

# Fellowship



St. Nicholas' Church

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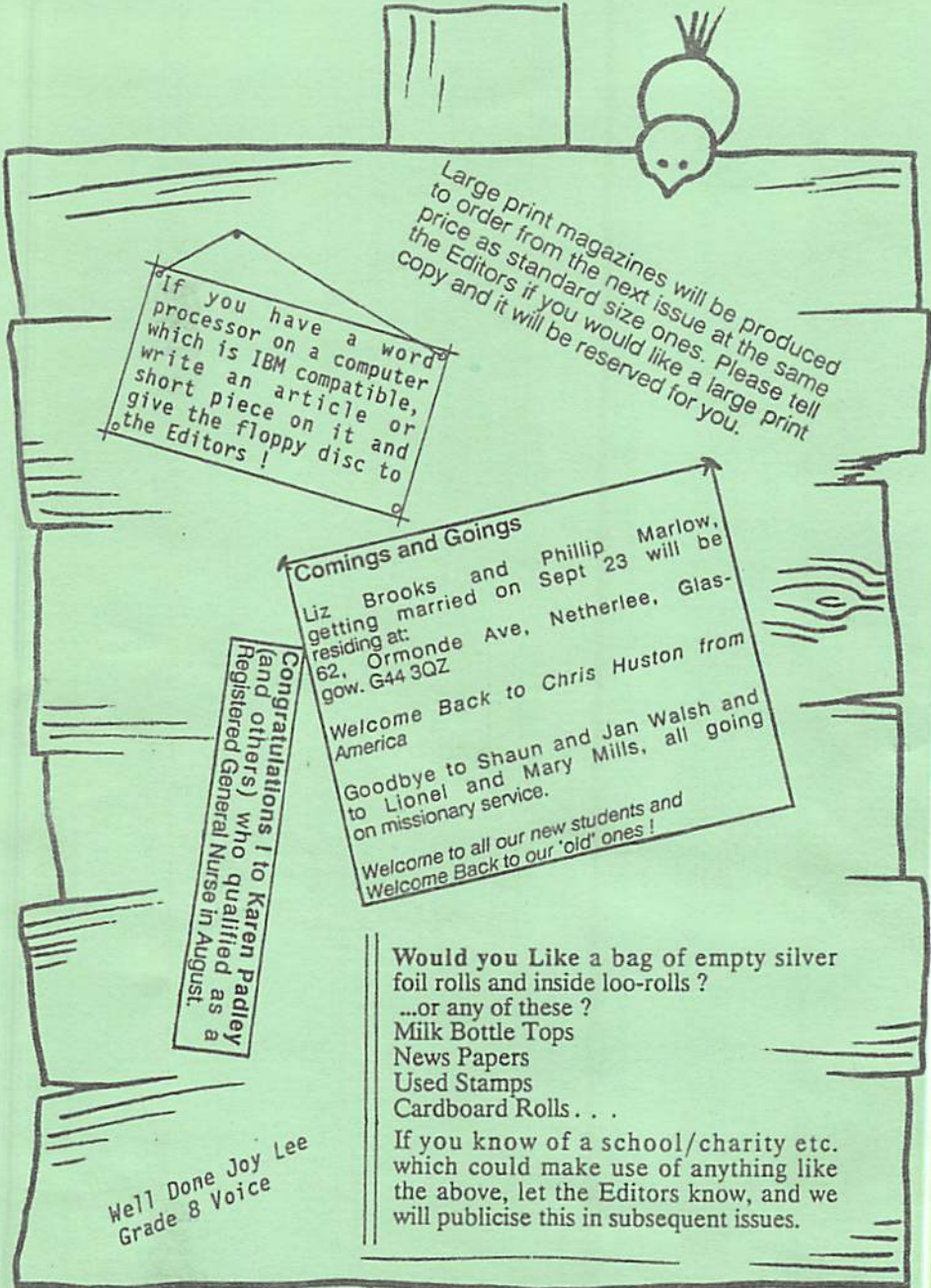
WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME BOAT

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Large print magazines will be produced to order from the next issue at the same price as standard size ones. Please tell the Editors if you would like a large print copy and it will be reserved for you.

If you have a word processor on a computer which is IBM compatible, write an article or short piece on it and give the floppy disc to the Editors!

### Comings and Goings

Liz Brooks and Phillip Marlow, getting married on Sept 23 will be residing at:  
62, Ormonde Ave, Netherlee, Glasgow. G44 3QZ

Welcome Back to Chris Huston from America

Goodbye to Shaun and Jan Walsh and to Lionel and Mary Mills, all going on missionary service.

Welcome to all our new students and  
Welcome Back to our 'old' ones!

Congratulations to Karen Padley (and others) who qualified as a Registered General Nurse in August.

Would you Like a bag of empty silver foil rolls and inside loo-rolls?

...or any of these?

Milk Bottle Tops

News Papers

Used Stamps

Cardboard Rolls . . .

If you know of a school/charity etc. which could make use of anything like the above, let the Editors know, and we will publicise this in subsequent issues.

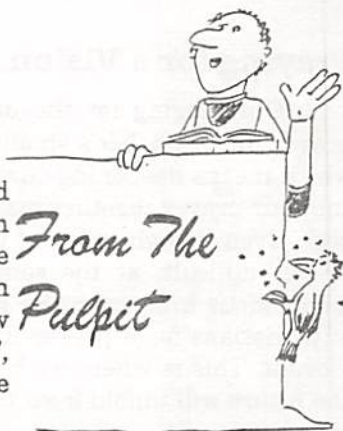
We'll Done Joy Lee  
Grade 8 Voice

**"Where've you been ?"**

**"What have you been doing ?"**

Our dear Friends,

these are the questions that we were asked frequently when we returned from our three-month study leave in mid-August. By way of response, we quoted the advice we were given by the person supervising our time away: "Just let the grass grow under your feet." In other words, learn to 'just be', rather than seeking to achieve, and this is what we did for most of the time.



Based at our cottage in Derbyshire, we enjoyed time together in our outstanding summer. We licked the garden into shape, tramped the hills, re-evaluated our ministry and took time and space for leisurely prayer.

