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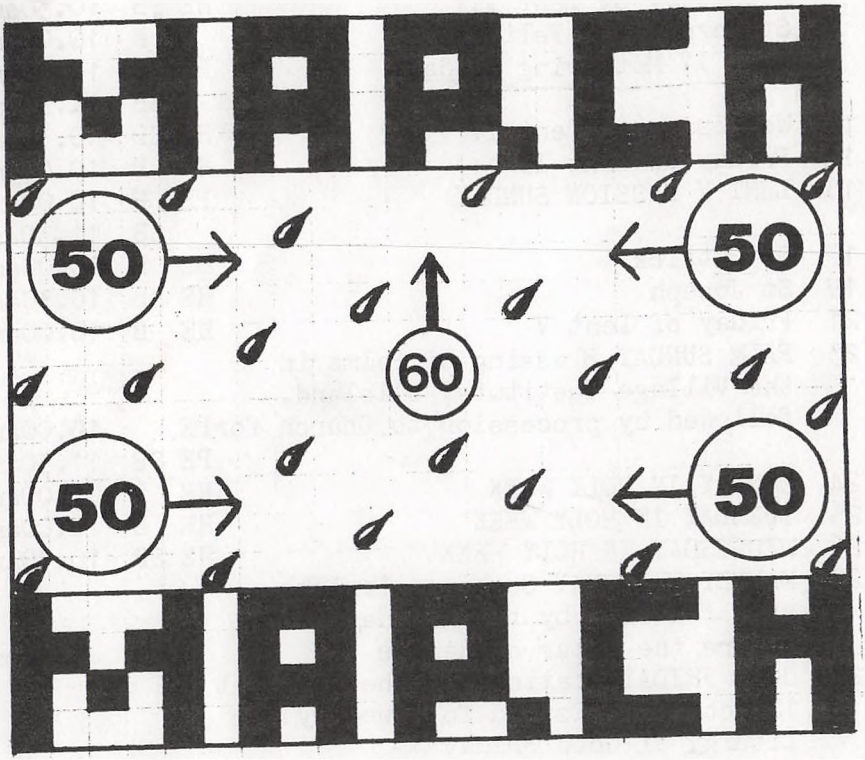

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KALENDAR & ARRANGEMENTS FOR MARCH 1986

Sat 1	St David	HE	B	10.00am
SUN 2	LENT III	PE	B	10.00am
		Mattins	SB	11.30am
Tue 4	Tuesday of Lent III	HE	B	7.00pm
	PCC Meeting		B	7.30pm
Wed 5	Wednesday of Lent III	HE	SB	10.30am
Fri 7	St Perpetua & Felicity		B	10.00am
SUN 9	LENT IV Mothering Sunday	PE	B	10.00am
			SB	11.30am
Wed 12	Wednesday of Lent IV	HE	SB	10.30am
Fri 14	Friday of Lent IV	HE	B	10.00am
SUN 16	LENT V PASSION SUNDAY	PE	B	10.00am
			SB	11.30am
Mon 17	St Patrick	HE	B	10.00am
Wed 19	St Joseph	HE	SB	10.30am
Fri 21	Friday of Lent V	HE	B	10.00am
SUN 23	PALM SUNDAY Blessing of Palms in the Village Institute, Blisland, followed by procession to Church for	PE		10.00am
		PE	SB	11.30am
Mon 24	MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK	HE	B	10.00am
Tue 25	TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK	HE	B	10.00am
Wed 26	WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK	HE	SB	10.30am
Thu 27	MAUNDY THURSDAY Combined Parish Mass followed by the Maunday Watch before the Altar of Repose		B	8.00pm
Fri 28	GOOD FRIDAY Stations of the Cross at 12 noon at Blisland followed by the Liturgy of Good Friday			
	Mission Service at St Breward			7.00pm
Sat 29	HOLY SATURDAY Blessing of the Paschal Candle followed by the first Eucharist of Easter		B	8.00pm
SUN 30	EASTER DAY	PE	B	10.00am
	during which Holy Baptism will be administered.		SB	11.30am

