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NEWSLETTER Winter 2024

Seasons greetings!

It will be December when this hits your inboxes so I think I can be forgiven some Christmas spirit!

Part of the joys of the yuletide season is gathering together with friends and family, and feeling appreciative of all that we are lucky enough to have. Thanksgiving may be an American tradition, but giving thanks is part of the spirit of this season, and I want to take a moment to do just this.

Firstly, wonderful Wendy, who not only tirelessly manages the courses and City & Guilds admin, keeping in touch with all our veterans and families and encouraging everyone to get the maximum benefit from bookbinding; but who also puts loads of time and effort into raising funds for BBV. Thank you Wendy, for everything you do.

Robert East, Sally Gregory and Kira Torrens-Spence thank you for running the introductory sessions at Tedworth House, and Robert for producing this newsletter and overseeing our website and communications. Thank you to Jonathan Powell for such painstaking work keeping the charity finances in shape, your conscientious attention to fulfilling our ethos, and your fundraising

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your role as Master of the Stationers. Mylyn McColl, thank you for your careful management of the workshop, for organising materials and tools for courses and being such a fabulous tutor.

I would also like to thank all those who have volunteered to help with BBV events this year: including Kevin, Stefan, Clare, Elessa, Dean, Wendy, Alan, Jess, Simon, Gilly. and Cheryl. I hope I haven't missed anyone out. This help is invaluable and raises funds for the charity, whether it be a market stall selling BBV notebooks, or fulfilling a commission. We have recently raised over £1100 for the charity by making 65 notebooks for Paul Wilson to give as gifts to Stationers – thanks to all who helped make this happen.

Raising funds to keep our lovely bookbinding services free and plentiful for wounded, injured and sick veterans and their families is always present in our minds. This is the season of buying gifts and one very easy way to raise money for BBV is to sign up with <http://www.giveasyoulive.com> where a percentage of your spending goes to the charity of your choice – in this case please choose Bound by Veterans! They work with so many online stores including John Lewis, Argos, Clarks, Boots, Dunelm, Tu and many many more so you can give BBV a present while buying your own and it won't cost you a thing!

So my final thanks are to you for these vital sums of money which help us to do what we do,

Wishing you all a happy and healthy Christmas, and a wonderful 2025

Alison
Chair,
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The Daffodil Barn at Woodborough

NEWS

BBV AT STATIONERS' HALL by Kevin Reilly

Notwithstanding rail, tube and 5K marathon disruption, three veterans, on Saturday 22nd September, attended Stationers' Hall, the home of the Livery Company who are one of our sponsors. The veterans were taking part in the annual 'Open House' weekend whereby each year there occurs an opportunity to visit famous buildings otherwise unavailable to the general public.



BBV were invited to set up stall in the historic 15th Century Grand Hall joined by other beneficiaries of this charitable Worshipful Company. Not only was this a tour through the history of Bookbinding, but also an opportunity to increase BBV funds whilst showcasing our work.

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including publisher Chris Andrews, our friends from the Royal Bindery, Paul and Tania of the Bell House Print Room and the Stationers themselves.

I was privileged to receive a personal tour of the hall from the Master of the Company, Paul Wilson, who spoke enthusiastically of the Company's remarkable history that covers Printing, Publishing and Bookbinding which dates from a time when the Stationers had total control of publishing.

The Livery men and women took time out of their duties to make the team extremely welcome and offered them tea and coffee throughout the day. It was particularly pleasing to recognise the close relationship that such events permit us with our supporters and colleagues in the craft. Unsurprisingly, there was a very keen interest in bookbinding and especially the role that BBV plays in training Veterans.



Treasurer Jonathan maintained that the visit was easily the most successful outing by BBV at such an event as sales reached more than £550. Both Jonathan and Wendy continually produced BBV information booklets which were extremely popular with the large number of visitors.

Perhaps the highlight of the day was the successful sales of the Explorer Range which included our splashproof notebooks and leather-bound book. People appeared genuinely enamoured with their design and construction and many took the chance to ask questions about every aspect of the trade.

BBV remains indebted to the Worshipful Company of Stationers, its Master, Court and livery men and women for their continued support and look forward to other opportunities to expand our friendship and mutual goals.

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The Stationers' Company Notebook Project – November 2024

by
Jonathan Powell (Treasurer)

One of our Trustees, Paul Wilson, is also this year's Master of the Stationers' Company, a London Livery Company. Earlier this year, he asked if he could buy a number of bespoke notebooks to a special design as Christmas presents for members of the Company's senior Livery members and staff. After discussion on the size and shape of the book and the artwork for its case, a small team of Veterans got together over several days in November to manufacture these unique items.



