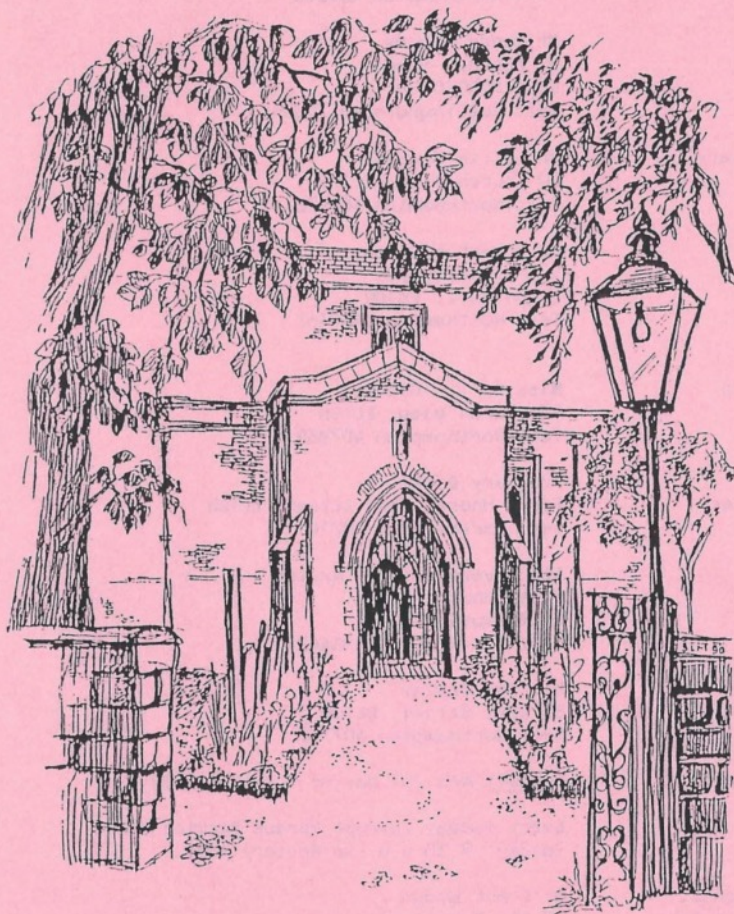


ECTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS



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FROM THE RECTOR'S STUDY

Sunday, November 17th, will be a very special day for those who have been preparing hard for Confirmation. The Right Reverend Paul Barber, the first Bishop of Brixworth, will visit our Church to confirm candidates from our own community and from neighbouring churches. We expect the church to be full to capacity for the service which begins at 4.00 p.m. On the following Sunday morning, November 24th, at the Parish Communion the newly confirmed will make their first Communion. I hope that we can all regard this service with great importance and that we will make a special attempt to be with our brothers and sisters who have acknowledged Jesus as their Master and Saviour. The two services are in reality one separated by a week, and that is why we must give them equal importance.

Whenever I prepare candidates for Confirmation I am impressed with the faith I find latent in their hearts and minds. Their decision to take responsibility for the vows made at their Baptism is to be admired and applauded. It has not been easy for any of them as they faced seriously their future as Christian men and women. In November they join the great band of countless baptised Christians who are maturing in the faith and who are prepared to kneel in humility at the altar rail receiving the Precious Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Let us make every attempt to fill the Church and be with them as they make the first Communion of many.

What is Confirmation? The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church describes it thus:

"In Sacramental theology the rite whereby the grace of the Holy Spirit is conveyed in a new or fuller way to those who have already received it in some degree or fashion at baptism."

It is clear that the rite goes back to very early times, though there have been differences as to how it should be administered and to its theological meaning. In the New Testament we find that the Apostles laid hands on converts and are told that the Holy Spirit was given to them in what must have been a profound experience. However you look at the business of being Confirmed, you must agree that it is an enormous and important step for the baptised Christian on the road to the Celestial City.