CONFESSIONS BEFORE EASTER After any Eucharist at either Parish.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

My dear Parishioners of Blisland, St Breward and Temple,

In the January issue of the Parish Magazine I promised to write in the March issue about our Parish resources which were the subject of a meeting of the Parochial Church Councils of Blisland and St Breward who were addressed by two visiting speakers. The purpose of the meeting was the raising of money for the maintenance of the ministry of the Church and of its buildings. I am not qualified to write about financial matters and so would like this letter to share with you my thoughts about our spiritual resources.

Resources are means of supplying what is needed. We need to lead Christian lives of love and service, loving and serving Our Lord and one another, to be ambassadors for Christ attracting by the example of our lives others into the fellowship of the family of His Church, to be concerned about the sick and suffering, the homeless and starving the persecuted and oppressed. No man is an island and no village community must isolate itself from other communities near and far. If we are to lead Christian lives we must use Christian means, our spiritual resources

The first of these is prayer - converse with God. We must talk to Him and listen to Him. He will tell us what His will is for us and how to accomplish it. We must live for others and not only for ourselves. Selfishness, self-centredness, self-satisfaction leads to hell. Bishop Michael Ramsey has defined hell as being stewed in one's own juice. The road to heaven is thronged with pilgrims helping each other on the way.

The second spiritual resource is to worship together as often as we possibly can. Church going, apart from attending baptisms, weddings and funerals, is on the decline. In the old days villagers would walk for miles to get to Church. Now, even if they have transport, many stay at home. Television may be a window looking out on the world and reminding us of the needs of others but often it is only used to provide entertainment; some of which is uplifting but some of which is unedifying.

The third spiritual resource is to visit our Parish Church and say our prayers and listen to God in His house. The peace and quiet of all three parish churches will teach us

of the value of silence in our lives. If we develop the habit of going to church regularly we may well receive a call to worship with others in church regularly.

The fourth and most important spiritual resource is to receive regularly our spiritual food - the Body and Blood of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

To sum up, prayer is the Christian's native air. Just as breathing is essential for the life of the body so is prayer for the life of the soul. Just as feeding with material food is essential for the life of the body so is spiritual food essential for the life of the soul. Man is a psycho-somatic unity - body, mind and soul. He has been given gifts of grace from God which he must use to God's greater glory. He has been given spiritual resources which he must use to God's greater glory. He must put God first, others second and himself third as he undertakes life's pilgrimage on earth, through death into paradise and eventually to eternal life in heaven.

May God bless your Lenten rules of life. May you experience the joy of Easter after sharing in the sorrow of the Cross.

May God bless you and all whom you love.

EDWIN STARK

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Parish Registers.

Beatrice May Rowe, aged 82, of Hillside, Limehead, died on February 5th. The funeral service was held at Penmount Crematorium.

Francis Charles (Frank) Kevern of Ivydene, Churchtown, St Breward, died on February 7th and interred in St Breward Churchyard.

Our deepest sympathy to both families.

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Katie McCarron of Blisland P.O. went into Treliske Hosp. at the double with acute appendicitis. With equal speed the children at Blisland C.P. School sent a parcel of ha nd made 'get well cards' and messages. And what a selection of lovely ideas they presented, many on the 'horse' theme, Kate's mad passion.

Katie would like to thank everyone who sent cards, gifts and get-well messages which decorate the house now that she has returned home.

THE TITANIC PARTY By Mary Sharp

Being a member of the Service Team for the Nine Ashes County Scout Campsite at Washaway is fun for me, because in spite of having a great deal of hard work to do,we also enjoy ourselves immensely. There is one occasion which springs to my mind - THE TITANIC PARTY!
Last year, three Venture Scout Units, myself and a friend attended a party to thank the leader of one of the Units for his service with them, as he was soon to leave.