At the weekends, David travelled to various churches which face similar challenges to the ones we face in St. Nic's: challenges produced by growth and the particular problems with which city-centre churches are presented. He also saw churches with a similar vision to remain true to the Bible's teaching, while being open to the leading and ministry of the Holy Spirit. Among others, he visited Holy Trinity, Brompton; St. Aldate's, Oxford; St. Thomas', Crookes (Sheffield) and St. Michael-le-Belfrey, York. He not only attended services but also talked with members of staff and other leaders, returning stimulated and with much food for thought.

## **Learning Together**

During the final month of our sabbatical, we both attended a course on spirituality in North Wales. In many ways, this was the highlight of our time away. We became students together, learned and worshipped together, saw Wales at its best in wonderful weather and, as it were, returned to the Source of Life, God, together. While we were there, we were reminded very forcibly of the power of prayer which gives birth to all ministry which bears fruit for God.

As a result of all this, we have returned to St. Nic's refreshed and renewed: in body, mind and spirit. Our home-coming has been extremely happy - helped by the flowers, letters, cards, hugs, kisses and the verbal 'Welcome Back'. Thank You.

## Praying for a Vision

Our longing for the autumn is that the prayer life of St. Nic's should be strengthened: which means deepening our personal prayer so that our prayer together may be more rich and real. Even though many of us (all of us ?) find prayer difficult, at the same time there is a tremendous hunger in the hearts of hundreds of Christians for a prayer life that is vital and vibrant. This is where we begin. The vision for the future will unfold from that.

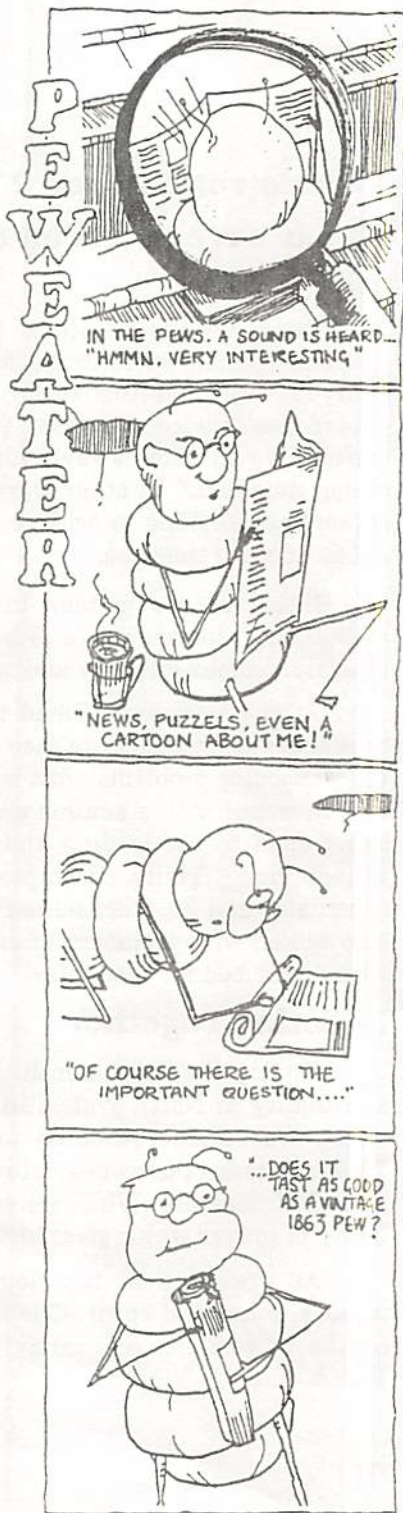
Having spent so much time away from St. Nic's this summer, we both plan to cut down on extra-parochial activities this autumn, to be far more available than our diaries have allowed in the past year.

## The Next Chapter

As the next chapter of the history of our fellowship unfolds, we pray with Paul that we may, in a right sense, 'forget those things that lie behind' (having repented of those things for which we need to repent), and then to 'press on, straining to receive Christ's prize.' Or, as one great man of prayer put it: 'We plead with God that He will turn us as individuals, and as a fellowship, away from serving self and towards Jesus until everything we face and everything we are, is fully dedicated to his service, honour and praise.'

We look forward to journeying with you into the next phase of the life of our fellowship,  
With our love,

David Sage



# BROKEN IMAGE

## TEAR FUND'S AUTUMN PRESENTATION ON NATIONWIDE TOUR FEATURING:

GARTH HEWITT	Music
STEWART HENDERSON	Words
J. GEOFFREY STEVENSON	Mime

Tickets: £4.00 each    Discount of 50% for UB40.

### WHAT'S YOUR IMAGE?

*DURING the coming three months no part of mainland Britain and Ireland will be far from a major new show being taken on the road by Tear Fund, the Christian overseas relief and development agency.*

*'Broken Image' weaves together film with live performances of songs, poetry and mime. The film was shot on location in the Philippines, and the live performances have been created by the artists after spending time with the poor people of that country.*

*Tour director Steve Rand says, 'These people, made in the image of God, live lives broken by poverty and injustice'; one location, for instance, was Smoky Mountain in Manila, where 4,000 families earn a living by scavenging on the municipal rubbish tip.*

*However, Steve adds, 'The evenings' presentations will show that we may have an image of the poor in the Third World which needs to be broken...the evenings will be both entertaining and challenging.'*

## BROKEN IMAGE - VIDEO TEACHING PACK



The video 'Broken Image' was shot entirely on location in the Philippines and draws on material produced for the tour. It is not a video of the tour presentation itself. The hour-long video consists of four 15 minute discussion starter programmes specially designed for youth groups and house groups. It comes complete with a 16 page study guide and will be available price £12.95 from 1st September.

**TEAR  
FUND**   
CHRISTIAN CONCERN IN A WORLD OF NEED

## In the Editor's Chair



In the Editor's chair you will find a team (please, not a committee) of four people: David and Fay Moore, and Tim and Joy Lee.

We would like to take this opportunity to explain to you the ideas behind this new venture, and the hopes and aims we have for its future. If you have any thoughts on what follows, we'd be very pleased to hear from you.

