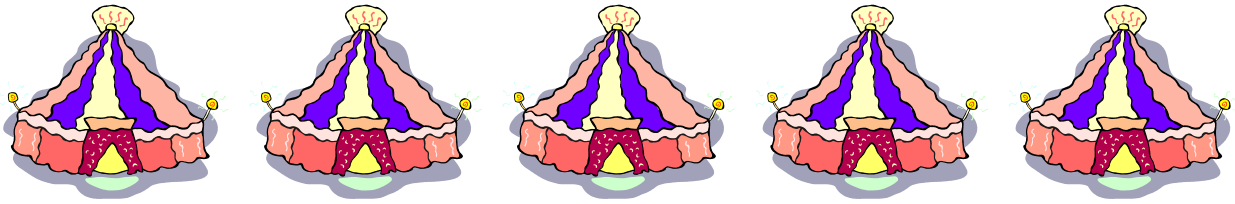


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# WRNM News!

The village newsletter of Wykeham, Ruston and North Moor  
**LOCAL NEWS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE**



**Welcome** to this edition of WRNM News. What a lovely summer we have had. The Village Show was once again blessed with good weather and raised a spectacular £625 – well done to everyone involved. What a talented bunch you are! And thank you to Carrie Gledhill for the cover photo of a winning entry.

We also remember and pay tribute to the local people who died in the First World War and include contributions on this subject from Sue Long and Mary Ann Stockdale.

The Wykeham Cricket Club teams have done well this year and there are some great photos of successful young players with a full report by Dave Grimwood.

The next edition of WRNM News will be due out in December, so please let me have any contributions (articles, photos, poems, recipes, memories, for sale notices, etc) by 3 December. **Your Ed, Anne Britton**

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## Parish Council

No minutes are available for publication in this newsletter. As a result of recent changes in legislation the Parish Council is taking the opportunity to review the publication procedure for minutes of Parish Council meetings. The approved, signed minutes will be available on the website in due course as usual at [www.wykehamparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.wykehamparishcouncil.org.uk)

## Millennium Footpath

Work has continued to remove Himalayan Balsam from ditches and banks alongside the railway track and adjacent to the railway bridge, as well as cutting down thistles, nettles and brambles (particularly round the various benches along the walk). New gravel has been put down on the paths to the Ice House and Millennium Monument at Wykeham. Regular cutting back has also been done in the wood alongside the cricket field. The wild flowers along the railway track have been spectacular this year, with cowslips earlier in the year, and lots of scabious, harebells and campion. Most exciting were several species of orchid! We have had several positive comments and suggestions about the information boards posted at various points along the walk, and these will be amended. The picnic benches on Ruston Green have been well used by residents and visitors, and there is now a storage locker containing various play items. Working parties will resume in October, particularly to plant another batch of bluebells, so please keep an eye on noticeboards for details. If you have any ideas for how we can improve the walk, please contact **Laurence Day on 07711 7438866**.

## The Great War 1914-1918

Next time you walk past the church in Wykeham, look up at the wall by the entrance steps and you will see a dedication to the local people who died and served in World War I, erected by the parishioners of Wykeham and Ruston in 1920. It is inscribed “To the glorious memory of those men of Wykeham and Ruston who fell in the Great War 1914-19”. Interestingly the dedication is dated 1914–1919, an indication that suffering and death lasted beyond the last official day of the war, and it included one woman, Sister D Poad. We remember the following who died, and the sacrifices made by them, their families, and the local community: **The Hon H Dawnay, W Dean, F Jennings, H Jewitt, R Megson, B Megson, Sister D Poad, G Robinson, R Vitty**.



