



Keswick Methodist Church

I lift up my eyes to the hills.....

Southey Street, CA12 4HH

NEWSLETTER



St Michael's Church Torpenhow: photo Brian Moffatt

*September &
October*

2015

Minister's Letter



Tracing family histories seems to be a very popular hobby at the moment as people want to find out about their ancestry and I recently had a visit from a cousin of my late husband. I hadn't met up with her or her husband for quite a few years. When they arrived, they brought with them old photographs of my husband and his ancestors that I hadn't seen before.

There were photos of great grandparents and great great grandparents, uncles and aunts and cousins. I spent quite a long time looking at them whilst my husband's cousin told me who everyone was.

While I was looking at the photos I became aware of the family resemblances I could see connecting these people from the past with my own children. The same shaped noses, the same shaped heads and I even discovered that, without realising it, my husband and I had given my daughter the same names as a distant cousin that we never knew existed.

Spending time looking at those images who had formed part of my own family's past caused me to reflect on the fact that we are all part of God's family. We are told that we are made in his image and called to reflect that image by representing him in the world that he has given to us. Paul writes in Col. 1:15, that Jesus is, "the image of the invisible God" we are also told that we should be imitators of Jesus. Again in Colossians we read:

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Have you ever looked at your reflection in a mirror that has a crack across it? It becomes distorted and doesn't give a true image. Listening to news reports of what is happening across the world today, it seems

to me that some people have shattered and distorted the image that God wants them to reflect as they go about their daily lives.

The image is distorted when we hear of war and conflict, when people verbally, physically and sexually abuse others, when those in need are ignored. It is distorted when people's lives are affected by terrorism, slavery and drug and people trafficking.

Would our world change if everyone truly believed that we are created in the image of God and displayed those characteristics of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and love? I would like to think so. Will it ever happen? Well perhaps we as God's people in this church can make a start as we each look in our own mirror and see what image is reflected back at us. As we do so let us remember the words from the book of James and not be like those ... ' who look at themselves in a mirror.... And, on going away, forget what they were like.

Every blessing, *Sue*

12 Hour Prayer Vigil – Tuesday **4th August**

We held this special prayer time to specifically pray for Vision 21 and for the redevelopment project.



At one point, as I was sitting praying, I noticed the candle that had been burning all day starting to flicker and it looked as if it was going to go out. But instead it just spluttered a bit and then the flame carried on burning.

Maybe that candle flame can give us all the inspiration we need to recognise that, although we have a huge task facing us, we need to remain positive and keep the flame of hope burning inside us. We need to remember the words from Hebrews 11, ' Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.'

We must trust that God will bring to fruition all that we have been praying for. Many thanks to everyone who came and prayed and helped with care taking throughout the day.

Blessings, *Sue*

Church Family News

Many congratulations to Ian Boyd and Ailsa Benson on winning first prize in the Small Garden category of the Keswick in Bloom competition.

Congratulations also to Helen and Richard North who have successfully finished climbing the 214 Wainwright Fells for the first time. We all eagerly await to see what is next!

We were very sorry to hear that Arthur Ibbotson has had a fall and that he has been in Carlisle hospital. We send him our love and prayers. Also several of our members have had hospital visits recently. We wish them all well and pray they may soon be on the road to recovery.

We send our love, best wishes and prayers to all those who are generally unable to worship with us at this present time including: Bob Burlington, Freda & Wilf Chambers, Greta Grave, Betty Guest, Olive Holland, Sylvia McNae, Anne Proctor, Cecilia Spencer, Adrian Thwaites, Nora Walton, and Eileen and Herbert Witherington.

Joyce

From the Registers

Baptisms

2nd August **Molly Rose Farnham** b. 20th April 2015
daughter of Laura and Darran Farnham

23rd August **Elliott Christopher Holden** b. 19th April 2012
Ellie Faye Holden b. 2nd August 2014
daughter of Helen Greenhow & Samuel Holden

Midweek 'drop in'

Jubi-latte!

Thursdays



10.15am – 11.30am



Fundraising

We have been very busy fundraising recently, and have lots more events coming up.