**Every blessing,
Peter Naylor**

BELLS AND BELLRINGING

The "sound of village bells" has long been a familiar phrase in the English language. Bells, in a variety of forms, have existed at least since biblical times. The Christian Church began to install bells in their buildings in the fifth century, as a form of communication, both for secular and religious purposes. Whilst bells are rung all over the world, a particular form of installation was developed in England which allowed bells to be swung "full circle". This technique, requiring considerable skill, was combined with intricate mathematics to produce the music known as change ringing. So popular did this become that in the eighteenth century England was called the "Ringing Isle", and there are now some five thousand rings of bells, compared with the rest of the world with only around one hundred!

The ringing of church bells, before the advent of sophisticated systems of communication we have today, was the only means of conveying a message quickly to the populous.

Ecton is fortunate to have two eighteenth-century belfry inscriptions in its ringing chamber, and a unique picture painted on to plaster, representing six ringers in a row, each with his bell. There is also a tradition that a bell-foundry - that of Henry Bagley - existed in the village.

Over the years bellringers have got together and formed societies and guilds to help further their skills of ringing. The Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-Ringers runs seminars for learners and also for those who wish to improve their knowledge and technique. It consists of a body of men, women and children who ring and care for the church bells of our diocese. It is fitting that in this year of the 450th anniversary of the founding of our diocese (out of the Lincoln one) Ecton bells will ring out in celebration for this on October 6th, and also proclaim that the Church still calls people to worship and praise God, and give thanks for all the good gifts around us - Harvest.

Bill Hulme
Barton Seagrave

OVER 60'S

In November we meet in the Rectory Room on Mondays, 11th and 25th, at 2.30 p.m.

The Whist Drive is on Thursday, 14th November in the Rectory Room, 7.15 for 7.30 pm. All Welcome.

The Christmas Whist Drive will be on Thursday, 5th December.

Denise Langley



'ECTON IN THE FORTIES'
FESTIVAL 10-12 JULY 1992

Last months magazine outlined the format of next years festival and named key people for you to contact.

Already we are starting to collect items ready for the festival, and each months magazine will have a Festival Request spot. If you need anything collecting to make things easier nearer the time of the festival let us know and it will be included in a future issue. Money-off coupons can be left in the box on the coffee bar at the back of the church or dropped through the letter box of 17 West Street.

I promised in last months magazine to try to explain how a 'Talents Multiplication Scheme' works. The festival bank account is now open and has a small float fund accumulating which we can very easily put to good use during the winter months. So if you have a talent to knit, sew, cook or grow things, in fact if you produce any saleable item eg Marmalade, but find it hard to fund the project, we will provide you with up to #10 to purchase raw materials. This could lead to lots of small events through the next few months such as Coffee Mornings and Cheese and Wine evenings. Use your imagination and see what you can come up with to turn £10 into more!

Peter Naylor has been busy organising the Art Exhibition together with members of the Headlands Art Group and Network Art. Many people already own pictures painted by the Headlands members when they came to the village some years ago. Their intention is to capture images of the village over the Winter and Spring months of next year. So if you see an artist sketching or painting near where you live please be friendly and encouraging, you never know they might welcome a cup of tea or

coffee! If any one in the village wishes to paint a picture of Ecton that they wish to have displayed and sold at the exhibition then please mention it to Peter.

Next month we'll give you a list of advance dates for your diaries, of events to cheer up the Winter evenings.

Sheila Ingram

COFFEE MORNING

We would like to thank all those who helped to make the event so successful.

With the help of some generous donations, £105 was raised.

This will go to the Community Nurses Fund to buy equipment to help them in their work.

Thanks again,

Dora and Millie

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

22nd September Catherine Beatrice Barnes

6th October Roseanna Grace Harris

Blessing of a Civil Marriage

21st September Doris June (Penny) Dodd and
Thomas William Whaley

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the Annual General Meeting on 1st October we looked back over a successful year's events and forward in anticipation of another lively and informative session under Millie Harlott's cheerful and capable presidency. Our thanks to all members of the outgoing Committee.

Mr E Moon's wonderful slides of Garden (and other) Birds started with Robins rearing their young in homes ranging from a discarded kettle (but don't forget - spout downwards!) and broken clay pots to the amazing pair who three years in succession nested in a Post Office Engineering truck. Fluffy Blue Tits, a huge baby Cuckoo and brilliantly hued Kingfishers all accompanied by a narration of carefully observed detail combined into a delightful show.

