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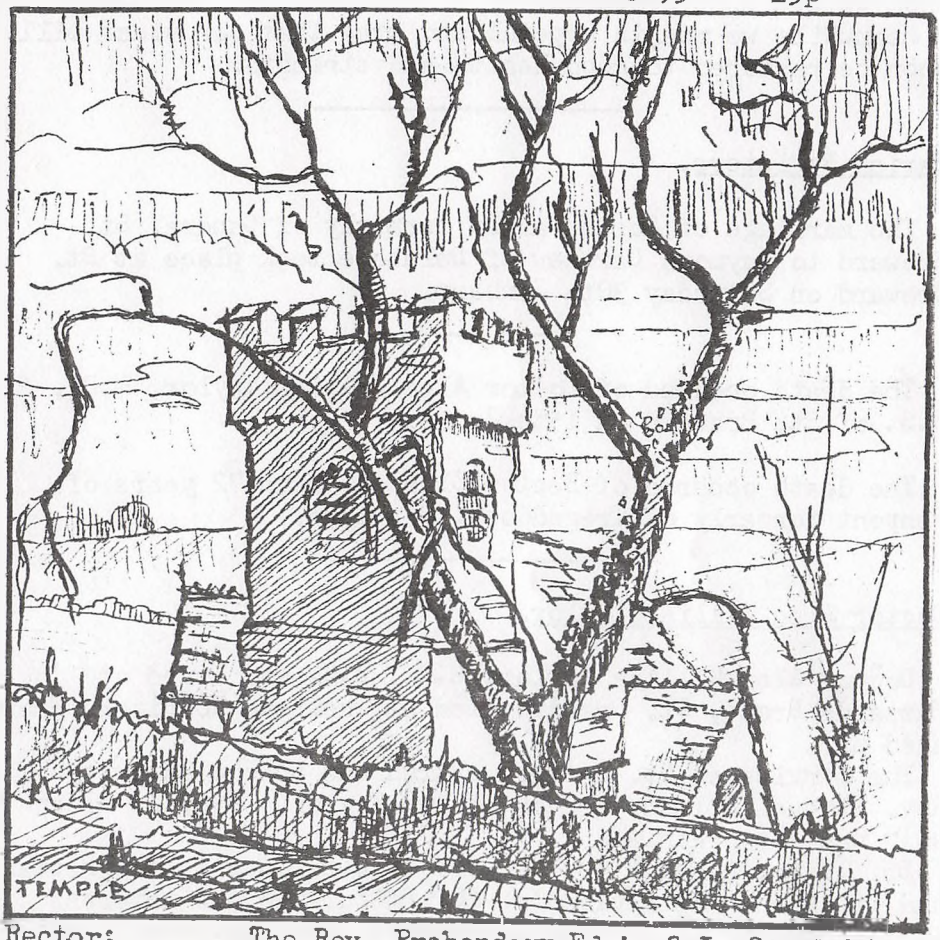

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR MARCH 1988

As far as possible we hope to maintain our services on Sundays both at Blisland 10.00a.m. and at St. Breward at 11.00a.m.

We are at present dependant on our visiting Clergy, to whom we are most grateful.

Meanwhile we remain hopeful and pray that our vicar will soon be restored to good health and strength.

Parish Registers.

The marriage of Susan Carter formerly of Candra, St. Breward to Raymond Carthew of Delabole took place at St. Breward on Saturday 30th January.

The death occured of Doctor Alec William Taylor, M.B., B.S. of St. Breward on 15th January.

The death occured of Hector Ellacott aged 72 years of Penpont formerly of Tregaddock, Blisland.

Doctor Alec William Taylor.

Doctor Alec William Taylor, M.B., B.S. who lived at Buzzards Brake, St. Breward died at Treliske Hospital, Truro aged 61.

The service at St. Breward church was conducted by the Rev. Michael Selman, nephew of Dr. Taylor. Mrs. J. Greenaway was the organist.

Dr. Taylor came to St. Breward as a partner to Dr. Newman and Dr. Nash. He retired at 60 and pursued his interest in the history of Cornwall, producing two chapters in the book now being published, 'The History of St. Breward.'

