



# **BUCKS COUNTY COMMITTEE**

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## May 2011

Dear Bucks BHS Members,

It's hard to realise that we have already lived through almost five months of 2011. The weeks have literally flown by and it will soon be summer. The local Horse Shows are already underway in many areas and with most horses and ponies beginning to lose their winter fluff, are emerging like beautiful butterflies with lovely sheens to their coats. Of course, I am referring to the equines that are much loved and well cared for, not so for some of the poor wretched creatures that have been left to cope as best as they can by less than perfect owners. With finances especially tight for many at the moment, we have seen a worrying increase in abandoned horses and ponies, which our Welfare Officers and Horse Watch co-ordinators are having to deal with. Closing our eyes to the fact our animals may need food, or a visit from the Vet or Farrier, is not the way to look after our horses who heavily rely on us. If we cannot afford to give them what they need, then sorry, but we shouldn't have them.

I very much hope that the events laid on by our Pony Clubs and Riding Clubs, as well as other local organisations, will have an upturn in entries this year. The last two years have seen poor turnouts, even at County Shows, and initial set-up costs therefore have not been covered. Many shows and events have closed down as a result of the downturn and will probably not re-invent themselves, more's the pity. We really do need these local events or we won't have the nursery / primary school education for our equines before they start at senior school. I feel this is what it comes down to. So please support the local events before they all disappear.

We are very pleased to welcome our new County Secretary, **Alison Stewart-Gillman**, who has joined our Committee. She is a stalwart helper at BE Horse Trials and BD Dressage competitions, so brings a wealth of knowledge with her....including secretarial skills, we're glad to say! Thank you to our outgoing Secretary, Nicola Currant, for the work she did with us whilst in office.

We also thank Jodie Maile, who was our Assistant Training Officer for a while. Jodie has decided not to continue on the Committee.

How things have changed! Once upon a time, BHS County Committees were mostly made up of people that had either retired, or didn't work. Now they are made up of people who work full time and who are trying to fit everything into an already packed life. Therefore, we very much appreciate the time that they afford to our local branches to carry out much of the unseen work that many BHS members have absolutely *no idea* goes on. Even those new to committee work have admitted that before they joined us, they didn't really know the County Committees existed – let alone know about the work that we do. I am sure that's still the case with many of you.

A long-time BHS member living in Bucks once told me that when our Newsletters arrived in the post, she didn't bother to read them but threw them straight into the bin. I was flabbergasted, yes, but also a bit hurt. She had absolutely no idea of the many, many hours spent typing the newsletter, printing it, stuffing the envelopes then sticking on the stamps.....then driving round to many post boxes to post them all off! To be told

that she didn't even turn a page of it was pretty soul destroying. I know that Bucks is one of the very few Counties that still produces a local Newsletter – most have given up trying. They cite no time to type it, no person willing to type it, too expensive to print it and far too expensive to post it! We are always exploring ways and ideas to continue to send you an issue twice a year. Last Autumn, we photocopied it ourselves, collated and stapled it and sent it out – and I bet not one of you realised it looked any different to the normally professionally printed version! What would help us enormously though would be help with the postage costs, and placing advertisements in our Newsletters would be a huge financial help. Costs for adverts are :-

£50 + VAT for a full A5 page

£30 + VAT for half an A5 page

Postage – we post out to approximately 1,300 addresses.

So if you think you could get some adverts for us, or if you know a company that might sponsor our postage costs, please please contact us.

As always, my grateful thanks to my fellow committee members who work so hard for your benefit and that of the horse in general. There's so much work that goes on unnoticed by the many, but you could certainly turn it into a full time job!

Our best wishes for the coming season,

Jan Eedle-Wells  
County Chairman

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## British Horse Society's Volunteers Conference



### Hands raised for Volunteering!

A few of us on the Bucks County Committee attended the Volunteers Conference last month at the new BHS Headquarters at Stoneleigh. This was the first time we had seen the new building and it didn't disappoint. It's quite different from the old building with much more room for staff.

I was surprised though that everyone was in open offices, and not in 'departments'. Difficult, I would imagine, to have any "sensitive" telephone conversations with all the other staff able to listen in!

There's lots of glass and, as you'll remember, the building is circular with a tree in the centre outside which I understand has been there for many a long year. So it means that all the offices and rooms are built round the outside in the circle. It's like a large doughnut, I suppose, that has been placed on the grass with the tree coming up through the middle hole. There's more parking space than before.