The competition winners (A Harvest Buttonhole) were Carol Jones, Dorothy Cross and Paddy Macquire.

Jean Knight's trading stall is a regular feature at monthly meetings and members with a surplus of anything may like to bring it along. It will be much appreciated and will help funds.

Members new and old, friends and visitors are all most welcome at our new session of meetings which begins on 5 November when our sparklers will be the jewelled variety: a speaker from Michael Jones Jewellers will talk about "Pearls".

Come and join us.

Carol Jones

November 1991

PRAYERS FOR NOVEMBER

"St Teresa of Avila teaches that prayer does not consist in thinking much but in loving much. To pray is to love God and to love is to give!"

Fri	1	All Saints Day
Sat	2	All Souls Day
SUN	3	Richard Hooker, 1600 Teacher of the Faith
Mon	4	For Ecton Primary School
Tue	5	For Ecton Fellowship
Wed	6	Ecton Women's Institute
Thu	7	The Over Sixties
Fri	8	Saints & Martyrs of England
Sat	9	For the Youth and Senior Club
SUN	10	Mums and Tots
Mon	11	St Martin, 397 - Bishop of Tours
Tue	12	Playgroup
Wed	13	Charles Simeon, 1836 - Pastor, Preacher
Thu	14	Cricket Club
Fri	15	Those to be confirmed at the weekend
Sat	16	St Margaret of Scotland, 1093 Queen, Wife, Mother
SUN	17	For all being confirmed today St Hugh, 1200, Bishop of Lincoln St Hilda, 680, Abbess of Whitby
Mon	18	Bell Ringers
Tue	19	Pathfinders
Wed	20	St Edmund of East Anglia, 870 King, Martyr
Thu	21	Sunday School
Fri	22	Rector and family and those working on the Church magazine
Sat	23	Church Wardens
SUN	24	Parochial Church Council Secretary and Treasurer
Mon	25	Stewardship and Electoral Roll Officers

Tue 26 The Children's Society
Wed 27 The Diocese of Peterborough
Thu 28 Ecton Guild
Fri 29 Readers
Sat 30 St Andrew the Apostle

ECTON PARISH COUNCIL

The September meeting was somewhat lengthy but nevertheless interesting in its content. Your councillors were joined by two representatives, one from Wellingborough Borough Council and one from Northampton Borough Council. Also present was Mrs Pauline Hall our Parish Clerk designate.

We did mention in the last issue of the magazine that we hoped to be in a position to introduce our new clerk, and we are now able to do this. Pauline Hall will take over from Jack Wright at the next meeting on 25 November, she is very familiar with the day to day operation of parish councils since she already occupies the position of clerk to Moulton parish. We are delighted to welcome Pauline to Ecton and look forward to working together with her. Should you need at any time to contact Pauline in respect of parish business she lives at Keppels, Humphrey Lane, Boughton.

The council will be represented at several meetings during late September and early October. On 26 September at Cogenhoe where they have invited us to an open meeting to discuss local environmental issues, and on 3 October when together with all of the other parishes in the Wellingborough Borough Council

area we shall be asking for the sum of money that we require to upgrade facilities in our village. During the last couple of years our money has been used to renew the lamp standards and finance the undergrounding operation. Mr Morrell, Recreation and Amenity Officer of Wellingborough Borough Council, attended our meeting to outline possible equipment and surfaces that were available, and to give us some recommendations. During 1992 we hope if we are successful in obtaining sufficient funding to renew much of our playground equipment and provide a safety surface beneath it. We have been concerned for some time about the state of the play ground and hope to be in a position to put this work in hand in the Spring.

There will be a special open meeting on 11 November when you are invited to come along and hear a representative of the Northampton Borough Council outline for us the Sand and Gravel Local Plan 1992-2006. At present the time and venue for the meeting is not finalised but details will be posted on the village notice board in late October.