The theme of the evening was 'The Sinking of the Titanic' and everyone had to go in fancy dress with this in mind, we went as iceburgs, but there were also blind lookouts, captains and passengers present.

As we entered, our names were announced and we were handed a glass of sherry by the main Captain.

We took our seats and started on our scrumptious five course meal, cooked by the Pensilva Unit. The surprise dessert turned out to be Gateau a la Titanic; a huge cake iced beautifully to the last deck.

It took 10 minutes for the 50 of us present to clear away the tables (washing up was done in a rota!) and a disco began. We all danced well into the next morning!
The joke of the evening came when I started to dance with a Venture Scout who was 6ft 11inches tall, and as I am only 5ft 1¾inches tall it looked hilarious,because I only came up to just up above his belly button!!
To get around this problem, I stood on a chair, but suddenly someone pulled the chair away from underneath me and I was left dangling from his neck. By then, everyone was laughing, so I made a safe landing when I jumped down!
Altogether we had a fantastic party and it went down well with everyone!

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Are there any younger readers who would like to write about anything they have taken part in? We should be interested to hear from you.

BLISLAND PARISH COUNCIL.

The repairs on the Village Institute, including the roof, ceiling, walls and floor have now been completed. A statement showing the expenses of the project is enclosed.

The Parish Council is extemely pleased with the work which was carried out by the staff of the Bridge Agency under the leadership of Mr John Webster, and this must be one of the many successes in the using of the Manpower Services Commission for the benefit of the community.

I do hope that all readers will approve of this work and bearing in mind the extent of the repair the very low cost which was borne by the parishioners.

At this time may I extend to you and all the contributors the good wishes of the Councillors for a very interesting and very readable magazine. I hope that all readers get the same enjoyment out of the magazine as I do.

E.A.R.

REPAIR ACCOUNT - BLISLAND VILLAGE INSTITUTE

Expenditure.

		£
U.B.M.	timber	690.10
A H White Ltd	sand etc.	44.10
U B M	timber	85.21
Jewsons	paint etc.	166.38
Teague Bros	roof repair	8.05
Hodge	sand & cement	31.10
M Trevarthen	plumbing materials	23.84
Teague Bros	ceiling repairs	668.72
Jewsons	materials	20.00
I J Hodges	installation of lights	62.82
		£1823.82.

Income.

Sale of wood	10.00
Sale of surplus material	17.84
Municipal Mutual Insurance Claim ceiling repair.	573.50
V A T refud	234.14
Grant. N.C.D.C.	494.14
Blisland P C C	141.18
	£1470.89

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ST BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH

The work of modifying the Methodist Sunday School to make it our new Chapel has actually begun. The builders have started work and we will see what was a vision unfolding in reality. The last service in the Chapel was held on 19th January. For the time being most services will be held in the Band room which was the original Methodist Chapel. When the alterations are completed we will again be launching out to occupy our new building and taking with us the blessings which God has given us in those previous chapels.

The project is expected to cost £45,500 - a vast sum of money to many of us. How can we raise such a lot of money? Already through the sale of the chapel and through grants and gifts we have about 90% of the money in hand. Faith indeed is answered and so we look forward to see how the remaining £5000 will be raised. If you have been meaning to send a gift then you can see that it is still needed and will be more than welcome (send to the treasurer Mrs J Teague, Lowenva, St Breward) Pray too, so that this amount may be exceeded and further improvements made.

We look forward having learnt afresh that God is the Giving God who has called us to move forward.

JOHN YOUNG

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Blisland Parish Council cont.

Expenditure	1823.84
Income	1470.89
To be met by Parish Council	£ 352.95
Parish Council 5/7	352.95
Church Council 2/7	141.18
	£494.13.

E.A.Rowe. Clerk.

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The Editor and Treasurer of this magazine would like to record our heartfelt thanks to Mr R Granger of Pendrift for once again auditing our accounts. The organisations in this village will be heartbroken when he finally puts his red pen to rest.

