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# Order

Welcome to the 18th edition of Talk@Sileby. Since the last issue we have had some good news with the finances of the magazine. Back in 2003 issue 9 we printed an advert for Tesco Express, due to an administrative oversight this was never paid for. Tesco have now corrected this mistake and given us a donation to the funding. All of us at the magazine would like to thank Tesco for the generous contribution.

While discussing the finances we have good news for all our advertisers, due to lower costs we have been able to reduce the cost of advertising with us so if you are a business in Sileby now is a great time to advertise with us.

We would also like to ask for volunteers, either to help deliver the magazine or if you are someone who likes to hunt down stories and write them we have a requirement for a reporter.

Next Issue will be Summer 2007. Copy and advert deadline is 31st May 2007.

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Sileby Accordion Band From the left: Donald Wells, Shirley Preston, Victor Freed, Pauline Higgins, Molly Birch, Willie Peel, ?, Patsy Ward, Billy Maxfield, Irene Freeman, Keith Carvel

Front Cover Picture: King Street as it is today and as it was a few years ago.

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## SILEBY PARISH WALKS 2007

Why not come and join us and enjoy exploring the local parish footpaths and countryside? All walks start from Sileby Community Centre at 7. 00p.m. and are led by John and Beverly Burton and Dave Thompson.

Tuesday      Barrow Road, Mountsorrel Lane, Old Slash,  
24th April      Mountsorrel Lock, River Soar,  
Sileby Mill, 3 1/2 miles.

Tuesday      Ratcliffe Road, Ratcliffe College, Padge Hall,  
22nd May      Park Hill, Seagrave, Memorial Park, 5 miles.

Tuesday      Barrow Road, British Gypsum,  
19th June      Old Quorn Hunt Kennels, Barrow upon Soar,  
Barrow Marina, Old Slash, Mountsorrel Lane,  
Barrow Road, 6 miles.

Tuesday      Cossington Road, Cossington Church, Humble  
24th July      Lane,  
Ratcliffe on the Wreake, Ratcliffe College,  
Ratcliffe Road, 5 miles

Tuesday      Sileby Mill, River Soar, Cossington Mill,  
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### **EVENTS AT SILEBY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sileby Heritage Exhibition is to be held on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th April 2007.

### **ANNUAL SWITCHING ON OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2006**

This annual event again was very successful and enjoyed by a vast number of residents. Local organisations and charities raised over £2100.

Sileby Parish Council would like to receive your views on the event. Please write, telephone or complete the form on the website.

### **DOG FOULING – SILEBY MEMORIAL PARK**

Sileby Parish Council continues to receive many complaints about the problem of dog fouling on the Memorial Park and around the village.

The vast majority of dog owners are responsible and 'pick up' but there are the minority of villagers who feel that they are 'above the law'. It is an offence not to 'pick up' after your dog has fouled and fixed penalty tickets of £50 can be issued. If taken to court there is a maximum fine of £1000. Sileby Memorial Park is a recreation area for all to enjoy. Everyone should be able to use the facilities without having to check for dog mess everywhere. THIS IS A HEALTH

HAZARD and has caused the death of children in the UK who have been in contact with dog faeces.

***Please support Sileby Parish Council by advising the Parish Office 01509 813075, the name of anyone who is seen not 'picking up' after their dog has fouled. This information will be acted upon. The consequences of persons ignoring their responsibilities may result in 1. All dogs must be on lead or 2. NO dogs allowed on the Memorial Park at any time.***

### **SILEBY ROSE**

There is a further opportunity to order the Sileby Rose at a cost of £11.99 each. A deposit of £6.00 will be required when ordering, the balance to be paid on collection. The rose bush will be available in November 2008.

If you wish to order your Sileby Rose please contact the Parish Office 01509 813075, 41 High Street, Sileby LE12 7RX by 1<sup>st</sup> May 2007.