The idea of a new church magazine was first raised at link-group in which the strength of *community* of a church was discussed. We came to the conclusion that St. Nic's does not rate very highly in this area, one of the major problems being the lack of communication between different areas of the church. From this basis, the major aims of this publication are as follows:

### Aims

In general:

- To build up the community of St. Nic's by informing, encouraging

and providing a platform for communication.

More specifically:

- To inform people of what is happening in St. Nic's in more detail than is possible in the pew-slip. We would like to publish news of the many groups that exist to promote communication and encourage people to look beyond their present horizons.
- To spread ideas on practical ways of being Salt and Light in your secular life; at work, at home, in the pub. Also to increase members' awareness of activities in which others are involved as a result of their faith, eg. Macedon Trust, Prison Visiting, Tear Fund, Keep Sunday Special, Community Care Groups . . .
- To foster acquaintance with the leaders and officers of the church. 'Who is on the PCC? What does the treasurer look like?'
- To enable items of personal news and testimony to be made available to a wider audience. We are very keen to print testimonies - they are glorifying to God, they build faith and they encourage all who read them. If God answers one of your prayers, tell us about it!

## A few notes on 'Editorial policy'

While a parish magazine may contain news of secular events within the local area, the Editors feel that these would not be appropriate for a church magazine covering such a wide area as this one. Items for the diary and noticeboard as well as articles should be at least vaguely church related. Thus if your choir is performing Handel's *Messiah*, a religious work, we would be pleased to mention it. *The Marriage of Figaro*, however, might receive the Editor's 'Blue Pencil'.

Items of personal news are of great value in promoting a sense of community and thus, space permitting, are almost always assured of a place, as are jokes and other humorous items.

## You can be part of the team.

If you feel that any of the following 'Sits Vac' could be you, we would be delighted to hear from you, not because we're too lazy to do the jobs ourselves, but because we would like to see as many people as possible actively involved in the production and distribution of the magazine. Another way of improving community within the church.

- ☞ **Family Puzzle Time** - Would you like to supply puzzles and artwork on a regular or occasional basis? This job is great fun.

- ☞ **Front Cover** - If you think that you could design a better cover than the present one, perhaps a seasonal one, send it in. (A4 size, please)
- ☞ **Mailing List** - Could you be responsible for sending magazines to our missionaries, Southwell Minster, members away from home etc.?
- ☞ **Mole** - We need a spy in each of the groups in St. Nic's, to keep us informed of what's going on. If you are a member of a group which has no mole, contact us and become a roving reporter.
- ☞ **Folding and Collating** - If this is something that you would like to do, then it would reduce production costs.

Finally, if you have any suggestions or comments to make, we'd be pleased to hear from you via the box at the back of church.

*Happy Reading!*



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Take me to  
a  
PATHFINDER  
VENTURE



The journey to Windermere hardly seemed to take any time at all. I was soon settling into tent eleven, making it chaos like my bedroom. The time at camp passed as quickly as the journey. One minute I was swimming, the next I was wind-surfing, then I was in a canoe. Occasionally I would stop to eat and sleep.

You might think that with all this excitement and activity, the meetings would seem boring, but this is not true, they were both interesting and fun. With so many other

Christian friends around me, I seemed to be able to learn so much about Jesus !

If you are thinking about going to camp (or sending your children), I suggest that you start planning now. I have made sure, with a little help from my sister Shona, that my parents don't book any holidays which stop me going to camp next year. Benidorm, Venice and Bognor Regis all come second to Windermere.

Debbie Fraser

(Windermere is a Pathfinder Canvas Camp organised by CPAS)

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A summer camp is something you must go on ! Swimming every day, even in the sea. Surprises like: swimming at 11:00 pm, an orange-and-lemon-juice-fight at the dead of night, waking at half past seven to the delight of soggy Rice Crispies, Talent Evenings, Concerts, Discos, late nights and early mornings, Quiet Times, Meetings and learning to "Love one's Neighbour" in the literal sense ! Camp is Brilliant !

Anna Campbell

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## And the leader's point-of-view . . .

This summer I cooked at an SU Canvas Camp for 15 - 18 year-olds. Camp is a good time to get away from everyday life and to enjoy God and his wonderful creation through sailing, rock-climbing, 36 hour hikes over Dartmoor, wind-surfing and snorkling.

The camp is placed at the mouth of the beautiful Salcombe Estuary and



we are told by our leader that it never rains at Salcombe (well, almost never !)  
 We have nightly talks and follow-on tent discussions afterwards. The talks are  
 all done by leaders and the standard is high. The aim is to build up the faith of  
 believing campers and to give a challenge to reconsider to those who aren't. The  
 one unbeliever in my tent became a Christian on camp !

The leaders are all Christians and although the work starts at 7:15 am  
 and finishes at 10:30 pm with few breaks, it really was good fun and up-building.

Rachel Hobbs

### ... and then there's Greenbelt.

Greenbelt is all about music . . . or is it drama ? . . . or dance . . . what  
 about the seminar programme ? The Fringe ? The Rolling Magazine (?) ? . . . The  
 list is endless.

It is easy, talking to those who went to Greenbelt, to believe that not one,  
 but several Christian arts festivals took place over the August Bank Holiday  
 weekend, for, above all else, Greenbelt offers choice. For me, the highlights  
 included Stripes Theatre Company and The Blues Band, but Bryn Haworth was  
 stunning and Geographical Duvet . . . Oh Dear, here I go again ! Perhaps  
 Greenbelt is about lists . . . or is it queues ?

Clive Wright

## Answers

- We will serve the Lord our God and himself, instead of giving them to God.  
 obey him.  
 Rahab  
 1 Nun. (Chap 1)  
 2 It piled into a heap when the priests  
 carrying the Ark touched it. (Chap 3)  
 3 Twelve stones. (Chap 4)  
 4 The manna stopped. (Chap 5)  
 5 Achan took some of the spoils for  
 6 They pretended to be from a far off  
 land. (Chap 9)  
 7 Enormous hailstones. (Chap 10)  
 8 He made the sun stand still for a day.  
 (Chap 10)  
 9 A stone. (Chap 24)  
 10 Joseph's. (Chap 24)

# ○ take me to your leader



## **David Huggett - Ticking and Buzzing**

What makes me buzz? Church leaders who are slow in showing their loyalty to Christ, his truth and his morality. Acceptance that becomes compromise. Love that has lost its edge. I buzz over people who love animals but neglect people. But for me, buzzing over these and other things passes quickly into sadness and sorrow. I can't buzz for long!