He joined the St. John Ambulance Brigade when he practised in Bristol being promoted to area surgeon of Bristol and North Avon in 1983. He continued his St. John interest on coming to Cornwall, becoming divisional surgeon at Camelford in 1985 aand area surgeon for East Cornwall and acting surgeon for Cornwall in 1987.

THE ATONEMENT

"We are at one with God" is the meaning of Atonement. This can be expressed in the following notes taken at my Theological College.

1. In Mark's account of the Baptism of Jesus it is recorded that a voice was heard saying "Thou art my beloved son, in thee I am well pleased". (Mark 1). This is a quotation from Psalm 2 "Thou art my son" and from Isaiah 42 "Behold my servant whom I uphold. Mine elect in whom my soul delighteth". These words are a proclamation from the Father that the Son is the Messiah and the Suffering Servant.

The Suffering Servant in Isaiah 53 is proclaimed as an offering for sin; that he will pour out his soul unto death and he will bear away the sins of many. From this we know that the Father proclaimed that the death of Jesus will be appeasement and payment for our sins.

2. Jesus was asked why his disciples did not fast as did the disciples of John Baptist and the disciples of the Pharisees when John the Baptist was beheaded only to please a lady. His reply was "The days shall come when the bridegroom shall be taken away from you (Mark 2). This shows that Jesus claimed to be God i.e. the Bridegroom of Israel. This reply also asserted that his death was foreordained as part of his Mission.

3. Forecasts of the Passion of Jesus were shown at Caesarea
a) Philippi when Peter asserted "Thou art the Christ" and Jesus answered "The Son of Man must suffer many things" (Mark 8).

At the Transfiguration, Jesus was acknowledged in the words
b) "This is my beloved Son. Hear him". Later Jesus said "The Son of Man is to be delivered into the hands of men and they shall kill him". (Mark 9). St. Luke records that Jesus talked with Moses and Elijah about his death (Luke 9).

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus spoke clearly about his
c) purpose. "We go up to Jerusalem and the Son of Man shall be delivered". (Mark 10). Here Jesus was definite that he went to Jerusalem to die. That was his intention.

4. Jesus told his disciples "I have a baptism to be baptised with and how I am straightened until it be accomplished". (Luke 12). This shows that Jesus knew his death was necessary and he desired it. His death would be a fact and was part of his work.

5. There are two sayings which give a meaning to Jesus' death.
a) "The Son of Man came not merely to be ministered unto but to minister and to give his life as a ransom in place of many. (Mark 10). During those days anyone captured in war would be held as a prisoner until money was paid. Only after the ransom was paid would the prisoner be set free.
b) At the Last Supper Jesus said over the cup "This is my blood of the New Covenant which is poured out on behalf of many persons. (Mark 14). This refers to "And Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people and said 'Behold the blood of the Covenant which the Lord hath made with you'". (Exodus 24). Also this refers to "He poured out his soul unto death and was numbered with the transgressions; yet he bore the sins of many and made intercession for the transgressions". (Isaiah 53). Another reference was given at the Last Supper when Jesus said "This is my blood". This is the miracle worked by Jesus when he changed the wine into his blood not to be sprinkled, as Moses did, outside the people but inside. And this interior sprinkling marks a new covenant made between God and us and written not on stone but in our hearts. This is an eternal covenant foretold by the Prophet Ezekiel when he speaks for God, "I will make a covenant of peace with them. It shall be an everlasting covenant. I will give it to them and multiply them and set my sanctuary in the midst of them for ever more". (Ezekiel 37).
6. So we see that at the Last Supper the thoughts of Jesus were latched to thoughts of the suffering servant, the escape from Egypt, the Old Covenant and the New Covenant. Also Jesus compared his death with the sacrifice that marked the beginning of Moses' Covenant.
7. The purpose of the death of Jesus was to ransom people and to make a sacrifice for people.
8. Jesus came into this world to die. He tried to make this clear from the beginning of his ministry. He wanted to die in a certain way. He used his divine power to save himself often from a martyr's death. That was his will. He intended to die as a sacrifice for people. This he did following the pattern of the Passover Lamb. When he was crucified at the same time of the clock, on the same day of the week the Passover Lambs were being killed. He died on the Cross without a bone being broken; just as was directed for the Passover Lamb.

