



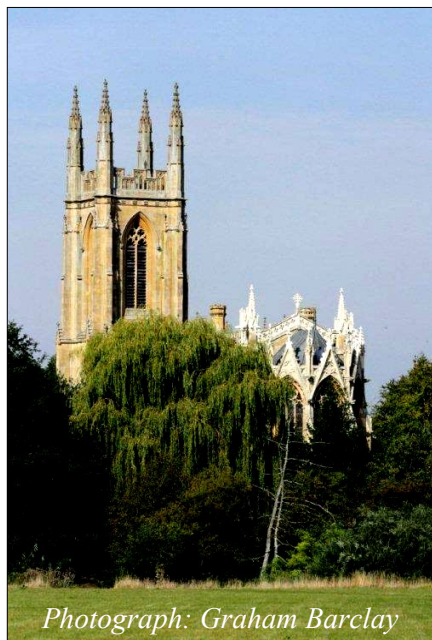
# The Grapevine

THE NEWSLETTER FROM HAMPTON LUCY, CHARLECOTE  
AND LOXLEY PARISHES

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## Our Heritage Needs Your Help



Photograph: Graham Barclay

Anyone who knows Hampton Lucy appreciates what a magnificent building St Peter's Church is. Even residents of the village and the surrounding area who don't choose to attend services can be proud of its presence in the village. With its historical association with Charlecote Park and the Lucy family, it is a beautiful church in which to worship and a magnificent venue for concerts and recitals, attracting many visitors to the village. Remember the charming musical evening performed by children from the school and village a little while back, and concerts by Warwickshire Baroque, Charlecote Festival Singers, The Stratford Choral Society, and Lyra, the splendid Russian vocal trio, to name but four. The drawback of such a large and architecturally significant building is, of course, that it costs a lot to maintain and to run. Over the last ten years, nearly half a million pounds has been spent repairing the tower and the beautiful apsidal sanctuary at the eastern end, designed by Sir George Gilbert Scott. If you haven't seen it since the work was completed two years ago, do make an opportunity to admire the magnificent stonework at roof level on the eastern end of the building, with intricate, finely carved stone finials and aedicules, (*canopied niches for statues*), and the newly gilded cross, facing east on its restored lead finial. I am appealing to residents of Hampton Lucy, and to anyone else who would like to contribute, to help us to maintain St Peter's as a living

church and as a magnificent part of our heritage. You can do this by making a regular payment, large or small, using the leaflet and standing order that is enclosed in this July edition of the Grapevine. The PCC urgently needs your support to maintain the church and will be extremely grateful for any help that you are able to give. If you live outside the village and therefore don't receive a printed copy of *The Grapevine* but would like one of the leaflets, please contact me on: [rectory@barford.org.uk](mailto:rectory@barford.org.uk)

Rev'd David Jessett

## Parish Councillor Needed

There is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor in Hampton Lucy, and we would like to fill this vacancy by co-option at the next meeting on Wednesday, 10 July. This is a great opportunity to serve your community until May, 2015, when a new Council will be elected. Please let me know if you are interested. Contact: Michael Woodman, Clerk to HLPC, 5 Hithersand Close, Hampton Lucy, Warwick CV35 8BW. Tel: 01789 841205.

E-mail: [michaelwoodman202@btinternet.com](mailto:michaelwoodman202@btinternet.com)

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## The Hampton Lucy Jazz Picnic

On Friday, 5 July, the Dene River Jazzmen will once again be entertaining us on the Parish Field at the famous annual Jazz Picnic. The cost of a single ticket is £7.50, a family ticket for four is £16.00, and tickets are available either from members of the Village Hall Management Committee or at the gate. The field will be open from 6.45pm and the music begins at 7.30pm. As ever, you are encouraged to bring picnics and refreshments and we hope once again for a warm, sunny evening.

