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GPCA
Goldsworth Park
Community Association

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Many of you will have read that there is a threat to the children's play area in the courtyard at the shopping centre. In his second report on the situation, Woking News & Mail reporter and my fellow contributor to Goldsworth News, Royer Slater, said that I was now "on the case" – and I am!

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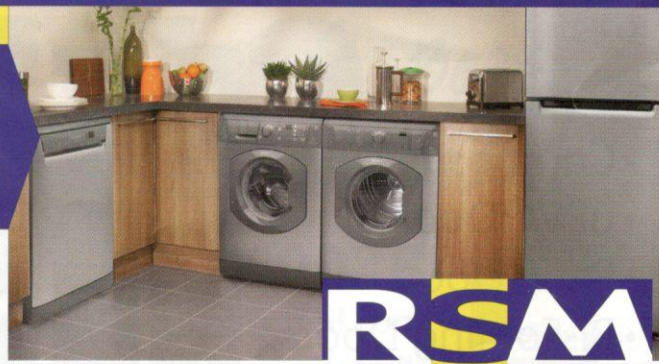
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Councillors' Surgeries

The Goldsworth Park councillors hold a surgery from 10am - 11am on the first Saturday of every month (except August) at Strollers, accessed from the path between the shops and the lake.

GPCA Meeting

The next meeting is 7pm, Wednesday 9th July in the Dianthus building by the lake. Please email the chairman if would like to receive the minutes every month: chairman.gpca@ntlworld.com

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From the Chairman

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Goldwater Lodge

As I write this article, I have just returned from a visit to

the site where I met the Council officers, the architects, builders and the management team from Toad Hall, who were inspecting progress. Work continues, and the steel work and timber for the roof of Toad Hall is going up fast. A lot of drainage work is also in evidence. The Nursery hopes to be back in operation in September.

There is less work to do on our part of the building but, as I said last time, the priority at this time is the Nursery. That being said, we are now discussing the finishing details with the architects – energy suppliers, paint finishes, flooring, and the units and appliances for the kitchen – which is very encouraging.

We hope to back in the hall and open for business in the autumn, so watch this space.

The Big Pull Together cancelled

Our Community Safety Team has experienced quite a few changes recently. This means that they are not in a position to organise a Big Pull Together this year. However, we hope to have a community event in the autumn when Goldwater Lodge opens again and we have a celebration of our own. I am not sure we

could manage two big events in a short period so perhaps it is just as well; we can focus on the re-opening. We don't have a date yet, but let me know if you would like to be involved.

Coffee Shop for Goldsworth Park Centre

The proposal to open a Costa Coffee in Goldsworth Park shopping centre seems to have generated a lot of speculation and rumour, leading to very mixed reactions. There are some who feel that there is already enough competition in the provision of coffee here, but both Waitrose and Martin's believe Costa will enhance the area and many residents welcome the introduction of a coffee shop in the centre, particularly as it would be open for longer each day and at weekends. Surely, competition and choice are good for the consumer.

There were also fears that the proposal would impact on the children's play area and seating but these are unfounded – see lead story on front page.

The Council has yet to determine the outcome of the planning application, number 2014/0295 on the planning website. The GPCA has made comments to ensure that issues about deliveries, waste collection and parking for employees are considered, but is not objecting to the application.

Irene Watson,
GPCA Chairman

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YOUR LETTERS

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At what cost Costa?

The Secretary seems pleased about the proposed Costa coffee shop BUT it raises alarm bells.

Has she forgotten, some years ago, the suggested closure of the chemist and hairdressers for a café and clothes shop?

AND what about the existing St Andrew's Church coffee and meals, and Strollers coffee and snacks for the elderly and disabled? How will the children's play area be affected?

This new addition is NOT adding anything new.

Sincerely,

Diana E Over

Please be considerate

I'd like to thank all of those people who are courteous to their neighbours, and encourage everybody to do the same.

When you're driving in Goldsworth Park, please stay within the speed limit and do not cut corners when turning right, as this forces oncoming traffic to take collision-avoiding action.