The patient in the photo is my grandfather George Henry Potipher (1883-1947), who was born in Brighton, one of six children. When the First World War broke out, George and his brothers William, Edward and Albert all signed up into the Royal Field Artillery Army Service Corps. Amazingly they all survived, and all received the Victory Medal and British War Medal. George was wounded in France after storming a German post and saving the village. The mayor of the village awarded him the Croix de Guerre for his bravery. My grandfather returned to Brighton and his family. Unfortunately he died in 1947, so I never had the privilege of meeting him.  
**Sue Long**

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### **Just a Common Soldier**

He was just a common soldier  
And his ranks are growing thin  
But his presence should remind us  
We may need his like again.  
For when countries are in conflict  
Then we find the soldiers' part  
Is to clean up all the troubles  
That the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honour  
While he's here to hear the praise  
Then at least let's give him homage  
At the ending of his days  
Perhaps just a simple headline  
In a paper that would say:  
"Our Country Is in Mourning –  
For a Soldier Died Today."

(taken from a longer poem by an anonymous author, submitted by **Mary Ann Stockdale, Ruston**)

### **.....AROUND THE VILLAGES.....**

Great work has been done by the residents of Town End Ruston (the road leading from the centre of Ruston to the Pickering end of the A170) to brighten up the area. The cobbled island at the junction has been cleaned off, and efforts made to keep traffic from driving onto the verges. Two stone troughs have been installed, and planted up with a lovely display of annual and perennial plants. Well done to Barry, Sharon, Mary Ann, Tom and Ben for all their hard work and contributions.



## VILLAGE SHOW 2014

The show was once again a great success, with photography attracting the most entries, and some imaginative work from the pupils at Wykeham Primary School. The display of old photos of the area drew lots of attention and positive comments, and we would like to expand this for next year. The raffle made an amazing £352, with very generous prizes including a microlight flight, a one-hour session at Wykeham Gun Club and afternoon tea at Wykeham Tearooms. We are very grateful to all those who donated prizes. Thanks too to Lady Downe for launching the day, to Joan for judging, to Ray Kirk for providing music and announcements, and to Des, Pat and Jo for keeping everyone deliciously fed!



Writes **Sue Long**: 30 years ago my family and I moved into Ruston. The Head Teacher of the school, Mrs Wilderspin also ran the Village Show in the school, and it was held on the first Saturday after the school broke for the summer. After Mrs Wilderspin retired the show only kept going for a couple of years. I am glad to say three years ago it was revived and for the last two years I have helped organise it. This year, after heavy overnight rain, show day turned into a beautiful day, and we raised £625 which will keep this newsletter running, and support other village projects such as the Millennium Walk and flower tubs.

Now we are already planning ahead for next year, and need YOUR help. What did you like the best about the show? What didn't you like? What classes would persuade you to put in an entry? We'd really appreciate your suggestions and feedback so we can make the show even better next year.

**Contact Sue on 07806861445, Katrina on 07821 299233, Laurence on 077114438866 or Anne on 07866106093.**

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### **A NEW LIFE!**

It is over a year since I left the busy retail world of Waterstones and I now find myself in a brand new environment - Scarborough Hospital. Prior to starting in my job I can honestly say that I was pretty much a stranger there and have never really appreciated all that goes on up on Woodlands Drive.

My job involves recruiting Volunteers across Malton, Whitby, Bridlington and Scarborough hospitals and every day makes me realise that there are some people who have a very generous spirit. My youngest volunteer is just 16 (we don't take them any younger) and the eldest is 84 so if you have ever considered becoming a volunteer, age is not a consideration! A lot of the youngsters come to us as they want to pursue a career in medicine and find that volunteering is a useful way to gain experience and it can also help with their University application. At the other end of the scale, many retired people want to have something to bridge the gap between full time work and stopping altogether and find that giving an hour or two a week can really boost their self worth whilst benefitting others too.