The work we put in during the Convention period proved to be very worthwhile. Serving tea, coffee & biscuits during the weeks 1 & 3, and for the film club nights, raised £670. Donations for refreshments after the Convention Services were also considerable, and the refreshments were much appreciated by our visitors. Thanks to everyone who helped with this effort.

The 'I Love Keswick' bags have proved to be quite popular. More than 80 have been sold so far, and I have found mine to be extremely useful! Do look on our Facebook page, or display boards, for pictures of the bag in many, varied locations. My favourite so far, is the photo of Helen North, at the top of Illgill Head, celebrating finishing climbing the 214 Wainwright mountains!

Our Redevelopment Project Update



The reprinted version of the Recipe Books is also doing well, and at the last count 20 had been sold. They are very good value, and make lovely presents.

Vision 21 Launch

The official launch of our Redevelopment Project takes place on the weekend of **10th-11th October**, so put this date in your diary! This is an opportunity to celebrate what we are planning and working towards, and to make these plans more widely known in the community.

On Saturday 10th October:

- we will serve tea, coffee and cake from 10am -12noon,
- 10.30.am will be a presentation, to tell everyone present about our vision for redevelopment and the future of the church.
- This will be repeated from 2pm-4pm
- again at 2.30.pm will be the presentation given in the morning
- There will also be a cake stall, so for all you fans of "Bake-Off", this is your chance to show what you can do!
- In the evening will be a ceilidh in the hall, with *Travelling Light* providing the music. Always great fun even if you don't dance and just watch! Remember to invite all your friends.

On Sunday 11th October

Then on Sunday we'll share in

- a special launch service at 10.45am
- a Songs of Praise at 3pm, led by the Chair of District, Rev Richard Teal, followed by refreshments with a special cake!

We hope there will be many friends and visitors attending throughout both days.

Vision 21 Table top sale:

Please save any books, small household items, costume jewelry and bric-a-brac you'd like to dispose of. We'll be holding a table top sale in November – so this is a chance to de-clutter!

There will be further details of these and more events in future magazines and notices, and our display boards will help keep you up to date.

Meanwhile, if you have any ideas for future events, or would like to help in any way, please talk to one of the stewards or a member of the

fundraising group. The assistance, support and prayer of all church members is critical as we work to enable **Vision 21** a reality.

Sheila Files & David Hasson

I ♥ KESWICK bags :

Anne Hasson

Some members had a very busy time trying to get our **I ♥ KESWICK bags** produced in time for the Convention and they finally arrived in time for the third Sunday. To date over 90 have been sold and are travelling as far as Australia and India. See our facebook page or put **#lovekeswickbag** in the search box for some pictures of where bags have been, including hanging on a Dalek!! Here are a selection of photos:



At Church



Top of Helvellyn



Holy Island



Cardiff Millennium Centre



Our Sponsors



Captured by a Dalek



Gloucester Cathedral

Monday Night Ladies' Group

Our new season begins in a few weeks' time and this is an ideal moment for anyone who has wondered about joining us to give us a try! We meet on the third Monday of the month from September to May, always at 7.30, and generously hosted in turn by the very few of our members who have a sitting room large enough to accommodate us. We have a speaker and then have a cup of tea and a chance to chat. We provide transport for everyone who needs it so it's a door-to-door journey with a warm welcome awaiting you on arrival.

We start our 2015-2016 season on Monday September 21st at 7.30 -- the venue details later -- when Richard North will tell us some of the things he's discovered about his "Who do you think you are?" long lost family.

Our second meeting will be on Monday October 19th at 7.30 at the home of Joan Rutherford, 22 Springs Road, when Bob Bryden will tell us about the many varied doings over the years of his Keswick Street Theatre group.

So we're off with two cracking starters and we look forward to a good reunion of our long-standing members and will be delighted to welcome any newcomers.

Do let me know if you think you might join us.

Transport for the September meeting will be finalised during the weekend of the 19th and 20th.

Joan Boothroyd (75142)

Advance date for your diaries!