Also, if you organise an event this summer, please be good-neighbourly and inform nearby residents if there will be noise until late at night. Try to be quiet enough to let people sleep, and don't go on past 10pm.

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Notices

Goldwater Lodge will finally be re-opening later this year and several people have suggested we have a party to mark the occasion. If you would like to be one of the organisers or have an idea for a way to celebrate, contact the GPCA Chairman: chairman.gpca@ntlworld.com

Goldsworth News delivery volunteers are needed for Winnington Way and the surrounding roads of Abingdon Close, Badgers Close, Colyton Close, Falstone, Glendale Close, Inglewood, Waterside Way and Winnington Way. Linda Hill sends her thanks to Chris, the volunteer who took on all the roads we featured

last time.

Volunteer roving reporters are needed for the Goldsworth News. If you can spare a couple of hours every two months to go to an event in the community, take some photos and write a fun story describing the experience, please email goldsworthnews@yahoo.co.uk.

Is there some news from Goldsworth Park that we haven't reported? Make sure we don't forget next time; email goldsworthnews@yahoo.co.uk. The deadline for the next edition is 15h August.



Feeling flushed with success, by Irene Watson

The GPCA would like to thank everyone who supported our campaign for a proper public toilet for Goldsworth Park. In total, we collected well over 500 signatures on the paper petition and a further 250+ on the e-petition. We have presented the petition to Ray Morgan, Chief Executive of Woking Borough Council, and are waiting for a formal response.

This is just a formality, however, as he has informed us that a public toilet will be constructed in the building between Goldwater Lodge and the changing-room block. This is where the GPCA has always said the facilities should be. We have spoken to the officers concerned and have even seen the plans. There will be separate ladies and gents loos opening off a corridor and a separate toilet for disabled users, with its own entrance.

We hope that this part of the project will be finished in September. The "super-loo" will be removed in July when the contract ends so there will be a gap of two or three months until the new facility is completed but we can live with that, don't you think?

Are there any other issues that the GPCA should be taking up on behalf of residents? Please contact the Chairman at 37 Willowmead Close, Woking GU21 3DN, email: chairman.gpca@ntlworld.com or goldsworthnews@yahoo.co.uk. The final deadline for the next edition is August 15 – any content received after this date unfortunately cannot be included.

Events in detail

Calendar

July

Every Saturday from 10am, Goldsworth Park Rangers football club is holding under-7 recruitment sessions; visit gprfc.org

12 Thi's Burgers, Bangers and Build, Goldsworth Park recreation ground, 11am-4pm

19-20 Look up to get a free glimpse of Farnborough International Airshow

19 Knaphill village show; knaphillshow.org

26 Horsell village show; horsellvillageshow.co.uk

August

7 HeartBeat Support meeting, with speakers and raffle, £2; heartbeat-support-woking.org

9-10 Prudential RideLondon cycling event; prudentialridelondon.co.uk

15 Final deadline for content for Goldsworth News

19 and 21 St Andrew's over-55s Holiday at Home; goldsworthpark.org.uk

September

4 HeartBeat Support meeting – see August 7

5-7 Woking Food and Drink Festival; wokingfoodanddrinkfestival.co.uk

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Thi's Burgers, Bangers and Build – July 12, 11am-4pm

Rosie Barker is running a charity event in memory of her son Matthias (known as Thi), who sadly died of cancer two years ago at the young age of 10: "I am holding a family fun day on Goldsworth Park recreation ground with more than 50 stalls, including the fire brigade, police and Red Cross, a barbecue and a beer and Pimm's tent. There will be a LEGO raffle and monument build, pony rides and lots of entertainment. All of the proceeds go to Shooting Star Chase which is where we spent our last precious five weeks with Matthias as a complete family."

