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Chairmans Notes

Weather ! Lets hope summer isn't over - last week my beesuit felt like a sauna-suit and today I need a thermal vest. I don't know what the bees will make of it. This drop in temperature is especially unwelcome as the rape comes into flower - I just hope the promised snow doesn't appear. The early flowering is just what my bees need to build up their numbers after the warm wet winter. Please can we have some sunshine - however I'd like it to rain during the night please - more nectar!

More positive things ! We have some really good events coming up in the next few weeks. These are listed on the calendar. Especially promising is the Bishop Burton Conference - not only do we have excellent speakers but there is an opportunity to talk to the PhD researcher about the new research project which the NBU are undertaking. Don't forget that you will also have the opportunity to talk to the speakers in small groups. Also coming up is the combined BKA meeting at Christchurch, Ilkley. Sponsored by YBKA this promises to be an excellent talk from Graham Royle. Also coming up are auctions and several training opportunities.

I hope to see many of you at one of these events.

Bill

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Jobs in the Apiary for April

I always believe that when April comes along we have reached the light at the end of the dark tunnel that is winter, and that most of you have gone through our colonies or are about to go through them on our first thorough spring inspections. Cherry, Blackthorn and all the other spring blossoms and flowers are now available to our bees and spring has truly sprung. The first things to establish with your colonies are as follows:

- Is this colony queen right and has this colony a laying queen, is she laying good quality worker bee eggs flat topped smooth surfaced light coffee in colour and not perforated in any way when capped over, not dome topped depicting a drone laying queen or drone laying worker if your queen has perished.
- Are the eggs evenly distributed and are all the grubs and lava all a glistening creamy white in appearance and not twisted or deformed in any way.

If the answer to these questions are positive then things are looking good. If not and you find grubs and lava in a yellowish brownish twisted state, or with perforated capping in your brood box (capping with small holes in them) then ask for a second opinion from one of your peers or a seasonal bees inspector just to make sure all is well and no E.F.B. or A.F.B is present.

April is the month when most of us will find out what other damage this last winter has inflicted upon our colonies either by isolation starvation, where by the bees just simply refuse to move over or upwards onto fresh food within the brood box in extremes of cold weather periods and die in the cluster, or starvation due to the beekeeper not feeding correctly and leaving the colony without sufficient stores within the brood box; alternatively by disease when the colony succumbs to various diseases in the main caused by the varroa mite that weakens the bees to such an extent that they become over susceptible to diseases like dysentery (nosema) or other related diseases. Now is also a good time to move any very old or damaged waxed frames to the outer sides of the brood box, then when the flow starts you can remove these and replace with new foundation. Everything that you find whilst doing your first annual inspection, write them down then you have a reference for when you next inspect, and you can more easily check the progress of expansion within the colony. This is also the time to do a check on the build-up of the varroa mite within your colonies and treat where necessary with a recommended treatment.

One of the best ways to do this is to place about 1ozs. of sieved icing sugar in a container that has a lid, like a large 1 x kg. jar then take out the first frame from against the entrance of your brood box for this will contain in the main the older bees, and check it thoroughly to make sure the queen isn't upon it; if she is remove her back onto another frame within the brood box. Then shake all the bees off this frame into a box and transfer them all into the jar containing the icing sugar and put on the lid. Then really shake the bees within the jar thoroughly for approx. 1 x minute, this dislodges any mite on the bees into the icing sugar. When this is done tip out all the contents including the bees onto a tray or into a box where the entire mite displaced will be clear to see when the bees have flown off back into the hive unharmed. If you find you have a significant number of mites left within the icing sugar, I think 5 or more is a good target; then treat straight away with a recommended Varroa treatment

To assist in the build up of your colonies you can now feed a liquid sugar feed but be aware the nights are still quite cold in the main even though we are having lovely warm weather in the day time. So check and if your area has an ambient daytime temp. of 12°C then you can use liquid feed, but try to judge it so the bees can take it down within the daytime, so small amounts. This will stimulate the queen into greater egg laying by simulating a nectar flow.

Now is also the time you must make up those frames and you can now put in the foundation as the Oil Seed Rape will shortly be in flower and producing nectar and pollen to sustain your colonies without the need for feeding.