### **COST OF VANDALISM/ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ON AREAS UNDER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SILEBY PARISH COUNCIL OCTOBER 06 TO FEBRUARY 07**

**TOTAL VANDALISM/ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR COSTS**  
**£1030.00**

### **SILEBY PARISH COUNCIL POLICY**

It is the Policy of Sileby Parish Council that no action is taken when correspondence or information is received anonymously.

## **LOCAL ELECTIONS – 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2007**

### **DON'T MISS OUT – IT MATTERS!**

On **3<sup>rd</sup> May 2007** local elections will be taking place to elect councillors to your Parish Council. This is the chance to have your say by voting for the people you want to be councillors to help look after your community or possibly becoming a councillor yourself and help shape it.

The Government is keen for local communities to have a real influence on those things which directly affect them. For this reason Parish Councils are to be given new powers so that they have an even more important role to play in local affairs.

Not only will Parish Councils be given an increased role in delivering local services but they will also be given a stronger voice in representing the community's interests and make sure that local people are listened to.

If you have considered being in a position to be part of deciding how your community is run and developed, now is the time for you to come forward. Providing you are a registered local government elector for the area (or meet certain other requirements) and will be at least 18 years old on election day you can stand for election. There are no other special qualifications needed to be a councillor. You just need to care about your community and be keen enough to make a difference. If you are interested and want to know more you can contact your local Parish Clerk or your District Council for more details and to check that you are eligible to stand as a councillor. Alternatively, you can contact the Association of Parish Councils on 01509 816400 or email [lrapl@btconnect.com](mailto:lrapl@btconnect.com) to obtain an information pack.

Whether or not you decide to become a councillor, your vote in the elections is still important. It is your opportunity to help decide who runs your Parish Council.

This year you will be able to vote at your usual polling station, which will be open longer than before (7.00am to 10.00pm), or you can simply request a postal form from your District Council's elections office.

Remember, every vote counts and your vote could tip the balance!

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## £10,000 FOR GRANDMOTHER

Will it be a holiday, a new car or a new kitchen? Decisions, decisions! Judy Hardy from Newbold Verdon has a big decision to make following a fantastic win on the LOROS Lottery's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary Bumper Prize Draw. Having returned from a new year's holiday only that afternoon, Judy was more than surprised to receive a telephone call from Lottery Manager Liz Singleton recently. The call was to inform her that she had won a fantastic £10,000 - what a way to start the New Year!

Judy became a member of the LOROS Lottery as a way of making a regular donation to the work of the hospice. She says "I was diagnosed with cancer in August 2000 and went through several operations and chemotherapy over a period of time. Then one day I was driving along with my daughter when I heard someone talking about the LOROS Lottery on the radio. Not knowing what the future might hold I vowed there and then to join".

Lottery Manager Liz Singleton added "our weekly lottery brings in a regular income which enables LOROS to plan for the future care of terminally ill patients living in Leicestershire and Rutland. Each year we reward our lottery members with a bumper prize draw and, as it was our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year, we decided to increase the top prize to £10,000. Playing the LOROS Lottery currently gives our members a 1 in 61 chance of winning and the advantage of knowing which charity will benefit from their lottery subscriptions. I would like to thank Judy and all our members for their support. They really do make a huge difference to LOROS and their support is very much appreciated by both our patients and staff".

It may be that your new year's resolution is to do something for charity? Why not become a member of the LOROS Lottery or run a syndicate for your family, friends or colleagues?

Playing the LOROS Lottery is easy, there are several payment methods and a call to the Lottery helpline on 0116 2318430 will enable you to discuss the best option for you. Alternatively you can visit the LOROS website at [loros.co.uk](http://loros.co.uk) for more information about how you can help.

Judy Hardy celebrates with Liz Singleton,  
LOROS Lottery Manager

[Photograph courtesy of Leicester Mercury]



## **SILEBY SCOUT GROUP**

The Scouting Movement will be celebrating 100 years of Scouting this year. How long have there been Scouts in Sileby? Is it more than 55 years? If you have fond memories of being a Cub or Scout in Sileby would you like to tell Group Scout Leader Colin Thompson?



