

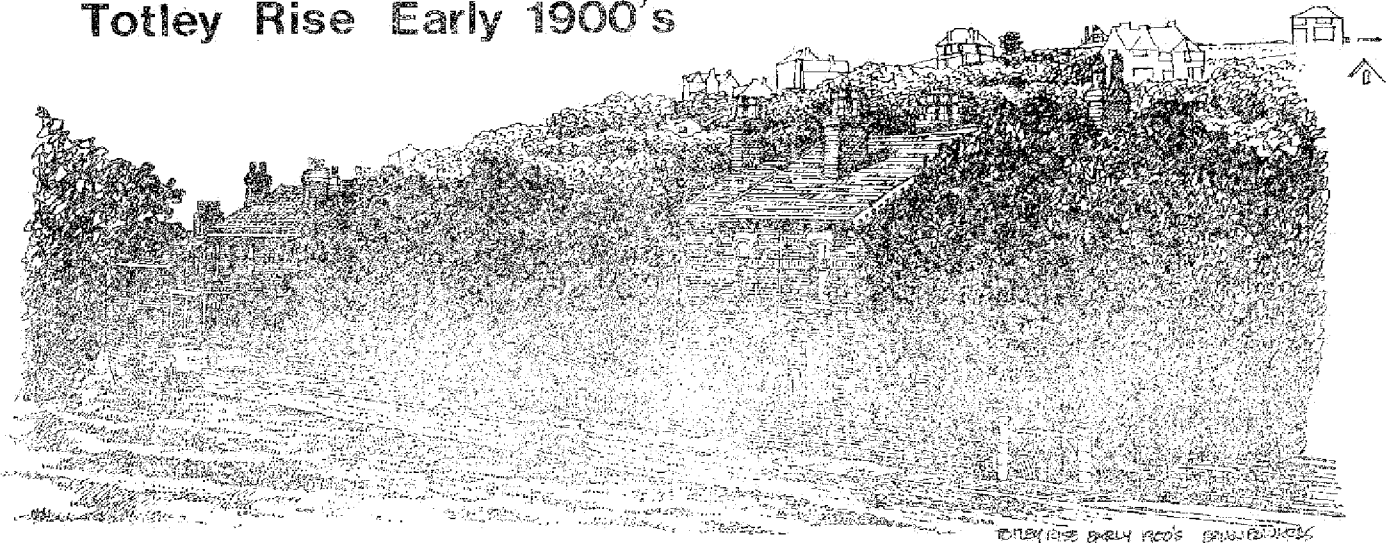
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A GRAZEFUL SCENE

Totley Rise Early 1900's



TOTLEY RISE EARLY 1900'S (DRAWN BY DICK)

No Foolin'!

ALL FOOLS DAY

The first of April, some do say,
Is set apart for All Fool's Day,
But why the people call it so,
Nor I nor they themselves do know.

(From Poor Robin's Almanack for 1760).

Twelve o'clock is past and gone
And you're a fool for making me one.

Country Wisdom

If it thunders on All Fool's Day,
It brings good crops of corn and hay.

April and May, key to the whole year.

April showers bring forth

May flowers.

Annual Meeting

T.R.A.



Totley Residents Association are holding their Annual General Meeting at the Heatherfield Club, Baslow Rd., on Tuesday 20th April, at 8pm.

Last years meeting saw an excellent turn out, and many welcome new faces (some of whom volunteered themselves to the committee). Several committee members are stepping down and vacancies will occur, that need to be filled.

Everyone is welcome to attend and there will be opportunities to put forward your comments or points of view.

In addition to the usual business, there should be reports from the various off-shoots of the TRA, as well as the financial report and up-to-date news of the Road Safety Campaign and the suggested Community Centre.

Please make the effort to attend. At a time when new projects are in need of launching, your support and enthusiasm is vital - and very much in the general interest of Totley.

Alan Herbert

An appreciation

Totley, the Residents Association and it's Committee have lost a colleague and friend, following the recent death of Alan Herbert, Sunnyvale Road.

Alan became a T.R.A. Committee member in April 1979 and served as vice-chairman from April 1980. He was always a conscientious and enthusiastic worker, serving the local community well.