What makes me tick? Children. Being with people. Being caught up in worship and helping others to do so. The moments when I sense I touch God, and even more when he touches me. Loosing myself in mundane tasks in the garden. Exploring harbours, walking by water and over hills. I love doing things with my best friend, but Joyce and I have also learned to give each other space to do 'alone' things.

I am surprised (!), gladdened, and deeply grateful that my relationships with Jesus and with Joyce have become richer and deeper as I have grown older. That was not what I thought I had observed as the norm in others. I find ticking lasts much longer than buzzing. Guess which I prefer ?

## **Joyce Huggett**

I have found my role changing over the past eight years since the publication of my first book. One gave birth to another and now I spend some four hours a day writing. A stream of letters from readers reaches me and far more invitations to speak at meetings than I can possibly cope with. At the same time I very much want to play my part in the life of St. Nic's.

Please pray: that I may find secretarial help for the coming Autumn; that a support group from St. Nic's might be established to give me the encouragement I need when I come back to base; that I may have the wisdom to know which invitations to accept; that I may not lose touch with the St. Nic's fellowship; that my time with David may be safeguarded and my personal times with God might remain a priority, and that there will still be time to enjoy my hobbies.

## **Roger Campbell**

I was born at an early age (that's original - Ed.) in Carrington, Nottingham and received most of my schooling at Nottingham High School. I became a Christian at the age of twelve through a local Crusader class.

I trained as a chemical engineer before studying Theology at Durham. I was ordained in 1971 and worked as a curate in Newcastle-upon-Tyne where I met and married Ginny and where Ruth (13) was born. In 1978 we went to Singapore where I worked as a vicar for an English-speaking congregation of Chinese and Indians. Anna (11) was born in Singapore. We returned to the UK in 1985 and I started here in 1986. Currently, we are trying to find out where God wants us to be serving him in the future.

I don't get much time for hobbies, on my day off I like to get out into the countryside, 'away from it all'.

## **Colin Entwistle**

Up to 2 years ago, Jean & I were 'well-settled' in our home town of Bolton and had no thoughts of being disturbed - but God had other plans for us.

His challenge to 'be available for whatever He wanted' resulted in a simultaneous change of job, home and church fellowship - all at a time of life when, according to our elder son, we should have been looking to take things easy! (After all, I *was* twice his age).

We quickly settled into our home in Sherwood and our new life in Nottingham. We enjoy visiting local beauty spots (we're trying to take in the tourist attractions before we become too established) and my 'day off' is usually spent sight-seeing, visiting relatives or doing the inevitable shopping and D.I.Y. jobs.

## **Rachel Phenna**

I have just joined the staff as Lay Assistant / Student Worker, having been a member of St. Nic's for three years while a student of Social Administration at the University. In my spare time (if I get any), I enjoy playing the piano, swimming and playing squash.

Over the next few weeks, I hope to get to know more of the normal (!) non-student members of the fellowship. I want to find out what life at St. Nic's is like for you, which I hope will then help me in my job of integrating students into the church - so do please introduce yourselves.

Let me



introduce you to . . .

**. . . some of our lesser known missionaries.**

We all know Charlotte Barratt, but there are many other members of St. Nic's who undertake long or short term missionary work. Here is some of the latest news from around the globe. (Don't forget to tell the Editors if you are involved in spreading the gospel somewhere.)

Lionel and Mary Mills and their daughter Hannah are departing on September 25th for Gahini hospital in Rwanda. Mary is the daughter of Marjorie Lott, one of our members.

Kate Day is a little nearer to home, working as a Diocesan volunteer with St. Steven's, Sneinton. Amongst other things, she has been helping at an Asian Women's Centre and is on the Diocesan Board for Social Responsibility (!). Kate has recently joined the BBC Radio Nottingham 'Action Line' team, keeping people informed of what is happening in the community. Action Line is on Nottingham 413121.

Melanie Morroll is in London, working in her church and with The Earl's Court Project. This is an initiative from local churches and YWAM (Youth With A Mission) to the needy in the

area. Melanie is presently with the AIDS Homecare team.

Gwyneth Thomas is still with YWAM, at the Lighthouse Fellowship in Scotland, a rehabilitation centre for drink and drug addicts. Gwyn is being trained in pastoral work and may continue working with YWAM in the future.

Also with YWAM, are Shaun and Jan Walsh who are going on a six month Discipleship Training School. See 'From Our Own Correspondent'.

David Sudlow is further afield and moving rapidly. If his travels have been according to plan, his recent movements will have looked like this:

- ☞ Early July - to Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso, W Africa - to Mali with World Vision team - via Niamey (team base) to Ouagadougou to say goodbye.
- ☞ August - in Niamey, Niger - prayer outreach in the city and low-key personal evangelism where possible.
- ☞ September - to Ouagadougou to meet new team - to Niamey then home over the Sahara.

The purpose of all this passport

stamping is four-fold.

Prayer - praising God where he has never before been praised.

Encouraging local churches.

Envisioning and building up those on the expedition.

Evangelism where appropriate and possible.

Also moving is Maria Potik who hopes, house sales permitting, to spend a few months with John Wimber's Vineyard Fellowship in California. Maria is following, at least partially, in the footsteps of Ian Grimbleston, who also went to the Vineyard for a short time, only he's still there!

## Barge-ing in !

Excellent fellowship and, for many of us, a first time experience, the West Nottingham Regional Group plus a few guests took a very peaceful barge trip in August from Shardlow to Trent Lock and back again.

A lovely summer evening accompanied us through two locks - quite an eerie sensation as we descended in to the deeper, darker parts and a lighter mood as we ascended again in the full evening light.

There was plenty of time to marvel at our Father's glory and power seen in creation, and to think about the ways in which he leads us always through straight ways to safe moorings.

Chris Barnes



## Photo Call

We like to include something for everyone in the magazine, so here is a corner for all you darts-players out there !

Seriously, we don't want people to say, "I *would* have written something for the magazine, but I didn't know who to see about it ". Here, then, is your editorial team in the flesh, well, nearly.