So, what do all these people do? Well the youngsters tend to opt for the Emergency Department but this isn't always successful as you need to have a lot of self confidence to be able to work independently and approach strangers, so they may sometimes be offered other areas to start with such as the Chemotherapy unit or helping in Radiology. During visiting hours we have people who come along and chat with those patients who maybe don't have family nearby or haven't had a visitor for a day or two. As long as you can chat, in fact it's usually a case of just listening, then you can become a volunteer visitor. During meal times we have a great team that help on an elderly ward to encourage patients to eat and fight off malnutrition. This is a key area in recovery and we are developing our Dining Companions so that they can become even more useful to the ward team. There is also a large team of Chaplaincy volunteers that represent a multitude of faiths who are on standby and will visit with patients or family as and when needed.

So if you ever find yourself in a position with some spare time on your hands, and you'd like to get involved with the Volunteer team at the hospital, you know where I am! **Di Ruston** [di.ruston@york.nhs.uk](mailto:di.ruston@york.nhs.uk) 01723 385244





## NEWS FROM WYKEHAM CRICKET CLUB



It looks as though Wykeham's three Saturday teams will all be playing in the same divisions next year, reports **Dave Grimwood**. The first team have done very well to establish themselves in the A Division in their first year in that league and a top four finish promises much for next season. Wily veteran and skipper Gareth Barnard was most ably supported by Dave Pearson, now back to something like his best after his lay off last season, and the immensely promising off spinner, Matt Vincent.

The second eleven have finished the season strongly, pushing up to third in the C Division. They have benefitted from having a fairly regular side and several players, notably the Shepherds, Pete and Andy, are running into impressive form with the bat.

The third eleven has had a somewhat unusual problem: that of not being able to give all available players a game. This has prompted talk of a fourth team for next season. It has also meant that the team has been rather more competitive than previously and, under the cheerful and individual leadership of Chris Briggs, are now able to command a mid table position. The thirds have provided a useful conduit for junior players, offering them experience of senior cricket without throwing them too rapidly into the metaphorical deep end.

The Evening League sides have had mixed fortunes. The A League is very strong and staying in the league is all the side could reasonably hope to do. Congratulations to skipper Steve Day who led his team with great perseverance and tact and also managed to bowl particularly steadily at vital times. Conversely the B Team only missed out on promotion by a point. The team is too good for the C Division and rather threw away their chances of winning the League. Players like Steve Staveley and Dan Bateson are too good to be playing in this class of cricket.

The third team struggled, winning only one of their twelve games, but the real purpose of the side is to give opportunities for younger players and in this they did admirably. Skipper Jonathan Remmer, surely the youngest captain in local cricket, did remarkably well under sometimes difficult circumstances to keep the side together and to engender such a good team spirit.

The junior section continues to thrive. Many would say it is a successful season if you manage to turn out four junior sides on a regular basis but to have those sides winning things is a definite bonus. Great credit must go to the principle coaches: Ian Thompson, Pete Shepherds, Dan Bateson and Gareth Barnard. The under eleven and the under fifteen sides enjoyed unbeaten seasons, both winning their respective leagues. The under thirteens finished third in their league and the under nines who are obviously just learning the game and do not play in a competitive league nevertheless enjoyed considerable success in the mini tournaments organised for them.

### **Junior presentation event goes with a swing**

The Wykeham Cricket Club junior presentation event enjoyed its biggest ever attendance of players, parents and interested members. The occasion consisted of a series of light hearted games between juniors and their parents and finished with some junior players and their coaches camping the night at the ground as well as the main business of presenting awards for best batsman and bowler of each team along with recognition for best catch and most improved player.



