at SJCC)
- 4 **Saturday Open House - COGS - 10.00 to 12.00**
- 5 **EASTER SUNDAY**
 SJCC - Mass - 9.30
COGS - All Age Holy Communion with Rev Clive Wood - 10.00
 BGBC - Service - 10.30
 Bash the Trash - BGVH - 11.30 to 12.30
- 7 BG Library - Scrabble Club - 2.15 to 4.15
 BG Council - COGS Annexe - 7.30
- 8 Sticky Fingers - BGBC - 10.00 to 11.15
- 9 SJCC - 10.00 Mass followed by Adoration
 BG Lunch Club - BGVH - 10.00 to 1.00
 BG Library - Coffee & Chat - 10.15 to 12.15
- 10 BG Lunch Club - BGVH - 10.00 to 1.00
 BG Library - Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time - 10.15 to 10.45
 BG Library - Friday 2 Book Club - 2.15 to 4.15
 Wrotham Historical Society - 7.45 - Wrotham Village Hall
- 11 **Saturday Open House - COGS - 10.00 to 12.00**
COGS - Quiz Night - 7.00
- 12 SJCC - Mass - 9.30
COGS - Holy Communion with Bishop Jonathan of Rochester - 10.00
 BGBC - Service - 10.30
- 13 BG Library - Natty Stitchers - 10.00 to 12.00
Games, Tea and Chat - COGS Annexe - 2.00 to 4.00
 BG Library - TLC Bookworms - 2.15 to 3.30
- 14 BG Library - Scrabble Club - 2.15 to 4.15
- 15 **COGS - Film Afternoon - 2.00**
- 16 SJCC - 10.00 Mass followed by Adoration
 BG Lunch Club - BGVH - 10.00 to 1.00
 BG Library - Coffee & Chat - 10.15 to 12.15
- 17 BG Lunch Club - BGVH - 10.00 to 1.00
 BG Library - Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time - 10.15 to 10.45
- 18 **Saturday Open House - COGS - 10.00 to 12.00**



- 19 COGS - Breakfast Church - 9.00**
SJCC - Mass - 9.30
BGBC - Service - 10.30
- 20 BG Library - Natty Stitches - 10.00 to 12.00**
BGVH - u3a meeting - 2.00
- 21 BG Library - Scrabble Club - 2.15 to 4.15**
- 22 Sticky Fingers - BGBC - 10.00 to 11.15**
- 23 SJCC - 10.00 Mass followed by Adoration**
BG Lunch Club - BGVH - 10.00 to 1.00
BG Library - Coffee & Chat - 10.15 to 12.15
- 24 BG Lunch Club - BGVH - 10.00 to 1.00**
BG Library - Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time - 10.15 to 10.45
- 25 Saturday Open House - COGS - 10.00 to 12.00**
- 26 SJCC - Mass - 9.30**
COGS - Holy Communion with Canon Brian Stevenson and Children's Church - 10.00
BGBC - Service - 10.30
- 27 BG Library - Natty Stitches - 10.00 to 12.00**
Toddler Time - COGS Annexe - 10.00 to 12.00
Games, Tea and Chat - COGS Annexe - 2.00 to 4.00
- 28 BG Library - Scrabble Club - 2.15 to 4.15**
Ightham Gardeners' Club - Ightham Village Hall - 7.00
- 30 SJCC - 10.00 Mass followed by Adoration**
BG Lunch Club - BGVH - 10.00 to 1.00
BG Library - Coffee & Chat - 10.15 to 12.15
BGVH - Heart of Kent Hospice Charity Sale - 2.00 to 4.00



Note: COGS Services maybe be subject to change in the interregnum.

Abbreviations

- COGS Church of the Good Shepherd
- BGBC Borough Green Baptist Church
- SJCC St Joseph's Catholic Church
- BGVH Borough Green Village Hall





IGHTHAM & DISTRICT GARDENERS' CLUB

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Friday 10 April



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12 noon - 8pm on Saturday 5th September
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Early Bird Tickets are officially on sale **until 31 March** for Wrotham's first all day music festival experience. Go to www.wrothammusicfestival.com.

