



OLD SOUTHENDIAN ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of Wednesday, 8th November 2023

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Keith Spenceley (Tuscany, 1973-1980)

General Secretary

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1st November 2023

Notice of the Annual General Meeting

To be held at

The Southendian Club, Garon Park, Southend on Sea, Essex

On Wednesday, 8th November 2023 at 7.45 pm

All Members are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting, to contribute to the affairs of the Association and introduce new ideas for consideration by the Executive Committee

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9th November 2022
Available as circulated with this Agenda and at www.oldsouthendianassociation.org/news
3. Any Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report, and presentation of the Audited Accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2023
6. Reports of Sub Committees, the School, OSA Clubs and the Affiliated Organisations
7. The Election of Officers, the Executive Committee and the Honorary Auditor
8. Date of the next Annual General Meeting
9. Any other competent business

Notice of apologies for absence for recording in the Minutes may be sent to:

Keith Spenceley, General Secretary

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14th October 2023

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Old Southendian Association
held in the Reactivate Centre, Garon Park, Southend on Sea (and via Google Meet)
on Wednesday, 9th November 2022 commencing at 7.45 pm.**

Those Present:

Clive Shiret (Chair)	Robin Bevan	Ken Carter	Bob Craven
Andy Crow	Daniel Garside	Graham Glover	Jim Harrington
Callum Hynes	Trevor Johnson	Geoff Kittle	Kevin Leigh
Joseph Madren	Edward Marron	Geoff May	John Roy
Andy Smithson	Chris Sorrell	Keith Spenceley	Martin Stansfield
Jack Stevenson	Sophie Thickbroom	Joseph Zammit	

Item	Minute
1.0	Apologies for Absence had been received from Kate Cooper, Will Green, Sam Hodgson, Claire Kirkland, Sara Linney, Richard Maddison and Graham Winckless.
2.0	Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 10th November 2021: The Minutes were accepted unanimously on a proposal by Martin Stansfield, seconded by Geoff May and signed by the Chairman.
3.0	Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 10th November 2021: There were none.
4.0	Chairman's Report:
4.1	Clive Shiret's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. In his 15 years as Chairman of the Executive Committee, the Association had moved to one with a sustainable financial position and with modern processes fit for future changes. He felt that the time was now right to hand over to someone with the energy and empathy to guide the Association over the next few years. He thanked those whose had served on the Executive Committee during his tenure as its Chairman.
4.2	His personal focus over recent years had been developing the facilities at Garon Park, especially those to benefit the mental and physical health and wellbeing of the local population. He recommended that members of the Association visit the Park to help with one of the many volunteering opportunities available.
5.0	Treasurer's Report and Presentation of the Audited Accounts to 31st March 2022:
5.1	Dan Garside reported on the financial position of the Association and confirmed that the year marked the return to a full events schedule post-pandemic. Income from annual subscriptions and life member donations had increased and, whilst expenditure had also increased, the accounts show a surplus of £2,966. Reserves stood at some £43,103.
5.2	The Association had again been able to support the School financially at its annual Prizegiving and was very pleased to present Cliff Wyatt with a cake to celebrate his 100 th birthday shortly before his sad passing.
5.3	Dan thanked Richard Medcalf for checking the collection of subscriptions into the No 2 Account and also added his personal thanks to Clive for his vision, energy and service to the Association over the past 15 years as Chairman of the Executive Committee.
5.4	The Accounts for the year ended 31 st March 2022 were adopted on a proposal by Andy Crow, seconded by Graham Glover.