Entrance is £2.50 for adults, £1 for children. Visit matthiasalwaysandforever.co.uk

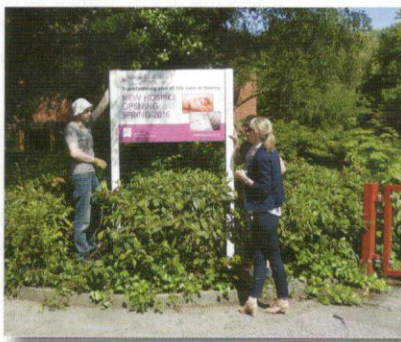
Signs the Hospice is on the move

by Lorraine Weedon, Marketing & Communications Manager

You may have seen things starting to happen at the new Hospice site in Denton Way. A sign has been erected announcing our arrival in Spring 2016 and the initial clearing out process has begun. The plans have been submitted to Woking Borough Council and we are hoping that building work can start before the end of the year.

We continue to raise awareness of exactly what Hospice Care means to a community. It is so much more than just a building; it's a philosophy of care which alongside nursing care focuses on an individual's practical, emotional and spiritual needs. We care for people both in the Hospice buildings and in their own homes; in fact for every one patient being looked after in an in-patient bed, another 20 are being looked after at home. The visits from the Hospice team can control pain, enable people to enhance their quality of life and help prevent hospital admissions. Once in contact with the Hospice, a whole range of services become available including day care, therapeutic care and counselling for adults, young people and children. As I write, we are currently supporting over 500 families through very challenging times.

The Dragon Boat Charity Challenge will have taken place at the Goldsworth Lake by the time you read this. There were teams representing the local Police, Barclays Bank and Scorpion Training Boot Camp, to mention a few.



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Goldsworth Park Centre play area (continued from cover)

As the first reports of the matter implied that the tenant shops were in agreement with the proposal to remove the play equipment "for health and safety reasons", I spoke to all of them. While all agreed that there were accidents, they said they were minor – what you would expect when children played. However, they nearly all said that there were more accidents with older people slipping and tripping on the uneven paving outside the shops than there were with children.

I spoke to a representative of the managing agents who was kind enough to send the following statement.

"As managing agents on behalf of the Landlord of Goldsworth Park, it is our duty to maintain, repair, and cleanse the common parts within the retail centre. It is thought that the existing common space is in poor condition, aesthetically unpleasing and provides inadequate/poor seating, so we intend to carry out improvement works to the area. The first stage of these works will include the removal of the existing play equipment, at the Landlord's

cost, which is deteriorating and considered potentially hazardous to children. It is the Landlord's intention to replace the existing climbing frame with new, low level play apparatus for local children to use and enjoy, improve the general attractiveness of the area and improve the seating for adults and children."

She added that she hoped that the above statement will put the local residents at rest in the knowledge that the equipment will be replaced in due course.

I raised the issue of the paving and the accidents to older people and she was concerned. She said that their intention was to refurbish the whole courtyard, to repaint and relocate the seating and brighten up the surface of the children's play area. They will take appropriate action over the paving during this process.

The managing agents have promised to keep me informed of any site works updates going forward – so watch this space.

Anyone for tennis? By Roz Turley



With Wimbledon over, maybe you would like to get on court yourself, but don't know anyone to play? There is an easy solution. The 'Martian' Singles Tennis League in Woking is open to men and women of all standards for friendly, competitive matches.

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There are courts in Woking Park and at Winston Churchill School sports centre. Competing is the ideal way to improve and as one player said, "I have thoroughly enjoyed my matches and met some lovely people."

Want to give it a go? Entry is £15.

Visit localtennisleagues.com/woking for the dates of the next league, email wokingtennisleague@gmail.com or phone Sally or Nigel on 0750 328 1732.

Navigate the Goldsworth Park maze

A new fold-out map of Goldsworth Park showing footpaths and cut-throughs will keep you on the right track wherever you walk on the Park.

All profits from sales and advertising on the map are being given to Woking Hospice, due to move to Goldsworth Park in 2016.

It was the brainchild of Goldsworth News correspondent, Royer Slater, who researched and drew the artwork on his computer over many months.