From now on its a good policy to start your weekly inspections as early swarming will very soon be taking place, you need to look for the first signs of queen cells. No need to panic and no need to act straight away when you first spot a queen cell. The time to act is when the cell is, how we say loaded. This is when you can see the white substance known as royal jelly with young lava floating upon it within the queen cell and before it is capped over. This is then the time to do one of two things. Either split the colony by means of an artificial swarm, whereby an empty brood box is placed on a new floor on the site of the old hive and the old hive is moved over a meter away. You then go through the old hive and find the queen and place her on the frame you find her into the new brood box. Then add a frame with brood at all stages to either side of this frame, always ensure you don't have one of the newly formed queen cells on any of these frames and if so swap it for one that doesn't. You can then add a frame of food and fill up the box with new foundation replace the crown board and lid and I then prefer to lightly feed this colony to encourage build up. All the flying bees will then return to this hive and the queen will continue to lay and form another colony. The old brood box with the queen cells then requires your attention. You should if the queen cells are not yet capped over, wait a couple of days only then go into the colony again when this has been achieved by the bees. You then select the best cell by going through the entire box, this is the one you think is the biggest and best made cell in a good position on the frame so's not to be easily damaged. Cells on the bottom often get squashed when returning into the box. So select the best one and carefully then go through each frame and destroy every other queen cell. When this is done you have successfully split the original colony and made up a new one. Leave this new hive alone for at least three weeks for the queen to get mated and don't disturb it in any way. You can the do a normal inspection and you should see both hives thriving as independent colonies. The option is then yours either leave them as they are or alternatively,

Kill of the old queen and unite together using a broad sheet news paper placed between the two brood boxes when uniting. Keep checking your bees have plenty of room and super from now on as the flow increases. Also continue with your 7 days max. inspections from now on.

I hope you new beekeepers find this helpful.

Happy beekeeping

Dave Shannon

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Wednesday 18th April
Joint BKA Meeting at Ilkley - Christchurch Hall
Graham Royle

"If Heath Robinson had been a beekeeper"

Contact sue for more details suebeebuzz@tiscali.co.uk

WBC Solutions

I have had two WBC hives for over 35 years, and since mesh floors came in I have been aware of a design problem. Firstly, if you want to use a card or board under the mesh for checking varroa mites, you can only get at it by removing all the lifts. Secondly, the space between the floor and the mesh is only about half an inch, so there is a thought that the mites might be able to climb back up.

This year I have modified the WBC floor of one hive as shown in the two photos attached; one without the mesh floor, and one with. I shall see how successful it is, but I thought the idea might be useful to WBC owners. Rather rough-and-ready carpentry, but they are old hives, not in the best condition.

James Benthall (EBKA member)



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Beetox not Botox

Solution 4 the planet

A train packed full of commuters rolling into Leeds station at 7.45 on a Friday morning is not my usual journey to work, I must admit I'm glad I do not have to do this every day, but today was going to be a bit different to my usual work day. I along with Ian and Bill two more members of the Bradford beekeepers association were heading to the Royal Armouries to attend a conference, I was not sure what to expect to be honest. The event was set up by the Bradford based organisation Solutions for the Planet, their work job is to build up innovation partnerships between young people, businesses and communities. These partnerships are designed to create sustainable BIG IDEAS that will benefit our society, economy and environment.

I met up with Ian and Bill the two other members of the Bradford association taking part and we were shown through to the main hall, here we had a stand allocated for an event being held for school children from across Yorkshire. The format was very simple, a big hall filled with lots of teenagers seeking help and advice from different business and organisations. The children were in teams which consisted of 4 pupils plus a teacher, these teams were selected to represent their school, in total 520 children were taking part so as you can imagine it was going to be a lively experience. Based around the perimeter of the hall were the various professional organisations and slap bang in the middle were Bradford Beekeepers.

There were Universities along with big companies like Grant Thornton, Yorkshire water, First bus, Balfour Beatty and many more, so we were up there shoulder to shoulder with some multi million pound companies. We were to find out later that these other companies had paid £8000 to participate event, we were invited to take part as we were seen as an ideal fit to the vision they had. Also being a relatively new association we were open to new ideas and ways of thinking, this they pointed out really come to light during the discussions we had held with them.



