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News from the Rectory

At the time of writing, I have just returned from swearing at the Archdeacon in St John's in Worthing. No, not that sort of swearing, but being admitted to office of Churchwarden.

The ceremony, for want of a better word, was part of a full Eucharist Service and all the Churchwardens had to stand and answer the following:

Archdeacon: "Were you duly elected to serve as Churchwarden of your respective Parishes at the APCM?"

Me: "I was".

Archdeacon: "Are you resolved to fulfil faithfully the duties of Churchwarden for your term of office?"

Me: "I am."

Archdeacon: "I invite you to read the Declaration":

Me: "I do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will faithfully and diligently perform the duties of the office of Churchwarden of my parish and according to the best of my skill and knowledge will present such reports as are required by the laws ecclesiastical of the Realm."

Archdeacon: "I admit you to office".

So, what does this office of Churchwarden entail?

Key Responsibilities

Leadership and Governance: They act as the foremost representatives of the laity and are ex-officio members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC). They help promote unity and peace within the parish.

Building and Property Maintenance: They have a duty of care for the church building and grounds. They hold the legal title to the church's movable goods (like plate and ornaments), maintain an inventory, and represent the parish in faculty proceedings (legal permissions required for alterations to the building).

Worship and Services: They ensure that services run smoothly and "decently and in order". This includes overseeing collections, arranging communion elements, maintaining seating, and welcoming newcomers.

Pastoral and Community Care: They help support the congregation and clergy through major life events like baptisms, weddings, and funerals. They also share in ensuring that safeguarding procedures are upheld in the parish.

The Interregnum: During a vacancy (when a parish has no vicar), churchwardens take on heavy leadership responsibilities alongside the area dean, including the safekeeping of church property and ensuring services and pastoral care continue.

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Integrity and Courage: They are often expected to be godly, courageous, servant-hearted, and respected locally.

A People Person: Because the role involves heavy interaction with the congregation and the wider community, they need excellent listening skills, empathy, and patience.

Practical and Leadership Skills

Proven Leadership: They should be proven leaders who act as a "critical friend" to the vicar, offering constructive feedback and shared vision.

Organizational Ability: The role involves managing administrative tasks, ensuring legal compliance, and overseeing building maintenance. Therefore, they must be reliable, organized, and willing to handle paperwork.

Flexibility: They often need to deal with unexpected events and should have an adaptable, collaborative approach to resolving disputes.

So, not much to it then! I hope I can meet the above requirements! Help!

Maggie Somerset - Churchwarden Clapham

Rev. Colin Cox, Associate Vicar

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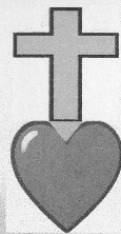
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Also perhaps some of the local businesses would like to write a short article about how they started and what they do.

You can email articles and photos (preferably Jpegs) to the magazine email address

findonvillagenews@gmail.com.

We do ask that you do not send articles anonymously, but we will leave your name off if requested.

A Cautionary Tale for Parents

These days, my husband and I are better known for our lovely Cockerpoo dog and our sheep. Millie is our first dog but years ago we had cats. Sadly we had lost our beautiful grey cat Penny and after a few years, missing her so much, we visited the local animal rescue (no not Paws, we didn't live here then). We had decided upon choosing an older cat and disappointingly there wasn't much choice. However there was one and we went away to think about her.

Next day I went back with our two children, early to mid teens at that time, for their opinion. This rather nice black and white cat was sharing the pen with a little black tom cat kitten, about 12 weeks old.

Admittedly he was very cute and he was showing off to us. But we didn't want a kitten, we didn't want a black

cat and we didn't want a boy - totally out of the question. So why did I open my mouth and find myself saying "shall we have both of them". There was no going back, the children held me to it.

The black and white cat we renamed Jesse, changed from Duchess, but our little black kitten was Button and that's how he remained. Both cats were fabulous, much loved and loving and how easily we might have missed out if we'd rejected Button.