"The Park is covered with paths and alleys linking roads," said Royer. "Distances between streets are often much shorter when you're not confined to roads. I hope the map will encourage people to walk, not drive – and that they'll have fun exploring, just as I've done!"

"The map will also benefit Woking Hospice, thanks to the generosity of Knaphill Print and many local businesses who took adverts. Several traders at Goldsworth Park Centre are putting copies on their counters and every penny paid goes into a Hospice collection box. The cover price is £1 but I hope people will pay a little more, as the Hospice is an excellent cause."



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Changes in Goldsworth Park policing team

by PC Emma Robinson

This month we have a new member on the Goldsworth Park and Horsell Policing Team. **PCSO Dino Gomez** joined Surrey Police in 2006 and was based in Camberley, working alongside the youth team. In 2010 he moved to Woking, where he was a Police Community Support Officer in the town centre and in 2013 he moved to Byfleet.

Dino is looking forward to facing new challenges. If you see Dino out and about on patrol please feel free to stop and speak to him.

Goldsworth Park & Horsell Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team



PC 40253 Robinson



PC 40130 Hobbs



PC 40198 Robinson



PCSO 15004 Worsell



PCSO 12110 Gomez

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HeartBeat of Woking



HeartBeat Support Woking (HBSW) is a registered charity, set up as a much-needed support group for recovering heart patients and their families and carers. It holds its monthly meetings at TS Dianthus building, overlooking the Goldsworth Lake.

Now in its 12th year, it has grown, much like small acorns, into a strong fundraising organisation to support the Rehab Unit and the Coronary Care Unit, together with other cardiac related projects at St Peter's Hospital. (The charity has raised in excess of £75,000 during its 12 years). Much of the gym equipment in Cardiac Rehab, including a water tower, a state-of-the-art computer software system linking ambulances with the CCU, heart monitoring equipment, crash trolley and defibrillator were among many items donated by HBSW. We are now in the process of funding a much needed Relatives Room in Coronary Care together with a quiet viewing garden.

We have now established a team of volunteers who visit patients at their bedside in CCU to help reassure them that there is a life to be lived after heart problems.

On the back of this, in 2012, the group were proud to receive, along with the other St. Peter's volunteers, the Queen's Award to Volunteering (the group equivalent of an MBE).

Each month speakers on various subjects (not just heart and health related) speak to the group at TS Dianthus building. Anyone is welcome to come along to our meetings, held on the first Thursday of each month. Cost is just £2 on the door. A fundraising raffle is held at each meeting.

Other fundraising events include: an annual Quiz Night held in November at The Good Shepherd Church in Pyrford (to accommodate much larger numbers!) and a Christmas dinner/dance at Chobham Golf Club.

Individual members have also 'done their bit'. A former chairman jumped out of an aeroplane at 12,500ft! The present Chairman walked the 100 miles of the South Downs Way and just recently a member climbed the heights of Sydney Harbour Bridge! Many other groups and individuals have done fundraising in aid of HBSW.

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Surrey Dolphins vice-chair's trip to Buckingham Palace

It was a memorable day for charity leader Theresa Fuoco BEM when she was invited to Buckingham Palace for a special reception and presented to Her Majesty the Queen.

Woking resident Mrs Fuoco, 50, vice-chair and swim co-ordinator for Surrey Dolphins Swimability, was one of thousands selected for the royal garden party but one of just a handful who got to meet the Queen. She was accompanied by her husband, John, and daughters Rosie and Georgina.

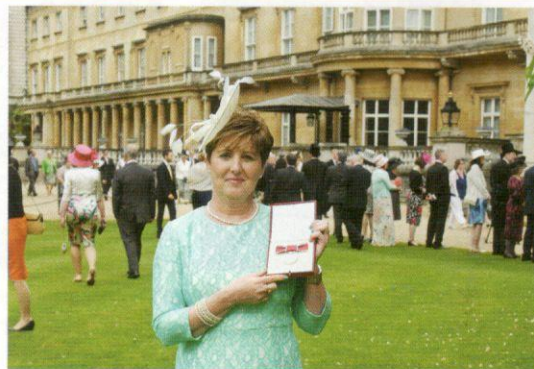
And it was another chance to celebrate for the Knaphill resident after she was awarded a British Empire Medal in the New Year's Honours List in January.

