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JAMES BARRINGTON STEPHENS





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# MNDA fundraising finishes on a song!

After nearly a year of raising funds for MNDA October will see the final challenge for The Running Grandpa with the running of the Amsterdam Marathon on October 19th.

And what a year it has been with the Leeds Marathon ticked off and the 1000 miles in a year target achieved in early September.

The support from the village has been immense too with the HEDS Choir Concert and The Blacksmiths using their Music Festival as a fundraiser too as well as generous contributions to the Just Giving page.

As mentioned in the last edition of HEDS the culmination of the fundraising will be a concert starring the young, fabulous singer James Barrington Stephens, supported by other more local "celebrity" singers!

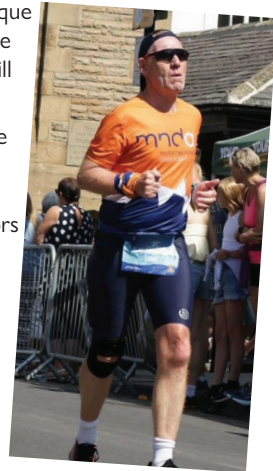
James' blend of jazz, pop and the golden era of swing provides a unique performance and one that his audiences will never forget.

The concert will take place on Friday 24th October in Everton Village Hall with doors opening at 6.30pm.

Tickets can be obtained from Doug Haynes commencing Sunday 28th September by contacting him on 01777 816673 or via e mail on [thecaretaker@metcalfect.org.uk](mailto:thecaretaker@metcalfect.org.uk). Finally they can also be purchased in person by calling at Clock Cottage on Old Post Office Street in Everton.

Tickets will be limited to 100 and will cost £10 so don't be disappointed and get in early!!

**Tom**



## Everton Music Society

*Update on planned events:*

August, September - no meetings planned

**October 24th** - Tom's MND fundraiser (see separate note)

**November 28th** - Your Favourite Music track - Edition No. 2

**December** - no meeting planned

**January 30th** - theme yet to be decided

**February 13th** - One day early Valentine's Night - Live Band - The Skip Murden Band

*\* A fabulous live band - you will not be able to resist dancing! \**

I look forward to seeing you at these events, Doug

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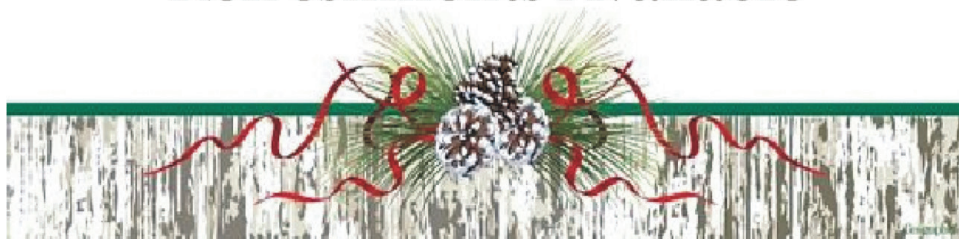
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# Going Zero

by **Anthony McCarten**

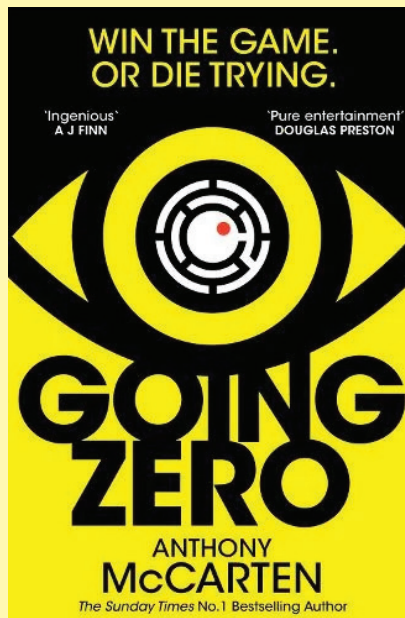
Anthony McCarten's *Going Zero* is a thought-provoking and brilliantly crafted thriller that blends fast-paced suspense with timely questions about technology, surveillance, and personal freedom.