To rub salt into the wound for Jesse, when we received her paperwork it clearly said she didn't like other cats and shouldn't share a pen. How annoyed she must have been to find the kitten coming along with her to share the rest of her life.

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Sheep Fair Update

Saturday 12th September on Nepcote Green

Volunteers

Although we already have many of our regular volunteers signed up for this year there are always people who are away on holiday or unable to help so every year we also need new volunteers to join us.

We are particularly keen to hear from you if you could help us on:

Sunday 6th Sept at 2pm when we will be hole filling on Nepcote Green,

Saturday 12th to help with some traffic marshalling around the village and on Nepcote Green

Sunday morning (13th) to help with pen washing and general clearing up.

We are holding our Volunteers Information meeting at Findon Village Hall on Thursday August 20th so if you'd like to find out more do come along,

Sponsoring Sheep Sections

We are in need of a few sponsors happy to support us through sponsorship of a section in the Sheep Judging competition. For £50 you will get a mention in the programme and on our website, present the winner of

the section with a trophy which will be photographed and sent to you as a memory of the event, and you or your business will be promoted throughout the day on our PA system.

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Findon Swimming Pool - Update on Pool Preparation.

In last month's FN we explained how updated H&S legislation regarding swimming pool operation and issues to do with the management of the pool were delaying the opening of the pool for this season.

I'm sorry to say that we still cannot forecast a summer opening date although everyone involved is working hard to resolve the outstanding impediments to full pool operation. In the meantime we are continuing with pool maintenance and our pool maintenance engineer is

working to maintain the pool to the expected standards for testing and the possibility of getting swimming in this season.

We remain grateful for everyone's understanding and the kind offers of support received from our community and stakeholders. Thank you.

John Roche.
Vice-chair of Governors
St. John the Baptist School.
Findon.

Reader's Letter

Dear Findon News,

I am one of the few remaining members of a sub-committee set up by the Parish Council over 25 years ago. We were tasked with finding a use for the Wattle House. Therefore I was very interested to attend the meeting last Wednesday at the Village Hall.

There did not seem to be much structure to this meeting. There were tables with papers where people had written excellent ideas. I could find no one to tell me about the Heritage Lottery Grant, and just a small thing, there was no one in the kitchen to give me a cup of tea.

I admire the enthusiasm but feel that the problems that we had in the past still exist. Suggestions then included, a play school and a Land Mark holiday home. A village poll was against any

development that meant altering The Green in anyway. There is no all weather road to the house and as for having half a dozen car parking spaces, Horror!!

Our conclusion then was to maintain the outer structure and use the inside for storage for the Fair.

The trustees of The Green and the Wattle House are the present Parish Councillors, who ever they are at that time. I see no reason why some of the profit from the Fair should not be used to maintain the house. If the present councillors can come up with a viable use for this unique building then I wish them luck.

Norman Allcorn.



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If anyone has a suitable raffle prize or good quality items for sale at the Fair please let me know.

(No books, CD's, clothes or electrical items though thank you).

If anyone would like to join our team of helpers on the day or by baking please let me know.

Many thanks and we look forward to a bumper day especially as this is our first event since last Christmas!

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We couldn't avoid noticing that there were some important events going on last month, customers stocking up with all sorts of things they wouldn't normally buy. Two young lads bought a number of packets of biscuits, announcing: "There's a big game on tonight." I just hope it wasn't one of the ones starting at 10.00pm or even 1.00am!

July was obviously a month for youngsters demonstrating their spending power. Two other young lads came in with loads of 2p pieces. Helen, our deputy manager, patiently showed them how to count them into £1 bags, and they spent a considerable time carefully rehearsing their numeracy skills. The coins eventually amounted to the princely sum of over £2, which was then spent on sweets! Well, I

guess they'd earned them after all their effort.