Mrs Fuoco got the chance to discuss with the Queen the valuable work of the club, which offers swimming and water therapy for those with physical disabilities. The assisted swim charity is based at Woking Leisure Centre and offers a real lifeline to adults across Surrey, who have the chance to swim and exercise in a safe and friendly environment.

Those who volunteer with Mrs Fuoco describe her as an individual who goes above and beyond for the people she works with, visiting unwell members in hospital and being a great advocate on their behalf.

She said: "It was all a bit surreal but the Queen asked lots about the charity. She knows Guildford and Woking but she hasn't been for a while and she talked to my children about their jobs. It was really special."

To celebrate Mrs Fuoco's success, there was a Picnic in the Park for members of the charity on July 3 at Woking's Pool in the Park.



A personal view by Royer Slater

Park people are a lucky lot. It's been great to get out and about in the sunshine to enjoy Goldsworth looking beautiful.

A great part of Goldsworth Park's appeal is its abundance of mature trees and wide swathes of green verge. For that we must thank the foresight of planning consultants, working with Woking Borough Council some 40 years ago.

They used this former nursery land as a blank canvass on which to design a place where people would love to live.

The road network was designed with a bypass road (Lockfield Drive) serving carrier roads (Bampton Way, Denton Way, Kirkland Avenue and Sythwood), lined with grass verges. These feed residential streets, all branched cul-de-sacs. Roads curve to break monotony. The planners prescribed a variety of housing in each locality on the Park, to mix together different types of household.

A substantial footpath network was laid out, to encourage

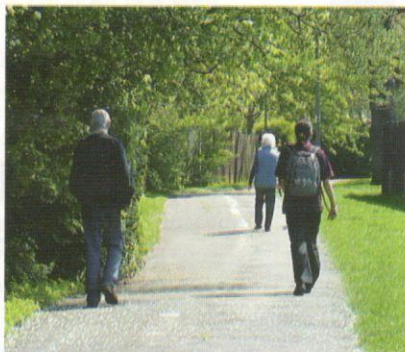
walking to shops, schools and local amenities.

Some mature trees were left where they stood; many others were moved elsewhere on the Park. Hundreds of saplings of various tree varieties were planted. These are now mature trees for us to enjoy.

The lake is the sparkling jewel in Goldsworth Park's crown. The planners knew it would be a superb leisure amenity, but its function is to store water from the Park's streets temporarily during heavy rainfall, until it can be released into the river system.

The lake and recreation grounds are on the northern side of the Park because the area was damp and liable to flooding. After the lake was constructed, adjacent areas could not be built on for four years to allow the ground to dry out.

So, when you next take a stroll around the Park's paths and its sparkling jewel of water, say a little "thank you" to the planners who defined gorgeous Goldsworth Park and made it a great place for us to live.



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Rangers' biggest ever youth tournament *by Simon Barron*



It was all smiles at Goldsworth Park in June when local club, Goldsworth Park Rangers held their annual community youth football festival. Boys and girls of all ages from under-6 to under-14, laced up their boots for a crack at the tournament and a chance to take home a coveted medal.

A massive 169 teams entered from all over Surrey. There were 1,799 players and a staggering 471 matches played over the weekend, full of action, entertainment and goals!

The club organised the festival for all ages, to make sure football was played in a fun and enjoyable environment.

For the under-6s, Goldsworth Park Rangers hosted fun training sessions and some mini matches, with all players receiving a medal. Highlight of the day for the youngsters was when Woking mascot KC Kat came down to watch them play, and presented their medals, followed by the chance for a photo with him.

At the under-7 and under-8 age group, a round robin series of matches was held on a non-competitive basis, with all players receiving medals from the Surrey Primary League. For many youngsters this was their first taste of tournament football and a good time was had by all.