The meeting was also attended by Mr Brian Wheatley the Northamptonshire Borough Council Waste Enforcement Officer. Brian has spent a considerable amount of time during the last few weeks tackling the problem that we have with fly tipping along Lower Ecton Lane and is confident that with new rules coming into effect and with the co-operation of local people things can only get better. We hope by the time this magazine is published to have the new gate erected to close off the Green Lane to vehicular traffic. If you see anyone tipping rubbish please contact Brian on Northampton 236627, you can leave your message anonymously if you wish but do try to

supply a car or van registration number to aid identification.

One final note on the never ending saga of dog fouling in the village. Several people continue to allow their animals to defecate on the footpaths and verges. Names of offenders have been reported to the parish council by people who do not wish to fall out with their fellow parishioners but who are most anxious not to have to tread quite so gingerly along alleyways and footpaths in the village. Everyone has been informed through the magazine that poop scoops are available to dog owners, since only one person has requested a supply and the situation is clearly not improving, the parish council will in future be sending a first warning letter to those dog owners seen contravening the bye-law, after which if a second instance occurs the owner may expect to be prosecuted.

ECTON FELLOWSHIP

The members of Ecton Fellowship would like to thank Jean Leigh for the very many years she was Treasurer. She has done an excellent job!

Jessie Chadwick will be our new treasurer so we shall continue to be in very good financial care.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday November 12th at 2.30 pm. James Morrison will talk to the Fellowship on The Church in Rotterdam. This will be a very interesting meeting so please come and bring a friend.

Everyone very welcome.

Joan Dickins

**CHURCH URBAN FUND - PROGRESS REPORT FOR
WELLINGBOROUGH DEANERY - 12 JUNE 1991
DONATIONS SO FAR - INCLUDING COVENANTS
(excluding Tax Rebates)**

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Given so far</u>
Bozeat	£1,028	£522.00
Easton Maudit	140	10.00
Earls Barton	2,520	2,520.00
Ecton	800	800.00
Great Doddington	868	902.56
Harrowdens & Orlingbury	1,912	*2,298.95
Hardwick	152	60.46
Mears Ashby	512	399.36
Sywell	424	164.00
Overstone	420	307.05
All Hallows, Wellingborough	3,292	3,500.59
All Saints, Wellingborough	2,800	3,043.90
St Andrew, Wellingborough	1,132	1,203.31
St Barnabas, Wellingborough	1,704	1,201.39
St Mark, Wellingborough	1,180	820.00
St Mary, Wellingborough	760	50.00
Wilby	600	606.46
Wollaston	1,572	871.00
Strixton	88	83.75
<u>Totals</u>	<u>£21,904</u>	<u>£19,364.79</u>

*Benefice Totals

We have now reached 88% of our Deanery Target. The following parishes have reached or exceeded their target:

Earls Barton; Ecton; Great Doddington; Great Harrowden; Little Harrowden; Orlingbury; All Hallows, Wellingborough; All Saints, Wellingborough; St Andrew, Wellingborough; Wilby Well done these ten parishes, and we hope they will continue their support for the Church Urban Fund.

ORDAINED AND LAY MINISTRIES

You will know from the National and Church Press that there has been a big fall in the numbers of those offering for authorised ordained and lay ministries within the Church. In response, Peterborough Diocesan Board for the Development of Ministry has given much time to the question as to how initiatives might be taken to foster vocations to the ordained non stipendiary ministry, and to the lay ministries of Reader and Pastoral Assistant.

Michael Covington, the Warden of Readers, Michael Baker, the Warden of Pastoral Assistant, and Trevor Willmott, the Director of Ordinands, are organising two regional gatherings, open to anyone over the age of 30, to look at the purpose, selection, training and ministry for ordained and lay non stipendiary ministries.

The dates which have been earmarked are:
November 24 at Thrapston Church Hall, and
November 30 in the hall of St Michael's, Northampton.

At each event, which will run from 2.30-5 pm there will be a 5 minute presentation on the ministries of the Ordinand N.S.M., the Reader, and the Pastoral Assistant, followed by group and plenary discussions. It is hoped also to have some publicity and information material available to take away.

