# RIENDS OF







They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them.

# **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**



This year has marked the 25th Anniversary of the formation of the Friends of Stansted Park, which followed the amalgamation Friends of Stansted House and Friends of the Forest. We have enjoyed many celebratory events throughout the year, including a trip to Parham House, the Summer Party, and the events that took place within the House.

Membership continues to grow and there are a number of events that you can still attend in 2023, either arranged by the Friends, or the Foundation. Details of these are included elsewhere in the Newsletter.

If you are looking for a Christmas present or just something to read during the winter months, please visit the Foundation's Bookshop in the Garden Centre, with all the funds raised going towards the upkeep of the Estate.

On behalf of the whole Committee I would like to take this opportunity to wish all FOSP Members and their families a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Nigel Smith

## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

It has been a very busy summer with a plethora of events and activities across the Estate. The vagaries of the British weather have certainly been in evidence, with scorching heat in early June and then rain throughout most of July and August.

We got very used to planning for the worst and hoping for the best! It required a great deal of stoicism to be displayed by the entire Stansted Team to ensure that public events were conducted safely.

The grounds looked at their best towards the end of May, with much hard work and dedication to ensure a stunning prospect as the Estate moved into its summer season. The Garden Show, in its 29th Year, benefitted hugely from the pristine beauty of the Estate. It was held in scorching heat, while the Summer Festival was afflicted by an "Amber Weather Warning". This necessitated some agile contingency planning in order to ensure that the event could still go ahead safely on the Saturday. We managed to escape the worst of it, although there were a few 50mph gusts.



Inside a campaign tent

The Festival is certainly striking a chord with a wide range of folk who enjoy a pot-pourri of eccentric and eclectic delights - including a Russian T34 tank! The Napoleonic Association mustered in force with some very realistic battle re-enactments being conducted. We were able to secure some high octane guest speakers as well as jazz, marching and concert bands and rural crafts, a Forest School, not to mention the 'Stansted Safari' tractor rides! My very sincere thanks go to those FOSP members who volunteered to assist in multifarious tasks throughout the weekend.

The Proms Weekend was also tremendous, with a wonderful aerial performance by the Spitfire and the most spectacular firework display in years and, of course, a fine orchestra and singers including Malakai Bayoh who won the coveted Golden Buzzer on Britain's Got Talent – a dazzling evening!

In April, we welcomed Jess Williams (see page 4) as our new House Steward Coordinator who joined us from Chawton House. She is highly experienced in the heritage management field and in the organisation of events and associated marketing. Jess has already made her mark in the House with the stewards as well as organising a Heritage Open Day and giving a talk on Henrietta Ponsonby.

It is very encouraging that visitors to the House are steadily increasing, up from 4,670 in 2022 to 4,826 this year with group visits also bouncing back post COVID. We are looking at how to expand our guided tour offerings, including the introduction of public group guided tours on occasional Sundays, which the FOSP can join for half price. Festive tours are also available during December.

The website and marketing content is undergoing big changes, with the introduction of a 3D virtual tour which will allow potential guests to virtually walkthrough the ground floor of the House and the Bessborough Suite. Along with new promotional aerial footage and video from around the Estate, these developments will significantly boost our corporate

The volunteers very much enjoyed their annual 'Thank -You' lunch, kindly supplied by Sandra and Caitlin for all those who work hard and give up their time so generously to support the Foundation throughout the year; it really is appreciated.

David Bennett (Photograph - The Editor)

# **HEAD FORESTER'S NOTES - AUTUMN 2023**

The Department's focus will be very much on the planting and guarding of trees over the coming months and will start with the installation of 700m of deer/rabbit fencing in Compartment 3, Stansted Forest, followed by 540m of stock fencing in Lady's

**Excellent Douglas** Fir growth

The majority of this winter's tree order is of mixed broadleaves to restock areas where we have had to remove diseased ash and mixed conifer species for the first part of the replanting of Compartment 3, where we felled a commercial crop of Norway spruce this summer. This large area will be replanted over two winters, although we will need to fence it all in year one. There will also be a few ornamental trees to plant as well, including the blue Atlas cedar, which is to be planted on behalf of the Friends in the Orange Grove.