Acts performing at the festival include Wrotham's favourite "The Daisy Chains" and, coming across the river from Essex, the fabulous "TrolleyBoys". More acts will be announced soon.

This is a charity event with proceeds donated to local causes.



BASH THE TRASH

Borough Green Village Litter Pick

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Over the past few months we have been undergoing a spring clean and, after more than 30 years, it was long overdue to clear out some of those old and abandoned items. While sorting through cupboards and storage areas we uncovered some wonderful old photographs of the village. These offer a fascinating glimpse into our shared past and the community spirit that has always been at the heart of village life. They are so good that we wanted to share these with you so we are displaying some of them in the hall. We hope that you will enjoy seeing them.

It is the time of the year that we need to review our hiring rates and we are pleased that we have maintained our existing charges with the exception of the Small Hall. Because it is impossible to hire out the Meeting Room and the Small Hall separately, we have merged the two rooms into one. While this meant a slight increase for some it does provide a large space and better versatility. Most have found this beneficial with hirers giving positive feedback and many groups appreciating the extra space and better layout. Work is underway to provide a new office area available to hire for small business meetings and private chatrooms.

We are mindful of keeping the village hall competitively priced while offering the very best value for our community. We are committed to improving the facility while maintaining it as a welcoming, flexible and affordable space for everyone to enjoy.

We welcome back the Borough Green and Platt Players' annual panto this month so make sure you have booked your seat. It always is a great show.

We look forward to seeing you at the hall soon, whether to view the photographs, attend an event or perhaps host one of your own.

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Borough Green & Wrotham u3a



The next Borough Green and Wrotham u3a monthly meeting will be held on **Monday 20 April** at 2 pm in Borough Green village hall. Regular members will notice that this is the **third Monday** in the month! This is a one-off change, for unavoidable organisational reasons, and regular service will be resumed from May onwards with meetings on the usual second Monday in each month.

At our meeting on **Monday 20 April** we are delighted to welcome back Fred Lamont who will give a fascinating talk on the history of Thomas Cook. We look forward to Fred's talk and to our usual chats over tea, coffee and biscuits.

We look forward to welcoming existing and new members (free) and guests (£5). Parking is free for village hall users, so please remember to register your car in the village hall lobby when you arrive.

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Green Business Grants A reminder that applications close at 5pm on **2 April**. To find out more and to apply go to www.tmbc.gov.uk/business/apply-green-business-grant.

Food Waste Recycling Your efforts are making a real difference - we've recycled over 19% more food waste in 2025 than the previous year. Why it matters:

- Your recycled food waste along with that from other councils becomes biogas that powers 3,600 homes in Kent.
- It's cheaper, cleaner and more energy efficient than processing black bin waste.
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Recycle loose in green bins - no bags please!

Plastic bags and soft plastics cannot be recycled in Kent yet. When your recycling reaches the sorting facility, these plastics can get caught in our machines, wrap around other items and slow everything down.

This means we may have to reject some recyclable items. This is something we want to avoid.

If collecting your items in a plastic bag indoors works for you, that's fine. Just 'shake it out' before emptying it into your bin. Then you can reuse the bag or recycle it at a supermarket.

This small step makes a big difference to how much we can recycle across Kent.



Reminder that the Government consultation on the way councils in Kent and Medway are organised closes on **26 March**. To take part go to

www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-kent-and-medway/proposals-for-local-government-reorganisation-in-kent-and-medway.

A Government decision is expected in the summer with elections for new councils in May 2027 and the councils beginning to operate in April 2028.



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Tom Tugendhat MP's Column

April brings with it a sense of new possibility for our community. Trees and fields are coming into bloom, farmers sow their crops, the days grow longer and preparations for local events and activities begin across our area to get ready for Easter. The renewal of Spring is something we see reflected in our towns and villages too.

In March we welcomed the long-awaited expansion of Sainsbury's in the heart of Tonbridge - a significant milestone, first discussed four years ago. In Edenbridge the 3G sports pitch campaign aims to invest in sport and leisure facilities at the centre of the community. In New Ash Green conversations about reimagining the village centre remind us how important it is to listen to residents and shape a stronger future together.