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ST. BREWARD PARISH CHURCH

Dates for the Diary 1988:

13th March	Mothering Sunday.	3p.m.
24th March	Annual Parochial Church meeting in the Church at 7.30p.m.	
9th July	Annual Fete in the Village Hall at 2.30p.m.	
18th Sept.	Harvest Festival at 11.30a.m.	
19th Sept.	Evensong, followed by Harvest Supper and Sale at 7.00p.m.	

The fine granite altar in the Parish Church has been enhanced by the gift of a beautiful linen cloth edged with a hand worked crochet border. Mrs. Bobby Heavens of Swindon, the sister in law of Mrs. Josie Hawken worked and gave the ten foot long border whilst Mrs. Hawken sewed it to the cloth. It has a repetitive motive of crosses and roses and was first used at the Christmas Eve Mass.

G.M.M.

BODMIN GARLAND OX FAIR - APRIL 21st. 1848

This fair was attended by several eastern dealers but on account of the unfavourable weather in the morning there was not a large supply of cattle. Oxen and steers sold very freely but sale of fat cattle was dull. The garlands for the oxen were awarded to Mr. William Rowse of Lancarffe and those for cows to Mr. Gatty of the 'Town Arms', Bodmin and Mr. Higman of Lanivet. The price of fat cattle appeared rather to have declined - the garland oxen and cows having been sold at about 58 shillings per cwt. whilst the other fat bullocks varied from 52 shillings to 56 shillings. The sheep fair was not large, most of the sheep sold fetched about 7½d. (4p). a pound. The garlands were paid for by the successful competitors.

QUO VADIS?

By H.C.Garstin

When Queen Victoria complained about the shortage of suitable candidates for the position of Archbishop of Canterbury, her close adviser, Lord Melbourne, observed: "Well Ma'am, there are not many around who are very good at anything." One might be forgiven for thinking that little has changed over the intervening years.

That the Church of England is in disarray has been obvious for a number of years. Hardly a week goes by but one or other of the more prestigious national newspapers carries an article pointing out the dangers confronting the Church, but the Prelates close ranks, say nothing, and do nothing. They seem to have adopted the precepts of the Monkey Trinity. Hear no evil, See no evil, Speak no evil. The last is commendable under all circumstances - though some straight speaking might well be the order of the day. The first two are entirely reprehensible. The evil is there for all to see and hear.

There are three minority groups pressing upon the Church policies, which are inimical to one another, and to the rest of the Church, and it has become clear that should any one of those policies be adopted the Church would be split irrevocably from top to bottom, and would no longer exist. A rump would remain but that is all. Minorities they may be but they are articulate and vociferous to the extreme, partcularly in the Synod, and amid the hubbub the Archbishop can be heard murmuring, "The Church can accomodate all opinions." Well, it depends on how you interpret the word accomodate in that context.

Now, I do not for one moment doubt the sincerity of the proponents of those policies, and I do not doubt that each policy has some merit, but I find it strange that those who profess to love the Church continue to press their case but blind themselves to the consequences should they succeed. Mr Bernard Levin might describe them as SIFs - Sole Issue Fanatics. Also translatable as, Self Immolating Fanatics. They should think again.

The Church of England, as the Established Church, is charged with the responsibility for the pastoral care of all the people of the country of whatever caste, colour, or creed. I cannot see how it can discharge that responsibility when it appears to have no aims, no policies, and no resolution, and Bishops tell us that the simple tenets of our Faith are nothing but a tissue of lies. Perhaps the Church should be prosecuted under the Trade Description Act for: "Not delivering the goods as advertised."

As a matter of urgency the Church has got to make up its mind which way it is going, and grasp the nettle. The time for procrastination has long passed. It needs to determine its objectives, the policies needed to achieve those objectives, and then to pursue them with determination and authority. We need the leadership which has been denied us for so long. Furthermore, the Primate might do well to follow the example of the late President of the United States of America, Harry Truman, and have on his desk a notice reading on both sides:

THE BUCK STOPS HERE!

Twenty-three village projects throughout the county, including five in the immediate area have been awarded grants from a new Cornish fund. More than £8,400 has been distributed to projects based in villages and small towns by the Cornwall Community Fund.