The Notebook team pausing during case manufacture at the Daffodil Barn – only another 33 to go! (LtoR: Stefan, Alan, Wendy, Sam, Cheryl and Dean)

The techniques and skills involved will be familiar to all Level 1 students – trimming the book block, adding a ribbon, cutting cloth and boards for the case – but since the cloth to be used was “Colorado”, which many will know acts like a PVA magnet, the work had an extra level of stress and required the utmost cleanliness, skill and care by the team.

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demanding of bookbinding skills and was approached with some trepidation. However, with 65 notebooks to make, Alan and Stefan concentrated hard and stuck rigidly to a routine to achieve a consistent and clean finish.



Alan concentrating on glue management



Stefan looking pleased with his pastemanship!



An atmosphere of concentration pervades over the production line in the BBV workshop.



Stefan fixing the ribbon page markers to the spines.

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The results are very impressive and sure to be a prized Christmas present for the lucky Stationer recipients.

Thanks to the efforts of this project team, the money raised from their purchase by Paul will go directly back into more support for our Veterans in the shape of further course training and workshop sessions. Well done all.

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COURSE NEWS

BBV C&G LEVEL 2 - LEATHER CASE BINDING COURSE - NOVEMBER 2024

by Mylyn McColl, BBV Principal Tutor

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case bindings this November. We had Fiona and Jess who attended the course at the barn and Malcolm and Ami joined us via zoom.

Everyone created two leather case bindings one with a quarter spine and one with a half binding, incorporating false raised bands on the spine and headcaps at the head and the tail.

Those at the barn had the benefit of the in-house equipment using the vertical plough to trim the edges and the laying press to back the spine.

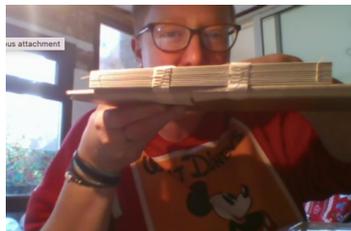
On both courses we were joined by the wonderful Richard Renouf sharing his skills in knife sharpening and providing everyone with a metal blank and sharpening kit so they could create their own mini paring knives.

Everyone did a great job of preparing textblocks, cutting and paring leather and completing the gorgeous case bound books.



The hands of Malcolm Robertson paring some leather in preparation for making his book case and

... the leatherwork finished on his boards for his half-binding, now ready for covering.



Ami Johnson, who earlier this year attended a BBV introductory bookbinding session at Tedworth House, also undertook this course on-line. Here she is displaying her sewn text block.

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Jess Dunster backing her text block



Fiona Wallace preparing her text block.



Richard Renou, a regular teacher on BBV courses, instructs on how to sharpen a variety of tools used in book binding.

This course is for those who would like to achieve a certificate in Level 1 or 2 Bookbinding and who have little previous arts experience. You will put together a portfolio of samples relating to bookbinding, its materials and learn about colour and design.

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BBV City & Guilds Level One Certificate

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A very pleased BBV student, Sam Balmond, shows off his C&G Level 1 Certificate in Bookbinding following successful completion of level 1 courses in Units 118 (Beginners Bookbinding) and 119 (Photograph Album and Slip Case). He has subsequently taken part in the Stationers' Company Notebook Project, which is reported fully in this newsletter. [Notebook project](#)



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BBV Introduction to Bookbinding Session at Tedworth House, Tidworth



Six happy students showing off their completed books on the latest Introduction session at Tedworth House on 26th November. Kira Torrens-Spence took the class. Those attending were Colin, Gracie, Oscar, Kieron, Connor and Simmer-

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course.

For details of courses available in the next few months go to [Course Programme](#)

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BBV Introduction to Bookbinding Session for Veterans' Outreach Support (VOS), Portsmouth