Item	Minute
6.0	Report of Sub Committees, the School, the Clubs and the Affiliated Organisations:
6.1	The School. Dr Robin Bevan confirmed that the School was very appreciative of the Association’s support, including financial support. He extended his thanks to Clive for his extraordinary energy, insight and determination in leading the Association’s Executive Committee.
	He confirmed that the School was in good health, all aspects of School life had had resumed post Covid, including the Cock House competition and international trips. Furthermore, academic results had been very strong.
	The financial crisis was having a huge impact on the School’s finances; £200k of reserves had been consumed by increased energy costs. It was planned to develop the East End Quad into a specialist Autism Resource Base for the School’s own and external students.
	The School’s staff remained stable, although Gary Cornell had now retired after many years’ valuable service. Only three staff left at the end of the last School year. Due to its staff retention, the School’s salary bill was now £500k more than Westcliff High for Boys (whose retention was not so good!)
6.2	Old Southendian Hockey Club. Andy Smithson had stood down as Club Captain at the end of 2021 and had been succeeded by Jack Stevenson. The Club was in a healthy position having grown from 4 teams to 10 in recent years with the 1 st XI playing in the Eastern Premier League. All the men’s teams were in the top half of their respective leagues and the women’s teams were also faring well.
6.3	Old Southendian Bowls Circle. Trevor Johnson’s report had been circulated and it which confirmed that the Circle had had an excellent season with a total of 32 members playing some 20 outdoor fixtures during the Summer. The indoor season was now underway. It was pleasing that Ben Amos had represented the Circle while still studying at the School.
6.4.	Old Southendian Golf Circle. Graham Winckless’s report had been circulated and it confirmed that the Circle had been able to play several days’ golf without any Covid restrictions, including a four day, four course tour to Brighton.
6.5	Old Southendian Organ Society. Joe Zammit’s report had been circulated. It detailed the programme that the Society had enjoyed in 2022 and the one that it was looking forward to presenting in 2023, the Centenary of the original War Memorial Organ being installed in the old School site off Victoria Avenue. The last concert of 2022 was a Concert for Remembrance on 11 th November and the first concert of the Centenary programme would be given by the Society’s President, Adrian Lucas, on 25 th February 2023.
6.6	Old Southendian Football Club. Andy Crow reported that the Club was presently running 3 Saturday teams and 3 Sunday teams including 2 “Vets” sides. Club membership remained fairly strong but it had not been able to field a Saturday 4 th XI this season. The Club President for the year was Gary Nelson and he was very keen to encourage increased involvement with the Club.
6.7	Old Southendian & Southchurch Cricket Club. Chris Sorrell reported that the Club fielded 5 Saturday sides every week during the cricket season and also ran a Sunday side of developing youngsters which won the Warsop Stebbing League. The Club had again enjoyed its Tour to Brighton in July, something that had featured in the Club’s calendar for over 80 years.
7.0	The Election of Officers, the Executive Committee and the Honorary Auditor:
7.1	Chairman (of the Executive Committee) *
	It was formally confirmed that, after 15 years’ stellar service, Clive Shiret had decided to step down as Chair of the Executive Committee of the Association. The Succession Sub-Committee of the Executive Committee had conducted a selection process and, on behalf of the Executive Committee, it was proposed by Keith Spenceley and seconded by Dan Garside that the Chair of the Executive Committee for a three-year term until the 2025 Annual General Meeting be Andy Crow*. This was carried unanimously by the Meeting.