As a supporter of the Senior Citizens Christmas Party, he was involved both in its organisation and providing transport to and from the event. Alan chaired the sub-committee meetings during the preparations for last years Sports Night in Green Oak Park, and enjoyed every minute, he also convened the second Public Meeting which produced the current Road Safety Action Committee. As a committee member he was most reliable, an open, honest man, never afraid to offer his point of view, even when in a minority, which gave rise to some stimulating debates. As a collector and "salesman" of Totley Independent, he was most enthusiastic, always carrying a full set of magazines to meetings, which he used as a constant reference. Even during his illness he would ring in with snippets for printing and told us he looked forward to his monthly copy "to keep up with local news".

The Service at Hutcliffe Wood, on Tuesday 9th March, was conducted by Rev. Alan Jockel. We extend our sympathies to his wife and family.

JUMBALANCE

ON THURSDAY 4th March, the 'Across' Jumbalance (nickname - Alligator) visited King Egbert School.

Both Upper and Lower School pupils put in a lot of effort to raise money for this magnificent bendi-bus for the disabled. Many events were organised by children and staff to raise the grand total of £900.

To show gratitude, the bus visited us and was stationed at the bus terminus outside the school, all afternoon.

12 pupils representing each form were able to look around while a tape told them all about the facilities.

It has beds, reclining seats, kitchen space, special toilets and a storage room underneath the main part for wheelchairs.

It is indeed a very useful vehicle for the disabled.

REPORT BACK

Amongst the items discussed at the T.R.A. Committee Meeting on 8th February were: Community Centre. It was reported that the draft had been prepared, but the latest census figures were required before it could be finalised for presentation. Road Safety. Various aspects were briefly mentioned. The lack of gritting in several areas, during the bad weather, was reported to be a matter of concern.

Bottle Bank. It was reported that Dore Scout Group had set up their own, fibre glass containers, which were both environmental and fund-raising. As 1982 is the International Year of Glass Re-cycling, this subject should be further investigated.

Planning. The Council for the Preservation of Rural England are concerned at recent planning and development decisions that appear to erode the proposed Green Belt, the T.R.A. will keep a watching brief.

whisperer...

... Congratulations to Ozzie Tyler and Doreen of the Fleur de Lys on their forthcoming marriage, on Friday 16th April.... Also wedding bells for Totley Independent contributor Don Bellamy, who also marries in April, although he's making the short trip to Canada for the occasion. Totley All Saints P. T. A. planning coach trip to London on May 1st..... Following the recent damage, S. Yorks & Derbys signs re-erected above the Brickworks... .. Watch out for King Egbert Schools next production 'Camelot' - no madam it's not an auction in the desert - it's a Musical! - now here's a thought (and probably bad news for Totleyites) - it's almost certain that King Arthur was neither a Yorkshireman nor a Derbyshire-man, for legend has it that Lancashire was named after a certain knight - Sir Lancelot - hence Lancelot's Shire! ... and by sheer coincidence (or is it?) Dore Gilbert and Sullivans next production is at the MERLIN Theatre.....

ADD-VENTURE

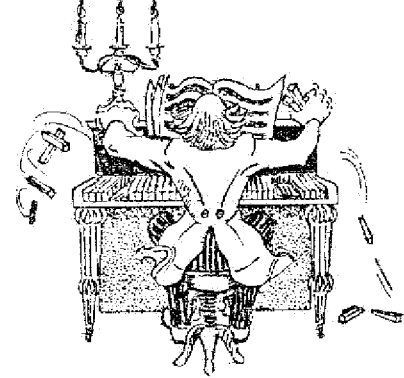
The Venture Scouts (female), based in Totley Hall Lane, are in need of a leader. Ideally, the person should have interests which include Walking, Camping, Climbing and Canoeing. Anyone able to help should contact - Tony Marples on 350324.

DORE AND TOTLEY COMMUNITY ARTS GROUP PRESENTS

ANTONY HOPKINS

LECTURE RECITAL

"HOW TO BE A SUCCESSFUL FAILURE"



On Tuesday 27th April, at 7.45pm., King Egbert Lower School Hall. Tickets £1.40 Adults, 70p Senior Citizens and Students (including refreshments), available from Mrs. K. Taylor. Tel. 364247.