These are just some of the ones I have been working on elsewhere. But in Borough Green, I'm interested to hear your thoughts. What do you think needs improving in our parish?

Many of the ideas that become reality across our community begin with local ideas and community actions. Residents know their area best, its strengths, its needs and its potential. Real change often starts with a simple suggestion, a conversation or a willingness to get involved.

If you have an idea, whether large or small, about how we could improve our community, I would love to hear from you. While I cannot promise every idea can be delivered, I will always do my best to support where I can. Whether that means helping to raise awareness, connecting you with the right people or guiding you through the next steps. You are welcome to contact me through my email below.

Thank you to all those who give their time, energy and imagination to our towns and villages. Our communities are stronger because of you. As we move into this new season, may the hope of Easter inspire us all to play our part in building places where others can flourish.

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BOROUGH GREEN LIBRARY

The library is open – with a wide range of services, from free access to books, computers, WiFi and information on the hire of music, audio books and films.

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10 - 1 and 2 - 5 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
and 9 - 1 on Saturday.

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Stonehouse Cricket Club • Stonehouse Field, Platt TN15 8LF

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Platt Ladies Cricket Club • Stonehouse Field, Platt TN15 8LF

Established soft-ball team for women aged 16 - 60+

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Tickets: Adults £15, Children £5, Family £35

book at <https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/ConcertofFavouriteMusic>

Raise money for The Heart of Kent Hospice with the Bluebell Walk on 3 May.

The walks take place in the period 8:00 - 1:00pm starting from Glebe Field, Marley Road, Harrietsham, ME17 1BS and follow a picturesque leisurely six-mile ramble amongst stunning bluebells and through enchanting woodland on the North Downs.

Step into a day to remember as your journey begins at our vibrant Event Village, where a selection of refreshments will be available to purchase on arrival. Walkers will set off in relaxed waves following our fully guided routes. Along the walk, visit our peaceful **Field of Remembrance**. Enjoy a cold drink, reflect or simply relax with a picnic of your own. You'll also find our **memory wall** along the route at this picnic spot, where you're invited to dedicate a message - write a name, a note, or a simple thought and add it to the wall in remembrance.



Each ticket includes a Bluebell Walk branded T-shirt, giving you a lasting keepsake from the day and a way to show your support long after the walk is over.

When buying a fundraising ticket, you are pledging to raise funds for Heart of Kent Hospice, which will enable us to continue supporting those at the end of their lives and their families.

For more details go to <https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/BluebellWalk2026>

Heart of Kent Hospice Charity Shop in the High Street

The opening hours are from 9.00-4.00 Monday to Friday and 9.00-1.00 on Saturday. Look out for flash sales at the village hall. The next one will be on **Thursday 30 April** from 2.00 to 4.00 with most items for sale at just £1.

Tonbridge and Malling Ramblers

You don't have to be a Ramblers member to try up to three 'taster' walks with us. If you're new to our walks, please contact the walk leader to check that their walk will suit you. For details of these and other upcoming walks and walk leaders see our Facebook page at

www.facebook.com/groups/tonbridgeandmallingsramblers

or visit www.tonbridgeandmallingsramblers.org.uk.



Tonbridge and Malling health walks are free, fun and friendly, perfect to help you get active, meet new people and improve mental health and wellbeing.

The Platt walk leaves from St Mary's Church steps at 10am on Mondays. To attend a walk just come along 10 minutes before the starting time of the walk (no booking necessary). Outdoor clothing and footwear is advisable. The walk (may include hills) lasts for 60-90 minutes. Refreshments are served in the Church afterwards.



This fundraising activity should be completed within the month of April - World Autism Acceptance Month. To find out more about the activity please visit <https://waaw.autism.org.uk/walk-5k-this-april> where you can register and access a fundraising page.

It's your walk, your way. This means you can choose your own location, distance (we recommend 5km), date and time to walk. Pick a suitable date in April that works for you.

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