Item	Minute
7.2	<p>In addition, the Meeting approved the appointment of the following Officers:</p> <p>President (<i>with effect from 1st January 2022 and to serve until 31st December 2022</i>)* Keith Spenceley Immediate Past President (<i>to serve until 31st December 2022</i>)* Andy Crow President Designate (<i>with effect from 1st January 2022 and to serve until 31st December 2022</i>)* Dan Garside President (<i>with effect from 1st January 2023 and to serve until 31st December 2023</i>)* Dan Garside Immediate Past President (<i>with effect from 1st January 2023 and to serve until 31st December 2023</i>)* Keith Spenceley</p>
7.3	<p>The Executive Committee proposed that the President Designate of the Association for 2023 and therefore its President in 2024 be Jim Harrington. This was carried unanimously by the Meeting. Jim confirmed that he was very honoured and very excited to be the Association’s President in 2024.</p>
7.4	<p>The following Officers had confirmed their willingness to continue to serve on the Executive Committee:</p> <p>Treasurer* Dan Garside Secretary* Keith Spenceley Registrar* Geoff May Legal Adviser* Kevin Leigh Publications Officer* Chris Sorrell</p>
7.5	<p>{Officers marked * are ex officio members of the Executive Committee.}</p> <p>The following were elected <i>en bloc</i> to the Executive Committee to serve until the 2023 AGM: Ken Carter, Kate Cooper, Simon Darby, Will Green, Sam Hodgson, Callum Hynes, Geoff Kittle, Sara Linney,</p>
7.6	<p>Joseph Madren, Martin Stansfield, Sophie Thickbroom and Joe Zammit.</p>
7.7	<p>In addition, the Chairman proposed and the meeting agreed to the co-option of Clive Shiret to the Executive Committee as its unofficial “Garon Park Liaison Officer”.</p>
7.7	<p>Executive Committee representatives from the Affiliated Organisations and Clubs were advised as:</p> <p>Old Southendian & Southchurch Cricket Club Edward Marron# Old Southendian Football Club John Roy# Old Southendian Hockey Club Jack Stevenson# Old Southendian Organ Society Joe Zammit Old Southendian Bowls Circle Trevor Johnson Old Southendian Golf Circle Graham Winckless</p>
7.8	<p>(# Representing their Clubs on the Executive Committee for the first time.) A partner of Azets, Julian Golding, has agreed to continue as Honorary Auditor.</p>
8.0	<p>Date of the next Annual General Meeting: The Meeting agreed that the 2023 Annual General Meeting should be held at The Southendian Club, Garon Park, Southend on Sea on Wednesday, 8th November 2023, commencing at 7.45 pm.</p>
9.0	<p>Any Other Competent Business:</p>
9.1	<p>Andy Crow advised that Bob Craven, a member of the Association and a retired police officer, had written a book and was undertaking weekly pier walks in Spring 2023 to raise both funds for and awareness of the effects of bullying, including online bullying, on one’s mental health. Bob had some flyers available at the meeting with further details.</p>
9.2	<p>There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.23 pm.</p>

Keith Spenceley, General Secretary.
8th December 2022

Agenda Item 4 – Chairman’s Report

My first year as Chair of the Association has been enlightening in understanding the efforts that many members of the Committee, and those outside too, regularly put in to not only grow the Association but to maintain the strong ties with the School.

From a personal point of view, I have attended various events at the School including the Remembrance Service, Veterans’ Day, Prizegiving and several career days and continue to be impressed by the high standard of the School and the students.

From the Association’s perspective, we have brought fresh initiatives and ideas with three ladies and several under 30’s now on the Committee. I feel we must maintain this trend in order to understand what ex-students want from the Association and how we can help them. We have gained 65 new members from last year’s leavers which is an improvement from the joiners we could attract through the “Covid years”.

We have helped the School with their new Scholarship scheme and some 25 old scholars have volunteered to support selected students with book purchases in their first year at university.

Work has started on the production of the OSA Magazine which I am confident will be released early in the New Year.

The Associated Clubs and Societies continue to flourish and I feel it’s important that as an Association we help them in every way possible as they maintain those bonds and friendships that last forever.

Finally, I would like to thank all of those people that have gone out of their way to help me and the Association grow this year and I’m sure next year will see us get even stronger.

Andrew Crow (Athens, 1974-1981)

Agenda Item 5 – Presentation of the Audited Accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2023

I am delighted to present the 2023 accounts for approval at the AGM.

Income has remained consistent with the prior year with revenue from annual subscriptions of £5,460 (2022: £5,430) and life member donations of £2,250 (2022: £2,460) contributing to overall income of £7,442 (2022: £7,403).

Expenditure has fallen slightly compared to the prior year £3,906 (2022: £4,437) meaning that our surplus for the year has grown to £3,536 (2022: £2,966).