### Under 9s

Best batsman Charlie Revis  
Best catch Jamie Dennis

Best bowler Oliver Barret  
Most Improved Jake Shepherdson

### Under 11s

Best batsman Tom Owen  
Best catch Jacob Tweddle

Best bowler Max Lane  
Most improved Presley Carr

### Under 13s

Best batsman Adam Eustace  
Best catch Toby Dennis

Best bowler Aaron Fox  
Most Improved Henry Tubbs

### Under 15s

Best batsman Toby Wrightson  
Best catch Lewis Eustace

Best bowler Ben Norman  
Most improved Ben Norman

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## Janet's Jottings



“Am I invisible?” asked a student recently. A woman with a pram and toddler had just walked out into the road and when we came to a halt she started swearing and gesturing as if it was our fault cars were near her children! This was the second time someone had walked out in front of us, earlier it was a man, not looking before starting to cross, just staring at the ground, again

we had to stop and he just kept on walking. The final straw was a post office van that drove straight across the bus lane on Filey Road and stopped right in front of us until he could turn right. You can understand Lauren's frustration but all these events were excellent hazard perception training, that is basically know what people are going to do before they have thought of it themselves - mind reading, essentially.

The basics of hazard perception: look as far into the distance as possible, draw your vision back to your car seeing anything that may affect your journey, then look in your mirrors to see what is happening behind, repeat. This figure of eight process means you know what is going on **all around you**, not just a few metres in front. If only everyone was as observant!

Safe Driving

**Janet**

07713 646461

Driving Aspirations, helping drive **your** aspirations

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## Garden Notes

Perfume is a controversial matter – what smells nice to one person can smell peculiar to another – and definitions in gardening magazines and catalogues can sometimes seem inaccurate when you get to smell the real thing. The power of perfume to influence mood is well-known and can evoke places, people and events, so it's nice therefore to put plants in our gardens that remind us of holidays or happy times for example. I have a small white rose named "Little White Pet" whose spicy, myrrh scent reminds me of my grandmother's garden; I planted a white jasmine which reminds me of holidays in Greece; I have a pot of lemon verbena by the back door, whose leaves when crushed give off a zingy fragrance and which make a refreshing tea. Some other plants are deceptive and surprise us with unexpected (pleasant) perfumes – iris graminea smells of ripe plums, cosmos atrosanguineus smells of chocolate, and sages can smell of pineapple or blackcurrant.

It will soon be time to plant spring-flowering bulbs, so remember to plant a few in pots to bring indoors when they are on the point of flowering. Crocus are lovely when seen close up, and many are scented (try Snow Bunting or Cream Beauty), as are snowdrops and windflowers (anemone blanda). Happy gardening! **Anne Britton**

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## WYKEHAM GUN CLUB

The Charity Shoot on 18 June raised £450 with the help of a BBQ and raffle and kind donations from local people. Many thanks to everyone who supported it. The weather was kind to us and ensured a good turnout of competitors and their families. Out of the remaining eight sporting competitions Wykeham have won six, losing only to North Wolds club at the home and away matches. Over the season eight out of ten matches have been won by Wykeham Gun Club. The Skeet Trophy – The Flask v Wykeham – also stays with Wykeham again this year, and we are also leading the Down the Line matches by 70 points at the moment, with four still to go. The League Final will be hosted by North Wolds Gun Club on 21 September at Garrowby Hill.

**Mandy Knight**

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## COMMUNITY HEARTBEAT

The Community HeartBeat Trust is a national charity focused on provision of life-saving defibrillation services to local communities. Working with the local ambulance service, the charity is run to help groups by offering advice and support. The purpose is to instal AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) in secure public access units for use by the community in emergencies. An AED is a portable device that automatically diagnoses potentially life-threatening irregularities in heartbeat and applies defibrillation. To find out more visit [www.communityheartbeat.org.uk](http://www.communityheartbeat.org.uk) or contact Sue Long (07806 861445) who is monitoring whether local people would be interested in fundraising to buy the equipment, suitable location, training etc.

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## THE FLOWERY MUGGERS

Calling all bookworms! The next meeting of the Flowery Muggers book club will take place on Tuesday 16 September at 7.30pm. The book under discussion is Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen. Please contact Di Ruston on 01723 864356 for more details.