Christmas Lunch 2015. Put this date in your diaries straight away! This year's Christmas Lunch for Southey Street members and friends is to be on Sunday December 13th, at the Keswick Country House Hotel which has served us so well in recent years. Once again we'll be inviting friends from our neighbouring churches to join us and make it very much a Churches Together occasion.

Full details will be available nearer the time and we'll be hoping for just as splendid a turn-out as we had last year.

Joan Boothroyd (75142)

The Traidcraft Stall



**New Autumn Catalogues
now out – collect yours
from the back of the
Church**

Traidcraft in Crisis

Up until now I have always encouraged people to buy their fairly- traded goods where possible from the supermarkets, thus encouraging more firms to invest in Fair Trade items. However I have received the following from Traidcraft.

A Plea to the Churches to Act

As Traidcraft announces its 4th consecutive year of trading loss, the Chair of Traidcraft, Ram Gidoomal, has published an urgent call to action to UK churches. He says:

“despite the growth of total Fairtrade sales, we’ve seen Traidcraft sales decline significantly. Why?

People buy in supermarkets instead of buying from Traidcraft.

*Traidcraft and Fairtrade are not the same thing, and so the decline in our sales means Traidcraft’s pioneering mission is **now under serious threat.**”*

Visit traidcraft.co.uk/churchaction to find out **why** we need your help, **and how** you can help.

Support us. So that, together, we can continue to make trade fairer for the world’s poorest producers who still desperately need our help.

It seems that Traidcraft needs our help at the moment if it is to continue it’s unique pioneering work for Fairtrade. Perhaps you might consider buying one of your regular Fairtrade items you would normally buy at the supermarket from our stall. If everyone made just one change to their regular shopping routine, I am sure it would make a difference. I am happy to order in anything you feel you would like to buy.

Christmas Cards

At the back of the church there is a selection of Christmas cards which can be ordered through the Traidcraft stall. The profits go to Christian Aid and Traidcraft. Last year’s sale of cards was a great success. If you would like me to order any for you this year please use the list on the table.

Joyce Ellis

Voices from the Congregation

Anne Hasson



Can you tell us something about your early life?

I was born in Reading, but moved to Whitehaven (via Langholm for six months) when I was 5. I'd been to three primary schools by the time I was 6! My parents had four children and I'm the eldest. I've a sister and two brothers. They and my Dad all live in or near Whitehaven. Mum died in 2005.

How and when did you come to faith?

We children went to church three times on a Sunday (morning and evening service and Sunday School in the afternoon). My dad was a local preacher and very involved in church activities. My mum played the piano for the Ladies Bright Hour. All this put me off the church bit but I liked the social aspects and particularly enjoyed the Inters Club at the Methodist Church we attended. I continued going to church as I enjoyed the singing and meeting friends. When I married David we moved into a cottage in Portinscale and started attending Tithebarn Street Methodist Church. Here we met a very friendly congregation and immediately felt at home. We also joined the 18+ group at Keswick Youth Club and helped out with younger members. We took a group of youngsters on a week's holiday at a Christian centre in Norfolk and it was here I was challenged to acknowledge my faith.

What was your first job?

When I left the Grammar School I did a two year course in Business and Secretarial Studies at college, after which I joined an accountancy firm in Whitehaven as an audit clerk. When I moved to Keswick I worked for Broatch & Son, Solicitors (above what is now Skipton Building Society) as a secretary. I don't know how many jobs I've had over the years as I often got bored with them and moved on somewhere else!

Tell us something about your family

David and I have two daughters, Debbie and Jennie. Debbie was born while we lived in Keswick and spent the first nine months of her life in Blencathra Street before we moved to Edinburgh. Jennie was born while we were in Hanham, Bristol (where Roy is from!).

Debbie has two children from her first marriage – Sophie and Callum. Many of you have met them when they stay with us during the summer and at Christmas. Debbie remarried five years ago to Ian. They all now live in Abu Dhabi where Debbie works in the eye unit of an American hospital and Ian works for Etihad Airways.