Antony Hopkins is now best known as a lecturer on music. His weekly broadcasts "Talking about Music" have continued for 25 years and have gained him an enormous public at home and abroad. The B. B. C. has sold these programmes to 44 different countries.

He is also a distinguished composer. One of his most successful pieces is designed to introduce the orchestra to young children. This is to be performed in the Sheffield City Hall on 15th May, 1982 by the Sheffield Philharmonic Orchestra, with Antony Hopkins. Called "John and the Magic Music Man", a documentary film of a concert performance of this work won the Grand Prix at the Besancon Film Festival in 1976 and was subsequently shown on general release throughout Britain.

He has had a long association with the theatre and the cinema as well as with radio, having written many film-scores, a number of operas and such incidental music for plays and radio programmes. Even as a young student he had been distinguished both as a pianist and as a composer. He has written a number of books and he is in demand frequently as a conductor.

In Tokyo he was awarded a medal of honour for his services to music and in 1976 he was made a C.B.E.

RISE IN FUNDS

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With the recent introduction of extended opening hours to 11pm on Fridays and Saturdays, in Sheffield, the Independent felt that it would be failing in its duty if it did not organise a ~~pub crawl~~ report and its effect in our area, particularly as the pubs over the border have enjoyed this privilege for a long time.

It was thought to be a good idea to ask the local licencees what they thought about the increase in drinking time.

With this in mind, and after much persuasion (would we lie?), Don Bellamy volunteered for a "labour of love" and set off in a straight line (at least, at the beginning of the night) to meet the 'Gang of Five'.

Harry Scholey at the SHEPLEY SPITFIRE thought it was a good move, which has resulted in increased business, some nights, but it was early yet to say what the long term effect on business would be, these sentiments were echoed by Peter McLean at the CROSS SCYTHES. Ozzie Tyler of the FLEUR DE LYS said, "Fantastic, it ought to have happened a long time ago".

John Harrop from the CROWN said, it was just great, a really good move, and Cliff Hodgkinson at the CRICKET was also very pleased, adding that in conjunction with the Jazz Night on Fridays, it was a winner.

The reaction from customers at all the locals was very favourable, and the general opinion was that it created a more relaxed end to an evening out, and for many, it was a welcome extension to drinking-up time, giving a good introduction to the week-end.

In fact, Don worked out that were he to have carried out his investigation on a Friday or Saturday, he could have enjoyed an extra five minutes in EACH pub with still five minutes to spare. Hic!..

ST. JOHN'S SCOUTS AND GUIDES

Jumble Sale to be held in St. John's Church Hall on Saturday 17th April, at 1pm.

Spring Fayre at St. John's Church Hall and grounds on Saturday 8th May at 2pm. The many stalls and attractions will include a plant stall. It is hoped that there will be bedding plants for sale, also geraniums, fuchsias, tomatoes and house plants.

St. John's Guides urgently require a new leader and anyone interested in helping is asked to contact Mrs. Pam Craven. Tel. 369257.

currant affairs

John Scriven on Radio Sheffield.

Regular listeners to BBC Radio Sheffield may well have noted the appearance of a familiar local voice on their airwaves recently, John Scriven of Fruiterama, on the Rise, is now contributing a 30 minute piece between 11.30am and 12 noon on one Thursday each month. Anyone wishing to tune in will hear John answering listeners questions and discussing current fruit prices and qualities generally, with presenter Michael Cooke.

CRAFTY

Dore Young Wives are holding a May Market/Craft Fayre in the Old School, Dore on Saturday 8th May between 10-12.30pm. Stalls include Cakes, Basketware, Jewellery, Bottles, Patchwork and Fancy Goods. Coffee is available and children are welcome. Tel. Secretary Linda Gram - 350476 for details. Proceeds to local charities.

rowan school

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The school needs to replace the mini bus they use everyday for their children who have learning difficulties and the proceeds from this show will help to swell the fund.

Come along and bring your friends.

PARK FEES

DURING MARCH, approaches have been made, by several residents, following various rumours, as to what is happening in Green Oak Park with the collection of fees for the use of the Bowling Green and Tennis Courts, during off-peak periods.