Many of the early plantings to replace diseased ash, particularly in the Sling, are now showing good strong shoots out of the top of their tree tubes. I hope the many generous people who contributed towards these plantings will enjoy seeing their trees develop in the coming years.

In general, tree growth in our plantations has been excellent this year, especially in Douglas fir, some of which have put on a five foot leader. Broadleaves have done very well, particularly oak and cherry and regrowth of sweet chestnut coppice has been similarly good.

The last lorry load of spruce timber went from Compartment 3 at the end of September; the majority of over a thousand cubic meters going to Thompsons Sawmill in Norfolk for conversion into decking and garden sleepers. All the small, knotty and bent material went to Bedmax of Andover who make dust-free horse and animal bedding which is exported all over the world.

By the time you read this, the Highland cattle will have been in Lady's Walk for their autumn feast of sweet chestnuts. They have been watching this annual bounty fall from the trees on the other side of the fence with anticipation! A few chestnuts however, fall their side to sharpen the appetite! As usual, they have performed a stalwart job in grazing the majority of our conservation areas with Rosamond's Hill looking particularly fine this year, studded with wild flowers, over which there was a fine display of butterflies and other insects.





Compartment 3 ready for planting.

Our ten year felling licence with the Forestry Commission runs out in November 2024, so I will be spending a good deal of time in the coming months on updating our management plan which will be a requirement for the issue of a new felling licence. I will also need it in place when our Countryside Stewardship Scheme for the woodlands finishes in 2026, in order to either run the scheme on or enter a new version. Our focus over the next few years will certainly be on maintenance as we now have a substantial acreage of plantations under ten years of age. These will need woody weed species removed, regeneration recruited into gaps, formative pruning and removal of double leaders, removal of tubes as necessary and deer fence maintenance. In this way, we hope to provide a sustainable

volume of timber for the future, alongside all the other benefits the forest provides. Michael Prior

# TREE OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER WEYMOUTH OR EASTERN WHITE PINE (Pinus strobus)

The sticky, resinous new cones of October's Tree of the Month glisten in the clear light of an early autumn morning. Once older and dried out, the banana shaped cones can make good decorations but at this stage they are best left alone as the resin is hard to remove.

Introduced to the UK in the early 18th century from America by Lord Weymouth of Longleat, who it is named after, it was eagerly planted in quantity as a possible new timber tree. Unfortunately, white pine blister rust affected it very badly and it was abandoned as a forest tree. It is one of the five-needled pines and its graceful form, attractive foliage and interesting cones are a bonus to any tree collection.

Ours is next to and slightly overshadowed by the group of three very big Tulip Trees on the south lawn near to the chapel.

Michael Prior



# WINTER

Jack Frost on my window pane, Icicles along the lane And snow is falling once again. It's Christmas!

Valerie Godwin

## **RECOLLECTIONS - RUTH TOMALIN**

As many Friends are aware Ruth and Jill corresponded very frequently so this is the latest from Jill's archives:

#### 25th June 2008

Dear Jill.... as you say, the spring weather was at times extraordinary as well as being unpredictable. The early daffodils were delightful but then we had so many wintry spells that shortened the displays. Here, it was a silent spring with no birds singing. I feared this was due to the activities of our numerous magpies in Eastbourne last year. But in May, with nesting again possible, the blackbirds at last began to warble and have never stopped so one hopes they're successfully rearing young. The robins too are in evidence but sadly our town seems to have lost its thrushes. When we came here in 1993 one could hear six of them all winter.



I well remember that April Sunday with its amazing snowfall creating a 'white world'. Your picture of the Dutch Garden under snow is delightful and reminds me of [rare] snowfalls in the mid 1930s, when the garden men would be superintended by my father in shaking snow off the trees in the 'pleasure ground' as we then called the Arboretum. Incidentally, the 30's ended with the wonderful 'white Christmas' of 1938: the previous notable blizzards had come at Christmas ten years earlier and my 95 year-old cousin Ray and I well remember walking home late at night by torchlight from our Christmas evening party at Middle Lodge, the snow banked high on either side of us in the drive: very exciting! Also, Ray and I are the only two left from our wonderful family Christmases of those far off years. (The 1938 one was our last family gathering until 1947 - and by a miracle, as it still seems, the 'boys' were all there as well as John Woolfries, the Head Keeper's son (Squadron-Leader, RAF), after six years in the 'front

lines' of Italy, Normandy, Burma etc.).