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## Flower Festival at Wykeham Church



The Flower Festival this year (**10,11 & 12 Oct**) will join forces with the Wedding Festival at the Downe Arms to celebrate all things nuptial, and raise funds for the Church and the Scarborough Women's Community Project. The Church will be open 11am-3pm on the Saturday and Sunday, with a special preview evening in the Church on the Friday, 7-9pm to include music and refreshments. Tickets for the preview are available from Katrina Shamel, price £5, tel: 01723 866600. If you would like to be involved in the event, please contact **Jo Purdy** on 07773 693460. Come along and enjoy a wonderful display of flowers, and more, in the magnificent setting of Wykeham Church!

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## NEWS FROM ST HELEN'S AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH

The North York Moors Chamber Music Festival started in the week commencing 17 August and one of the concerts took place at St Helen and All Saints church, Wykeham on the Bank Holiday Monday. This is the fifth season of these outstanding concerts organised by the brilliant cellist Jamie Walton. The concert was hosted by Sir Peter Maxwell-Davies who introduced his String Quartet No 6 (Naxos series). It was a real privilege to hear the introduction to one of his own compositions direct from one of the most important contemporary composers.

Continuing on our musical theme the church hosted for the sixth year running 'Voices from English National Opera' on Sunday 7 September. This year the concert featured the Mikado in the first half, and in the second half popular songs, arias and duets from the world of Opera and Musical Theatre. It proved to be a very enjoyable evening!

The Benefice Choir has commenced rehearsing for the Harvest Festival services starting with the combined (Wykeham and Hutton Buscel) service at Wykeham at 11 am on Sunday 28th September, with lunch afterwards at the Downe Arms. This will be followed by the Advent sung Evensong on Sunday 7th December at 6.30 pm. The next choir 'outing' will be for the various Carol services throughout the Benefice – time to place your orders with Rosemary Sword who is always looking for more voices! ([rosemary.sword@virgin.net](mailto:rosemary.sword@virgin.net))

A Flower festival is planned over the weekend of 10th, 11th and 12th October. This will be a major event supporting both St Helen and All Saints church and the Scarborough Women's Community Project. Events over the weekend will include flower arranging and arrangements, music and talks. Please keep an eye out for more information about this event through September.

Funds raised from these events should give a kick start to the Organ Fund, a project involving the restoration/replacement of the Organ at a cost of £65,000 – less than half the cost of the roof about seven years ago. Anything is possible!

### Forthcoming Church Services:

Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	– 9.30 am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	– 8.00 am Communion (BCP)
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	– 11 am <b>Harvest Festival</b> followed by a Harvest lunch in the Downe Arms.
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	– 6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	– 9.30 am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	– 8.00 am Communion (BCP)
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	– 11.00 am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	– 6.30 pm <b>All Souls/All Saints</b> (a time to remember those who have departed during the year)
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	– 10.55 am <b>Service of Remembrance</b>

The services then follow the normal rota, but on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 pm there will be an **Advent (Carol) service** at Wykeham Church with the Benefice choir.

There will be no Service at Wykeham at Christmas, but a **Christingle service** at Hutton Buscel at 3.00 pm on Christmas Eve, and **Midnight Mass** at 11.30 pm at Snainton and **Christmas Eucharist** at Hutton Buscel at 9.30 am on Christmas Day.

**Robert Sword, Churchwarden** ([r.sword@dawnay.co.uk](mailto:r.sword@dawnay.co.uk) Tel: 01723 862434)

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## GORDON BARNETT – A PERSONAL TRIBUTE

My knowledge of Gordon was gleaned in small bites over a period of 20 years walking dogs and kids in and around Ruston. Our normal meeting place was somewhere up Eastgate and the road that leads to the Gun Club. He would be in his Isuzu or his ‘Teleporter’, or more recently, his orange Kubota – heading back home after checking his sheep. I would usually be on my outward journey with the dog. This tells you a lot about our respective life-styles! I liked to have breakfast before heading out and he liked to head out....before having his breakfast. One of three things could happen at these meetings: he would simply wave and carry on by; or he might pull up and exchange a few words about the weather and carry on his way; or...he might switch off his engine off! If this happened, 15 or 20 minutes could slide by in the wink of an eye. And it is true to say that the “engine off” occurrences became much more frequent during his time on the Parish Council.