EH

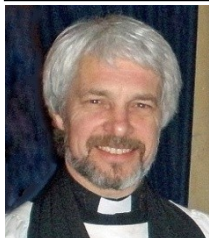
**Due to unavoidable circumstances, the Hampton Lucy Church Garden Party, on Saturday, 29 June, has been cancelled.**

JTS

## Loxley School Report 2012-13

In the Autumn term we had a successful visit from Ofsted. During that term, the children enjoyed educational trips to Wellesbourne Airfield and Compton Verney. We staged a novel Nativity play in the church, followed by a trip to the pantomime just before Christmas. Since the New Year, there has been a Science Week, a visit to The Think Tank Museum, a Mad Science assembly, Forest Schools, Sports Day, and the Leavers' Service. The children have supported charities including Children in Need, Red Nose Day, Myton Hospice and Leamington Christian Mission. Some of them performed at the Small School Singing Concert, and the football team had their photograph taken with the Barclays Premier League Trophy. Work on upgrading the playground has begun, with distinctive blue fencing, and modern signage to be added in the very near future. Of course, we have to say goodbye to our Year 6 children, wishing them well as they move up to secondary school. Happy memories of Loxley School will go with them, including their exciting residential trip to The Grove in South Wales when they built shelters, cooked their food over open fires, and enjoyed lots of other activities.

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# The Parish Letter



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Dear Friends,

The recent terrible murder of a soldier in Woolwich caused horror and shock throughout the country. People claiming to be supporters of Islam seemed to be suggesting that they were doing this for Allah/God. Now let me acknowledge straight away that the Christian Church has some pretty shameful episodes in its long history. Too often politics and power get muddled up with religion and the result does true belief in God a great disservice.

Sadly that dreadful episode in London has led to a wave of attacks on Mosques and individual Muslims, although the vast majority of devout followers of Islam will have been as horrified by that event as anyone else and would condemn such attacks as strongly as we would. There is neither any logic for regarding all Muslims as sharing the views of the most extreme type nor any excuse for more physical or verbal violence in response to that original barbaric act of violence. Even in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, two (*or more!*) 'wrongs' still don't make a 'right'!

One of the saddest things is that it can sometimes be a misplaced devotion to God that leads to such acts. For whatever reason, people come to believe that God hates people who have a different faith or even just a different

view of the same faith and wants them to be destroyed and they set out to do it for God. Former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, used to talk about "Bad theology" (by which he meant distorted understandings of the nature of God). The correct antidote, he said, is not 'no theology' but "good theology" (a more accurate understanding of the nature of God).

In this respect, Jesus' summary of the commandments is a simple way forward. In response to a question, Jesus summed up all the commandments of the Jewish religion of his day in the words "Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength" and "Love your neighbour as yourself". And he went on to define our 'neighbour' as everyone including the people we might least expect or might find it most difficult to love.

The relevance of this to the issue of dreadful things being done in the name of God is, of course, that however devoted we may be to God, if we believe that God wants us to love our neighbour, (and even our enemies), as ourselves, we should never believe that God wants us to do them harm.

With best wishes

David Jessett



## News from the Parishes

*A complete list of church services, including those at Barford, Wasperton and Sherbourne, is displayed on the notice board in your church.*



## Healthy, growing churches?

On Saturday, 13 July, Archdeacon Morris Rodham will be coming to talk about the "Eight qualities of healthy growing Churches". This will take place at Barford Church, starting at 9.30 am. All members of our six churches are encouraged to come and everyone is welcome. It should last no more than 2 hours with discussion.

Rev'd DJ

## Repairs to St Nicholas' Church, Loxley

For the first time in a hundred years, major renovation work is necessary, and is already well under way. The main work required is to the church roof and tower, which was unfortunately not spotted during the quinquennial inspections. The bell chamber floor is unsafe, rotten shutters must be replaced, splits in the lead on the roof require flash-banding, and there are loose coping stones in the tower parapet. Rotten purlins, rafters and sarking battens also need prompt attention. During the preliminary inspection, a 'Turf' cigarette packet was found in the roof, dating the last intrusion to c.1953. Thanks to the very generous response of villagers to an appeal launched last year, and also using reserves prudently accumulated in the fabric fund over many years, the PCC was able to authorise work costing £30,000 to commence as soon as the schedule was approved by the Diocesan Advisory Committee. Being a Grade 1 listed building there is a lot of red tape to be overcome before any structural work is allowed on the Church. If you would like to see how the money is being spent, the church is always open for visitors. Better still, why not come to one of the Sunday Services and really appreciate why this simple building has been at the centre of our community for well over a thousand years. You will be most welcome.