The following information is correct at the time of going to print. It could well be, by now, that events have overtaken it.

Consultations have taken place, in Sheffield, between 16 Park Bowling Clubs and the Recreation Dept., concerning the collection of fees, whereby volunteers from each club would collect fees in their respective parks.

Mr. John Bauer, of the Rec. Dept., stated that Green Oak Park Bowling Club had been approached and given their approval to this scheme. There are to be further discussions, before it is brought before the next Council Meeting on 7th April.

According to Tom Woodhead, of Green Oak Avenue, who attended the above meeting, it was apparent that if the clubs did not agree, they may be left without any facilities to play bowls between the following times:

Mon - Fri, 4pm. to park closing time. Sat. 11.45am. to park closing time.

This would, in effect, close down the Club, as all matches are played on Saturday afternoons.

The one advantage to the Club, is that fees collected from tennis and bowls, will belong to the Club. Parks workers would be redeployed but there are, at the moment, Union objections, who also say this would lead to a rise in vandalism.

The scheme would operate for a trial period.

WRONG DOOR

Last month, it was stated that the new publication from Dore Village Society, 'The Story of Methodism in Dore 1790-1907' by John Dunstan was available from Mrs. Harper at 94 Totley Brook Rd. We understand from several callers, however, that Mrs. Harper no longer lives there, and send our apologies to the present occupier for any inconvenience caused. The book is available from Peter Swifts.

The Library Talks

GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN.

LAST MONTH marked the end of yet another season of library talks, the third full season since I've been at Totley, and a season which was most successful, perhaps not so much in terms of the number of people who came (an average of 69) but more because we had some of the best speakers I've ever heard at branch libraries anywhere. I find this particularly encouraging because four of the six speakers were either suggested to me by members of last season's audiences, or else themselves came forward to volunteer their services. If anyone knows of any good speakers for next year, I shall be delighted to hear from you.

Clarence Daniel started us off in October on a note of doom and gloom, with the grim "Story of Eyam Plague", leaving it to Mike Williamson to cheer us up in November by telling us what happens during "A Month in the Life of the Totley Independent" - mainly the drinking of enormous quantities of tea, by the sound of it, interspersed with equally enormous quantities of sheer hard work. What was really striking was the extremely high standard of the original artwork which Mike brought along. Clear as the reproduction is in the "Independent", it doesn't go more than half-way towards doing justice to the original pen-and-ink drawings that are submitted for publication, and we can count ourselves fortunate indeed that there is so much talent in the area.

Speaking to Peter Furniss in November about his forthcoming "Travels through India" it sounded as though it was going to be a very interesting talk indeed, but when he turned up on the night he surpassed all expectations.

The full Indian costume that he wore excited a lot of interest before he even began to speak, as did the many artifacts that he had brought with him, including a sari, lengths of silk worked in gold filigree, children's toys, a terrifically heavy double-handled silver bowl, and a very practical oil lamp made entirely from empty tins.

Throughout his talk, he brought home to us the many contrasts of the country for, as he said, whatever you say about any part of India, the complete opposite will also be just as true somewhere

else. Poverty, wealth, heat, cold, drought and floods are all found, and all were in evidence in the slides he showed of his year's travel. One of his most memorable stories was of the two days that he and his companion spent marching briskly up the foothills of the Himalayas and continually overtaking a crocodile of women, the very youngest of whom was perhaps fifty-five years old, who themselves kept overtaking the two travellers whenever they sat down to rest. Where were they going at such a pace, and why? With no common language it was impossible to ask them, but the mystery was solved on the morning of the third day when the women were seen bathing in hot volcanic mud-springs nearby: they had been walking uphill to treat their rheumatism.

Our most intrepid speaker must surely be John Fleming, who talked about "Climbing in the Yosemite" in January, describing what sounded to me like incredible feats of derring-do as if it were no more extraordinary than popping in to the local grocer's. One of the slides he used to set the scene was of the top of a waterfall, where the river launches itself over the edge to fall vertically for well over a thousand feet. Sitting on the edge, feet dangling, was one of his friends, casually leaning over to take a photograph with not a rope or restraining hand anywhere near him. I think it was about then that I began to shrink into my chair. Listening to his description of three consecutive nights spent hanging from a sheer rock face with nothing below them but a two thousand foot drop was alright though - until he showed us what the view was like looking straight down.