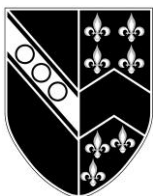
I will remember Gordon the most for these “engine off” moments. I am certain that many of you will remember him most for your own “engine off” moments in different locations in and around Ruston. The village of Ruston is definitely a quieter place without him. **Justin Terry**

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## Dates for your Diary

For Church Services and Events, see above or contact the Rev Stuart Hill, tel: 01723 859694 or email [Brompton.vicarage@hotmail.com](mailto:Brompton.vicarage@hotmail.com)

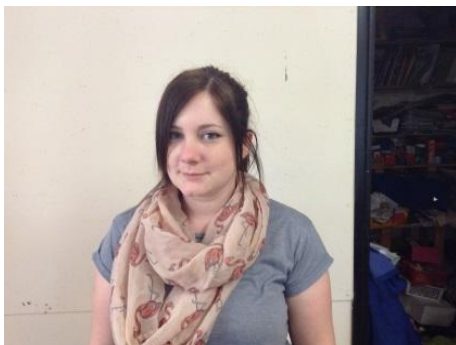
<b>September 16</b>	Flowery Muggers Book Club 7.30pm. Contact Di Ruston 01723 864356
<b>September 22</b>	Parish Council Meeting, 6.30pm, Wykeham Business Centre Contact Gary Parkin 01723 865309
<b>October 10,11,12</b>	Flower Festival, Wykeham Church
<b>November 17</b>	Parish Council Meeting, 6.30pm, Wykeham Business Centre Contact Gary Parkin 01723 865309



## NEWS FROM WYKEHAM SCHOOL

[www.wykeham.n-yorks.sch.uk](http://www.wykeham.n-yorks.sch.uk)

Tel : 01723 862413



School started again on Wednesday 4 September and we offer a very warm welcome to our new starters in Reception.

We would also like to welcome Mrs Thorp, our new Infant teacher. She is really looking forward to working with us and is very excited about teaching the younger end of the school the new curriculum.

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**Our new infant canopy was built over the summer holidays providing permanent outdoor space for the younger end of the school. Classes can now be taken outside whatever the weather and we look forward to formally launching it at an open evening later on in September.**



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## WRAP AROUND CARE

**Breakfast Club takes place every morning from 8.00am and Stay and Play until 5.30pm on Mondays and 4.00pm on Fridays. We continue with our after school choir with Miss Dew every Tuesday and have started an after school dance club running every Wednesday until 4.00pm. We appreciate how difficult childcare can be for most parents and we do try to help where we can!**

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Yorkshire Harvest has been launched to help local projects tackling **food poverty** in our region. It aims to provide easy ways for local residents to donate and to help ensure those local projects have all the supplies they need

Multiple drop off points have been set up, Wykeham School being one of them and we would like to ask for your help and support during this month long campaign in September. Everything donated will go to good causes. Our local project is based at the Rainbow Centre in Scarborough and any donations received will be sent there.

All donations will help their staff and volunteers to keep their shelves well-stocked, so they can meet demand from those who need a helping hand. Please do not donate fresh food or items of food with a short best before date. Food in tins or cardboard boxes are ideal.

**Thank you.**

**As always, if you know of any families with young children moving into our area, please do encourage them to make an appointment to visit our school.**

**Thank you.**

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**....AND FINALLY....What do you get when you cross a sheep with a kangaroo? A woolly jumper.**

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The next edition of WRNM News will be due out in December, so please let me have any contributions (articles, photos, poems, recipes, memories, for sale notices, etc) by 3 December.  
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