Set in the near future, the novel centres on a ground breaking tech initiative: a high-stakes government-funded experiment run by a powerful tech company called Fusion. Ten participants are chosen to “go zero”—that is, disappear completely for 30 days. If they succeed in evading detection by the company's cutting-edge tracking system, they win a life-changing cash prize. If they're found, they lose.

The story zeroes in on one of the participants, a seemingly unremarkable librarian named Kaitlyn Day. But as the clock ticks, it becomes clear that Kaitlyn is far more resourceful—and has far more at stake—than anyone anticipated. As she moves through the shadows of a hyper-connected society, dodging drones, facial recognition software, and digital breadcrumbs, her journey becomes more than just a game of hide and seek. With every step, the tension escalates and new layers of intrigue are revealed.

McCarten excels at balancing action with character, gradually peeling back the motivations of both Kaitlyn and the team tasked with tracking her. The result is a smart, tightly-woven thriller with a central mystery that keeps the reader guessing.

While the novel raises big ideas about privacy, surveillance, and digital autonomy, it does so in service of a compelling story



rather than a lecture. The focus stays on the chase, the strategy, and the human element behind the tech.

With a propulsive plot, clever twists, and a heroine you can root for, *Going Zero* delivers a satisfying blend of tension and thematic depth. It's a gripping page-turner that also feels startlingly relevant in a world where disappearing is harder than ever.

**Dan Woods**





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# EVERTON

## Primary School

"Everton Primary is a supportive learning environment. The teachers really care about the children's well-being." Parent View. Ofsted 2023

"Pupils and staff get on well at this school. Relationships are consistently positive." Ofsted 2023

Hello and Happy New (academic) Year! It has been wonderful to welcome our children, new and old, back to Everton Primary School for the 2025-26 academic year. Some children have started our school for the first time, some have joined new classes and have new teachers, whilst all children are mixed with a different year group from last year. That is one of the most special elements to life in a small school – our children get to mix with a wide range of pupils from year to year and broaden their social as well as educational horizons.

The start of the year has seen our Class 3 (Year 5 & 6) children head to Whitby on the first residential visit of the academic year. The children were impeccably behaved, earning lovely comments from the accommodation staff and members of the public. Whilst in Whitby, the children took part in: a 'Town Trail', a coastal walk, some fossil hunting, a tour of the Lifeboat Station and Museum, a night walk around the abbey, and a tour of the Captain Cook Museum. It was an action-filled three days, that's for sure!

Many of our children took part in the Everton Garden Holders Association Village Show, and we are very proud of all the winners and all those who took part. We were particularly proud of our EYFS (Nursery and Reception) who entered a 'school-homegrown' marrow and took first place!

In another proud moment, Everton Primary School has been nominated for the 'Active School of the Year 2025' award at the 'Heart of Doncaster Awards 2025' due to our commitment and input into supporting our local community and wider Doncaster area. We will see how we do in October,

but for now it is just an honour to have been nominated!

Everton Primary School is a wonderful, friendly and happy school which gives opportunities for children to be children and a wide range of activities and positive experiences. We currently have spaces in Nursery, Reception and Year 1. If you are currently looking for child places in these year groups, then please apply to join the EverTeam! If you would like to arrange a school visit or ask any questions about school admission, then please feel free to call or email the school on 01777817350 or office@everton.notts.sch.uk

**Andrew Green**  
*Headteacher*



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# Dear Friends,

It's not always easy to be thankful. We live in a world that feels increasingly divided and uncertain. News headlines often draw our attention to conflicts, hardship, and discord. Closer to home, many of us carry private worries about health, finances, family, or the future. Gratitude can almost feel like a luxury when life is heavy.