For the other age groups, matches were played as leagues and knock outs to determine the cup winners, in an ideal warm up for the World Cup! Winners came from many different clubs, including Worplesdon, Onslow, Send and Brooklands, with special mention to AFC Wimbledon girls' teams, who won both the under-11 and under-13 competitions. Hosts Goldsworth Park Rangers supplied the winners of four competitions, including their under 10 team, completing the treble following their Premier league and Surrey cup wins earlier in the season.

Goldsworth Park Rangers chairman, Lee Swain, paid tribute to everyone who was involved in organising the event and gave special thanks to the many parents who volunteered on the day to help make it a huge success. He said "It was great to see so many kids enjoying themselves playing football in Goldsworth Park, in front of so many parents, friends and family. The event took six months planning and thanks also go to local businesses Waterfalls Sales & Letting and Bisley Removal Services for their support."

Andy Morgan, club secretary, added, "This has been a great season for Goldsworth Park Rangers, both on and off the pitch, culminating in our biggest-ever youth football festival. We are not resting on our laurels though and are always looking for new players to come and join in the fun.

"In particular we are recruiting for next year's newest teams at under-7 level – any boys and girls currently in reception or year one at school are welcome to come and play on a

Saturday morning at Goldsworth Park Recreation Ground from 10am."

Training for the youngsters runs to the end of July and starts again in September. For more details see gprfc.org



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Former GPCA Chairman receives aviation award



Some of you might remember that Ian Rickard was featured in this magazine and the local press about 12 years ago when he built a Europa Aircraft in his garage and learned to fly. This led

to a key role in the Europa Club, an organisation for builders and pilots, as a technical expert and liaison with the Light Aircraft Association over modifications.

His service to the cause of light aviation has now been recognised by the Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom when he was awarded a Certificate of Merit, presented by HRH the Duke of York at a reception at the RAF Club on May 13.

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Soldiers help create peace garden

- British Army soldiers, including members of the Armed Forces Muslim Association, last month helped with ground preparation at Woking's Muslim Burial Ground to create an Islamic-style peace garden - a place of quiet contemplation and remembrance. It will feature 27 Himalayan birch trees representing the original number of servicemen buried at the site.

The Sound of free music - Residents and visitors to Woking will again be treated to free music every Saturday until September 13, 2014. The Summer Sounds concerts will take place on the putting green in Woking Park, and feature a selection of music, including local brass and jazz bands.

Help for dementia sufferers - The Woking Wellbeing Centre, opened in May and located at the Vyne Centre for the Community in Knaphill, is a local hub for information and support services relating to memory loss, dementia (particularly for those in the early stages or prior to diagnosis) and associated problems. In addition to a programme of weekly sessions to promote wellbeing and independent living, a drop-in advice service is available every Thursday between 9am and noon.

Don't let your loved ones get lost

- A credit card-sized device is to be offered to people with dementia to help prevent them becoming one of the

tens of thousands of adults with the condition who go missing across the country each year. The GPS device allows a route by bus, train or on-foot journey to be plotted, and if the user strays, relatives get an alert on their smartphone or computer with a link to a Google map pinpointing the person's location.

On your bike - Help others to race by volunteering to help out at this summer's Prudential RideLondon-Surrey cycling festival. Volunteers are needed by the organisers of the events, which include the RideLondon-Surrey 100 mass-participation event and the RideLondon-Surrey Classic race, for professionals, on Sunday August 10. More information, including details about registering, can be found at prudentialridelondon.co.uk.

Medals for Woking Young athletes

-Woking youngsters proved themselves sporting superstars in June when they came overall second at this year's P&G Surrey Youth Games at Guildford, with a clutch of medals and scoring some great team performances.

Grab cash for your project

- Community groups are urged to bid for a share of £500,000 that is up for grabs for projects that improve their local areas and make a lasting difference to people's lives. Application forms are on surreycc.gov.uk and the deadline for bids is 25 July.



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