The organisers would be delighted to welcome anyone from the congregation who might be interested in joining one of the gatherings. If you are interested in attending on either date would you please let the Rector know so that he can pass on names and numbers.

FESTIVAL REQUESTS (1)

During the next few months we shall be asking you to help various people who will be running stalls to get items together for the Festival.

Pat Baylis would like you to collect any suitable items for the Tombola Stall.

Joyce Orford would like you to collect the following:

1. Any pieces of unwanted jewellery, brooches, necklaces, earrings etc.
2. Small boxes and display items.
3. Accessories such as belts and scarves.

COFFEE ROTA

3 November	Sue and Les Mitchell
10 November	Jean Leigh and Tricia Fuller
17 November	Johann Pinney
24 November	Audrey Treloar + Ingrid Cartwright
1 December	Millie Harlot and Dora

If you find that you are unable to manage your assigned Sunday will you please arrange cover.

SERVER'S ROTA

November 3rd	David Stears
November 10th	John Strange
November 17th	Victoria Green
November 24th	Charles Jordan
December 1st	Richard Stears



SPECIAL SERVICES FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 1ST - ADVENT SUNDAY

- 9.30 am Parish Communion and Parade Service.
Children are invited to bring toys for
children in need who live locally.
- 6.00 pm Special Advent Concert with the Lawrence Lloyd Singers
Conductor - Steven Meakins

DECEMBER 8TH - SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

- 9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School
- 6.00 pm Evensong Sung by the Choir of St Alban the Martyr
Broadmead Avenue, Northampton
Choirmaster - Michael Howard
The clergy of St Albans will conduct the Service and
members of their congregation will accompany the Choir.

DECEMBER 15TH - THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

- 9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School
- 6.00 pm Christingle Service for the whole family.
Contributions presented at the service will be
donated to the Church of England Children's Society.

DECEMBER 22ND - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

- 9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School
- 6.00 pm Nine Lessons and Carols.
The simple presentation of the Christmas message
with hymns that everybody knows.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 24TH - CHRISTMAS EVE

- 6.00 pm Carol Service for all ages with the
Blessing of the Christmas Crib.
- 11.30 pm Midnight Mass

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25TH - CHRISTMAS DAY

- 9.30 am Sung Eucharist



Autumn

The cold wind blows
and the

orange red and
yellow leaves



float down from the
trees



We stamp on the
brown crunchy leaves



Chris age 6
Craig age 6

Daniel age 6
Jenna age 6
Cive age 6

Schlagman age 6

ECTON YOUTH CLUB

We would like to thank everyone who helped and supported our Mini-Market in September which made £183.30. Thank you very much.

There will be a Wine and Cheese Evening in the Youth Club on Friday 8th November at 7.30 pm with craft and plant stalls. Tickets £1.50 each.

Lunch Club is on Wednesday 20th November. Do come and join us.

Mary Beesley

ECTON CHURCH GUILD

On Saturday, 9th November a pre-Christmas Crash Clean will be held in Church from 9.30 am to 4 pm. All Guild members are invited to help for some part of the time. Gentlemen from the congregation are needed especially for high and risky work. We receive many compliments for our well-cared for Church. It is all to the glory of God.

CLEANING ROTA

2nd November	Orange Team	Shine
9th November	Blue Team	Polish
16th November	Pink Team	Shine
23rd November	Yellow Team	Polish
30th November	Red Team	Shine
7th December	Green Team	Polish

FROM THE COLLECTION PLATE

4 August	£441.20
11 August	£192.81
18 August	£174.25
25 August	£177.37
1 September	£170.35

READER'S DIARY

3 November	Sunday School
10 November	Joan Dickins
17 November	
24 November	
1 December	Guides

FLOWER ROTA

2 November	Mary Dicks
9 November	Mary Dicks
16 November	I Cartwright
23 November	J Brown

TIME

Coming home
Through the green eye of time.
Bound -
Roses, dock and petalled snow -
Frail as the arm that draws
My life time on.
Tunnelling, unaware,
My days meander by, or flood
As pigeons homing on the wind,
Until, with swift, sure dart
He takes my eye, my heart,
Timewards, breathing to infinity