Gail and I recently had business in Chichester and came on for lunch and to enjoy walks at Stansted with warm sunshine, birdsong and the display of narcissi still looking lovely. Needless to say we checked the Dutch Garden several times but clearly it wasn't one of your days.

At the moment I'm having an interesting time conservation-wise. In 2006 I was enjoying visits to a colony of pyramid orchids in the grounds of a huge office complex at the top of my road. They were flowering on a bank inside a perimeter railing and I looked forward last year to seeing them again. But just before they flowered, the bank was mown from end to end and only one or two escaped. This year I waited until a month ago and then sought help from Sussex Wildlife Conservation Helpline, who put me in touch with the right man on East Sussex County Council (the owners) - and to cut this anecdote short, the site is being visited today by a most sympathetic ecologist who, I trust, will prevent the destruction of the 26 orchids that have recovered and are flowering again. It's so good to find that these things are taken seriously nowadays. As a child I used to cover orchids in the forest with leafy branches, as otherwise they would be picked by ramblers. People usually don't do that now, but there is always some zealous 'groundsman' anxious to make wild places look tidy, unaware of doing harm. I'm sure you know all about that as well as Michael Prior.



I've also had an interesting time in another way, as Isis Publishing, Oxford, have brought out the third of my sequence of novels.... 'A Day in the Country', 'Away to the West', with a lovely cover photo by a talented friend, James Laverick. He's also given me two more photos for the front and back covers of the final book in this sequence, 'The Orchard House.' Because of my advanced age, I'm too impatient to wait for the publishers and so am bringing out a small private edition first - hence all the proof reading!

Publishing now, of course, is a very different process from what it was when my first book came out in 1947 and I'm so lucky to have the expert help of Nick and Gail (son & daughter-in-law with their computer) in managing this, as well as a splendid 'Print & Design' firm in Chichester. During all this, they are waiting to become grandparents and myself a great-granny at any moment perhaps, as their daughter Claire has been told she may be early!

My biro, I see, has run away with me into so many anecdotes..... so my very best wishes & love from Ruth.

Jill Waring

# HEAD FORESTER'S WALKS FOR FRIENDS OF STANSTED PARK

Many of you will have joined Michal Prior on his wonderful walks around the Estate - these walks have always been a free, exclusive benefit for FOSP members but, as they are so popular, some members have brought along their friends as well. We do welcome non-members on the walks, but would ask that they make a voluntary donation to FOSP for the privilege of sharing in these fascinating and informative private guided walks.

A donation can easily be made by telephoning the Estate Office, **023 9241 2265**, option 5 (mornings only) to make a card payment to Friends of Stansted Park.

Alternatively, you could encourage your friends to join the Friends instead! Then they can support this beautiful Estate and enjoy all the other benefits of membership as well.

Nigel Smith

To join Friends of Stansted, see the FOSP page on the Foundation's website www.stanstedpark.co.uk

or join at the House during opening times.

#### HEAD FORESTER'S WALK - THE ARBORETUM



Over 40 members met to join Michael's recent walk in the Arboretum – a fascinating glimpse of some of the beautiful trees there, and of their source and history.

The earliest trees in the Arboretum are thought to have been planted in the mid/late 1800s, instigated by the desire for Victorian land owners to set up their own collections of new species being found across the world.

Michael had some 49 specimens on his list on our round tour of the arboretum and he told us when and where the tree was first discovered and details of particular trees in other notable locations. Here is just a small sample of the trees worth a special mention:-

Giant redwood, biggest tree in the world by volume, a spectacular specimen, with the distinctive soft, dark red bark (the oldest tree of this species is thought to be 3,266 years old). Next, a Tulip Tree, of the magnolia family, found

in the early 1600s which eventually flowered last July, after 25 years!

Medlar fruit tree - this particular tree growing widthways rather than up, and bearing thousands of edible fruits, but requiring "bletting" first - the ripening of fruit, esp. of fruit stored until the desired degree of softness is attained.