St. Breward tops the local list, receiving £1,000 towards the publication of a local history book.

I'm sure we all look forward to reading this book in the near future.

Wesley Finnemore Remembers.

On 25th March Wesley Finnemore of Higher Lank Farm, St. Breward is 94. The first part of his recollections will appear in next month's Parish Magazine.

GOING TO SCHOOL - YESTERYEAR

Many of the villagers to whom I deliver the magazines monthly comment on how much they enjoy reading about life in the community as it was years ago.

This is the story of how one boy travelled to school just before and during the First World War. Born at Pendrift, Blisland at the beginning of the century my late husband, Alexander Masters first attended Blisland Elementary School at Waterloo. That entailed quite a walk for a five year old from Pendrea Farm near Jubilee Rock to the little school in the valley below Blisland. There were no school meals in those days and Alex was a great friend of one George Lean of Carwen and sometimes he would go home with him at mid-day and enjoy a hot meal. The next year his brother Gerald accompanied him to school.

When Alex was ten years old the Masters family moved to St. Breward, the father having having bought De Lank Farm. From there for one year Alex went to St. Breward School - then at Churchtown and now the Village Hall. He had plenty of company now because several children walked from Keybridge, Penpont and Claylands.

At the age of twelve it was time for him to have a secondary education. He was destined to take over his Uncle Alex's chemist business in St. Austell. The Grammar School at Harleigh Road in Bodmin was a long way distant. How was he to get there? There were no cars or buses in those days.

Alex had a pony - that was the solution. Each morning the little pony would be brought into the farmhouse, along the flagstoned passage, down those two well worn granite steps into the large kitchen. There Alex, well wrapped up, satchel on his back and lunch in his pocket, would mount the pony and trot through the yard along the road to Penpont, down to Keybridge and Tresarret up the Shellwood hill, across the racecourse downs and finally down the hill to the White Hart Inn, off the now Dennison Road By-Pass. There the pony would be stabled for the day and Alex would walk across Bodmin town and up the hill to Harleigh School beyond the former Railway Station.

At 4 o'clock when school was over the process of travelling would be reversed; walking back to collect the pony and riding across the downs to home.

In the winter it would be dark when he left and dark on the return but the pony never faltered.

Each Saturday father Masters would drive the horse and cart to Bodmin with sufficient hay for the pony for the coming week.

Two years later brother Gerald joined Alex at Harleigh Grammar and now they had bicycles and were company for one another. Farming was not a lucrative business and sometimes if there were not enough money to pay both fees the father would need to sell a sheep to raise the cash.

The third brother Cyril, won a scholarship which carried free education.

By this time the war had broken out and the farm workers were being called up. Sometimes of an evening Alex would be needed to help his father with lambing or calving. He used to recall how at such times he would sit on a box in the field waiting, and in the light of the hurricane lamp rehearse his homework for the following day.

Eventually he had to leave school to help permanently on the farm as there were no workers left. So he never became a chemist.

By the time the fourth brother Walter came to go to Harleigh School it was possible for children to lodge with a family in Bodmin during the week from Monday until Friday; that was his routine.

When I came to St. Breward in 1934 the children attended Sir James Smith School in Camelford for their secondary education and most of them cycled the six miles each way.

I recall such names as Reita Dawe, Irene Gregory, Ivor May and Wilfred Hawken to name a few. Before that date Gordon, Cyril and Olivia Greenaway, Geraldine Andrews, Dorothy and Arthur Spare and others. Today the children are transported almost from door to door, but I am sure the exercise and walking stood that earlier generation in good stead.

G.M.M.

Atonement cont.

9. Jesus by his sacrifice and by his Resurrection proved that while we shall not be saved from death but we shall be saved by death.

Michael Browning.

ST. PETROC AND THE FAWN

One day St. Petroc was praying and he heard the sound of hunting horns and a little fawn came up to him. Just after her came some men and some savage dogs. Then came their leader Prince Constantine. Constantine said "Give me the fawn" but St. Petroc said "No". Then Constantine drew his sword but he was paralysed in great pain. Constantine begged for mercy. St. Petroc said "Only if you become a Christian". So Constantine agreed. So Petroc freed him and his men became monks or workers.