Tim and Joy Lee (on the left), and David and Fay Moore (on the right)



# Renewing your Relationship with God

If, like David and Joyce, (see their letter on page 1) you sense within yourself a need to go deeper with God, you might be interested in enrolling for one or more of the following events:

## **A Three-Week Course on Spirituality**

This will be held at Stapleford House and will be conducted by David and Joyce together. Each session will start with a simple but substantial meal, and will contain various expressions of worship so that, hopefully, everyone at some stage will find a form of worship which works for them. There will be teaching on a variety of expressions of prayer and experience of prayer. The aim of the course is to help each person attending to find a method of prayer which works for them now.

The course is for St. Nic's people only. The dates are November 1st, 8th, 15th and numbers are limited to 40. The cost, including meals and hand-outs will be £15 per person and early application should be made to the Church Office.

Please don't let the cost put you off attending. If you would be prevented from coming because of the fee, please speak to David or Joyce, a kind benefactor has donated a substantial

sum of money to make it possible for people to attend such events. He would be delighted to know that his money is being used!

## **A Week of Guided Prayer**

Parishes all over England are marvelling at the way God works in the lives of individuals and consequently in the life of the Church through weeks of guided prayer. Again the aim is to put each person who attends in touch with a method of prayer which is appropriate for them at this moment in time.

The week begins with a short meeting after church on the evening of Sunday, November 19th when teaching on prayer will be given. Each person then commits him/herself to pray for thirty minutes each day during the coming week and to a meeting with a prayer-guide for up to thirty minutes each day. At the end of the week, we come together for a short, quiet celebration of prayer and evaluation. The prayer-guides will be David, Joyce and

Sister Pamela CHN - and possibly others depending on the demand. Apply early again to the Church Office.

The cost will be £1 to pay for coffee, tea and hand-outs.

## A Retreat

A 48-hour period away can prove to be a spiritual turning point in our lives. Joyce and Sister Theresa Margaret CHN will be leading such a retreat at Launde Abbey in October, from tea-time on Sunday 22nd to after lunch on Tuesday 24th. Places for this are very limited. Please have a word with Joyce if you think you might like to come.

## A Quiet Day

Advent this year begins on December 3rd. To prepare yourself for Advent, why not come on a Quiet Day? David and Joyce will be leading this. Apply on the appropriate form which will be available soon.

If you can't manage any of the above, you might like to attend the launching of Joyce's new book *Open To God*.

- ☞ Date: October 20th
- ☞ Place: Sheffield
- ☞ Content: Music by several people you will recognise plus teaching on prayer from Joyce.
- ☞ Tickets: Free - obtainable from the church office.

## APPLICATION FORM

I wish to apply for a place on The Three Week Course on Spirituality /  
The Week of Guided Prayer / The Retreat

I enclose full payment of £\_\_\_\_\_ / I wish to apply for a bursary

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_


Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this to :

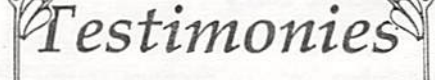
St. Nicholas' Centre, 79 Maid Marian Way, Nottingham NG1 6AE

(Send these details on a piece of paper if you don't wish to cut your magazine.)





# Testimonies



## Week of Guided Prayer: Last year.

I was able to experience the week of guided prayer last year, and found it most helpful. It was an excellent opportunity to begin to explore the Scriptures, with help, in a new and exciting way - well worthwhile.

Kath Walker

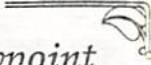
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## Break Free !

In early September, members of the Beeston Rylands Link Group and other Christians in the area took part in a mission, organised by the Rylands Methodist Church and entitled 'Break Free with Jesus'. The mission was led by a team of eight people from all over the U.K.

The mission activities included:

- ☞ A visit to every house offering a Luke's Gospel.
- ☞ A children's club after school.
- ☞ A Family Fun Day at the local infants school.
- ☞ Coffee mornings and evenings.
- ☞ A meeting with representatives of 'Christians in Sport'.
- ☞ Family Services.

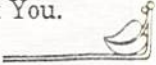


## A Visitor's Viewpoint

Coming to St. Nic's for the past few weeks has been an inspiration. I come from a very similar church in Harare, the capital of Zimbabwe. It is in an old white suburb which is now a lovely mixture, so the main challenge is to bring black and white together as well as the erstwhile one of progressing and moving on with the Spirit, without leaving too many behind.

I have learned a lot to take back. Little things like the value of silence, coffee served in church and everyone staying to chat, the way David Huggett leads in such a relaxed and joyful way, so that the congregation relaxes and enjoys worship, and yet he keeps his finger on the pulse. Thank You.

Parneia M. Williams




It is now intended to set up several nurture groups and there will be a Church Day in the Countryside to welcome and get to know new people.

In Beeston itself, Dovecote Lane Baptist Church have also been holding a mission, so there has been considerable evangelistic activity in Beeston over this time. Your prayers would be appreciated for the continuance of God's work in people's hearts.

Brent Cutts





# Profile of a Group

## **Banner Group**

This group has unfortunately dwindled to one - me ! I have been reduced to doing a care-taking job rather than anything creative - just making sure there isn't anything wildly inappropriate on display and doing running repairs. However . . . one or two people have made interested noises and I've taken note of these. I shall be attempting a revamped group in October, so if you'd like to join me (minimal sewing and design skills required !), please contact me, Rowena White.

## **St. Nicholas' Tapes**

St. Nicholas' Tapes exists to make tapes of sermons available to anyone who wishes to hear them again or who may have missed them first time around. An initial charge of £1.50 is made for each tape (two sermons), but we buy tapes back for £1.25 if people do not wish to keep them.

Tapes of many 'vintage' sermons are also available - a catalogue of these can be obtained from the tape desk at the bargain price of 25p. Why not treat yourself to an old 'Nick Brotherwood' or 'Paul Oakley' sermon ?

For any information, contact Maggie Bates

## **St Nicholas' Missionary Committee**

The purpose of this group is to promote missionary awareness, commitment and activity in the life and worship of St. Nic's, within the principles of the great commission, Matthew 28 : 19 - 20. We also advise and counsel those interested in Christian service at home and overseas, and provide pastoral support and encouragement for missionaries.