The Sileby Scout Group now comprises of Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts. They will all be celebrating this year by attending the Centenary Camp for Charnwood and Loughborough Scouts at The Oaks camp-site.

They will also be joining in with Challenge 100, which will be many different challenges organised throughout the year. Sileby Scout Group get up to all kinds of fun activities as well as working for badges. Some of the activities they did last year were ten pin bowling, swimming galas, sports days, treasure hunt and of course camping, when last year a group went to Whatton House for the Worldwide Camp 'Charnwood 2006". Camping nowadays involves climbing, abseiling, canoeing, grass sledging and cooking.

All of the Group also take an active part in the St Georges Day and Remembrance Day Parades. Last year saw the HQ. having new upstairs windows, with the help of a grant from the Sir Andrew Martin Trust. This year new toilets are planned, with money raised at the Christmas Fayre and Victorian Market. So, if you would like your child to join Beavers, Cubs or Scouts or would like to help at any of the groups please telephone Colin or Marian on 01509 815617.



## MODEL RAILWAY SHOW



Many people from near and far poured through the doors of Sileby Community Centre over the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup> and 18th February. The event, organised by Syston Model Railway Society, was their 11th and the 5th held at this venue, Hopefully, with the continued support of Sileby Parish Council, many more will be held in the future.

This family show was not only aimed at seasoned modellers, it was meant for the whole family. There were quality model railway layouts, varying from the tiny Z gauge Carohay to the large 7mm:foot Camden. Some layouts such as Nuts Lane, the N gauge tram layout, were extremely small, and are typical of what can be done in a small room. Some layouts such as the 40' long Gamston Bank need more space than can be found in the average home. Supporting these exhibits were a number of specialist traders who were supplying modellers new and old with most of the stock and accessories they needed.

As people wandered between exhibits and stalls, they were able to ask advice freely and, we hope, more people would have become interested in this hobby. It was noted that some people were staying at the exhibition for several hours; proof of the popularity of the exhibits.

Syston Model Railway Society thank the following for their continued support — ACME Models of Highgate Drive, Sileby; Sileby Parish Council; Rearsby Scout Group; Signal Box, Anstey; Syston Trains; Arriva; Great Central Railway; Midlands Coop; the exhibitors and the traders. Planning is complete for next years event which will be held over the weekend of Feb16th and 17<sup>th</sup> 2008. For more information about the show, telephone 01162605760 or 0116 2609789.



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## Update on Sileby Baptist Church building project

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hanks to all those of you who came along to the Christmas Fayre in December (seems a long time ago now!). The day went very well, we had a great time and managed to raise another £393.73 for our building project. The total currently stands at a fantastic £169,000.17 we still need another £50,000, but we're optimistic that we'll get what we need. For such a small fellowship we're stunned to have

raised more than £37,000 in the last year alone!

The latest...

As you may have noticed, if you pass by the Cossington Road end of the village at all, the church demolition has not only begun but is

now actually complete! Here are a few photos of the 'progress'.

A reminder of what we're doing

For those of you who don't know what the church was like inside, there were two or three different levels, just within the main hall, which often caused us problems and posed a safety hazard at times. This has been resolved by the builders levelling the site, getting rid of all the steps.





This will make it a much more accessible building for all the community, wheels and legs alike.

The outside toilets have been knocked down (hurray!) and we'll be getting lovely new inside toilets with a baby changing facility included.

There will be wiring, etc. installed with a view to later adding a lift for disabled access to the upstairs of the building (when further funds become available).

We will be creating a whole new room above the main worship hall, possibly for use in our youth work.

The new larger kitchen will have both hot AND cold running water (we only had cold before); as the previous kitchen was only big enough for two people at a time, this will make the kitchen a much more workable space.