Jennie is married to Russell and they live in Edinburgh with their three children – Naomi, Chloe and Isaac. Jennie works in the finance department of the head office of Penumbra, a Scottish mental health charity. Russell is starting training as a primary teacher next month.

My family is very important to me and I love spending time with them all.

When did you first become involved with the Methodist Church at Southey Street?

David retired last August and we moved back to Keswick. We naturally gravitated towards Southey Street as the local Methodist Church, although both of us are very happy to worship ecumenically as well. We'd previously visited KMC at Convention times and when staying at the Convention Centre for our Camp Planning Weekend (see next question!).

What do you do in your spare time?

I'm the bookings administrator for Springs Camp, which is a three week Christian camp, run to enable people to attend Keswick Convention. I'm also a National Trust welcome volunteer at Ashness Bridge and I enjoy singing with U3A.

Do you have a favourite hymn?

'My Jesus, my Saviour, Lord, there is none like you' – because it describes the way my faith in Christ should be.

Mystery Church Outing

Sixteen people enjoyed a mystery tour on August 5th. Some of us had attempted to work out the destination, however the only clue given was that it was 30 minutes from Keswick, so despite circles being drawn on maps I do not think that anyone guessed the destination!

We travelled alongside Bassenthwaite and through country lanes to Torpenhow, Ireby and Uldale. The weather was kind and we enjoyed views over Skiddaw and the Solway Firth. One mystery is that Torpenhow is pronounced 'Trepenna'!

Our destinations were: St Michael's and All Angels Torpenhow, Ireby Old Church, St James Church Uldale and we then went to Mae's Café for lunch.

St Michael's



This beautiful old village church overlooks the Solway Firth and was built in 1120. Of 98 churches built in the 12th Century only 6 remain unspoilt and this church is one of these. We wandered around the church trying to complete a quiz and also took the opportunity to look out over the Solway Firth, aware of the peaceful setting of this Norman Church possibly on the site of a Saxon building. Some stone was brought from the Roman Camp of Old Carlisle and one such stone was set in the side of a window quite distinct from the others. Another stone in the sanctuary was decorated with a sunburst image and edged with a cable design. The main feature is the chancel arch

decorated with 'demon like intertwined figures' in dark red sandstone on the north side (the side of darkness) and human and animal figures in light sandstone on the south side.

The nave ceiling has painted decorations and was given to the church in 1689 by Thomas Addison. It came from London where it covered the panelled hall of one of the livery companies in the city. Thomas Addison left a sum of money to provide bread for the poor of the parish, however, they had to attend morning service on Sundays! Behind the ceiling are rough-hewn beams with an inscription "For want of pay, this work must stay".

The Norman bowl of the font rests on a 15th century shaft and behind the font, above a window, there is a medieval grave slab depicting a cross and sword, probably belonging to a knight.

There are several lovely stained glass windows mostly by Clayton and Bell.



Ireby Old Church

Ireby Old Church

This Norman church was built in the middle of the 12th century and the Chancel is the only part remaining, the rest being demolished in 1845/46 with the stones being used to build St James Church. Access to the church is through a field. Inside the main feature is the East wall which has three Norman windows dating from about 1170. Over the door is a tympanum dating from the late 12th century and also a medieval grave slab. Over the stone altar shelf is carved a medieval cross.

St James



This church was built at a cost of £500 and replaced the Ireby Old Church which was considered to be too isolated. It is in fact a Norman Church from the 12th Century with extensive alterations. The interesting features include a plaque naming Thomas Tomlinson, a book containing all the epitaphs in the graveyard, a heartfelt letter from an Army Chaplain 1st World War giving news of a death, and an old photograph in the vestry.

We then travelled a short distance to Mae's Café which is in the old village school and had a lovely lunch before returning to Keswick.

Brian Moffat

SUNDAY EVENING HOUSEGROUP

In the housegroup this Autumn we are going to look again at *The Prophets of the Old Testament*. This was one of the first courses that we did together as a housegroup. Since that time we have a few members who are no longer able to meet with us but we have also gained several new people who have come to join us, so it seems a good time to revisit and review.