It was with great pleasure that we were able once again to support the School in funding the shortfall in expenditure for the Annual Senior Prizegiving as well as marking Clive Shiret's incredible service as Chair of the Association with the gift of a tankard.

As I mentioned in my report last year and in my speeches as President, I am keen to ensure that as an Association we all look to do our bit in driving more members, and thus securing our future, by reaching out to old school friends and getting them to part with £10. I have entitled this campaign "Just one more". The aim here is for us all to look to recruit at least one more member, so that as an Association we remain both well placed to support the School in its *ad hoc* projects but also to ensure the Association continues to strengthen its foundations of being the best alumni network there is.

Whilst I appreciate our Magazine has been on pause during the pandemic, we are pushing for its return and we as suggested are continuing to have a significant appetite to support the School wherever we can. Rest assured therefore that every £10 contribution is important to us, so thank you for your ongoing support of the OSA.

Our overall reserves now stand at a total of £46,639 (2022: £43,103) giving us a great platform to continue to sustain friendships but also to build on the power of the OSA network and to ensure the Association is around to support Old Southendians well into the future.

Finally thank you to all members of the executive committee for their hard work and support over the past year.

Dan Garside FCCA (Tuscany, 1988-1995)

OLD SOUTHENDIAN ASSOCIATION
ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE OLD SOUTHENDIAN ASSOCIATION

We can confirm that the accompanying Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account and Notes thereto in respect of the year ended 31st March 2023 have been prepared from the books, vouchers, bank statements and other information made available to us by the Treasurer and are in accordance therewith.

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OLD SOUTHENDIAN ASSOCIATION**GENERAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	Year ended 31/03/2023		Year ended 31/03/2022	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM SUBSCRIPTIONS				
Life subscriptions	120		0	
Annual subscriptions	5,460		5,430	
		5,580		5,430
INTEREST RECEIVED				
National savings income bonds		276		24
OTHER INCOME				
Magazine revenue	0		0	
(Deficit) on necktie/scarf sales/cuff links	-461		-500	
Life member donations	2,250		2,460	
Sundry donations	10		0	
(Deficit) on social functions (note 2)	-213		-11	
		1,586		1,949
		7,442		7,403
LESS: EXPENDITURE				
Publication of magazine	0		0	
Printing, postage & stationery	120		66	
SHSB sponsorship (note 3)	0		0	
SHSB archive project contribution	0		0	
SHSB trophies and prizes	1,742		1,865	
SHSB wellbeing garden project	0		0	
Awareness campaign associated costs	897		1,382	
OSA public liability insurance premium	1,004		925	
Cliff Wyatt 100th birthday cake	0		143	
Tankard for Clive Shiret service	100		0	
Transaction fees	11		0	
Domain registration and hosting costs	32		56	
		3,906		4,437
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		3,536		2,966

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023

	31/03/2023		31/03/2022	
	£	£	£	£
INVESTMENT				
National savings income bonds		25,000		25,000
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stock in hand, at cost	2,046		2,237	
Sundry debtors	<u>500</u>		<u>500</u>	
		2,546		2,737
BANK BALANCES				
T.S.B. current accounts		<u>21,449</u>		<u>15,640</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		48,995		43,377
LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Sundry creditors		<u>-2,356</u>		<u>-274</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>46,639</u></u>		<u><u>43,103</u></u>
REPRESENTING:				
ACCUMULATED FUNDS				
General income and expenditure account (note 1)		<u><u>46,639</u></u>		<u><u>43,103</u></u>

Signed by:

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D. Garside - Treasurer

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A Crow - Chairman

OLD SOUTHENDIAN ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

1. GENERAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2023	2022
	£	£
Balance brought forward at 1st April 2022	43,103	40,137
Surplus for the year	3,536	2,966
Balance carried forward at 31st March 2023	<u>46,639</u>	<u>43,103</u>