If you would like to know more about being or supporting a missionary, Hilary Holden is the lady to contact.



## From Our Own Correspondent



### Shaun and Jan Walsh

It feels as though we're nearly there, we are now packed up and only one week to go until we leave for Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in Holland on 25th September. I guess we've really only just begun!

It is now five years since Jan and I met on a YWAM outreach in Nottingham, when we were camped out in St. Nic's Church Hall. As we stepped out for the Lord in this way, he revolutionised our lives and the calling to full-time mission was very strong indeed.

### Vision

We're now married and five years older - but no grey hairs yet! We have both completed professional qualifications, Jan as a physiotherapist and myself as an accountant. Whilst the vision has ebbed and flowed in that time, it has always remained very much with us and *now* seems to be the right time to go.

We have both given up our jobs

and are to commence a Discipleship Training School (DTS) with YWAM in Heerde, Holland. This briefly comprises six months of training in two parts. The lecture phase runs from September to December and includes teaching and ministry on subjects such as: knowing God, relationships, spiritual warfare, repentance and restitution, etc. The main emphasis in this period is on getting right with the Lord and on building Christian character in order to reach out to a lost world.

The second phase, January to March 1990, will be in another country reaching out with the message of the gospel. This will include street evangelism and drama (gulp!), intercession and help on practical projects which YWAM and local churches are undertaking in the area.

### Testing the Call

We see the period on the DTS as a time to test God's call to 'full-time' Christian work, and as a time of training in the ways of God. We

currently anticipate applying to work with YWAM full-time in April 1990, but await the Lord's will on this.

We would appreciate prayer for the following:

- ☞ Leaving families who do not know the Lord, that they might have the grace to accept what we are doing.
- ☞ Wisdom and courage as we face the challenge of 'Living by Faith', financially. While we have the bulk of finance needed, we still require significant funds to be able to pay the DTS fees. Please pray with us, that God would provide the money.
- ☞ Future ministry, that we would find our place in his army.

If you would like to receive our prayer letter, contact Mark and Lizzie Smith.

Jan & Shaun

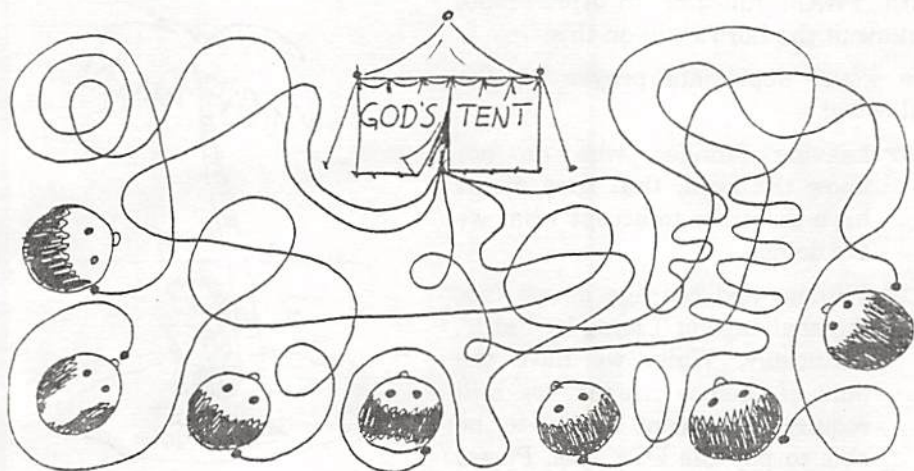
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"DEAR MUM.... BEING A MISSIONARY  
ISN'T QUITE WHAT I THOUGHT  
IT WOULD BE...."

YWAM is an international, interdenominational missionary organisation, founded in 1960. Its work embraces evangelism, training and mercy ministries. Its aim is "to know God and make him known" and it does this by offering short and long term opportunities of service. It has bases in 67 countries and over 5000 full-time workers. The story of YWAM has been published in a book by Loren Cunningham, the founder, "Is That Really You Lord?"

Joshua told the people of Israel to choose whether or not they would serve God. Follow the lines to find which of the Israelites choose to follow God.

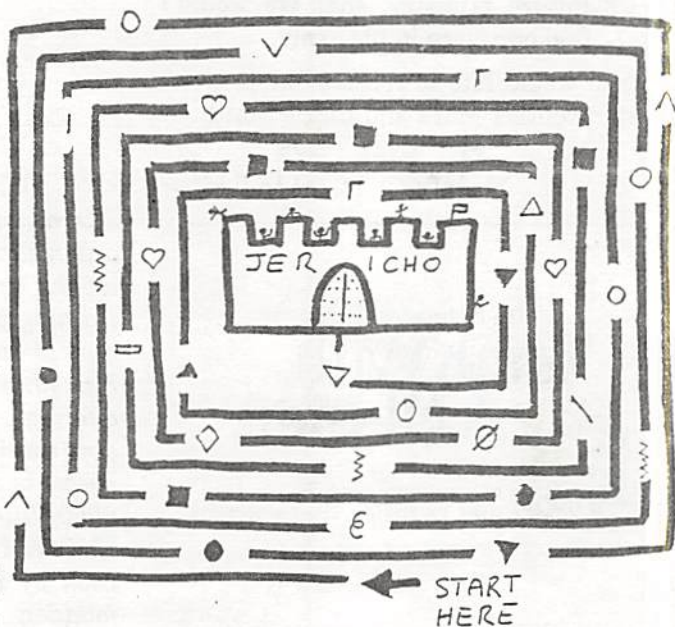


Joshua told the Israelites to march seven times around the city of Jericho. March round and use the code to find out what the Israelites said when they had learned more about God.

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# FAMILY PUZZLE TIME

Find these words in the grid and the letters that are not used will spell the name of someone in the city who helped Joshua.

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Hill	Sword
Horn	Tribe
Jericho	

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## A 'Joshua' Quiz

- 1 What was the name of Joshua's father ?
- 2 How did Joshua and the Israelites cross the Jordan ?
- 3 What did the Israelites leave in the Jordan ?
- 4 What happened after they celebrated their first Passover, just after entering the Promised Land ?
- 5 Why was God angry after the fall of Jericho ?
- 6 How did the Gibeonites trick the Israelites into making a peace pact ?
- 7 When the Israelites were defending the Gibeonites in a battle, what did God send to help them ?
- 8 What other miracle did God do in that battle ?
- 9 What did Joshua set up as a witness to the people of Israel that they would serve God ?
- 10 Whose bones were buried in the Promised Land ?