STONES AND CROSSES.

Once upon a time people threw away their stone tools and used the newly discovered bronze. Seeking the makings, tin and copper, people came from the Mediterranean to Cornwall. Deeply religious they brought their religions with them. When they left Cornwall they left behind their monuments and their actions.

Some of the monuments are Maltese Crosses. One is at Menabilly. One is at Bavian in Assyria and is dated 700 B.C. and obviously is not Christian. Others may be; may be not. A much older cross was painted on a pebble and was found in the Pyranees. It is dated early Stone Age.

Menabilly.

Walk about two miles north-east from St Breward Parish Church and you will come across Middle Moor. There is a standing Stone on which is carved a cross. What date should we give this? Now go to Lanivet Churchyard and you will see this little chap carved on a Standing Stone. There are many other symbols. The little fellow has a tail. No one has ever portrayed God with a tail, but the Egyptian gods were. Their tails were considered to add dignity. For the same reason an African Chief wore a tail. So does our Queen; only we call it a train. While Princess Diana's was enormous. Time was the Devonshire people laughed at the Cornish, claiming they had tails. There is something in Cornwall about this tail business. A symbol representing the sun was found in Boscreege Farm in Germoe Parish, as an action. This symbol was also known in Roche, in the second week in June the young people performed "Snail's Creep". Holding hands they followed the Band in narrowing circles until the Band turned about and unwound. This "Snail's Creep" acted the symbol of the sun. And Roche Chapel is dedicated to Saint Michael whom early

Middle Moor.

Lanivet.

Germoe.

Christians substituted for the sun god. The fact that the Germoe stone was found in a farmyard and others have been found in strange places or even buried is evidence that Christians regarded them as heathen and evil.

If you would like to know much much more, ask in the County Reference Library for the book written by Dr Dexter. It is a big book with many illustrations. Or I will gladly lend you my twenty-nine pages of notes taken from the book.

Michael Browning.

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ST BREWARD SILVER BAND.

The only engagement for March will be the Cornwall Brass Band Association contest at Truro. Mr Hunt is now the Chairman of the Association so expects great things of St Breward.

Bandsmen will be competing for big money at Bugle this year. A prize list of over £2,700 has been agreed by the West of England Bandsmen's Festival, adding around £2,000 to last year's awards. They have recognised the high cost of running a band and with the help of sponsorship were able to restructure the awards.

In the championship section, a band will now be able to win a total of £600 in first prize money. In Class B, the maximum will be £375 and £210 in Class C.

Another change is that the long established practice of aggregating points to decide the winner of each class will be discontinued. For 1986, the champion of each section will be declared on the major test piece work only.

The secretary said there was obviously a lot of goodwill for the Bugle contest in the banding world, and while they may not be able to implement everything immediately, their aim must be to make the contest sufficiently attractive for bands to continue to want to attend.

The main sponsors of the championship section will be ECC International, but also local businesses were giving their support in this venture.

LETTER FROM THE TREASURER.

Dear Readers, Here at last is the Balance Sheet for the Parish Magazine. I apologise for the delay in publishing it but what with my husband coming home on leave (and he is a very time demanding person - thank goodness!) then rehearsing & learning lines for the Christmas Concert I'm afraid the Mag. accounts were pushed into the background. Anyway here goes.

Income.		Outgoings.	
St Breward	193.37	Printing	504.00
Blisland	232.62	Postage & envelopes	26.75
Bal b/f 83/84	336.80		£ 530.75
	£ 762.79		

Balance at end of Oct 1985 £232.04. Unfortunately our income is down on last year but not quite as bad as it seems for £42.85 came in after the books were closed which were for 1984/85 subscriptions. We have lost some subscribers & our donations were down. So I do implore you, please pay your subscription promptly & if you know of anyone who would like our magazine please contact Mrs Vause, the editor. It is well worth 12p a month to keep in touch with your villages.