Shena Bell

CHURCH AND VILLAGE DIARY

NOVEMBER

- Fri 1 ALL SAINTS DAY
7.30 pm Holy Communion (sung)
- Sat 2 ALL SOULS DAY - Commemoration of
the faithful departed
9.30 am Holy Communion
- SUN 3 8 BEFORE CHRISTMAS
9.30 am Parish Communion and
Sunday School
Genesis 3. 1-15
John 3. 13-21
6.00 pm Evensong
7.00 pm Pathfinders
- Mon 4 8.00 pm Cricket Club
- Tue 5 7.30 pm Women's Institute
- Thu 7 9.30 am Holy Communion
- SUN 10 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
9.30 am Parish Communion and
Parade Service followed by procession
to lay a wreath at the village shrine
Revelation 21. 1-7
Romans 8. 31-end
6.00 pm Evensong followed by
Holy Communion
7.00 pm Pathfinders
- Mon 11 7.50 am Holy Communion, House Chapel
2.30 pm Over Sixties - Rectory Room
- Tue 12 2.30 pm Ecton Fellowship
8.00 pm Parochial Church Council
Meeting at Ecton House
- Thu 14 9.30 am Holy Communion
7.15 pm Whist Drive - Rectory Room

Sat 16 11.00 am Rehearsal of the Confirmation Service

SUN 17 6 BEFORE CHRISTMAS
 9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School
 Exodus 6. 2-8
 Mark 13. 5-13
 4.00 pm Confirmation Service followed by Tea at Ecton House
 6.00 pm Evensong

Mon 18 7.50 am Holy Communion, House Chapel

Thu 21 9.30 am Holy Communion

SUN 24 5 BEFORE CHRISTMAS
 9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School
 Isaiah 10. 20-23
 Mark 13. 14-23
 6.00 pm Evensong
 7.00 pm Pathfinders

Mon 25 7.50 am Holy Communion, House Chapel
 2.30 pm Over Sixties - Rectory Room

Thu 28 9.30 am Holy Communion

Sat 30 ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE
 9.30 am Holy Communion

DECEMBER

SUN 1 1 IN ADVENT
 9.30 am Toy Service, Parish Communion and Parade Service
 Romans 13. 8-end
 Matthew 25. 31-end
 6.00 pm Advent Concert with the Lawrence Lloyd Singers
 Conductor: Stephen Meakin
 7.00 pm Pathfinders

PARISH AND VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Parish Council	Chairman	Mrs Sheila Ingram Tel: Northampton 406038
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Ecton W.I.	Contact	Mrs Millie Harlott Tel: Northampton 405938 1st Tuesday in month 7.30 p.m. in Rectory Room
Over 60's	Contact	Mrs Denise Langley Tel: Northampton 404173 Twice monthly on Mondays 2.30 pm in Rectory Room
Youth Club & Senior Club	Contact	Mrs M Beesley Tel: Northampton 810577 Y.C. Wednesday 7.00 - 9.00 pm S.C. Tuesday 8.00 pm at Club Hall, High Street, Ecton
Mums & Tots	Contact	Mrs Julie Meakins Tel: Northampton 411140 Every Thursday 2.30 - 4.00 pm in Rectory Room
Playgroup	Contact	Mrs Julie Meakins Tel: Northampton 411140 Tuesday and Friday 9.15 - 11.45 am at Youth Club Hall, High Street, Ecton
Cricket Club	Captain	Mr Steve Wheatman Tel: Northampton 401714
	Secretary	Mrs H Kearsley Tel: Northampton 810922
Brownies	Contact	Mrs Tricia Fuller Tel: Northampton 403137
Bell Ringers	Contact	Mrs Mary Strange Tel: Northampton 409306
Pathfinders	Contact	Mr Graham Jordan Tel: Northampton 410255

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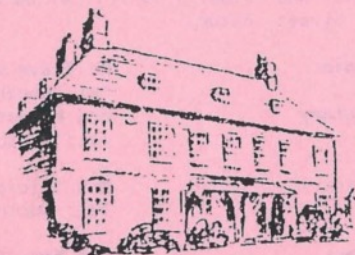
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