The climbing technique that was used involved a leader going up the cliff face knocking pitons into the rock and tying himself to them as he climbed up, leaving the second climber to follow, taking them all out again.

Going up first, nearly three thousand feet up, he did describe himself as "a bit worried" as several pitons gave way in succession making him fall forty feet until one of them held, but even so he thought that the worst bit was when the loose pitons slid down the rope and hit him on the head. This was not a talk that could be recommended to those of a nervous disposition.

Without any shadow of a doubt, the most entertaining talk of the season was John Widdowson's "Dialect and Traditional Sayings in the Sheffield Area", which was filled to the brim with illustrative stories such as the one about the "furriner" who thought a passing Sheffielder must be Chinese because he overheard him ask his friend - "Oowurrecwoe wurrecweeizsen?" Or the one about the East Yorkshire farm bailiff, after being addressed by a lowly farm lad with the over-familiar "thee" instead of the more respectful "you", bellowing at him "Oo's tha t' tha me? A's you t' tha!". What, perhaps, came over most forcibly was the precision and economy of dialect. How else, for example, would you describe something that is "clarty"? And which mum in her right mind would address her children with the effete words "kindly finish your dinner"? "Whatever it is that you're doing, will you please stop", when she could use the much more concise phrases "Gerritetten" and "Gerart ni" (the latter admittedly usually having to be followed by a shouted "Astle clowt thee ifta duntgioer" and a short while later, by a muttered "Thawanster wesh thi eerrolls aht").

The season ended with Cath MacKa taking us on a guided tour of "The Scandinavian Peninsula". Who would have thought that Swedish motorists habitually take out moos insurance? Or that the very lowest parts of the valleys in the high Fjells of Norway are about as high as the top of Ben Nevis, and that there are another four thousand feet of mountain above that? I found it strangely comforting when a slide showing one side of a valley, with temperatures up in the eighties, was immediately followed by another showing the other side which had been taken on the following day in a full Arctic blizzard - it's nice to know that it's not just English weather that's so perverse.

If anyone has any suggestions about speakers that they would like to hear, now is the time to have a word in my ear. The first talk in the 1982/83 season will take place on October 26th. I'll see you there.

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There are still people about who firmly believe that, in the 1930's, Adolf once went to the Attercliffe Palace to study the chorus girls as they kicked up their long legs. A normal healthy male would have reacted in a normal, healthy manner, but Adolf's mind was on a quite different wavelength; after the show he simply went home and began to teach his national guard to strut up and down the Unter den Linden using leg gymnastics which would have scandalized Frederick the Great. Watching the Movietone News, I always found these antics absolutely hilarious, but my friends would then become quite annoyed with me; they said I ought to take politics much more seriously, though while Adolf persisted in looking and behaving like Charlie Chaplin, and while the young woman at the Abbeydale Club romped around in her flimsy nightgown, I just could not concentrate on politics for very long. In any event, when I first visited the charity gala at Abbeydale Park I was only ten years old. To my young, uncluttered mind this summer gathering to which I refer was an intriguing and essential part of real life. But intriguing and essential parts of real life are inclined to cost real money and attempts to interest my father in any financial project of mine all too often ended in failure. Invariably, if I made such an attempt, I found that MY father was busy trying exactly the same sort of hard-luck story upon HIS father. But one summer, before the annual gala was discontinued, there must have been money in the piggy-bank for we attended as a family and it was a truly momentous day for me. Naturally, you will be anxious to learn about the nightgown and the young lady inside it. They were both operating about half-way between the Sports Ground entrance and the Club pavilion. The idea was

The idea was that you paid your money, you flung missiles at a specially designed target, and if you hit the bulls-eye a bed would collapse, tossing out its seductive occupant and her alluring nightwear. The lucky marksman would then be allowed to hoist the maiden back into bed and administer a goodnight kiss. Excellent value for money ! My father, bless his keen eye and immaculate aim, was not given an opportunity to chance his arm, and I too was hustled along before I could fully absorb the atmosphere of the scene; all because our mother believed in hellfire and the damnation of souls - ours in particular. So, hesitantly, we passed on to the less immoral swings and roundabouts.