Eileen Walford. Treasurer.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Friends, Romans & Others, May I ask you to give serious thought about finding a new Editor!

I have presented over forty editions and enjoyed the experience, but I'm getting to the stage when I truly could do with a break from the overall responsibility of producing the magazine. Writing the odd 'Fools Corner' or helping out with articles - or indeed in any capacity would be a pleasure, but I think that in the near future I may need/want to be away from home on a more fluid basis than I can arrange at present.

Mary Sharp has started her course for the D.of E award and is a great assistant but that isn't the answer to my problem. If one person can't be found then perhaps two or three friends could collaborate, one must be a typist! I started without any previous experience, no matric or 'O'levels to guide me - just a basic clerical education

and a pinch of common sense, a crash course with Ruth Lumley-Smith - and a desire to see the magazine continue and thrive.

Ruth's format was a magazine that covered all interests & faiths within our three parishes, and an attempt to chronicle our lives and history. A magazine to which as many as possible would contribute. A melding of past and present. A recording of todays ways and thinking - in ten, twenty years it could all change again.

In my lifetime Blisland has changed from the truly rural to semi-suburbia. From clome ovens & solid fuel stoves to micro-wave. Candles & Aladin lamp to strip lighting and strobe lights. From walking to work to 2&3 car families with nary a boot in sight.From wireless to personal stereos. Once a trip to St Austell was the highlight of the year, now it's lookout, Norway, Austria, the USA or Australia.

For many years I have held Ecclesiastes 3 1-8 in high esteem. It started when my husband was taken ill, and in the intervening years I seem to have gone through the lot. Now I have the feeling that I would like to take new paths, the stones I have gathered are now due to be cast away.

So if there are two or three of you out there who would like a challenge, now is the time to step forward.

Stella Vause.

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Following our last month's article on the sponsored ride, it should have also been said that the Ride 'organised' by Morris Evans was not a one man effort. Harold Rich made the Royal Oak a focal point for much of the fund-raising. Joan Rich and Flo Nelder behind the bar chivvied all and sundry into entering - and collected the cash. An exhibition and sale of W.Moss' paintings decorated the lounge of the pub and proceeds went to the funds. Although Morris would have been delighted to have all the credit, he also feels that mention should be made of the many people who put a lot of effort into the ride, with the late Charlie Cawrse being the oldest entrant.

An auction of wooden furniture created by John Greenaway also took place, plus Tug-o-war contests, all of which with the sponsored ride money bought three electric invalid chairs.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

ST BREWARD

Congratulations were given to Mrs I Donald who has gained a degree in the Open University and will go to Southampton in April for the ceremony. Because of the alterations taking place in the Methodist Sunday School we have reluctantly decided to avail ourselves of Blisland WI's kind offer of their hall for our Group Meeting on April 24th . Mrs V Busbridge will produce the play written by Mrs P Bousefield and the cast was chosen so rehearsals will now be in progress.
After the usual "press gang" methods eight members stood for nomination for the committee!
Three of us were invited to the St Teath Birthday party on January 31st, as usual this was well organised and a lively affair with disco music (not too loud) which included some lovely golden oldies to dance to, plenty of games and a sumptuous supper.
Our Red Cross Hall was also the scene of jollifications for our January Social; the whole atmosphere was one of whole hearted enjoyment as everyone joined in the games and then sat down to a well prepared supper provided by all members present. Background music was also provided by cassettes which only became obtrusive when I tried to say Grace to a background of "How Much is That Doggie in the Window" ! Reluctantly the laughing groups of members dispersed into the cold night outside, surely a sign of a good party.
Our next meeting will be on March 18th when Mrs Anne Hamilton will let us try our hand at spinning so do come along to find out if you have an undiscovered talent for this interesting hobby.

ANNE HOLMES

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BLISLAND

In spite of the cold night we had a very good attendance for our January meeting. The business side of the evening was quickly disposed of, the main discussion being the final arrangements for our annual Birthday Dinner. While we are on that subject I would like to observe that our evening at the Westbury Hotel was a great success. The actual dinner was first class and served in very elegant surroundings.