Two 'A' level students explain to the younger students the project they have been involved in for the last two years - PLANBEE.

They won the competition last year and are continuing to develop their scheme as they work their way through the sixth form. You can see from their presentation (left) that they are well aware of the problems facing our bees.

At 9am we were briefed as to our roll for the day. The teams from the schools had to come up with a business plan that they could run, this plan needed to be sustainable and good for the environment. Their plan also needed to generate profit that would allow the business idea to develop. They would speak to the people manning the business stands to see how if they could tie it in with their service sector and products to make the idea work.

Being your run of the mill beekeepers we had set out our stand to highlight how to become beekeepers through training courses, how the hive works and then the honey and basic wax products like candles. We needed a plan a “B” to highlight the other money making opportunities to run alongside the beekeeping. So it was out with the “post it” notes and we wrote down some of the other products that we can make with the help of the bees. Lip balm, moisturiser, creams, honey sweets, polish etc these notes we then stuck onto the hive roof.

Once the event started and the rush the the big corporate stands (for their free goodie bags) had died down then the talking started. Even if we say so ourselves we had one of the best visual displays of all the exhibitors, plenty of photos coupled with interactive displays like a lovely gabled roof/splayed leg national hive, some nice candles and such like. These things appealed to the adults in the room but with some of the teenagers it was the usual comments “urggh wasps”, “ I don’t like them things” “one of them stung me once” we have all heard these sort of



Sheffield Beekeepers' Association

Sheffield BKA was re-launched November 2010 after some 6 years in the doldrums and managed to enlist 55 members in its first year. This year we are already up to 67 members with more joining every week. We're not only getting enthusiastic beginners we're also getting a lot of help and support from members of neighbouring associations – Rotherham, Chesterfield and Barnsley – many of whom have dual membership.

It's been marvellous to be able to launch a beginners' & novices' course in our first full year and we have 28 trainees signed up with a team of 12 trainers to take them through the Basic syllabus. Nearly half our trainees are women, and the youngest enthusiast is 13 yrs old. We've based our course on the BBKA CiCs but decided to combine the white & yellow CiCs into one 10 week course. We are very pleased to have such a large number of trainers - not only do we have a wide range of experiences we can also boast a good student:trainer ratio – something that will be quite important when the practical sessions start with the warmer weather.

Some people advise against having too many different trainers but we're already finding that the discussions we have in our sessions are very productive and instructive in showing beginners (and the more experienced too) that there is more than one way of doing things and that they all have validity.

We do charge for the course – which we feel has a dual benefit. First it encourages people to place a real value to it and hopefully to attend every session. Second, it is a source of revenue that we are able to plough back into purchasing hives and equipment that will benefit the trainees and other members alike.

We asked people to write something about the course. Our newest member wrote her piece the same day! It's very rewarding to get feedback so positive.

Next item on the agenda is queen rearing – about to start in the next few days - and hopefully we'll start up intermediate level training next year.

Phil Khorassandjian
Secretary Sheffield BKA

Bees, Hives, Hammers and Nails

As a complete bee novice I couldn't have picked a better course to attend than the one delivered by Sheffield Beekeepers' Association. The 10 week course seems like a big commitment at first but two weeks in I'm finding it inspirational to say the least. The group is made up of people from all walks of life with varied experience from the 'wannabe' like me to the veteran beekeepers with 25 years plus experience and all stages in between. You couldn't wish for a more friendly or welcoming group of people, which is great when you're the new kid in town! Two weeks in we've covered a lot of ground including bees, hives and just last night had real hands on experience of building frames (hence the 'hammers and nails'). I'm looking forward to the rest of the course and can rest assured that even when it's finished I have a group of new friends to rely on if I need help or advice.

Sharron Baroudi
Novice Beekeeper

Floorboards

The piece in January's eNewsletter from Barbarian of Halifax BKA writing about bees drawing comb under frames when using a standard $\frac{7}{8}$ " floorboard and by reducing the depth to $\frac{3}{8}$ " he eliminated this problem. He then went on to say that he had made an entrance reducer.