Carly McShee.

WILDLIFE

The exodus of winter birds emigrating to the north reaches its peak in March and by the end of the month most of the summer residents will have arrived. The birds that live here all the year like the robins, tits, blackbirds and starlings are busy fluttering around finding mates and building nests. I watched three robins fighting it out on our patio the other day oblivious of my prescence. I still feed the birds every day and find it very difficult to stop as spring progresses as you should as all the birds sit in the hedge and near the bird table and make such a noise until I produce some food.

Mice, shrews and voles begin to leave their winter homes and travel abroad again providing plentiful food for the owls. The badger begins to clean out its sett in readiness for its young. We have found a sett in a nearby field and the children delight in keeping an eye on any developments or new activity. The other day we found some frog spawn in a pond which is early but then we have had such a mild winter. The only trouble with our family nature walks is that we never see any animals with the children and the dog running on ahead they make so much noise that all the wildlife disappears!.

Catherine McShee

I would like to thank Mr. D. Watson for again producing the lovely front cover of Temple Church. Many people have commented on last months cover saying how nice it was.

MID CORNWALL BRANCH OF THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS.

With the help of and in association with Mid Cornwall M/S Branch, we have set up a David Pethick Trust Fund, to enable person's with M/S to go to "Orcombeleigh", Exmouth, the holiday home for M/S sufferers.

Soon after the tragic accident, we were invited by our Chairman and his wife to go with them to a regional M/S meeting at "Orcombeleigh". While we were there we were shown all over this 5,6,7, star hotel and we were so impressed with it that the holiday fund idea was born. It does not matter how badly disabled they are everyone is very welcome and very well catered for. M/S friends that we have taken there since are always very reluctant to leave when their weeks holiday ends.

Money in lieu of flowers, Xmas Draw and donations from friends and former workmates amounted to £891. To everyone who contributed to this marvellous total, our heartfelt thanks; too many to thank individually.

Out of a terrible tragedy we are hoping to bring a little happiness to others.

Maureen &Arthur Chipman.

BOSCARNE - WENFORD RAILWAY TRACK

This track is owned by the North Cornwall District Council and is not to be included with the remainder of the line in the Light Railway Order currently being applied for. Surely this track should be kept and made a recreational path for riders and walkers similar to the Boscarne - Wadebridge - Padstow path already established by the County Council and which has given so much pleasure for many people. The future of this track is currently being considered by the District Council and according to Mr. I Whiting, Chief Executive Officer, the future of the railway track on the Wenford Line is being considered by the Council on a progressive basis so if you feel that the line should be kept for recreational purposes and not sold off piece by piece, please write to the North Cornwall District Council, Priory House, Bodmin and make your views known.

C.M.M.

ST. BREWARD W.I.

Seventeen members arrived for the January meeting still shocked by the sudden death of Dr. Alec Taylor, the husband of Jean Taylor our treasurer. It was felt that the Social Evening of games and supper could not be held in these circumstances so the president, Mrs. J. Hawken, assembled a slide show of a holiday in Wales with her family, and Mrs. G. Champion gave the commentary. Following discussion it was decided, more or less unanimously, that our charity for the year should be the Air Ambulance, and Mrs. J. Roberts volunteered her house as the venue for a Coffee Evening with our usual stalls. The date will be the 22nd of April, so will you all make a special effort to support this worthwhile cause - both members and other readers alike.

Several members are interested to attend the Well Woman Clinic in Camelford on a Tuesday afternoon when this can be arranged, either in the minibus if enough people want to go, or in a couple of cars.

Nominations for the committee were received quite successfully this year, with no undue pressure to make up the minimum eight required.

There were no competitions this time.

The March 15th meeting will take the form of an outing to the Wenford Pottery; Mr. Cardew will be ready for us at 7.30 pm so will all members please arrive promptly at the Red Cross Centre to be ferried down to the Pottery.

Anne Holmes.

Brian, Josie, Mark & Matthew Harding would like to say thank you to Father Edwin for his prayers to us, and we hope you will feel well again soon Father. Also thanks to Mum and Dad, Pam, Alan, Francis, Tony, Peter, Jean, Colin for all their help to us.