As we will have more room within the building we will no longer need to hire out the village institute for our Sunday school classes each week.



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Easter Greetings from the Christian Churches of Sileby, Cossington and Seagrave.

## **St Mary's Sileby, All Saints Cossington and All Saints Seagrave**

### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

7.30 pm Holy Communion Cossington

### **Good Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

10.30 am Council of Churches United Service at St. Mary's

Followed by Walk of Witness 11.15am

Leading to Hunger Lunch 12.15pm at St. Gregory's Church

Hall

2pm – 3pm Hour of the Cross St. Mary's

7.30pm Service of Reflection Seagrave

### **Easter Day, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

9.00am Holy Communion Seagrave

9.00am Holy Communion St. Mary's

10.30am Morning Worship followed by Holy Communion

Cossington

6.30pm Easter Praise Cossington

## **Methodist Church**

### **Palm Sunday**

10.45am Morning Worship

4.30pm Arise

### **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2007**

7.30pm Communion Service

### **Maundy Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

7.30pm United Service at Wymeswold

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11 Communion Service  
4.30 Arise

## **St Gregory's RC Church**

### **Palm Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007**

9.00am Procession & Mass Sileby

### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

7.30pm United service at Bishop Beveridge Club, Barrow

### **Maundy Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

7.30pm Liturgy of the Lord's Supper-Sileby

### **Good Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

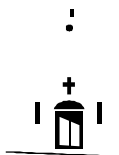
3.00pm Solemn Liturgy Holy Trinity Church, Barrow  
7.30pm Stations of the Cross Sileby

### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass Syston

### **Easter Day, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

9.00am Mass Sileby  
11.00am Mass Syston





## **Sileby Town Cricket Club News**

After a magnificent season in 2007, Sileby are looking to build on that, with the help of a few England stars. Sileby have had the fantastic honour of being selected as one of the England and Wales Cricket Board's (ECB) showcase clubs for the upcoming 2007 NatWest Cricket Force weekend. NatWest Cricket Force is the largest single voluntary sporting event in the country and saw nearly £25,000,000 of investment made to cricket clubs around England and Wales last year, when over 70,000 people donned their overalls and picked up their paint brushes in support of their local cricket clubs. Sileby will have the ECB cameras with them, along with England and Leicestershire cricket stars on Sunday 1 April, the second day of the Cricket Force extravaganza.

Sileby have earmarked a dozen projects, to help improve the already excellent Mill Lane facilities, and they are looking for local support over the entire weekend. The club are looking for local businesses to chip in with their support, with projects like varnishing the internal woodwork, repairs to the sight screens, erecting fences around the ground and pavilion exterior and building of a permanent barbeque among the list of jobs on their wish list.

They are also wanting the local residents to come along and bring their paint brushes, wheelbarrows and spades, along with plenty of energy and exuberance to help the club complete their list of tasks. Free refreshments will be available on the day, for those helping out, and there will be a barbeque on the Saturday night and a curry night on the Sunday, with the well stocked bar being open on both evenings.

If you would like to contribute, in any way, please contact Club Chairman Nigel Kinch on 07889 904689 or [nigel.kinch@silebytowncc.co.uk](mailto:nigel.kinch@silebytowncc.co.uk)

## **Sileby Tennis Club News**

Sileby Tennis Club have had tennis courts in the village (off Springfield Road) since 1927. In 1999 new All-weather courts were laid and another court added, making four in all, plus a new clubhouse with the help of the National Lottery. The Club have Ladies, Men's and Mixed teams in the Tennis Leicestershire League. but also enjoy social tennis.

After Easter, Monday evenings are for Ladies and Beginner adults, Wednesday evenings are Club night for adults and Sunday afternoons for All

Juniors are also catered for with coaching already organised for Easter. This is as follows—Wednesday 4th and 11th April 4-6pm and Saturday 14th April 10-12am at a cost of £10 for all three one hour sessions. These must be booked and paid for before Wednesday 4 April by sending your money to Sileby Tennis Club c/o 119, Heathcote Drive, Sileby, LE12 7NB.