I suggest that if Barbarian went a little further and reduced the depth of his floors to $\frac{1}{4}$ " and entrance width of no more than 4 inches, there is no need for entrance blocks – the entrance stays the same winter and summer.

There is no congestion and bees can defend this smaller entrance easier, although if the colony is weak, wasps will still be a problem.

The necessity to put mouse guards on every autumn is eliminated.

We are taught to take entrance blocks out when the colony has built up in the summer to give bees an unrestricted access and to help in keeping the optimum temperature inside – with the proviso – keep an eye open for robbing and wasp activity in which case you replace the entrance block.

I have written in the past on what I consider to be the amount of unnecessary work involved in beekeeping. Putting in and taking out entrance blocks comes under that heading.

Barbarian's problem stems from when the National hive was first conceived. The depth of the floor was $\frac{7}{8}$ " and, with bottom bee space, gave a depth of $1\frac{1}{4}$ " under the frames. This is well in excess of bee space. Consequently bees draw comb in the space below the frame.

I cannot find anything in the literature that I have about when the National hive was "invented". Can any one throw some light on this?

The specification of the Modified National Hive came out in 1946, still with a floor depth of $\frac{7}{8}$ ".

British Standard deep frames came out in 1882. The shallow frame probably came into existence when the National Hive with shallow supers was developed.

John Fuller
York + Barkston Ash BKA.

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Visit to the Auckland Beekeepers Club –February 2012

My husband and I spent a very interesting time in the company of the Auckland Bee Club. Their apiary, which is based on the Unitec Campus in Mt Albert, has six hives comprising Langstroth, National and long hives. (photo). Also note that the only person wearing any protection is the member opening the hive.



They have 350 members, many of them living 50m kilometers or more from the apiary. They meet every month during the beekeeping season October to March.

They are, of course, at the end of their season and Saturday 11th February was an open day for members and also for the general public, with honey extraction demonstrations in the afternoon.

Two demonstrations of honey extraction were carried out, including The two bucket method. The beginners are encouraged to use the latter system as most of them have one hive. The bottom bucket is an ordinary plastic one, the top bucket is the same but has a metal mesh floor. Honey from the comb is scraped into the top bucket and it filters through into the bottom one, leaving the wax behind.

The long hive (photo), has a floor and brood box measuring 3ft wide 18 inches, with honey supers on top. The brood box has three entrances and two queens in this hive. Queens are separated by two QE's along the top of the brood box and a vertical divide QE is placed half way along the length of the brood. At the time of the photo there were six boxes of honey frames on this hive, ready to be extracted.



Until this year members have been able to sell their honey to the public or had given it to charities so they could raise money for their worthy cause. Due to the new food regulations in New Zealand, honey not produced for yourself needs to be harvested in a commercial kitchen. Some bee clubs have set this up for use by members but, alas, not the Auckland Bee Club.

A most enjoyable visit. I will stay in touch with them to see what developments take place with regard to the new regulations.

Terry Beddows
Bradford BKA

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A Beekeeper's Diary (March)

Week starting 5th March

Having received the foundation from the equipment officer I set to work making up almost 200 frames. Some of them were refurbished and some new. Refurbishing is hard work, removing wax, propolis and nails and then sterilising. Bu now they are racked and ready for the spring, and the majority will be used for Bailey frame exchanges that I will carry out once the oil seed rape is well into flower. At the same time I have made a few more entrance ekes which the procedure requires. As the week progressed the weather became quite spring like. Pollen, by the bucket load, is being collected into all colonies in the home apiary. I'm raring to go but reason tells me that there is no benefit to opening up hives until April. Indeed that would be more likely to be harmful than beneficial to the bees. I have spent several hours splitting up clumps of snowdrops in the wood, an investment for the good of my bees in the years to come. And this year, finally acknowledging that our vegetable garden is far too big for just the two of us, I've ordered a number of packets of seeds, phacellia and anise hyssop, that will act as both a green manure and a source of nectar for my bees and other pollinators later in the year.