Date plum, from India in 1597 and not planted much outside botanical gardens. It is amongst the oldest plants in cultivation.

The magnificent dawn redwood, discovered in 1941, from a remote Chinese province.

A Chinese necklace poplar, planted in 1900, is one of the world's poplars to have flowers of both

Michael spoke about the zelkova, a tree that is a graceful ornamental tree native to East Asia, which could be planted as a substitutes for the American elm that has been devastated by a fungal disease.

High in the general canopy, Michael pointed to mistletoe growing prolifically in one area - mostly much too high to be collected. A shame, as it could be sold for £2.00 a sprig!

Thank you Michael. As ever, we delight in your walks, love Stansted and really appreciate the time you take to share your knowledge and enthusiasm. Anne Burton

#### OLD IDSWORTH TALK & WALK - BY MARK SEAMAN

The talk by Mark about Idsworth, the least known of the three local Estates, was extremely interesting and full of fascinating facts. He discussed with the Friends several artefacts that had been discovered in the area over the years. Mark then spoke about the existing house, which is situated on a rise, two kilometres from Rowlands Castle and lying at the end of a 300m drive and which can only be seen from a distance. As is usually the case, the existing building is by no means the first Idsworth House. What is unusual is that its predecessors were built on an entirely different site. The current building dates back no further than the middle of the nineteenth century but is older than that at Stansted (like Uppark, rebuilt after a fire), while the local Staunton's House was demolished altogether.



To locate the site of the earlier Houses, one has to look two miles north-east, across the shoulder of Idsworth Down. It is, however, possible to see what is left of the previous house and garden in the valley bottom, near the celebrated Saxon chapel, in the area now widely known as 'Old Idsworth'.

The walk, from the church on a lovely, warm, sunny afternoon, began by strolling over to the house and grounds, which we were privileged to explore as it has always been in private hands. Here we

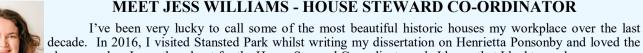
were shown the dovecot, ice-house, pond and other interesting features surrounding the property. Returning to the church, we went inside to discuss this listed Saxon and Norman construction which was rebuilt in the 11th century, replacing an earlier stone and flint edifice. All trace of the village has now gone, buried beneath the plough. There was once a Saxon settlement on Church Down in the sixth and seventh centuries, which was recently excavated by Southampton University, but the area was eventually abandoned and the

inhabitants relocated to the current sites of Chalton, Blendworth and Idsworth. There are some signs of a village dating back to the ninth century in the region of Old Idsworth, but this had also disappeared by the end of the fourteenth century, possibly a victim of the plague. The chapel though, remained and, before the village's population was decimated, they chose to adorn the walls with wonderful Medieval art. By this time, the area had passed through the hands of Godwin, Earl of Wessex, the most powerful man in England, who oversaw the building of St Peter and St Paul (later St Hubert), and of his son Harold, King until defeated at Hastings in 1066. William the Conqueror dispersed this conquered land amongst his followers. What is now Hampshire and



Sussex was divided amongst Roger de Montgomery and Hugh de Port. The wall art in the church was covered up during King Henry VIII's reformation, by layers of whitewash, until, in 1864, the Reverend J. Astley had the layers removed.

A truly fascinating and informative talk and walk. Robert Godwin



decade. In 2016, I visited Stansted Park whilst writing my dissertation on Henrietta Ponsonby and loved the place, so when I saw the advert for the House Steward Co-ordinator role I knew that I had to apply.

I'm sure you will agree that there is something very special about Stansted Park and it has been a joy to work alongside our dedicated House Stewards this season to engage visitors with the history of the Estate. Now, as we begin to prepare for our festive events, I would like to say 'thank you' to everyone for

being so welcoming and making this such an incredible place to work. Jess Williams



# 'FLORENCE VILLA' DOLLS HOUSE



Having thought long and hard, it is with regret that we have decided to take back the dolls house which is currently in the Housekeeper's room and return it to our home in Emsworth.

It has been a real delight to have had it on show at Stansted House for some twenty years but we feel it is time for it now to come home to its own family. Our great grandchildren, for there is now yet another generation of children, all reside in Scotland and are unable to reap the benefits of enjoying it when they come to visit us, as we, our children and our children's children have done in the past.