We meet at the home of Joyce and Roy Ellis, 38 Briar Rigg, Keswick at 7pm. We start our meetings with music and a prayer and finish our evenings with coffee/tea and goodies! If you would like to join us you would be most welcome. If you need a lift please speak to Roy or Joyce (73340).

Our programme for the Autumn is:

- 6th Sept *An evening with our minister Rev Sue Edwards*
- Looking at the Prophets**
- 27th Sept *What is a Prophet? (and how do I become one?)*
- 4th Oct *Warnings of Disaster! Amos & Friends in 8th century BC*
- 18th Oct *Messages of Hope – Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel*
- 1st Nov *The Minor Prophets – Who are They?*



Enjoying the Housegroup BBQ in July



Foodbank Update

During the last year the North Lakes Foodbank received donations of 50 tonnes of food. Of that, nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of a tonne was donated by our church. The foodbank is feeding between 500 and 600 people per month.

People cannot just turn up and ask for food. Vouchers are given out by support agencies to people in crisis. These agencies include the Citizens Advice Bureau, Children's services, Health Visitors etc. The person receiving a voucher takes it to one of the distribution centres where they are given enough food to last for three days. There are different size packs for single people, couples or families.

The greatest need is in the towns on the west coast of Cumbria but there are also some families in Keswick who have received help from the Foodbank.

There are now 160 volunteers who work in the warehouse at Cockermouth or in the distribution centres at Cockermouth, Workington, Whitehaven, Maryport, Wigton and Egremont.

This summer the foodbank started a new scheme called 'Holiday Lunch-packs 4 Kids' During the school holidays there is extra financial pressure on families to provide meals which are normally given at school. Families whose children receive free school dinners have been given vouchers and they have been able to collect enough food to last for 5 days each week.

Each Sunday there is a list on the board by the Foodbank wheelie bin showing those items which are most needed that week but all items from the Foodbank shopping list are welcome.

A big thank you to everyone who brings in a donation of food to our church every week.

Roy Ellis

Dates for your Diary

September

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| 1 st | 2pm | Leadership Team meeting |
| 4 th | 10am | Worship Consultation/Planning meeting |
| 24 th | 7.30pm | Circuit Meeting at Bassenthwaite |
| 27 th | 10.45am | Harvest Festival |

October

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| 10 th - 11 th | | Launch of Vision 21 (see details elsewhere) |
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November

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| 8 th | 10.45am | Remembrance Sunday |
| 10 th | 2pm | Church Council |
| 29 th | 10am | Advent Sunday at St Johns |

December

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| 1 st | 10am-4pm | Quiet Day at Bassenthwaite |
| 3 rd – 6 th | | Christmas Tree Festival (details elsewhere in Newsletter) |
| 12 th | | Possible Christmas Cracker event for Vision 21 |
| 13 th | 12noon | Christmas Lunch |
| 20 th | 10.45am | Carol Service |

Congratulations to Ros, Dave, Ted and David

Who successfully completed the sponsored walk crossing of Morecambe Bay in aid of *Action for Children* on Saturday 22nd August. It is not too late to let them have your donation. Thanks to David Hasson for the photo.





Cumbria Church Leaders
with their social justice pledge



Let Justice Roll Down: (Amos 5) how the Church responds to poverty

Keynote Speakers:

Chris Mould, Chair of the [Trussell Trust](#)

Paul Morrison, [JPIT \(Joint Public Issues Team\)](#)

When? Saturday 19 September 2015; 10am—4pm

Where? Applethwaite Centre, St Mary's Church, Windermere

Like to Come? Express your interest by email: jkctic@yahoo.com -

or call Helen on 07503 931196 - for priority places once bookings open

- * Workshops
- * Buzz Groups
- * Worship
- * Church Leader Panel
- * Market Place

A message from Jane Holt

I am sorry that I am not taking part in C-Art this year. If you would like to have a cup of tea and see my pictures, I shall be delighted. Please 'phone 017687 71278 to arrange a time. You will be most welcome.

Jane

Church Website
www.keswickmethodistchurch.org.uk

Have you visited the new church website yet?
Lots of information, photos etc
Do log on and see for yourself.