10th March

At 7.30am the catkins of our witch hazel were covered with honeybees and queen bumblebees. It looked like it was going to be a beautiful day.

However the entire day was given over to attending the YBKA Spring ADM conference at the pavilion on the Yorkshire Ground. It did not disappoint expectations. The mornings talk was excellent, the best I've heard for a while and the afternoon ADM meeting more than delivered on frustration which left my brain spinning until bedtime. The normal, rather disappointingly small, crowd attended and it is difficult to understand how so many YBKA members, having paid their capitation, should choose to miss out on this orgy of raw passion.

But back to the morning talk. The speaker was Ron Hoskins from Swindon, a totally remarkable man. Having served on the BBKA executive, in about 2001, at the age of 70, he decided to resign and devote his energies to selecting and breeding bees that could live with varroa without chemical treatment. After eleven years he is able to demonstrate how well he has succeeded. To get to this point he had needed to set up two apiaries, the second after the first was vandalised, he mastered the skills of artificial insemination, and he collected and examined under a microscope over 100,000 dead varroa mites. What he discovered was that some strains of bees were able to remove and kill the varroa mites and in addition were able to select brood cells that contained honeybee larvae that had been infected by varroa and then remove these immature larvae. By selecting and breeding from the queens whose colonies best demonstrated these hygienic properties, Ron had produced a strain of bees that have not required chemical treatment for over a decade. Besides the story of Ron's remarkable endeavour, the talk was littered with pearls of beekeeping wisdom. I particularly liked his suggestion of how to usefully use culled queens.



After lunch there was the ADM meeting. The new treasurer demonstrated that he has his feet well and truly beneath the table. The future of the Bishop Burton conference unexpectedly raised some heat, surprising when it seemed everybody seemed to agree that it was a good event that YBKA should be prepared to subsidise, but it was in the wrong place. Ferrybridge would suit me fine.

And then there was the question of the new pavilion. The arguments were protracted, bad tempered and quite frankly left me confused. Frustratingly a number of pertinent facts didn't manage to get an airing:

- 1) The vast proportion of members of YBKA have never been to the existing pavilion and, going by the past, are unlikely to ever visit the new pavilion
- 2) The vast proportion of members of YBKA have never exhibited at the YAS honey show. Regular exhibitors make up less than 2% of our membership.
- 3) When the honey show was moved out of the food hall we were led to believe that a replacement building would be provided after one or two years, at no cost to YBKA.
- 4) The Yorkshire Show Ground is within the environs of Harrogate and Ripon BKA, not YBKA.
- 5) In the last few years there has been no YBKA event undertaken at the pavilion that has been prejudiced by the limitations of the size or facilities of the current pavilion.
- 6) The vast majority of members of YBKA have no interest in any persisting ill feeling between some members of Harrogate and Ripon BKA and some members of YBKA.

I ask myself whether, if we returned to the mid 1990's, it would still be considered to be a good idea to invest in a pavilion on the Yorkshire showground. The pavilion is under used by YBKA and its location and facilities make it unlikely that its use will increase significantly. On the other hand the association based in Harrogate is much more likely to use the pavilion fully and develop its facilities. It would be wrong headed to persist in opposing the Harrogate and Ripon BKA should they have ambitions to take over the new pavilion and can reach an agreement with YAS. The argument that we have already invested £52,000 in the existing pavilion reflects on the wisdom of past decisions rather than having a bearing on what is the right way to go forward.

As a thought experiment consider how YBKA would operate if we didn't have the pavilion on the Yorkshire Show Ground.

- 1) GPC meetings could be held at a room above pub in a central location (Ferrybridge)
- 2) AGM meetings and ADM meetings could be held in a village or church hall, school or work canteen. (Where I live out in the sticks, devoid of gas mains or landline internet connections, there are at least four halls within a three mile radius that could accommodate these meetings)
- 3) Module tutorials could move around, minimising the distance travelled for those participating.
- 4) Where classes or demonstrations are organised requiring bees the meeting could be held at an association apiary.
- 5) Having the YBKA pavilion does not in any way impinge on our members' ability to partake in the YAS honey show, and our members would still be able to actively play a role in the organisation of the show.