We are extremely grateful for the care and attention the Dolls House has received whilst in Stansted's care and we know that, over

the years, it has been enjoyed by very many children and adults alike.

We hope that Friends, Trustees, Staff and Stewards will understand the reason behind our decision. *Robert & Valerie Godwin* 



# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR THOSE WHO RENEW IN JANUARY

It is that time of year again when we think about renewing our membership to the Friends of Stansted Park. For those that do re-join in January and pay by other means and would like to set up a Standing Order, it is quite easy to do online with your bank, or call into your nearest branch, making the payment for the 1st January each year. Please inform Paul Bennett, the Membership Secretary, by email that you are setting this up or alternatively telephone the Estate Office details below:-

For those joining at other times of the year, you will be sent reminders when your membership renewal is due, this is shown on the bottom of your membership card.

# Friends of Stansted Park

Account Number: 61788627 Sort Code: 60 -10 - 20 (Please use your Membership number as a reference)

Alternatively, you can pay by BACS to the FOSP account, using the details above or by card via Kim at the Stansted Estate Office, giving your name and membership number.

You also have the option to pay by cheque, payable to Friends of Stansted Park, and sent to: -

#### Stansted Park Foundation, Stansted Park, Rowlands Castle PO9 6DX

(Subscriptions remain the same: - Double £25, Single £15 and Family £30)

Please, if you have any queries or changes to address or email, then contact the Membership Secretary, Paul Bennett, by email on: -

friendsofstanstedpark@outlook.com or telephone the Estate Office on 023 9241 2265, option 5.

# COMMITTEE MEMBER PROFILES FOSP COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER EDITOR - ROBERT GODWIN



I was born during March 1946 in Portsmouth, where I spent most of my formative years. I was educated at Drayton Road Infants, Binsteed Road Junior and Portsmouth Technical School (which, in 1959, became Portsmouth Technical High). None of these schools now exist, so I do hope it was not my foult!

I left the 'Tech' in January 1962 and joined Portsmouth Dockyard as a Fitter and Turner apprentice. In 1964 I was awarded the prize for the apprentice of the year and represented Portsmouth Dockyard in the National Apprentice Competition. During March 1968 I married Pamela and had two children, Paul (born in 1969) and Jane (born in 1972). I played basketball for Portsmouth Pirates and rugby for Portsmouth Vandals - the 3rd team. In mid 1969 I joined the Dockyard Mechanical Drawing Office and, in 1974, was promoted to Bath as a Leading Draftsman working on the Type 22 destroyers as a Post Design Officer. I returned to Portsmouth in 1976 and took up a post as a Ministry of Defence Naval Overseer at Vosper Thorneycroft, where I oversaw warship mechanical engineering construction for the Brazilian and Nigerian

Navies. I also oversaw the build of HMS Southampton and HMS Gloucester for the MoD. In 1984 I was promoted back to Bath as a Technical Costing Officer on Trafalgar Class Nuclear submarines. Two years later I returned to ASWE, on Portsdown Hill, where I was once again promoted and became the Project Manager for Seacat, a ship to air missile system, which often entailed visits to Belfast! I was also involved in management of the base bleed ammunition project for the naval 4.5 inch gun.

Pamela walked out on me in 1990 and I subsequently met and married Valerie in 1992, moving from Waterlooville to Emsworth in April 1993. During September 1993, Valerie and I joined Stansted's Friends of the Forest.

In 1996, I was transferred back to Portsmouth Naval Base as the Estate Manager and was tasked with ensuring that the infrastructure and buildings were maintained in good order by my contractors. I also had satellite sites at Royal Clarence Yard, Naval Oil Fuel Depot and Priddy's Yard Armaments Establishment.

It was in the Estates Division that I honed my skills at newsletter publications, being the editor of the Estates and Engineering Organisation's newsletter.

In September 2002, the Naval Base was sold by the MoD to Fleet Support Group and, as they did not wish to retain 'Civil Servants', I was offered, and took early retirement. Being only fifty-eight, I decided to start my own business in property maintenance which I managed for five years before finally retiring! I have a keen interest in photography, computing, cruising, historic buildings, genealogy and the countryside. I am also still playing badminton.