The lottery. Very popular amongst our customers, not so popular amongst our volunteers. There are so many different ways of doing the lottery: scratch cards (eight varieties), lottery tickets, slips of paper on which the customers choose their numbers, or a 'Fast Pay' card, which isn't quite so fast if you can't work out how to scan it! And then customers can either win a 'Free Play' or cash, again different for scratch cards or lottery tickets. Phew! Well, the good news, is that there's now a new lottery to play: 'Powerball', from America. Which means that you won't find out whether you've won until the early hours of the morning after the draw day! If you can get your head around that! The big jackpot could apparently hit a mere £1 billion. How many noughts would that be?

August can be a nerve-racking month for our young people waiting for exam results. "Will I get into my first choice of university?" or, "Can I do the A-levels I want to do?" We're all rooting for you, hoping you get the results you've worked so hard for. Well, we're all anticipating wonderful things, and, to celebrate, we have congrats cards, along with 'Good luck for University' ones. And, of course, we stock chocolates, fancy biscuits, and all sorts of drinks. Good luck, all of you!

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Findon WI

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At our last meeting, we welcomed local historian Chris Hare, who gave us a fascinating talk about Cissbury Ring. We travelled back in time to the Neolithic flint mines and the Iron Age hillfort, built around 250 BC.

And then came the fairies! According to local folklore, they can be seen dancing up at Cissbury Ring on a Midsummer's Eve. Who knew? No sightings reported yet from our walking group... but we'll keep you posted!

Chris then brought us back down the hill to the history of our very own Sheep Fair. Once known as The Findon Great Fair. In its heyday one of the most important events on the South Downs calendar. As if all that history wasn't entertaining enough Chris even treated us to a couple of authentic folk songs. A really fascinating and entertaining evening.

We were also delighted to welcome three new members — Carol, Jane and Julie. A big FVWI welcome to you all! We hope you've settled in and we are so pleased to have you with us!

We have also been out and about. A visit to a beautiful cottage garden that is Potts Cottage in Pulborough was thoroughly enjoyed. Members

rounding off the afternoon with a picnic in the sunshine beside the River Arun.

And then there were STORKS!

What a fantastic morning we had at Knepp Wilding. We watched these magnificent birds on their nests and gliding high above us on the thermals. It really was magical - there were certainly eyes pointed skywards and probably a few stiff necks by the end of the morning! Well worth a visit.

Our next meeting is Thursday 13th August. We are having a Beetle Drive. Never played? No idea what a Beetle Drive is? Neither did some of us! I was rather hoping the Fab Four might turn up, but apparently it's the wrong kind of Beetle... Visitors are always very welcome, we promise to explain the rules once we've worked them out ourselves!

If you want to see what else we get up to? Check out our sub-clubs and upcoming events on our website <https://findonvillagewi.wixsite.com/my> site or get in touch at findonvillagewi@hotmail.co.uk.

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Nikky - FVWI Committee



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Findon Parish Council (FPC) Planning Committee meetings are scheduled monthly to consult on planning applications received from the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA). Parish Consultation Letters (PCL) received from the SDNPA are displayed on the Notice Boards outside the newsagents and the Village Hall, and published on the FPC website (<http://findonparishcouncil.gov.uk>)

along with the schedule of Committee meeting dates.

Please note that due to Findon News publication deadlines, some applications may have already been placed before the Committee.

Residents should check the Notice Boards and FPC website regularly to view notices and meeting details.

Any enquiries should be address to the FPC Clerk - 01903 877225.

Since the last issue of Findon News, the following Planning Applications have been posted on the SDNPA website:

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Do you have ideas for improving our village? Are you part of a club, group or organisation looking for funding?

Each year, the South Downs National Park Authority invites applications for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding. CIL is a charge collected from new development within the National Park and is used to support local infrastructure. A portion is passed directly to parishes, while larger strategic funds are allocated through SDNPA's annual bidding process.