Many Thanks to Louise Elliman for two of these puzzles

# What *is* a Synod ?

The parish of St. Nicholas' is one of fifteen churches forming the Nottingham Central Deanery Synod. The clergy are automatically part of the Synod together with the elected members from the individual parishes. The Synod comprises about eighty people, both lay and clergy, although there has never been a meeting where all were present. The Nottingham Central Deanery includes churches in the east of the city centre, the Meadows, Sneinton, St. Ann's, Mapperley and parts of Radford. There is a heavy bias towards the inner-city and many Urban Priority Areas are covered.

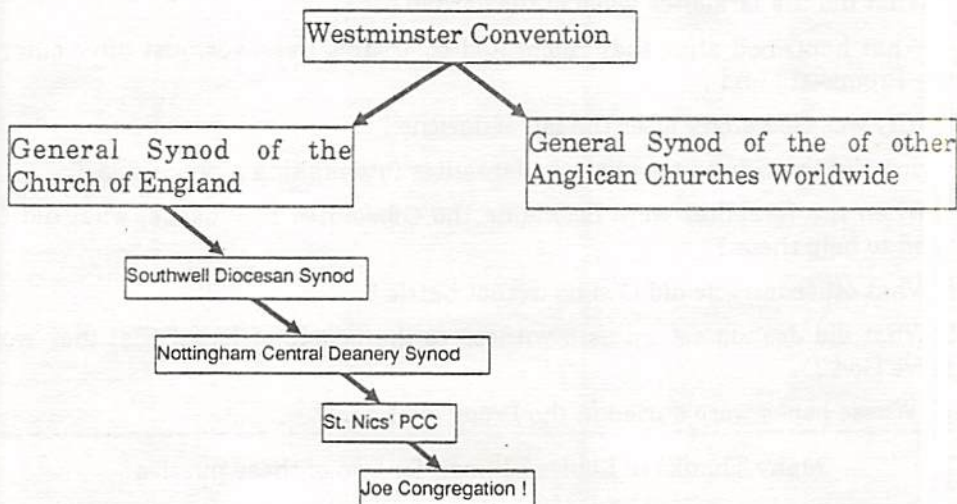
There are seventeen Deaneries in the Southwell Diocese and some members of each deanery are elected to the

diocesan Synod. Some members of this are similarly elected to General Synod.

Back to the Deanery Synod. Lay members of St. Nics are very active, holding between them the responsibilities as Lay Chairperson, Treasurer and chairperson of the Deanery Outreach Committee, (more of this next time). The representatives are also automatically members of their respective PCCs, together with the other elected members.

This then is a brief precis of the Deanery Synod. More of its activities in the next issue and watch out for reports in forthcoming issues of the magazine.

Brian Pepper - Deanery Synod Rep.



# Footprints in Nick!

“The only other time they'd been so quiet and attentive was during the Liverpool-Everton match”, remarked an assistant governor at Risley Remand Centre following Footprints' performance of Alan MacDonald's play 'Borstal Boy'.

## Media Coverage

Recent media coverage of the roof-top protests at 'Grisly' Risley served to focus public attention on Britain's prison service. Reports of overcrowding, staff shortages and poor morale flared into headlines of violence and destruction, symptoms of anger and despair that imprison many, and from which there seems to be no escape. Footprints' twelve-venue tour to a variety of institutions arose from the belief, expressed by Roy Catchpole on whom 'Borstal Boy' is based, that “whatever the system that encloses individuals, however oppressive it is, there is freedom, real freedom through Christ”; the response to the play by inmates at Risley and elsewhere revealed

led a hunger for this real freedom.

## Jesus - The Convict

'Borstal Boy' tells the true story of Anglican vicar Roy Catchpole who, as a teenager, became involved in crime and subsequently spent time in borstal and prison. Thinking that he may never be able to leave his past behind, Roy examines the claims of fellow 'convict' Jesus Christ, through whom he finds his “key to freedom”. As the one-act play was originally devised with secondary schools in mind, it took two particularly successful



'one-offs' at Nottingham Prison and Hatfield Youth Custody Centre to prompt the decision to tour prison institutions. The 'in' jokes in the script received approval as never before, but also it seemed that inmates really identified with the situations that Roy found himself in, and the feelings he experienced. The Footprints team, comprising Bridget Daw, Fred Denno, Liz Moody and Simon Whittaker were challenged by the depth of the questions posed by inmates during the discussion times on those occasions, and therefore approached the concept of a tour specifically for prisons with a mixture of excitement and trepidation.

## Suspiciously Supernatural

Spread across three weeks in July, the tour incorporated a range of establishments, from fairly high-security prisons to open and relatively relaxed young offenders' institutions and this meant that every performance was different. The kind of welcome enjoyed by the team on their arrival ranged from the suspicious ("How Christian are you lot then?") to the supernatural ("The fact that we got you in was nothing short of a miracle"). On the latter occasion, it was not until a security bargain was struck (three-chaplain-in-the-chapel-and-one-officer-on-the-landing) that the performance was allowed to go ahead.

## Security

Security procedures were generally time-consuming, and one young offenders' institution nearly prevented a performance when one wing of the building was searched for a hacksaw blade. The size of the audience was also quite unpredictable. Footprints' arrival at Liverpool was preceded by the moving of around a hundred inmates to another prison, whilst the audience of seven 'lifers' for the performance at Sudbury Prison was explained by the somewhat embarrassed chaplain as being due to the showing of the Satanist film "Carrie" elsewhere in the building.

## "You're Normal!"

Distractions aside, prison audiences were for the most part very appreciative indeed, giving the play itself a good hearing, and taking part in the discussion times afterwards. The older audiences in particular enjoyed the performance - at one prison, every single joke met with uproarious laughter - and individuals seemed eager to chat with the team afterwards. Many good conversations took place between inmates and actors, with opportunities for the team to share their own faith with interested prisoners, one of whom remarked, most gratifyingly, "You're normal, not saying Jesus after every word". At both Strangeways and Liverpool, Footprints' visit had been preceded by transmissions from Billy Graham's Mission '89 and the team were delighted that "Borstal Boy" constituted a 'follow-up' event, albeit by coincidence.