Thank you to Mr. Rodney Parr for driving Brian to hospital and also to everyone for gifts of fruit and cards and to everyone who visited Brian in hospital. Brian is home now and very much better.

Special thanks to Greta, Miet, Jill, Karen, Angela and Linda for taking care of my children, without whose help I could not have got through it all and I also thank the St. Breward School teachers for their help.

May God Bless You All, The HARDING FAMILY. 12.

BLISLAND W.I.

It was nice to see such a roomful of members for our January meeting and our President Mrs. Wendy Gurr gave everyone a warm welcome. The business matter included our Birthday celebration and this year we are having a lunch party at Robin's Nest in Bodmin. We also discussed buying our own W.I. initialled china. After the secretary - Mrs. Margaret Garvey - had read out prices received from the manufacturers we all needed the kiss of life and decided that although our kitty was quite healthy we would have to set our sights a little lower.

We didn't have a speaker this month and the evening was spent reading 'Prose and Poetry'. The competition which was 'the most popular piece read out' was won by Mrs. Marjorie Horton for her humourous poem about a child's 'thank you letter' for unwanted Christmas presents, really very funny. The tea hostesses were Wendy Gurr and Marjorie Horton and very enjoyable too, (the tea!).

Earlier that day Wendy and I had attended a Selective Resolution meeting at Probus and amongst those that could be chosen for this year's A.G.M. at the Albert Hall were:- The Ozone Layer, (being affected by aerosols); Planning Decisions; Oral Tobacco; Random Breath Testing; Rape Sentencing; Press Standards; Freedom of Information and British Summertime. All quite relevant to this day and age.

Eileen Walford.

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH COFFEE SHOP

This is open every Wednesday from 10a.m. to 11.30a.m. Join us for a coffee and a chat.

FROM THE EDITOR

In last month's magazine I suggested that I print a list of all the organisations in the parish along with a contact number. You will be surprised to learn that no such organisations exist as not one person contacted me - one can only assume that if there are any clubs that they are fully subscribed and need no new members or free advertising.

BLISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Some of the items discussed at the monthly Council meeting were; street lighting, highway matters and the Air Ambulance. The council are investigating the possible renovation of Jubilee Rock and would like to hear from anyone who has information about the early history and appearance of the Rock. Please contact Barbara Sharp, Tor Farm, Temple. Tel. Cardinham 363.

WOMANS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Womans World Day of Prayer Interdenominational Service will be held on Friday 4th March at 7.30p.m. in the St. Breward Methodist Church. The speaker will be Mrs. P. Crosley of St. Teath.

Collection for W.W.D.of P. funds.

Tea and Biscuits at close. Come and join us.

At the invitation of the Old Cornwall Society, Camelford, I recently attended the slide illustrated lecture on Cornish Crosses. It was particularly interesting to learn that during recent road works in River Street, Truro, the head and shaft of an ancient cross were unearthed in different places.

Slides of this ancient cross were shown; the sections, head and shaft now at Hantergantic Quarry are being restored. Eventually the cross will be erected outside the Cathedral which stands in High Cross, Truro. Presumably the siting of this cross in earlier times gave the precinct its name.

G.M.M.

ST. BREWARD PARISH COUNCIL

Please note that the date of the A.G.M. has been changed and it will now be held on Tuesday 5th April.

W.R.V.S. MONDAY CLUB.

On January 15th we thoroughly enjoyed seeing (and being allowed to cuddle) the wonderful collection of soft toys and also being shown the intricacies of patchwork, all the work of our talented member Mrs. Horton; she was besieged with questions and offered to help anyone who wished to take up the crafts. She was enthusiastically thanked.

We were pleased to welcome a new member and also a visit from the past County Organizer, Mrs. Shirley who remarked on how successful our club is.

Names were taken for the New Year's lunch.

The competition 'most useless article in the home' was won by Mrs. Collins with an empty cotton reel and needle without an eye among many entries.

On January 27th we congregated at Haywood's Grill for our Turkey Lunch. This was a good social gathering and much enjoyed.

February 1st was a disaster. A handful of us braved the weather only to find the hall without electric owing to the storms. After a short time we felt it prudent to call it a day and return to our homes. Most disappointing.

Gwen Masters.

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