Between Valerie and myself, we have four children, nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

# 2023 HOUSE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

# **NOVEMBER**

# **GUIDED TOUR OF STANSTED HOUSE**

Sunday 19th - 11.15am & 12:00pm

# **DECEMBER**

# "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd

Times: 7.00pm, 7:30pm, 8.00pm and 8:30pm

Explore Stansted House in full Christmas spirit as characters from Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' welcome you to the house.

Tickets: £25 per adult, £12.50 per child (ages 6-16)
Includes light refreshments

# EVENING CHRISTMAS TOUR OF STANSTED HOUSE

Friday 8th & Saturday 9th Times: 6.00pm -7:30pm

and a very special

#### CHRISTMAS TOUR OF STANSTED HOUSE

Sunday 10th - 2:30pm - 4pm

# AN EVENING WITH PETER AUTY

Sunday 13th £37.50 per adult (including booking fee)

First performance 5.30pm (doors open 5.15pm) Second performance 7.15pm (doors open at 7pm)

# ARE YOU READY TO STEP BACK INTO A 1920'S CHRISTMAS AT STANSTED HOUSE?

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th Times: 6.00 pm, 7.00 pm, and 8.00 pm

The date is 1924 and Stansted House is a flurry of activity in preparation for the traditional Servants Ball. But the staff need some help...! Are you ready to take on the role of footman, maid or cook?

From the minute you arrive, you'll step back in time and be immersed in an early 20th Century Christmas with hands on duties, including helping the staff with dinner service in the grand Dining Room, Christmas drinks from the wine cellar and getting games ready in the Servant's Hall. Be prepared to roll up your sleeves and get involved. And, as a reward, the cook has drinks and mince pies ready for you in the Victorian Kitchen..... but only after you have sung at least one Christmas Carol!

This is an opportunity to be immersed into a Christmas straight out of Gosford Park or Downton Abbey!

The experience will last approximately 90 minutes and guests are welcome to dress in the style of the 1920's if they wish.

For more information please contact the office on 023 9241 2265 or enquiry@stanstedpark.co.uk

or

https://www.stanstedpark.co.uk/whatson

A discount to FOSP members is available on most Foundation events. Contact the Estate Office quoting Membership number.

# **FOSP 2023 DATES**

## NOVEMBER

FOSP Coffee Morning - Friday 17th at 10.00am
This year we also have a Pop-Up second-hand bookshop (see your recent email for full details) but, if you'd like to browse, doors will be open at 9.30, then coffee at 10.00. As usual, please call the office if you'd like to join us.

# **DECEMBER**

Thursday 14th December at 4.00pm

# Christmas Carols in the Chapel

This year's carol service will be held in the Chapel followed by the usual mince pies and mulled wine in the Mansion.

Please contact the Estate Office to book as there are limited spaces

# 2024

#### MAY

Thursday 16th at 2.00pm - A talk by Lord Bessborough

## **JUNE**

Wednesday 12th - Visit to The Royal Pavilion, Brighton (Provisional date)

To book your place for talks, coffee mornings, FOSP events etc, please telephone 023 9241 2265 (option 5).

This will enable us to arrange appropriate seating and refreshments.

Unless otherwise directed please use the North Entrance to attend Foundation and FOSP events. Drive through automatic gates, veer to the right when the drive forks, and park in front of the Main Entrance to the House.

#### MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING ST PAUL'S CHAPEL

On the first Wednesday of the month, there is a short service of Prayer in St Paul's Chapel at 12 noon. Midday Prayer provides a brief pause in the day to spend time with God and is a short service consisting of a psalm, Bible reading and brief reflection, as well as prayers for the House and its community. Refreshments are available after the service. For more information: Telephone: 023 9241 2265 (Option 5) or Email: enquiry@stanstedpark.co.uk

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NOTE: Membership Cards will only be issued to NEW Members.

# NEXT FOSP NEWSLETTER COPY DATE FOR ARTICLES

Friday 26th January 2024. NOTE: Hard copies of the Newsletter are available from the Estate Office. Editor

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