2. (DEFICIT) ON SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

	London Dinner £	Reunion Dinner £	Spring Lunch £	Autumn Lunch £	TOTAL £
Income	5,025	6,146	698	767	12,636
Expenditure	-4,980	-6,404	-698	-767	-12,849
Net (Deficit)/Surplus	<u>45</u>	<u>-258</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-213</u>
2022	<u>0</u>	<u>-11</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-11</u>

3. SHSB SPONSORSHIP

	2023	2022
	£	£
Sixth form - EPQ Courses (inc stress reduction, yoga etc)	0	0
Music - Organ Music and Bursary	0	0
PE - Netball equipment	0	0
Art DSLR	0	0
Economics - Library books	0	0
Drama - Lighting	0	0
History Trip	0	0
Charity week	0	0
Business Studies	0	0
Y7 Book trust	0	0
Veterans Lunch	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Agenda Item 6.1 – Report on the activities of the Bowls Circle

I am delighted to advise of another successful season. Twenty fixtures were again arranged, 15 were won, 4 lost and 1 was called off owing to heavy rain. We won on 44 rinks and lost on 26. Shot count was 1250 against 1029. Our largest wins were at White Hall and Rayleigh, both 4-0. Castle Point appear to have become our 'bogey' Club, they again beat us, although we performed better than last year.

During the Season 33 members represented us in fixtures, with a number playing two or three, many others considerably more. Through their considerable support I was again able to field full sides in all fixtures. We welcomed Mukesh Parekh and Graham Hadley to our ranks, with long serving members Mike Dunstan and Tony Barrett deciding to 'hang up their woods' albeit that Mike will continue playing indoors. Additionally Matt Osborne restarted playing for us following a change of jobs. During the year, we unfortunately lost Gordon Sharp. He stopped playing last year owing to health reasons but sadly succumbed in April.

I organised a pre-season lunch at the Royal Oak in Stambridge in April which was enjoyed by 21 members, hopefully to be repeated next April.

Over the winter, five indoor fixtures have been organised, with Robey Wright taking over from Martin Harvey. Unfortunately the first of these against Southend was lost on 19th October. Many thanks to Martin for all his work over the last few years in restarting and running the indoor season.

New members are always welcome. If anyone is interested in playing for the Circle could they contact me on my email address trevand2004@yahoo.co.uk

Trevor Johnson, Match Secretary (Troy, 1956-1963)

Agenda Item 6.2 – Report on the activities of the Old Southendian & Southchurch Cricket Club

With the cricket season having ended in the first week of September, it has been another mixed season across the Club for OS&SCC. The 1st XI, led by Andy McGarry in his final season at the helm, finished in 8th place of Essex Div. 2, avoiding relegation by a comfortable margin from the teams below. Having finished in 7th place last year, it was another season in which a lack of consistency betrayed some great performances throughout the year. The successes of both Hafiz Yawer (925 runs) and Ashan Yousuf (30 wickets) proved the effectiveness of shrewd recruitment by McGarry, whilst further signings from local rivals Leigh-on-Sea CC revealed the continued attractiveness of the Club. Consistent first XI appearances from young Dylan Batt, who is also representing Essex at age-group level, further showed the strength of the Club's youth pathway system and its ability to integrate youngsters into men's cricket.

The 2nd XI had a stand-out season under Waj Ahmed's captaincy, finishing as champions of Division 3 and therefore bouncing straight back up following relegation last year. The captain led from the front with 510 runs, whilst Club Captain Sam Hodgson took a hatful of wickets to complement his commendable running of club affairs this year. Meanwhile, the 3rd XI finished in 8th, staving off concerns about two relegations in successive years. Despite a fairly disappointing season, many young players – such as current SHSB student Fin Payne – were able to use the 3rd XI as a springboard with which to find their feet in men's cricket and continue to improve.