And yet, it may be in times like these that thankfulness matters most. Gratitude does not ignore the difficulties around us, nor does it pretend everything is okay. Rather, it helps us see with different eyes. We may not be able to change the whole world, but we can still notice the blessings that God scatters throughout our days: the kindness of a neighbour, the beauty of creation, the comfort of friendship, or the hope of faith that carries us through.

The apostle Paul writes, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). His words remind us that gratitude is not dependent on perfect conditions. Even when life is turbulent, we can still choose to recognise God's goodness. And that choice can transform us, because thankfulness is not the end of the story. It stirs something within us, a desire to share. Gratitude leads to generosity. When we realise how much we have received, our hearts are opened to give and in a divided world, generosity may be one of the strongest witnesses we can offer.

Generosity takes many forms:

- We can be generous with our time. When divisions deepen, listening patiently, showing kindness, and making space for others can bridge gaps. A few moments of genuine presence with someone who feels overlooked can be life-giving.
- We can be generous with our talents. Each of us has gifts — creativity, skills, passions — that can bring joy, healing, or hope to others. Sharing these gifts reminds us that everyone has something valuable to contribute, no matter how small it seems.

- We can be generous with our resources. In an age of financial strain and global need, supporting causes that care for the vulnerable, giving regularly to the church, or simply offering what we can is a way of shining light into uncertainty.

Living generously is not always easy, especially when fear and scarcity dominate the atmosphere of our times. But generosity breaks the cycle of division. It tells a different story, one rooted in trust, kindness, and hope.

So perhaps this season, we might each take a moment to ask: What am I thankful for, even here, even now? And then: How can I let that thankfulness spill over into generosity?

Gratitude will not erase the world's troubles, but it can change how we face them. And generosity, which flows from gratitude, can build bridges, mend wounds, and remind us — and others — that God's love is still at work, even in uncertain days.

**Becky**



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## THE VILLAGE SHOW

September saw the annual Village Show organised by Everton Garden Holders in the Village Hall. We were delighted to see such high number of entries – 350 – a record. Thank you to all who entered – despite the difficult growing conditions the Judges had a hard time with the quality of entries in all sections being higher than ever.

Our congratulations to all the prize winners.

VEGETABLE TROPHY Sid Harrison

RAYMOND HARRISON AWARD FOR  
OUTSTANDING EXHIBIT IN THIS SECTION Sarah Troop

FRUIT Victoria Oaks

PLANTS & FLOWERS Sarah Troop

SWEET PEAS Sarah Troop

FLOWER ARRANGING Sid Harrison

DOMESTIC Rohan Thorn

JUDY MILLER AWARD FOR  
OUTSTANDING EXHIBIT IN THIS SECTION Beth Potts

CRAFTS & PHOTOGRAPHY Sid Harrison

CHILDREN – 7 AND UNDER Maja Braddock

CHILDREN – 8-11 Johan Braddock

SIMMIES AWARD FOR MOST  
POINTS IN SHOW Sid Harrison

BANKSIAN MEDAL FOR MOST POINTS  
IN HORTICULTURAL SECTION Sid Harrison

Congratulations to all our winners for all their hard work.

We also awarded the RHS Recognition Award to Sue Hughes for all her work in leading the project for The Lost Garden – thank you Sue and all your team for making this project possible.

Thanks to all the Judges, Stewards, all who set up and cleared away at the end of the day and the kitchen staff – without you the Show would not happen.

Thanks also to Gary Thomson, the Chair of the Parish Council for coming to present the prizes and for all the help at the end of the Show.

Our October meeting on Monday 13 October will be Fungi with Kevin Gilfedder – which will be an interesting talk – we look forward to seeing you at 7.30 in the Village Hall, visitors very welcome for a small fee.