CIL isn't just for large projects — many successful bids are small, local improvements. Examples include planters and community planting, community garden enhancements, play area upgrades, footpath repairs, and small accessibility improvements. These are exactly the kinds of ideas village groups and organisations can put forward.

A great example close to home: Findon Parish Council recently ordered new SDNPA CIL-funded interpretation boards and community notice boards for Pond Green and Nepcote Green. These are being made to order, and we're excited to see them in situ once completed.

And this year, FPC submitted a CIL application for a new goal post and ball-stop netting for Nepcote Green, to support local sport and recreation. We are eagerly waiting to hear if our application has been successful.

So, get your thinking caps on, and do not feel afraid to ask for more information — if you have some ideas and feel they would get good community backing and support, Councillor Kelly Dean would love to hear from you. Kelly will work with you to research and apply for funding. Please email our Clerk, Fiona, with your ideas
clerk@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Findon Parish Council will be looking for projects in September. Official applications are submitted in March, so we start early to give us time to research, consult and get costings.

Helping to Shape the Wattle House

Thank you to everyone who attended the Wattle House Thinking Day and shared your ideas. Your feedback is already helping to shape the next steps, and we were also grateful to receive fascinating history about the building, adding to our understanding of its heritage and significance. If you couldn't attend, it's still very much open for input — you can email your suggestions to
clerk@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Traffic & Roadworks

Traffic lights and road closures seem to be everywhere at the moment. You can check One.Network for live and planned works across West Sussex, including updates for Findon and the surrounding area. You can also sign up for email alerts to receive notifications about roadworks affecting the routes you use most. Causeway
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Family Fun Day

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Family Fun Day on Saturday 4th July 2026. It was nice to see so many families coming along to enjoy the day.

Thanks to all our volunteers who served a lot of Pimm's, sold ice-creams, teas, drinks from the bar and provided the BBQ. Thanks also to the Catalina Jazz Band for getting everyone dancing, to Katie for some fantastic face painting, Pebble and Stay for providing their Soft Play and for the dance display from the Baby Steps dance group who performed their first public appearance.

What's on at the Hall

Some of our hirers take a break during August but others continue over the summer so check our diary here in the Findon News to see what will be happening at the hall over the summer.

We will be welcoming 2 regular community events to the hall during August - the Gardeners Association are holding their Summer Show on Saturday August 15th and there is a Cinnamon Trust Cream Tea event on Saturday 15th August.

FVHT Events

We will be back in September with a mix of film nights and quiz events for the autumn months.

Light Lunch takes a break in August but will be back in September. We provide a 2 course meal for £6 for anyone living in the Findon area and are regularly joined by diners from Findon Valley and High Salvington. Our teams of volunteer cooks and servers create a lovely atmosphere in the hall and we are happy to welcome well behaved dogs. If you are new to the village or haven't been along for a while we look forward to welcoming you in September.

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If you feel that a Safe and Well Visit would benefit you or someone you know, you can find out more and request a visit at www.westsussex.gov.uk/safeandwellvisit

A24 Gas Main Works – Findon Valley

Gas main replacement works on the A24 Findon Road are due to start on **13 July** and will last for around **six weeks**. Work will take place in stages at the Mayfield Close, Hillview Rise and Marshall Avenue junctions. During the works, three-way temporary traffic lights will be in operation between **8am and 5pm**, with smart technology being used to help keep traffic moving. Some bus stops may be temporarily relocated, and measures will be in place to discourage through-traffic from using residential roads. To help reduce disruption, other planned roadworks in the area have been postponed during this period.

Update from Findon Parish Council

Fiona MacLeod, Clerk to Findon Parish Council

Village House Hotel

We're delighted to announce that The Village House Hotel has re-opened under new management! Nigel and Wendy

A huge thank you to our wonderful local friends, family and the team whose incredible support made it possible for us to open our doors on Saturday 30th May. It was fantastic to welcome so many familiar faces back to the pub after six months of closure.