One of the highlights of the festivity was Daredevil Peggy, reputed to have a wooden leg. To my regret, I never saw him. My bedtime had been fixed at a ridiculously early hour whereas this spectacular showman always chose to astonish the peasantry after dusk had fallen. His high, slender tower had been erected on the hockey pitch beside the tennis courts. He used to stand at the top, look down at a small tank of water miraculously sheeted in flames, transform himself also into a blazing torch, and then dive. And I had to miss this magnificent performance. Ten year olds were a deprived species before the war. Another year, Uncle Harry came over from Cheadle. We sweet-talked him until he took us up to the top of the "Wall of Death" from where we could look down upon intrepid motorcyclists as they defied gravity and rode round the vertical inside of the high cylinder. Next, a small motor-car was produced. It had been fitted, on one side, with a platform about two feet wide by six feet long. We all held our breaths as a lion was prodded onto his seat. He looked as if he were about a

hundred and fifty years old and had been smoking hashish all morning. Then, after half a dozen spell-binding circuits, Leo was assisted back into his cage. Here I must explain, in order to reassure the R.S.P.C.A. and to avoid general confusion, that this lion occupied the passenger platform and not the driving seat.

Well, then - back to Uncle Harry. By this time he was being pretty liberal with his money and we all had a wonderful afternoon until we reached the coconut shy. Here I stood modestly aloof, preferring that Uncle should save his fast-disappearing silver for a generous round of large-sized ice-creams. He, however, elected to try and dislodge a nut or two, and I must confess that never before had I been so utterly ashamed of a relative of mine; every shot missed its target by a yard or more, and behind an adjacent stall the vendor of mushy peas flinched repeatedly and turned a sickly shade of white. What happened next is even more difficult to believe; a little black dog pranced out of the crowd, yapped twice and then bit Uncle Harry just above the ankle. The coconut man yelled and kicked out but the dog vanished as quickly as it had appeared. "You must get your leg seen to !", the former cried hysterically, "there's blood on your trousers !"

But Uncle Harry responded by pressing another sixpence into his hand and starting to throw more wooden balls at the coconuts. This time he was actually hitting them. "You really should get yourself down to the Red Cross tent", spluttered the man, handing four nuts to my afflicted kinsman. "Yes", replied Uncle Harry, "I'm on my way now - without more ado". Whereupon he handed the coconuts to me and started to limp away. "A stitch in time !", I ventured meekly as I trotted along behind, thinking of his savaged leg. "Quite right, laddie !" A painful smile crossed his face. "And there's another proverb you might like to think about: "Once bitten, shy twice !"

APRIL DIARY

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| 7th | Wed. | Totley Independent Staff Meeting. 8pm. 2 Main Ave. |
| 17th | Sat. | Jumble Sale. St. John's Church Hall. 1pm. |
| 20th | Tue. | T.R.A. Annual General Meeting. 8pm. Heatherfield Club, Baslow Rd. Preceded by a short meeting for members of the current committee at 7pm. |
| 21st | Wed. | Fashion Show. 7.30pm. Rowan School. |
| 24th | Sat. | Musical Evening. 7pm. Totley Rise Meth. Church. |
| 27th | Tue. | King Ecgbert Lower School. 7.45pm. |
| 28th | Wed. | Antony Hopkins, "How to be a successful failure". to Sat. 1st May. TOADS. St. John's Church Hall. |

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MUSICAL EVENING

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T.O.A.D.S.

TOADS make a break from the run of comedies which they have produced for the last two years, and offer up a Whodunit? entitled "Driven to Murder" by Olive Chase and Stanley Clayton. The play is set at the present time, and a lady Doctor's world is shattered by a chain of startling events. Just who was looking in the window? Find out for yourself. Wednesday to Saturday, April 28th to May 1st, at 7.30pm. at St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Rd. South. Get your tickets from - Kate Walker 364749. Dorothy Hellis - 362938. Price 50p each. (O.A.P./Children - 40p).

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