**VAL KIRBY**





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**Meeting  
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**Coffee  
Mornings**

**Playgroups**

**Dance  
Classes**

**Fitness  
Classes**

**Music  
Events**

**Fundraising  
Events**

**Family  
Gatherings  
& Parties**

**Choir  
Sessions**

**WI  
Meetings**

## *This Month's activities*

**WI**

**Table Tennis**

**Coffee mornings**

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**Church Group**

**Everton Art Group**

**RFTS Dance classes**

**Parish Council meeting**

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# CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

Although Christmas is still 12 weeks away, it is time to be thinking of children in need around the world and how we can help some of them receive a gift this Christmas.

## **COLLECTION WEEK**

**This year is 10-17 NOVEMBER, when I can deliver any shoeboxes to the Retford Collection Centre. Last year, you were so generous that I was able to take 28 boxes!! It's amazing what can be fitted into a standard-size shoe box suitable for either boys or girls in the 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 age group.**

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£5 pays for shipping and other project costs. Any donations with or without a shoebox would be most welcome. I do have a couple of printed shoe boxes if anyone wants one.

I will put in November HEDS the actual date when I plan to take the boxes to Retford and look forward to beating last year's wonderful number.

**Christine Dunn** 818732





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# Parish Council

## **Parish Council and Village Website:** **<https://evertonparishcouncil.uk>**

Please visit our website for latest information and village news.

### ***Friends of Everton Cemetery***

Friends of Everton Cemetery assist the parish council in maintaining the cemetery on Mattersey Road, organising tidy-up sessions, installing signs and carrying out minor repairs. The group also undertake periodic visual safety inspections and arrange for work to be carried out by the contractor. This informal group warmly welcomes new members, and no specific skills are required. If you are interested in joining and helping make a significant difference to our cemetery's upkeep, please contact the parish clerk.

### ***Off-Road Vehicles on Bridleways and Byways***

There have been recent reports of individuals riding motorbikes and quad bikes on local bridleways and restricted byways, which is both illegal and damaging to the environment. These routes are intended for walkers, cyclists, horse riders, and other non-motorised users. If you witness anyone using these vehicles inappropriately, please report it by calling 101. Every report helps inform police priorities and supports efforts to protect our shared spaces.

### ***Footpaths and Byways***

We kindly remind landowners with hedges, trees, or vegetation alongside public rights of way of their responsibility to ensure that these do not overhang or obstruct the paths. Keeping our network of footpaths clear and accessible is a legal requirement and helps ensure everyone can continue to enjoy the beauty of our shared spaces. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. **A new public footpath along "Barrier Bank" has**

**opened up a circular walk around Harwell and Everton. More details will follow on our website with updated mapping of all our local footpaths and bridleways..**

### ***Revision of the Neighbourhood Plan***

The Parish Council has now begun the process of updating the Neighbourhood Plan and details of a village-wide consultation will be announced soon. Currently Councillors are preparing the core vision for the future of the village, and this will be presented for discussion when the exercise is complete. Look out for details on the parish council website, in HEDS, and on the Village Facebook page.

### ***Bassetlaw Growth Grant***

Bassetlaw Growth Grant (part of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund) is now open for applications – offering up to £4,000 to help local businesses grow and thrive. Eligibility rules and details on how to claim are on the BDC website. Or contact Cllr Pashley for more details (email address listed in the contact section).

### ***Postal Votes***

The Parish Council is seeking to form a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the village and is calling upon those volunteers who want to be part of the scheme to contact the Clerk to express an interest.

### ***Local Government Reorganisation.***

Nottinghamshire residents are asked to submit their contributions to the final consultation on the changes to local governance. Please visit the parish council website for details and links.

### ***Double Yellow Lines***

Double Yellow Lines are to be painted near the Village Hall and on Chapel Lane opposite Ferry Lane. Full details can be found on the





parish council website.

### ***Bassetlaw Mobile Community Shop***

The Everton Mobile Shop calls every Thursday between 12:15 and 13:15 and is located on the Metcalfe playing field car park. The shop is open to everyone.