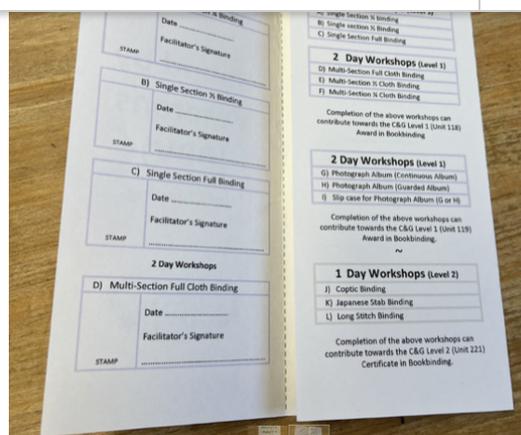
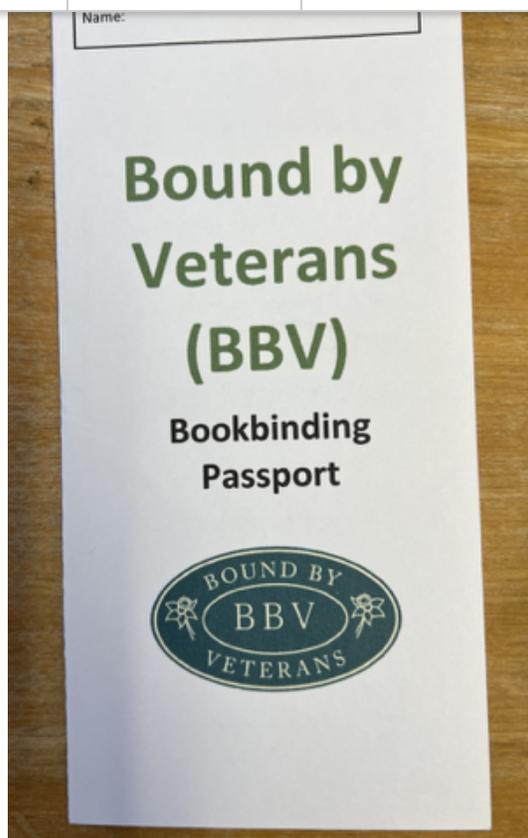


Wendy, our course administrator, is a regular teacher of the introductory sessions at Portsmouth and this is the latest group who attended one of the sessions on the 28th November. Judging by their smiles, they all enjoyed the session.

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BBV BOOKBINDING PASSPORT

This notice has been published in previous BBV Newsletters but is repeated here as it is an important addition to the way progress can be made and recorded to achieving certificates in City and Guilds courses.

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BBV has developed a number of one and 2-day workshops both on-line and in-person which, when completed, can contribute towards the C&G Level 1 (Units 118 and 119) Awards in Bookbinding and C&G Level 2 (Unit 221) Certificate in Bookbinding.

Attendance and satisfactory completion of the workshops will be recorded in a BBV Bookbinding Passport shown here.

For more details of the scheme contact Wendy our Course Administrator on:

courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk

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DONATIONS AND SPONSORS

Great news! BBV has once again been successful in the Tesco Community Grants - this time in the Shaftsbury branch with a recent award of £1,500. Thank you Tesco and well done Wendy.

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Community Grants

accepted and selected and this will give BBV a grant of £500, £1000 or if we come top, £1,500.

Voting for BBV at TESCO in Tidworth takes place from Oct 2024 to Jan 2025. So if you are in the Tidworth area between October and January do drop in to the store and pop a token into the BBV box.

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BBV MYSTERY BAGS!



Mylyn has put together some "Mystery Bags" which contain offcuts of paper: Japanese, marbled, printed, plain paper, bookcloth, and headbands etc, rather like you get in shops. These can be bought for a mere £8 a bag and are available to people attending courses. In addition Mylyn has sourced some small beeswax blocks (see below). For more information about the Mystery Bags and beeswax contact Mylyn. tutor@boundbyveterans.co.uk

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SOCIAL MEDIA



Mylyn has created a BBV page on Instagram where there are many images of BBV veterans on bookbinding courses and other aspects of bookbinding - well worth a visit. <http://@boundbyveterans>

If anyone is interested in contributing to the charity by taking on the management of social media on behalf of BBV please get in touch with the office at the barn on tutor@boundbyveterans.co.uk

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BBV NEWSLETTER - NEXT EDITION

The next edition of the BBV newsletter, following this Winter edition, is planned for March 2025 and will be the Spring 2025 edition.

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BOOKBINDING COURSES - Winter 2024/25

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Courses at the Barn continue to flourish and the online Zoom courses being run by our Principal Tutor, Mylyn McColl, are proving very popular by those who have difficulty getting away or are unable to find accommodation near the Barn. Details of both in-person and online courses are shown below

The BBV Introduction to Bookbinding sessions are continuing to be held at Tedworth House, in Tidworth and also at the Veterans' Outreach Support (VOS) in Portsmouth. In addition they are available through Veterans' Tribe Scotland (VTS) and Help for Heroes (H4H) Scotland with online and in-person sessions.