Mike Perry, with help from others, regularly succeeded in ensuring the club posted 5 team sheets every week, and despite both the 4th and 5th XI finding victories hard to come by, they again provided invaluable opportunities for youngsters to compete in men's cricket for the first time, sustaining a much-needed interest in the long-form game and forging positive ties to the Club. The Sunday XI was also enjoying regular fixtures and succeeded in providing further opportunities for increased participation from players at all levels.

The Club's 85th tour to Sussex was wildly successful, with another 100% tour win record, and many new faces joining in a great tradition. Recently, a shortened Cricket Week also saw a successful youth day, followed by games against the Post Office and the Chairman's XI. Furthermore, owing to Andy McGarry's connections on the subcontinent, a small team of coaches and promising young players at OS&SCC recently departed to India, and have enjoyed an incredible experience at the Rajasthan Royals IPL facilities.

The success of the youth setup was the product of a team effort. Andy McGarry led a committed group including Nigel Wilks, Chris Sorrell, Max Craddock, Ben Wathen, Tony Say and Henry Williams, with participation looking strong despite the continued issues facing the game. The U15 team has been particularly strong, and the Club looks to be in a similarly healthy position to last year in that regard.

Finally, it would be remiss not to acknowledge both Keith Spenceley's tireless administrative work as Honorary Secretary and Chris Sorrell's immense continued efforts in chairing the club, furthering his status as a Legend of the Club.

Overall, with six men's sides and a further three youth teams competing every week, it can be viewed – regardless of results – as another positive year for all concerned at OS&SCC.

Edward "Woody" Marron (Sparta, 2012-2019)

Agenda Item 6.3 – Report on the activities of the Old Southendian Organ Society

I'm pleased to report on The Old Southendian Organ Society during this, the War Memorial Organ's centenary year, as the Organ Society joins with Old Southendians, the School and wider community in great celebration.

The special year has brought no fewer than seven events to the calendar to organise and enjoy...

We started in February with two: first, a workshop with senior school musicians and performance to students by Roger Sayer (the organist behind the soundtrack to *Interstellar!*), and second the opening public recital of the year by organist extraordinaire and OSOS President Adrian Lucas (Tuscany, 1972-1979).

April saw a Showcase event featuring organists past and present, alongside various combinations of past and present school musicians in the form of choirs and big bands/"jazz collectives" under the skillful guidance and inspiration of Peter and Rachel Worth. This was a lovely reunion-of-sorts for many!

After a break for examinations, July brought a long-awaited recital by John Dixon (Tuscany, 1968-1975) of his own compositions, previously postponed due to COVID lockdowns. This was especially impressive since it featured no fewer than four world premieres, including a fabulous "Fantasia on the School Song" to conclude the evening!

In the Autumn, we welcomed Richard McVeigh (a cathedral standard organist from Winchester who has a huge following on YouTube across the world). We are looking forward to hearing Francesca Massey on Saturday 11th November at 2:30pm (before the Reunion Dinner) and local choir *Cantare* sing us into Christmas with a concert of seasonal music on Saturday 2nd December at 3pm. So, if you've not yet joined us this year - please do come along! Tickets are available via www.osos.org.uk/events

We have been pleased to record a number of the events and grow our reach internationally through YouTube - do take a look at our website if you've not seen this before, and "like & subscribe"... www.osos.org.uk/videos

We continue to offer our support to the School to maintain the tradition of student organists and were delighted to receive the report from outgoing School Organist Zakariya Nabi on his time learning the instrument. Read his full report at www.osos.org.uk/news ... At the same time, we have been able to keep up the regular schedule of maintenance and tuning of the organ, which is so crucial for its ongoing health and fine voice.

We express our thanks to the School for its continued support, to our donors and members for their essential and valuable contributions, and to everyone who follows our work and attends our events. Your enthusiasm and interest ensure we may further the opportunities for the next generation of organists on our magnificent instrument.

Joseph Zammit (Tuscany, 2004-2011)

Publicity and Communications, The Old Southendian Organ Society

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