### ***District Councillor's Surgery***

District Councillor Steven Pashley is now running a surgery. The surgeries are to take place on the 3rd Thursday in the month, between 10-12 at Misson Village Hall (drop-in)

### ***Fruit and Veg Stall in Everton Village***

Look out for a new addition to Everton Village: a fruit and vegetable stall on Gainsborough Road (near Bean Scene). Wednesdays to Saturdays

### ***Useful Contact Details***

#### **Speeding Issues/Inconsiderate Parking**

These can be reported to the Police on telephone number 101

**Highways Issues** (for example potholes, road defects, overgrown hedges, damaged signs\ overgrown public footpaths).

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#### **Upcoming Parish Council Meeting Dates**

Parish Council Meeting: Monday 6th October 2025  
Parish Council Meeting: Monday 3rd November 2025

Contact Details for the Clerk, Callum Bryant:  
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Parish Council documents including minutes, agendas and other local information can be found

on the Parish Council's website:  
<https://evertonparishcouncil.uk>

Parish Council meetings are normally held in the village hall and usually start at 7.15pm. Members of the public are always welcome to attend. Meetings normally take place on the first Monday in the month except when there is a bank holiday when the date will be scheduled as soon as possible after that date.

**DINGBAT  
PUZZLE**  
*from Bryan Atkinson*

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Answers are elsewhere in the magazine

# Metcalfe Trust

## Play Park

The re-installation of the play equipment is complete. The trust is in the process of obtaining quotes for new play equipment to create a toddler area, once we have these we will be looking to hold a consultation event in early October to get people's views and hopefully support on these, this is really important so we can apply for grants to enable this work to go ahead. Please keep an eye out on facebook, the trust website and the village hall notice board for further details of the consultation event, we encourage everyone to attend as your support is very important to us.

## Changing Rooms

As a result of a successful grant application earlier in the year, there will be some substantial improvement works carried out to the old changing room building over the autumn / winter period, this will include a

new roof, which has now been completed and has already improved the appearance of the building, electrical upgrade works, new flooring, painting and the installation of disabled toilet facilities.

## Recreation Ground Car-Park

The landscaping works around the new car park should be completed by the end of October. These works will include the lifting of soil levels, grass seeding and shrub planting.

## Playing Fields

The cricket and bowls seasons are complete. Both clubs have been very pleased with the condition of their playing surfaces, and we thank Martyn from MKS for the hard work he put in during a very demanding summer.

The autumn top dressing of both areas will be complete by the time you are reading this.



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**9th November 2025**

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**10.45am - Holy Trinity, Everton  
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Low users of electricity will be most adversely affected. Even if you burned candles for light, sat clothed in 4 jumpers with no electric heating on, you would still pay the daily standing charge of 53.68p per day. This is equal to £16.64 for a 31-day month or about £195 a year.

In August, Ofgem stated that the cost of switching off wind farms has been instrumental in pushing up electricity energy bills by as much as £15 per year for each household. Another statistic in the public domain stated that the cost of subsidies for electricity generation runs at a staggering £15 billion a year.

You may think that it was impossible to squander so much money on subsidies. However, that is what happens in the underhanded UK energy supply system. Here is just one example of this largesse.

Ecotricity is a tiny company owned by Dale Vince. It supplies 0.05% of the country's electricity generation requirement. However, in recent years, Vince and his company have received £145 million in energy subsidies. Many of the projects will involve the construction of solar farms on prime agricultural land.

Closer to home, let's look at the Steeple Renewable Project. Please study the map for the proposals. This nightmare plan involves

surrounding the village of Sturton-Le-Steeple with a sea of imported solar panels. This scheme is unconscionable and surely financially ruinous for the residents of Sturton-Le-Steeple. House values will plummet.

What is the alternative, some may say? Well, the Gainsborough Basin holds around 16 trillion cubic feet of recoverable gas, enough to meet the UK demand for several years. There is even a gas-fired plant at West Burton Power Station next door. A precise, readily available solution.