TG

## From the Registers

<b>Baptisms:</b>	Loxley	Sunday, 19 May	Benjamin Henry Murphy
<b>Weddings:</b>	Charlecote	Saturday, 20 April	Dominic Ilbury and Holly Anderson
	Hampton Lucy	Saturday, 13 April	David Roberts and Jane Leighton
		Saturday, 19 May	Edward King and Nicola Jones
		Saturday, 25 May	Damian Rourke and Emma Steel





Sincere apologies to Wellesbourne & District Lions Club. Due to pressure for space this month, I haven't been able to fit in your report. Sorry Andy! **AJW**

### Charlecote Church Fête

Charlecote PCC would like to thank all those who contributed to making this year's Charlecote Church Fête such a success. Over 300 attended and we raised £2430.28. There was a truly village fete atmosphere in the lovely setting of Charlecote Vicarage, with traditional stalls, games and music, delicious cakes and teas, and classic cars. We were even blessed with fantastic weather. Once again, thanks to all who supported the event. **SJ**

### Charlecote Wall-hanging update

This splendid community project is making excellent progress, with some of the 25 panels already completed and many others nearing completion. The next stage is to stretch the panels to straighten any distortion, and we are then seeking expert advice from a top museum-based tapestry conservator, to ensure that the final process of joining the panels, backing, and hanging, is done to the highest standard to ensure this work of art will stand the test of time and will be admired by generations to come. **HJ**



### Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI

The June meeting was Members' Night, during which Sue Bresnen gave a glowing account of the time she had spent on a course at Denmans. The speaker was John Dunkerton who gave a highly entertaining and informative talk about DNA, the molecule that determines the characteristics of all living things. He described how it consists of two parallel strands, forming a double helix, an arrangement proposed by Watson and Crick some 60 years ago. Each chain is made up of many copies of just four chemical bases, commonly denoted by the letters A, C, G, and T. An 'A' in one strand is always paired with a 'T' in the other and vice versa, similarly with C and G, producing exact copies when a cell divides and ensuring that an organism's characteristics are passed reliably from one generation to another. After the talk, members enjoyed an excellent spread of food and wine. The next meeting will be at Charlecote Village Hall, Wednesday, 3 July when Heather Alford will speak about 'Volunteering in Nepal'. **KC/AC**

**The copy deadline for the September edition of Grapevine will be Saturday 10 August. with printed copies delivered some time after 23 August.** **AJW**

### The Fourth Hampton Lucy Annual Plant Sale

On Saturday, 18 May, the annual plant sale took place and, once again, we were blessed with fine weather and an excellent turnout. Around twenty volunteers were on site from 7.30 am, laying out stalls, preparing teas and displaying some two thousand carefully nurtured plants from Huw Williams' greenhouses. There were compliments on the high quality of the plants last year, and we are confident that this year's crop will prove to be just as good. Customers left with wheel barrows full of plants, and assorted vegetables. Takings for the day exceeded £1000, a new record, and proceeds will go towards the maintenance of the Village Hall, which is already sporting a fresh coat of paint on the strength of it. A big 'thank you' goes to everyone who supported the sale, to the volunteers and, most especially, to Huw and Jackie for all the preparation work and the use of their allotment. We are looking forward to next year already! **EH**

### Loxley Spring Fête and Dog Show



On Saturday, 18 May, the Friends of Loxley School hosted a Spring Fête and Dog Show on the playing field in Loxley. The weather remained kind and our 'A team' of volunteers hooked up electric power points and erected gazebos with consummate ease. I think they may have done it once or twice before! We were delighted to welcome Annie's vintage ice cream van to the event, which proved very popular with everyone. 'Welly wanging', tug o' war, the Pimms tent, plant stall, traditional fête games plus much more, in fact there was plenty for the whole family to enjoy. The school children entertained us with maypole dancing, under the watchful eye of Head Teacher, Janet Clough. The dog show was a great success, and a big "thank you" to Rev'd David Jessett for judging. Special thanks must go to Luke Emery, of 'Best Party Hire', for not only donating the bouncy castle, but for also putting

it up just two hours after becoming a dad for the second time! Thanks also go to Margaret Buckingham and the WI ladies for manning the tea and cake stall - they were complete professionals! All in all, we had a memorable time, lots of laughter was the order of the day, and we raised a fantastic £800 for the school. Once again, thank you to all! **JH**