Just two weeks later, our new menus arrived! We are now serving food:

Lunch – Tuesday to Saturday, 12:00pm–3:00pm, with both our main menu and light bites menu.

Evening Menu – Tuesday to Saturday, 5:00pm–8:00pm.

Sunday Roasts – Served 12:00pm–5:00pm, with the pub closing at 7:00pm- 7.30pm

We are currently closed on Mondays.

Since reopening, we have enjoyed some fantastic live music nights with Tim & Hats and Dougal & The Desperados, along with special guest performers. They were busy lively evenings and we can't wait to bring you more entertainment.

We have also been showing the World Cup matches, including all the England games, and there is plenty more sporting action to come, including rugby and other major events.

Whether you would like to join us for a meal, enjoy live music, or watch the big game, we would love to see you.

To book a table or make an enquiry please call 01903 873350 or email us on info@thevillagehousefindon.co.uk We look forward to welcoming you soon!

Mad Cap Corner

Catherine York

When my grandson was three-years-old he was determined to walk everywhere. Not for him, the confines of the pushchair; "I'm walking!" he would retort when asked, so we regularly parked at Marine Gardens, Bowling Green, giving him the freedom he needed to walk independently without the dangers of traffic, or congestion on the promenade. With his head held high, and his chest puffed-out he marched with confidence in front of us, while I followed on behind with the pushchair just in case he got tired. He gained much admiration from the senior population of Worthing; watching bowling matches from their surrounding benches. I was worried we would be blocking their view but they loved to see him striding out, so full of himself.

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Paws Animal Sanctuary

Last year I went to Tesco to buy fans for the cat pens, luckily I bought a couple of spare fans. Thank goodness I did! I have a fan on all night in my bedroom as well as all the fans on at night for the seven cats in the catteries.

Our old dog Bruno really feels the heat, he has a blue plastic cold sheet that he lays on and sleeps at night and all day. He also has his own fan. I feel so sorry for dogs with thick coats. The cold sheets do work for the dogs to sleep on. All our other dogs have sadly now died of old age.

We are lucky not to have a hosepipe ban, this year we are growing vegetables that have to be watered every day, the animals are enjoying the carrots and carrot tops, and lettuces. We also grew beetroot and tomatoes. So we are lucky to have with our own fresh hard boiled eggs.

The hens stay in the shade and have sand baths. It's too hot to put the rabbit, guinea pigs and tortoises out in the pens in this heat. It's cool inside with fans on. The parrot enjoys bath sprays. I feel so sorry for all the sheep out in the fields. Elvis the pony and Jasper the donkey stay in the shade out in the paddock and don't seem bothered by the heat. Our birdbaths have to be refilled every single day the birds queue up to drink and have baths, even the bees and wasps use them all the time.

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One day; he came across a hole in the surrounding hedge and asked excitedly, "What's happened here Grannie?" As I caught-up with him and saw the deplorable sight; I was greatly saddened. A bench had been forced into the hedge where some of the branches had died and all about it were strewn crisp packets, stubbed-out cigarettes, empty Coca-Cola bottles and an array of debris consistent with hooligans. I sighed with deep displeasure and answered, "It will be Teenagers!" He never asked what a teenager was so I just left it at that. Each time we visited Marine Gardens, he refused the pushchair; puffed-out his chest and set off alone, excitedly on his inspection of the surrounding hedge; as though he were a law enforcement officer looking for devilment. Each time he encountered a disarray, he looked up at me solemnly and asked: "Is it Teenagers?" And I always acquiesced. I often wondered what he thought a Teenager was and if he realised that one day when he grew up, he would become one himself?

Village Hall Diary August 2026

For one off events e.g. children's parties, meetings and weddings please email Elaine Dibben on bookingsecretary@findonvillagehall.net or visit www.findonvillagehall.net/home/hire-the-hall.