Christmas Tree Festival with Nativity Scenes

This will be our third Christmas Tree Festival. We would like to make it the biggest and best so far! Please put the dates in your diary. All users of the premises, local businesses, charities, and any individuals who wish, are invited to take part. Trees will be put up on **Wednesday 2nd December 3pm – 7pm.**

The Festival will be open at the following times:

- Thursday 3rd Dec 10am - 4pm including (Church Coffee Morning)
- Friday 4th Dec 10am - 4pm
- Saturday 5th Dec 10am - 4pm
- Sunday 6th December – Keswick Victorian Fayre day - 10.45am - 11.45am (Christmas Tree Service) & 12noon- 4pm

We will also be making a display of **Nativity Scenes**. If you have one or more, please bring it along.

There will be more information in the next Newsletter and further details will be displayed on the church notice board in the Grisedale Room.

If you would like to help plan the **CTF**, please speak to Sheila Files.
Help gratefully received!

Sheila

Explore here to catch up with what else is happening in the Circuit or in the town:



**Churches Together in
Keswick Website**

www.ctik.org.uk

Circuit Website
www.kemethodists.org.uk

Rotas for September & October

| | Preacher | Steward | Welcome |
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| Sept 6 | Hasson (S) | Jane | Joyce G & Alison |
| Sept 13 | Robinson | Richard | Catherine & Michael |
| Sept 20 | Naylor | Sheila | John & Mary |
| Sept 27 | Rushton (H) | Roy | Joyce E & Joan R |
| Oct 4 | Edwards (S) | Brian | Helen & Richard |
| Oct 11 | Edwards | Anne | Margaret & Kath |
| 3pm SOP | Edwards | Sheila | Joyce G & Kate |
| Oct 18 | R. Ellis | Jane | Alison & Joyce E |
| Oct 25 | Sharpe/Jones | Richard | John & Mary |

| | Tea/Coffee | Traidcraft | Counting |
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| Sept 6 | Peter & Margaret | --- | Christine & Margaret |
| Sept 13 | Ted & Jane | Kate | Roy & Harry |
| Sept 20 | Maureen&Helen D | --- | Dave & Alison |
| Sept 27 | John & Mary | Christine | Joyce & Harry |
| Oct 4 | Hilda & Hilary | --- | Richard & Margaret |
| Oct 11 | Alan & Kath | Joan R | Christine & Harry |
| 3pm SOP | Maureen & Helen | --- | Dave & Richard |
| Oct 18 | Peter & Margaret | --- | Sheila & Ted |
| Oct 25 | Alan & Kath | Kate | Joyce & Margaret |

Flower Rota for September & October

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| Sept 6 | Richard & Helen North | Oct 4 | Christine Metcalf |
| Sept 13 | Ros Roberts | Oct 11 | Mary Jackson |
| Sept 20 | Maureen Holmes | Oct 18 | Phyllis Birkett |
| Sept 27 | HARVEST | Oct 25 | Roy & Joyce Ellis |



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The deadline for the next newsletter, which will be for November & December, is Sunday 11th October 2015.

Services for September & October

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| Sept 6 | 10.45am | Rev David Hasson | <i>Holy Communion</i> |
| Sept 13 | 10.45am | Andrew Robinson | |
| | 6.00pm | Rev Sue Edwards | <i>Reflective Service</i> |
| Sept 20 | 10.45am | Tony Naylor | <i>Testimony Service</i> |
| Sept 27 | 10.45am | Rev Sue Edwards | <i>Harvest Festival</i> |

Harvest Festival



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| Oct 4 | 10.45am | Rev Sue Edwards | <i>Holy Communion</i> |
| Oct 11 | 10.45am | Rev Sue Edwards | <i>Vision 21 Launch</i> |
| | 3.00pm | <i>Songs of Praise</i> | |
| | 6.00pm | Rev Joyce Ellis | <i>Healing Service</i> |
| Oct 18 | 10.45am | Roy Ellis | |
| Oct 25 | 10.45am | David Sharpe with Tori Jones | |

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