- 6) While we continued to be invited we could still attend the Yorkshire show and school days, using accommodation provided by YAS.

The core activities, as defined in our constitution, would not be impaired, and indeed by reducing travelling distances there could be an improvement in participation. There would be a cost involved in hiring halls but we would no longer have any potential liability related to the Harrogate pavilion. If in the future we wished to develop a new headquarter building it would need to be located somewhere central to our Yorkshire area and be a beacon to those interested in beekeeping all the year round, not just for three days each year. That would be my vision. Now, being no longer a member of the GPC, I can be less constrained in expressing my opinions.

Finally, it was not surprising that a proposal to do away with the spring ADM was defeated. Who would want to forego such an afternoon of high drama!

23rd February

The weather is unseasonably mild and the forecasters promise that this will continue for a week, becoming even milder. All indications are that the oil seed rape crop around my home apiary will be in flower within a few days. According to my diary last year the OSR came into flower in the third week of April and the earliest date I've noted in the past is 10th April. Bearing this in mind, and though it was a fortnight before I'd normally start and contrary to my stated intentions from only three weeks before, I decided to start my beekeeping for real. In two days I went through 23 hives. All had flying bees. I was marginally disturbed at finding that the first two colonies I looked at had drone laying queens. But this, it turned out, was almost the full extent of the bad news. Except for one other colony which had no brood of any type all had worker brood and ample stores, including pollen and fresh nectar. My main purpose was to insert queen excluders and ensure that all colonies had a super. My view is that this should be done before the OSR flow starts.

24th February

I spent the Saturday morning invigilating for the BBKA module examinations. There were 14 examinations taken. It's a long term project for those involved but for the current group of candidates they are more than half way through the 7 modules. Next year Wendy, the education officer, is hoping that a new group will start the process by taking module 1. During the winter a series of tutorials are organised by Wendy to help the candidates. If anyone is considering pursuing this course of study next year, it is not too early to start thinking about it and possibly contacting Wendy for more information.

John Whitaker
Barkston Ash BKA

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Yorkshire Beekeepers Association

Annual Conference



54th CONFERENCE
AT BISHOP BURTON COLLEGE,
BEVERLEY
EAST RIDING of YORKSHIRE

Saturday 28th April 2012
9.00 - 16.15

Yorkshire Beekeepers Association invites you to attend our annual conference at Bishop Burton College, Beverley.

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Programme

0900 – 0930	Registration
0930 – 0935	Welcome and Introductions
0935 – 1030	Dr Deborah A. Delaney Honeybee Biology
1030 - 1050	Coffee
1050 – 1150	Wally Shaw The bees know what they are doing but does the beekeeper?
1200 – 1300	Mrs Jenny Shaw A Partnership in Beekeeping
Lunch	
1400 – 1500	Dr Deborah A. Delaney Queen Rearing and Backyard Beekeeping
1500 - 1545	Meet the Speakers Discussion Groups
1545– 1615	Tea Goodbyes and disperse

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Y.B.K.A. Calendar

We hope to see many more members at our events in 2012.

April 15th	Joint BKA Talk Christchurch Hall, Ilkley Graham Royle "If Heath Robinson had been a beekeeper"
April 20th-22rd	BBKA Spring Convention
April 28th	YBKA Annual Conference at Bishop Burton College
April 29th	Beverley BKA Auction
May 4th	GPC Meeting
May 14th	Airedale BKA Auction
June 15th	GPC Meeting
June 2nd	General Husbandry Training
June 3rd	Advanced Husbandry Training
June 23rd	'Basic' Train the Trainers Event
August 3rd	GPC Meeting
September 21st	GPC Meeting
November 23rd	GPC Meeting
December 1st	YBKA AGM

DO YOU HAVE DATES THAT COULD USEFULLY ADDED TO THIS CALENDAR ?

ARE THERE DISTRICT EVENTS AND TRAINING EVENTS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO INVITE BEEKEEPERS FROM NEARBY DISTRICT TO ?

LET ME HAVE THE DATES SO THAT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE BEEKEEPING IN YORKSHIRE A REALLY DYNAMIC AND HAPPY THING TO DO.

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