Online tutorials (via Zoom) for the C&G Certificate Level 1 Foundation Bookbinding Course (Unit 118) are now well established in the BBV course programme. This course is normally a 5-day (Mon to Fri), in-person course, held at the Barn workshops in Woodborough, but for the on-line course it has been split into two modules, spread over two weeks.

In addition, C&G's Level 2 Courses (Units 220 and 221) are now available as Zoom on-line courses.

The online courses run from 10.00 to 16.00hrs each day but the tutor will be available until 16.30 to assist with questions and practice. A thirty-minute lunch break will be taken at approx 13.00. Details of these courses are given below.

Anyone interested in booking a place on any of the courses listed should contact Wendy at courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk. If you are interested in the online tutorial courses please book early to ensure we can get the tool kits to you in time. Remember **FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED**.

December 2024

- **3 Dec (Tue) (1030-1230) BBV Introduction to Bookbinding Session at Tedworth House.** This short session is for RRP Students at Tedworth House only. Students will have the opportunity to learn some basic bookbinding techniques and make a small notebook.
- **9-13 Dec (Mon-Fri) C&G Level 1 Unit 119. Photograph Albums & Slip Case.** For those with a little bookbinding experience, this course is the second unit necessary for the Level 1 C&G certificate in Bookbinding, where you will learn how to make two different types of photograph album, one with folded guards, and one with stiff boards, and a lined cloth slipcase. (Course is held in the Daffodil Barn workshop)
- **16-17 Dec (Mon-Tues) C&G Level 3 Diploma. Rounded Leather Entry Slip case.** During this two day course students will make a rounded half-

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- **19 Dec (Thu) (1400-1600) Veteran Outreach Support (VOS) Portsmouth:** Group in-person two-hour sessions are held at Portsmouth. For further details, see below or contact Wendy Pearson (wendy.pearson@vosuk.org) facilitator for VOSP.

January 2025

- **6 Jan (Mon) (10.00-12.00) Veteran Outreach Support (VOS) Portsmouth:** Group in-person two-hour sessions are held at Portsmouth. For further details, see below or contact Wendy Pearson (wendy.pearson@vosuk.org) facilitator for VOSP
- **7 Jan (Tue) (1030-1230) BBV Introduction to Bookbinding Session at Tedworth House.** This short session is for RRP Students at Tedworth House only. Students will have the opportunity to learn some basic bookbinding techniques and make a small notebook.
- **27-31 Jan (Mon-Fri). C&G Level 1 - (Unit 118) C&G Pamphlet & Multi-section binding.** For complete beginners, this is the first unit in the Level 1 C&G certificate in Bookbinding, where you will gain a core knowledge of the basic skills and make single and multi-section bindings in quarter, half and full cloth.

February 2025

- **4 Feb (Tue) (1030-1230) BBV Introduction to Bookbinding Session at Tedworth House.** This short session is for RRP Students at Tedworth House only. Students will have the opportunity to learn some basic bookbinding techniques and make a small notebook.
- **17-21 Feb (Mon-Fri) C&G Level 2 Unit 221 Alternative and Historical Binding.** This course is the second unit in the Level 2 C&G certificate in Bookbinding. You will learn how to make a range of non-adhesive bindings, including a Coptic binding. For those with a little bookbinding experience.
- **25 Feb (Tue) (14.00-16.00) Veteran Outreach Support (VOS) Portsmouth:** Group in-person two-hour sessions are held at Portsmouth. For further details, see below or contact Wendy Pearson (wendy.pearson@vosuk.org) facilitator for VOSP

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House only. Students will have the opportunity to learn some basic bookbinding techniques and make a small notebook.

- **11-12 Mar (Tue-Thu) & 18-19 Mar (Tue-Wed) C&G Level 1 - Unit 118 Pamphlet & Multi-section binding. (ONLINE ZOOM)** For complete beginners, this is the first unit in the Level 1 C&G certificate in Bookbinding, where you will gain a core knowledge of the basic skills and make single and multi-section bindings in quarter, half and full cloth.
- **18 Mar (Tue) (18.00-20.00) Veteran Outreach Support (VOS) Portsmouth:** Group in-person two-hour sessions are held at Portsmouth. For further details, see below or contact Wendy Pearson (wendy.pearson@vosuk.org) facilitator for VOSP
- **31 Mar - 4 Apr (Mon-Fri) C&G Level 1 Unit 119. Photograph Albums & Slip Case.** For those with a little bookbinding experience, this course is the second unit necessary for the Level 1 C&G certificate in Bookbinding, where you will learn how to make two different types of photograph album, one with folded guards, and one with stiff boards, and a lined cloth slipcase. (Course is held in the Daffodil Barn workshop)