### Charlecote Park

Summer activities in Charlecote include a visit from the popular Heartbreak Productions on Saturday, 13 July, at 6.00pm, with their outdoor theatre version of 'Alice'. Bring a picnic and enjoy the parkland views as well. Book ahead to save money; adults £12 - children £6. (Admission at the gate: £14 and £7.) On Sunday, 14 July, the National Folklore Troupe of England, featuring young people from all over the country, will be bringing music, song and dance; part of our living folk heritage. Normal admission charges apply. In the gardens, the summer bedding is now in the parterre, and looking wonderful. The young fawns are born in July, and become increasingly bold as they emerge from the long grass. Nearer to the house there are four additions to the animals; four Tamworth pigs, all gilts, which have settled into their shady home and are growing fast. August will soon be with us and on Thursdays the Charlecote Children's Club will run from 12 noon until 3.30pm. Again, this is included in normal admission charges; no need to pre-book. There will be a new programme each week. For further information please call 01789 470277 or see the website [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/charlecote](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/charlecote) **SF**

On Thursday, 13 June, it was members' night - an evening of 'Creative Jewellery' with Sarah James. She described how an unexpected talent for making creative bead jewellery became a lucrative hobby and, under the name of 'Purple Pepper', she teaches and makes jewellery. Her teaching skills came to the fore as she helped us all to make a pair of lovely earrings to take home. The very enjoyable evening ended with some delicious refreshments, and our thanks go to the members who organised the meeting. We next meet on Thursday, 11 July, in Loxley School at 7.30 pm, when Ted Wilson will give a light-hearted illustrated talk on 'Music in Shakespeare'. This will be an open meeting, to which husbands, friends and interested parties will be welcome.

MLC

**For your diary - July 2013**

- Tues 2 **Ladies' Coffee and Cakes**, The Boar's Head 10.30am. **Notice Board.**  
 Tues 2 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.  
 Wed 3 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.  
 Wed 3 **Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI**, HL Village Hall, 7.30pm, **page 3.**  
 Thur 4 **'The Lucy Lads'** meet at The Boar's Head, 11.30am, **Notice Board.**  
 Fri 5 **Hampton Lucy Jazz Picnic**, The Parish Field, gates open 6.45pm, music from 7.30pm, **Notice Board.**  
 Sun 7 **Charlecote Mill Open Day**, 11.00am to 5.00pm, **Notice Board.**  
 Mon 8 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm.  
 Tues 9 **Dene Valley U3A**, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, 2.00pm, (*visit website*).  
 Tues 9 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.  
 Wed 10 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.  
 Wed 10 **Hampton Lucy Parish Council**, Village Hall, 7.30pm  
 Thur 11 **Loxley WI**, open meeting 'Music in Shakespeare', Loxley School, 7.30pm, all welcome, **see above.**  
 Fri 12 **Hampton Lucy CoE Primary School and Nursery Summer Fair**, 3.15pm to 5.00pm, **Notice Board.**  
 Sat 13 **Charlecote Park**, Heartbreak Productions outdoor performance of 'Alice', 6.00pm, **page 3.**  
 Sat 13 **Loxley Strawberry Fayre**, Loxley Hall, 3.00pm to 5.00pm, **Notice Board.**  
 Sat 13 **Turner and Constable Exhibition**, Compton Verney, runs until 22 September. (*Recommended, Ed.*)  
 Sun 14 **Charlecote Park, National Folklore Troupe of England**, English folk music, song and dance, **page 3.**  
 Thurs 18 **3P Prayer Group**, Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy's House, 7.30 for 7.45pm, **page 6**  
 Sat 20 **Macmillan Nursing Concert with the Flowers Brass Band**, Hareway House, 6.00pm, **Notice Board.**  
 Sun 21 **Stand up to Cancer**, Summer Garden Party, 1, The Close Hampton Lucy, 11.00am-4.00pm, **Notice Board.**  
 Mon 22 **Wellesbourne & District Lions Club**, Connie Club, 8.00pm.  
 Tues 23 **No Hampton Lucy Keep Fit**, next session 3 September, (*Confirm holiday dates with instructor*)  
 Wed 24 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.  
 Wed 31 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am. (*Confirm holiday dates with instructor*)