Joining fees are very competitive with discounts for Family membership.

Social events are also organised and last year Club members enjoyed a skittles evening, strawberry tea and wine and mince pies on Christmas Eve. Also a table top sale was open to all with a great many bargains to be had.

Two social evenings were also set a side for the Scouts and Guides, and great fun was had with Greg Johnson being the winner for the Scouts and Hazel Durston, Bethany Kell and Charlotte Wells the winners for the Guides.

The Club always needs new members so whether you are an "old hand" or a new player a warm welcome will be given to you.

For more information on joining or just "having a try" please phone Christine on 01509 812993 or come down to the courts.

Pictured are the prize winners at the presentation Dinner.





# Your Letters

Send you letters to the editor. Please include your name and address (not for publication if you wish).

## **A great Cycle ride for Charity**

Ordinary people all over Britain do something for charity every day, most with no recognition at all. Well two born and bred Sileby lads did just that and I think they deserve a mention in their local magazine.

Mick Wright and Dan Mould, with the help of a couple of mates who followed behind in a van, cycled approximately 350 miles from Sileby to Newquay last August in 5 days. They where cycling 50 to 60 miles a day and stayed each night at a pre booked camp site. The support was van carrying their tents and spare parts etc.

This was a great achievement for the lads that usually only cycle for fun. They where sponsored by family and friends and managed to raise around £1000 for a cancer charity. Both of them have

full time jobs and did this as part of their summer holidays. Well done lads you deserve the recognition.

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*(Name and address supplied)*

*Editors Note. The team at the magazine would like to add our congratulations to these 2 young people for their achievement.*



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## **Sileby Conservative Club Annual Flower and Vegetable Show 15 September 2007**

As spring approaches you can not only plan what to grow this year but also what produce you are going to enter in the annual flower and vegetable show. With classes for all, entries are welcomed from everyone in the village. For all growers there is the coveted Sileby Conservative Club Top Tray Award to be won, along with the Norman Byatt Best Onion in Show Trophy and Best Chrysanthemum in Show. There is a chance for the cooks in the village to get the judge's mouths watering with your chocolate cakes, Victoria jam sandwiches and fruit cakes or perhaps try your hand at chutney or jam making.

The younger members of the village can enter their miniature gardens produced in a seed tray and pictures made from flowers or vegetables, or six fairy cakes decorated in any way they choose. All the money raised from the show will go to the Norman Byatt Memorial Fund which supports local charities and the Brain Injury Unit at the Leicester General. For further information please contact Melvyn Hoyes on 01509 812490.



'On Monday 8th January 2007 a cheque for £600.00 was handed over to Russell Brickett, Founder of "Wishes4Kids". The money was raised at a New Years Eve Dance at Sileby Community Centre run by Sileby Dance Committee. Left to right

are Roy Brown, Brenda Muggleton, Alvyn Muggleton, Russell Brickett, Pauline Lewin and Gill Brown'

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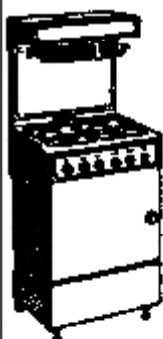
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Students will be learning **enterprise skills such as creativity and problem solving** which will help them in the world of work. They will be taking part in **team work, communication and confidence building activities** which will help enforce and improve these skills. The main part of the day will find the students taking part in a **business simulation activity** and will be finding out what it takes to run their own successful business.

We need business volunteers to help facilitate these activities with the **Year 10** students from **8.15am to 3.15pm** on the day. A free school lunch will also be provided!