April 2025

- **8 Apr (Tue) (1030-1230) BBV Introduction to Bookbinding Session at Tedworth House.** This short session is for RRP Students at Tedworth House only. Students will have the opportunity to learn some basic bookbinding techniques and make a small notebook.
- **8-10 Apr (Tue-Thu) C&G Level 2 - Unit 201/202 Design and Sampling.** This course is for those who would like to achieve a certificate in Level 1 or 2 Bookbinding and who have little previous arts experience. You will put together a portfolio of samples relating to bookbinding, its materials and learn about colour and design.
- **10 Apr (Tue) (10.00-12.00) Veteran Outreach Support (VOS) Portsmouth:** Group in-person two-hour sessions are held at Portsmouth. For further details, see below or contact Wendy Pearson (wendy.pearson@vosuk.org) facilitator for VOSP
- **28 Apr-2 May (Mon-Fri). C&G Level 1 - (Unit 118) C&G Pamphlet & Multi-section binding.** For complete beginners, this is the first unit in the Level 1 C&G certificate in Bookbinding, where you will gain a core knowledge of the basic skills and make single and multi-section bindings in quarter, half and full cloth. Held in the barn Workshop.

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[info/training-courses/](#) or from the course administrator, Wendy Lagden, at courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk

INTERESTED?

If you are interested in taking part in any of our courses (either a webinar or in-person at The Barn) please contact Wendy at courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk who will be happy to answer any questions and allocate you a place on a course. **Please note, places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis and please get your bid in early if you are wanting to attend the live webinar courses because we need time to get the tool kits and materials out to you.** Even if you have done the introductory session before, you might want to refresh your memory and hone your skills. You will have the chance to ask questions and get personal attention as it is all live.

COSTS: While the cost of the tuition is free for veterans, we do ask that for a five day course, (C&G Levels 1 & 2), we ask for a £20 non-refundable contribution towards the cost of materials. Payment is to be paid before the start of the course via BACS transfer and the course administrator will send the bank details out when a place is booked on the course or with the Joining Instruction. Should the student cancel their place on the course then the money can be transferred over to another course.

ON-LINE COURSES: We send out boxed tool kits and materials, via DHL, to those who register for the online classes, and the tool kits will be collected by DHL after the course is finished. All you will need is a space a bit bigger than A3 to work on, a computer or tablet with wifi, good lighting and a bit of peace and quiet!

We will be offering more live webinar classes during the year in addition to the onsite sessions at the barn. Watch this space! Also look above for details of courses coming up in the near future.

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ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL

We are aware that the cost of accommodation can present a problem for potential students who want to attend courses at the Barn in Woodborough.

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courses.

For further information about support for accommodation and travel, please get in touch with Wendy, our Course Administrator at: courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk

IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING taking part in any of the Introduction to Bookbinding Sessions, then please note:-

- **Veteran Outreach Support (VOS) Portsmouth:** Group in-person two-hour sessions are held at Portsmouth. For further details, see below or contact Wendy Pearson (wendy.pearson@vosuk.org) facilitator for VOSP.
- **Online Individual Introduction sessions:** For students in Scotland. These sessions are being arranged:
 - for Veterans Tribe Scotland (VTS) students (contact Gerry McGregor gerry.mcgregor@veterantriberscotland.co.uk) and
 - for H4H students (contact Emma Weir emma.weir@helpforheroes.org.uk)

For those undertaking the online sessions:

- You can participate in the comfort of your own home, in a group organised session or from anywhere.
- All the tools and materials you need for the course will be sent to you by DHL
- The session is conducted by our Principal Tutor, Mylyn McColl and will last about 2 to 2.5 hours.
- It is for complete beginners who have no bookbinding experience.
- The timetable for the coming sessions can be seen above.
- For further information about the introduction sessions please contact Wendy Lagden at: courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk

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If you or anyone you know would be interested in helping us out in any of these areas, please get in touch with us at enquiries@boundbyveterans.co.uk

This Newsletter, from Bound by Veterans (BBV), is sent to all who have attended an Introduction to Bookbinding Session at Tedworth House, or VOS Portsmouth, or VTS Scotland AND who have consented to being contacted. It has also been sent to those on the Band of Sisters (BoS) list and others who have requested it.

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