## Difference

Prison Staff were most appreciative of the visit, and a governor at Strangeways who had seemed fairly suspicious of this unknown Christian theatre company, commented "We would have liked you to have had more time to mix informally with the audience and take the message of the play forward in that way by discussion". A Governor in Wakeful comparing Footprints' performance to that of another theatre company who had



recently visited the prison, said, "the big difference between you and them was that in your performance there was joy".

## God's Faithfulness

A big Thank You to everyone who prayed for the tour, and to those who gave towards the cost of getting it on the road. Through the generosity of our supporters and four grant-making trusts, the whole venture broke even, and we thank God for his faithfulness in initiating and seeing through the tour. Another tour is planned for February/March 1990 - watch this space!

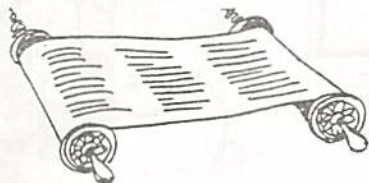
Kate Cowell

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## How to Read the New Testament.

The course consists of two six-week terms, each session being for two hours. The ones in the Nottingham area commencing mid October. The cost is £7.50 per term and there is a range of venues to suit.

For more information, see the leaflets at the back of church, or contact Susan Boughey or Sue Cumming on Southwell 814504.



## Guest Service: 15th October !

## Preacher: J John !

*Remember to bring your friends.*

**"But what if she responds ?"**

**"What'll happen if he gets converted ?"**

Precisely! In the expectation that people will respond to the appeal for commitment, we need to know what to say to such people, and how to help them on the way a little. A number of counsellors will be required on the night for this job.

So, on the evening of Thursday 21st September at 7.30 pm, there will be a counsellor's Training Session at St. Nic's, led by David Beales, Philo Trust's Director of Training. The aim will be to outline how to deal with people who respond at the guest service, and to encourage openness and confidence in speaking about your faith. See Chris Bignell for further information (289789), or just come along.



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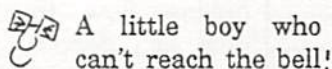
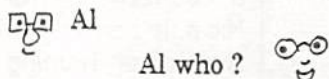
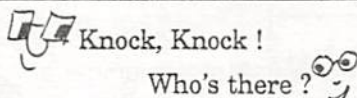
"Sheep - keep dogs on leash"

Personally, I've never seen a sheep with a dog to keep on a leash, much less one that could read the sign!



From the church notices

". . . and the preacher for next week can be found pinned to the notice board in the tower."



Why did the teacher sit on a watch?

Because she wanted to be on time!

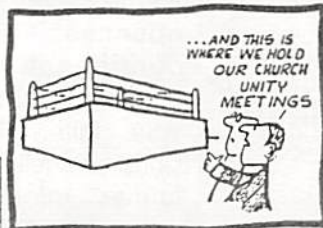
Daniel Cook (9)

What do you get when you cross a freezer with a ghost train?

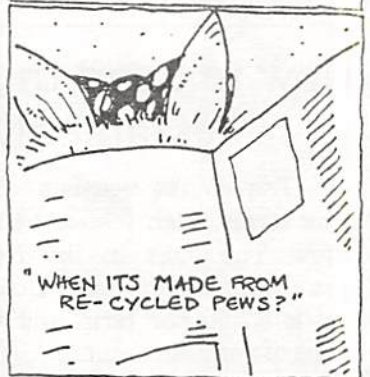
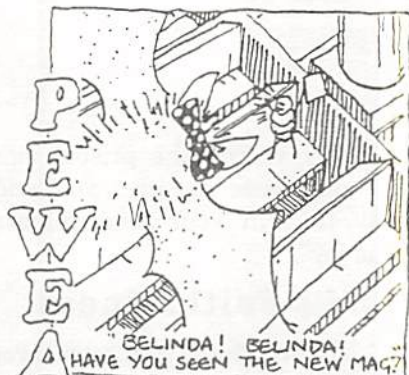
Ice - Scream!

Alex Cook (6)

Matthew Hart (5)



Today's mighty oak is yesterday's nut that held its ground.



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## September

- Mon 18th 8 pm J. John meeting at St. Jude's, Mapperley
- 8 pm Social Concern Meeting at 96, Burlington Road, Sherwood
- Tues 19th 8 pm Broken Image by Tear Fund at the Royal Concert Hall ( p3 )
- Thurs 21st 7:30pm Training for Guest Service counsellors - Lower Lounge
- Sat 23rd 9 am Decoration of Church for Harvest
- 1pm Wedding of Steve Bree & Bridget Daw (Footies) in church
- Wedding of Liz Brooks & Phillip Marlow in Sheffield
- Mon 25th PCC meeting
- Fri 29th 8pm 8 'til late at 96, Burlington Road, Sherwood

## October

- Sat 7th 11:30am Wedding of Rupert Scott & Debbie Jones in church
- 2 pm Wedding of Spyder Burnett & Claire Hillyard in church
- Family Care Event - Family Fun Day at Southwell Leisure Centre
- 7:30pm Chuck Girard Concert at Congregational Centre, Castlegate
- Sat 14th 7:30pm Marilyn Baker Concert at Congregational Centre
- Sun 15th 6:30pm Guest Service - J. John
- Wed/Th 18/19 Sign & Wonders at St. Thomas Crookes, Sheffield
- Fri 20th 8 pm 8 'til late at ?
- Book Launch in Sheffield
- Sun-Tue 22-24 Retreat

## November

- Wed 1st, 8th, 15th Three Week Course on Spirituality
- Fri 3rd 7 pm Saints in Praise - Southwell Minster
- Thurs 16th Family Care Event - Gwendoline Grove Coffee Evening, Clipstone
- Sun-Fri 19-24 Week of Guided Prayer
- Sat 25th 7:30 pm Michael Card at Congregational Centre



DINNER AT PHIL'S  
NEXT THURS

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