Please contact organisers directly for further information about activities/classes.

Their details are available on the Village Hall website - www.findonvillagehall.net.

Weekly	Day	Hall	Time
Just Yoga	Monday	Nepcote	10:30am
Yoga for Today	Monday	Nepcote	16.30pm
Encore Choir	Monday	Chanctonbury	18.45pm
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Tuesday	Chanctonbury	09.15am
	Tuesday (18 th only)	Nepcote	09.15am
You Yoga	Tuesday	Chanctonbury	18.00pm
Line Dancing	Wednesday	Chanctonbury	10.00am
Pilates	Wednesday	Nepcote	10.45am
Cloud Nine Yoga	Wednesday	Nepcote	19.00pm
Strictly Dancing with Lisa	Wednesday	Chanctonbury	19.00pm
Pilates	Thursday	Chanctonbury	09.30am
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Thursday	Nepcote	09.15am
Carpet Bowls	Thursday	Chanctonbury	14.00pm
Circuit Training	Thursday	Nepcote	17.30pm
Tai Chi	Friday	Chanctonbury	10:00am
Cloud Nine Yoga	Friday	Nepcote	10.00am
Baby Steps Dance Group	Saturday (Not 22 nd)	Nepcote	09.00am
Danceaholics	Sunday (Not 30 th)	Chanctonbury	18.30pm

Monthly	Date	Hall	Time
Findon Village WI	13 th August	Chanctonbury	19.30pm
WI Crafty Ladies	17 th August	Nepcote	14.00pm
Bead Magicians	18 th August	Chanctonbury	10.00am
Parish Council Planning Mtg	20 th August	Nepcote	19.30pm
Findon Garden Association	28 th August	Chanctonbury	19.30pm
Sound Bath	30 th August	Chanctonbury	18.00pm

Dates for your Diary in August

Summer Flower Show – Saturday 8th August – Chanctonbury – 2.00pm

Cinnamon Trust Summer Cream Tea – Saturday 15th August – Chanctonbury – 2.00pm

Sheep Fair Volunteer Information Meeting – Thursday August 20th – Chanctonbury Hall - 7.00pm

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PARISH OF FINDON, CLAPHAM AND PATCHING

AUGUST 2026

All three Churches are open daily for private prayer.

There is a 10.00am Said Eucharist in Findon Church every **Tuesday**.

Morning Prayer is said in Findon Church
every **Wednesday** and **Friday** at 9.00am.

Sunday 2 nd August Ninth Sunday after Trinity	08:00am 10.00am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church (Rev Zachary Allen) Worship and Praise in Findon Church with Cornerstoe Eucharist in Patching Church (Rev Felix Smith)
Sunday 9 th August Tenth Sunday after Trinity	08.00am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Clapham Church Eucharist in Findon Church
Sunday 16 th August Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	08.00am 10.00am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church (Rev Bill Meyer) Eucharist in Findon Church (Rev Bill Meyer) Eucharist (Patronal Festival) in Clapham Church
Sunday 23 rd August Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	08.00am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Patching Church (Rev Roger Walker) Eucharist in Findon Church (Ven John Barton)
Sunday 30 th August Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	08.00am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church Parish Eucharist in Findon Church

FAMILY EVENTS:

Next Messy Church – Tuesday 6th October – 3.30pm in Findon Village Hall

All children welcome with an accompanying adult for crafts, a story, singing and food



Lambs Tails – Parent & Toddler Group for babies, toddlers, & parents/carers. Tuesdays 3-4.30pm at Findon Rectory - No Lambs Tails during the summer.

Contact Dom: fcpfamiliesworker@gmail.com for more information and future dates.

Wedding 18th July – Flynn Goward and Esme MacBean

Rev. Colin Cox, Associate Vicar:
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Parish Office: Mon: 8am – 12noon, Fri: 8.00am – 3.00pm

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