If you would like further information or would like to register your attendance for this event then please contact **Fay Wilson**, Leicestershire Education Business Company on 0116 240 7000 or email [fay.wilson@leics-ebc.org.uk](mailto:fay.wilson@leics-ebc.org.uk)

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## **Blue Wave Taekwon-do**



Pictured are just some of the students involved in our fundraising efforts.

Wishes4kids, the Leicester based children's charity which provides magical experiences for sick and vulnerable

children received a boost in the form of a donation of £1076 from Blue Wave Martial Arts.

The Blue Wave demonstration team began fundraising in May 2006 by collecting at their performances. Our team would not have been able to complete their tour in 2006 without the support of Soar Valley Timber who provided all of our wood for breaking.

Other Blue Wave students then organised and completed a 5000m sponsored swim.

Head Instructor Alex Andrews, Said "We choose a different charity every year and this is the largest amount that we have managed to raise. I feel so proud to have taekwon-do schools where the students are willing to help our community in such a focussed way."

Blue wave have Taekwon-do schools in Seagrave, Sileby, Wymeswold and Rearsby as well as artistic and combat schools. Any body interested in trying Taekwon-do should call Alex on 01509 812 639.

# Children's News

St. Gregory's Parent & Toddler Group is at 24 The Banks, Sileby and is open on Tuesday mornings during School Term time from 9.00am —11.15am. We are situated at the back of St. Gregory's Church across from the Banks Surgery in the newly rebuilt hall.

This is a large hall with very good facilities for pre-school children to play and interact with other children. We have a crafts table and plenty of toys for all ages of pre-school children.

All the children have a drink of juice and a selection of biscuits and even sometimes crisps/snacks, while their parents or carers have a chat over a cup of tea or coffee. We have an outing during the summer school term with all the children. Also, we have an annual Christmas Party with a visit from Santa and entertainment, with a bring and share lunch. At Easter we have an Easter Theme, which involves making chocolate nest eggs. There are lots more activities during the year.

Admission is a £1.00 for adults and 25p each for children. For further information, please contact Anita on 01509 815798.

## Highgate County Primary School School Council

The Highgate School Council has been running for two years. We are a group of children aged between 7 and 11 years old. We listen to our friends and take note of what they would like to have in the grounds and classrooms. We meet regularly to discuss our ideas and plan our next project. Here are a few of our achievements over the past two years. The **New Kitchen** Highgate was given a grant from B&Q which went towards a brand new kitchen for the children to



cook in. To celebrate the opening of our kitchen we spent a day baking cakes and held a very successful cake sale after school. The money raised is going towards equipment for the kitchen.

**Our School Garden** We have spent time designing a new outdoor classroom for Highgate. Our talented premises officer, Mr Harrison, has built this. It is fantastic and includes a seating area for a whole class, water fountains and benches for relaxing on. We have raised money for a solar powered water feature and hope that this will be installed soon.

**The School Council Forum** Every term we front a school assembly. This gives our peers a chance to ask us questions about our role and also a chance to voice their opinions about life at Highgate, we then discuss issues raised and try to provide solutions in our council meetings.

**Eco Schools Award** The Highgate School Council are aiming to achieve a gold Eco Award. We are trying to raise environmental awareness in everybody at Highgate. We have developed the outdoor classroom, ensured that waste at Highgate is recycled efficiently and set up monitors for litter and saving energy. We have also organised an Eco club called The Eco Warriors, they have met and planted seeds for our vegetable plot and built bird boxes. Later this month they hope to build bug boxes and plant floral displays for the summer.

**Entertainment** At Christmas time we entertained the children at their Christmas parties. We dressed up as Santa and his reindeers. We had a great time!

**Fund Raising** Each year we decide on a project or two and then we try to raise money to fund our project. This year we have raised money for a water feature. We have ran bingo sessions at lunchtime, a Christmas sale and we are hoping to run karaoke sessions and maybe even a talent show.

If there is an issue that you would like the Highgate School Council to discuss please feel free to write to us at Highgate Primary School, Heathcote Drive, Sileby.

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