Is there a desire for sense and sensibility in this country? (with apologies to Jane Austin) Will common sense prevail? Who is telling the Government to follow these ruinous policies?



Pictured is a small snapshot of the recent volcanic eruptions near Grindavik (now abandoned) in Iceland. On a daily basis, it was emitting sulphur dioxide and other noxious gases at 3 times the rate of all European industry combined. The recent Northerly winds then transferred these gases to the UK. We are very small players in the global scheme of things.

**Tony**








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## A SCANDALOUS MEETING

Everton WI were delighted to welcome Maggie Watkins to our September meeting to talk on Kathryn Swynburn – a local girl – who caused the scandal, albeit in the 1300s. She was the mistress of John of Gaunt, a royal prince, and eventually became his fourth wife. Want to know more - you should have been to hear Maggy – an interesting evening.

Friday 10 October sees the return of our annual Quiz - tables of up to 6 people. £3.00 per person and a cash prize to be won. If you have not got a team, just come along and join a team. It is a fun evening. There will be nibbles, but please bring your own tittle.

Our October meeting on Monday, 20 October, is special as we welcome Local First Responders, CPR and Defib Training. Through the "Bystanders Can be Lifesavers Campaign" WI members are working together to increase public confidence and training in the delivery of CPR and to work with local organisations to help improve access to defibrillators in their communities. This is an open meeting for anyone to come to, as we feel it is such an important thing we are all able to do. So come along, please.

**Ann 818993**

## Long time since you played table tennis or snooker on full size table?

Why not give it a try at Everton village hall, Thursday evenings 7.30 to 9.00 pm..

Info available from Mick Boulby, "Northville", Church St. 817761.

Dingbats: LOST IN TRANSLATION,  
BACK TO FRONT

The cranes are now staying up in church for Remembrance Day.

If you would like to adopt a string of cranes, or individual cranes, please come along to Everton Church on Saturday the 15th of November, or Sunday the 16th of November, to choose and collect. Please come between 10 until 2.

If you would like to give a donation, there will be a collection box in church, raising funds for the tower.

Many thanks, Diane Howe.



## Village Coffee Morning

The dates for October coffee mornings are TUESDAY 14th and TUESDAY 28th.

We look forward to seeing you all then. Times are 10.30 – noon in the Village Hall – everyone welcome.

See you there. **Ann 818993**

## Wednesday Dance Classes

Everton village hall, 4.00 to 6.30 pm..

4:00-4:45pm - Mini + Junior Ballet and Tap

4:45-5:15pm - Mini + Junior Movers

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## November deadline

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# October 2025

Weekly Meetings - All Village Hall unless otherwise notated

**THURSDAY** - TABLE TENNIS,  
SNOOKER, VH - 7.30pm  
- BASSETLAW MOBILE SHOP  
12.15PM - 1.15pm

**WEDNESDAY** - DANCE CLASSES 4pm-6.30pm

**FRIDAY** - LITTLE LAMBS  
9.30-11am term time - VH

**6th** OIL ORDERING DATE  
PARISH COUNCIL – 7.15 VH

**7th** Knitting Group 10.00 - noon

**10th** WI QUIZ – see note

**12th** HOLY TRINITY – 11.15am  
Holy Communion

**13th** GARDEN HOLDERS – see note

**14th** VILLAGE COFFEE 10.30 VH  
HEDS DEADLINE

**21st** Knitting Group 10.00 - noon

**24th** MND CONCERT – see note

**28th** VILLAGE COFFEE 10.30 VH

## NOVEMBER 2025 AND ON

OIL ORDERING DATES - 3 Nov, 1 Dec

5TH DECEMBER Carols and Cheese

### Church Register

Congratulations to  
David Stimpson and Catherine Davey  
who were married at Holy Trinity  
on Saturday 9th August 2025.

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