Our Speaker for the Monthly Meeting was Mrs Horrell whose subject was 'Let's make music'. For many of our members it was rather disappointing but I know of at least one member who enjoyed it so it wasn't quite wasted. But what was very interesting was Mrs Horrell is the wife of the farmer who makes the delicious cheese that is w wrapped in stinging nettles and was featured on a T S W programme. Apparently groups are welcome to visit the farm & see how the cheese is made. Unfortunately it's not obtainable locally - you have to go to Harrods!

Mrs Wendy Gurr won the competition 'New Years Resolution' It was based on the true values of our everyday life & made us all sit up & realise that material things in life don't really count for much.

The tea hostesses were Mrs Audrey Pierce & Mrs Marjorie Webber.

During the month Mrs Stella Vause & myself attended a pre-resolution meeting at County House. This was extremely interesting & the opinions of all present made for fiery discussions. The resolutions - twelve of them were all (except one) on topical national matters from Crown Immunity to Enlightenment on the disease AIDS. So we shall have to wait & see which four are chosen for the AGM held in the Albert Hall.

We have <u>our</u> A M in March. Why not come along and take part in one of the largest Women's Organisations in the Country. We in Blisland are only a small part of that body of women but in our own way we have contributed quite a lot to the community.

Eileen Walford.

FOOLS CORNER.

Further to my piece in the January edition I was surprised to read in the W.M.N. on the 27th that Gateway had, without any warning, closed its International Stores in Chagford.

It was the smallest store in the chain but they must have known the takings and profit at the outset, but to give the locals only 48 hours notice of closure was a bit naughty, particularly when the nearest big shops are 20 miles away in Exeter. Not knowing Chagford I don't know whether they have any number of grocers for the locals to go to. But I guess that Chagford locals will also be saying "Big is not beautiful!!"

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WRVS OVER 60's Report

January 21st was a social afternoon when future activities were discussed.

Mrs M Webber organised games with a short Quiz and also won the competition "Best Hint".

There was a small attendance on February 4th on account of the very cold weather among other reasons. However, Isobel arrived armed with rugs and hot water bottles! and the small company was able to enjoy slides presented by Mrs Shirley, a former County Organiser, in reasonable warmth.

The slides ranged from views of the Outer Hebrides, through the Lake District to Devon and Cornwall, with some spectacular skies.

Mrs Shirley was thanked and another visit arranged for May. The competition "Prettiest Scarf" was won by Mrs Miller.

GWEN MASTERS

What a worthy article written last month by Brian Moon what a wealth of expressions, it brought joy to my reading!

G M.

* * Some starry eyed person passing through Waterloo in January saw masses of Golden Daffodils on a garden hedge. She was so enthusiastic about it that she told everybody she met, and in the village shop! Couldn't believe her eyes, she said, pity she did!! Later on, further investigations showed yellow chrysanthemums growing in profusion on that spot.

Everybody thus informed please note she has made an appointment with an eye specialist & apologies because it wasn't even April Fool's Day. * *

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ST BREWARD PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 8th April at 7.30pm in the Red Cross Centre.

The guest speaker will be County Councillor A.W.Smith. Chairman of Schools Sub-Committee of the Education Committee.

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FUTURE TRIP. An Autumn break to the Channel Isles, watch for further details.

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* Copy for April issue in by 10th March please. *

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BLISLAND C.P. SCHOOL.
MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP.

It is hoped to set up a Mother and Toddler Group starting in March, on one afternoon each week to give Mothers and Toddlers an opportunity to come into school to borrow library books, listen to a story, and sand/water play etc.

Please contact Mrs Cable at school. Bodmin 850565

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WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.

An interdenominational Service is to be held in St Breward Parish Church on Friday 7th March at 7.30pm.
The speaker will be Deaconess Faith Bishop.
Refreshments will be served afterwards.

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