**August 2013**

- Thur 1 **'The Lucy Lads'** meet at The Boar's Head, 11.30am, **Notice Board.**  
 Mon 5 **Charlecote Mill Open Day**, 11.00am to 5.00pm, **Notice Board.**  
 Mon 5 **Macmillan Lunch and Speaker**, Billesley Manor, £25 inc reception drink and lunch. Call Sue: 263891  
 Tues 6 **Ladies' Coffee and Cakes**, The Boar's Head 10.30am. **Notice Board.**  
 Wed 7 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.  
**Sat 10** **Copy deadline for the September Grapevine.**  
 Tues 13 **Dene Valley U3A**, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, 2.00pm, (*visit website*).  
 Wed 14 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am.  
 Wed 21 **Tai Chi**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am  
 Wed 23 **No Tai Chi Class**, (at time of printing), (*Confirm holiday dates with instructor*)  
 Mon 26 **Charlecote Mill Bank Holiday Open Day**, 11.00am to 5.00pm, **Notice Board.**

**September (advance notices)**

- Sun 1 **Charlecote Mill Open Day**, 11.00am to 5.00pm, **Notice Board.**  
 Wed 4 **Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI Open Evening**, HL Village Hall, 7.30pm, **Notice Board.**  
 Thur 5 **'Lucy Lads'** visit Morgan Cars, details in September *Grapevine*, all 'Lads' welcome, call 470911.  
 Sat 7 **Charlecote Family Fun Day**, see the September *Grapevine*, due out on 26 August, for details.

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### Hampton Lucy Ladies Coffee and Cakes

Meet in The Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy  
Tuesdays, 2 July and 6 August at 10.30am.

### "The Lucy Lads"

will meet at The Boar's Head  
on Thursdays, 4 July and 1 August, at 11.30am.  
*All Lads at heart are welcome*

Hampton Lucy  
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**SUMMER FAIR**  
Friday 12 July 3.15 - 5.00pm  
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Traditional fair  
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### Hampton Lucy Jazz Picnic

with **The Dene River Jazz Men**

**Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> July, in The Parish Field**

Gates open 6.45pm, music at 7.30pm

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### Loxley Strawberry Fayre

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> July, at Loxley Hall

3.00pm to 5.00pm

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### Strawberry Tea

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### Stand up to Cancer!

#### Summer Garden Party

Sunday, 21 July, 11.00am to 4.00pm

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Advance Notice

HAMPTON LUCY & CHARLECOTE WI

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Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm

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followed by a Ploughman's Supper

Tickets : £7.50 - All Welcome!

### Our correspondents this month are:

**MLC** - Margaret Clayton; **KC/AC** - Ken and Anthea Cockshull; **Rev'd DJ** - Rev'd David Jessett; **SF** - Shiela Freeman;

**TG** - Tony Gibbon; **EH** - Eddie Hoare; **HH** - Helen Hoggarth; **JH** - Jane Holdsworth; **SJ** - Suzanne Johns;

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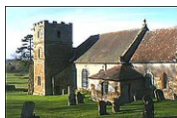
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## Church Services

### July 2013

<b>7 July</b>	<b>The Sixth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
9.30am	Loxley	Holy Communion	BCP
11.00am	Charlecote	Matins ( <i>Charlecote Festival Singers</i> )	CW
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW

<b>14 July</b>	<b>The Seventh Sunday after Trinity</b>		
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Family Service	
11.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW
6.00pm	Loxley	Evensong	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP

<b>21 July</b>	<b>The Eighth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
9.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Come and Worship	CW
11.00am	Loxley	Family Service	

<b>28 July</b>	<b>The Ninth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
8.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
11.00am	Loxley	Matins	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP

### August 2013

<b>4 August</b>	<b>The Tenth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
9.30am	Charlecote	Morning Worship	CW
9.30am	Loxley	Holy Communion	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Holy Communion	CW

<b>11 August</b>	<b>The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</b>		
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Family Service	
11.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	CW
6.00pm	Loxley	Evensong	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP

<b>18 August</b>	<b>The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
9.30am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
9.30am	Hampton Lucy	Come and Worship	CW
11.00am	Loxley	Family Service	

<b>25 August</b>	<b>The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
8.00am	Charlecote	Holy Communion	BCP
11.00am	Loxley	Matins	BCP
6.00pm	Hampton Lucy	Evensong	BCP

### **The 3P Prayer Group**

The 3P Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, 18 July, 7.30pm for 7.45pm, at the home of Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy, by their kind invitation. No meetings in August. **NS**

### **'The Lucy Lads' - advance notice**

Brian Buckley has arranged a great trip for us on Thursday, September 5, when we'll visit the Morgan Motor Company in Malvern. Lunch in a pub beforehand, and we'll probably go down by minibus. More details nearer the time but make a diary note. All welcome. **AJW**

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