It's a shame that there is no longer an *actual* BHS Bookshop that you can browse around, as there used to be. Although I didn't visit often, when I did it was nice to go in and actually 'handle' the goods – open a book, look at a gift or try on a sweatshirt for size. Now, everything is done 'on-line'. I use the Internet a lot, but you do sometimes need to actually feel before you buy. Even more need for the stands at our County Shows and big events, then!

There were some interesting speakers during the day, imparting some useful information. However, I was disappointed that when the Head of British Riding Clubs, Sarah Phillips, gave her talk that afterwards, someone, (obviously who has been a very long term BHS member and Committee Member in her own County), raised a query along the lines of "Why are Riding Clubs here today and given a spot. What do they have to do with the BHS"?

I find it sad that there are still people out there that have never grasped the fact that Riding Clubs have always been under the umbrella of the BHS. They are part and parcel of the BHS. You could say that they are the 'competition arm' of the Society. They are certainly the Jewel in the Crown of the BHS, a statement made by Graham Cory (Chief Executive) when he first joined the Society and something he still stands by.

I guess I am lucky in that I am as involved in the Riding Club Movement as I am in the British Horse Society, so fully understand the differences between

the two organisations and also, their closeness. But I was truly gobsmacked that there still seems to be people out there who don't know the close relationship between the two. For example, the BRC staff are paid by the BHS and obviously, share offices. Each Riding Club (there are about 440 Clubs throughout the UK) pay an annual fee to the BHS, thereby also swelling the BHS coffers further and bringing money in.

So, the BHS has Welfare, Safety, Access, Training & Education (exams etc) and also Riding Clubs within their 'family'. I hope that the lady who raised the question at the Conference is now one of only a few who still don't quite understand.

It was good to be able to say hello to some of the staff that I have known for a long time, but obviously, rarely see. I'm still not sure that the staff really all appreciate the amount of work done in the Counties by the Volunteers. I'm aware that some do, those who manage to get out and about and see the work actually being done at the grass roots, but I expect some of them see Volunteers as 'pains in the neck'. Something that they need, but don't always want!!

It's easy to use the words *"We really appreciate our Volunteers and couldn't supply the current level of service to our Members without them"* but in the real world, I'm sure that they would prefer to be able to manage without! We all know there are sometimes 'difficult' people out there, wearing their Volunteer hats, but in the main, the Volunteers that I deal with in Buckinghamshire and surrounding Counties are great people who work really hard to make their small part of the UK work well for the BHS and it's members.

There's always jobs to do on a County or Regional Committee, from the serious jobs to sticking stamps on envelopes or pouring tea at an event. Counting all these extra jobs in would be impossible for the BHS HQ staff to handle on top of all their other duties. So they DO need us!! Like it or not!!

I certainly appreciate what the Bucks Committee members do and have always tried to support them as best I can, as I know many of you out there in Bucks have. Our Volunteers are needed – we just need *more!*

Jan Eedle-Wells

## News from Head Office

The BHS has launched its 2011 Hi-Viz survey - we need your help! Please help us by completing this short questionnaire for your chance to win a year's FREE Gold BHS membership and a £20 vouchers for [www.britishhorse.com](http://www.britishhorse.com)

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LFMLP6J>

Horse and rider safety is at the heart of the BHS. Since the launch of [www.horseaccidents.org.uk](http://www.horseaccidents.org.uk) in November 2010 more than 100 reports of accidents have been received.

Type of incident	Launch – 23 Dec	23Dec– 31 Jan	1Feb– 1 Mar	Total
Dog attacks	54	20	19	93
Road accidents	39	24	36	99
Fireworks	9	4	1	14
Low Flying	4	6	9	19
Slippery roads	7	6	7	20
Gates	7	1	1	10
Windfarm	0	0	0	0

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## We need you!

Your bucks committee needs new energetic people who have fresh ideas on how we can help/support our Bucks members. Volunteering doesn't have to take over your life! We are a friendly and supportive group – so please join us.

If you feel you can help and would like to join us please contact Jan Eedle-Wells – details on the committee page

## **LAMINITIS - THE SHOCKING TRUTH**

"Laminitis is a symptom of an underlying cause."

**HUMAN** - CALORIE OVERLOAD -> OBESITY->LACK OF EXERCISE-> INSULIN DYSFUNCTION -> BLOCKED ARTERIES = **HEART ATTACK**

**HORSE** - CALORIE OVERLOAD ->OBESITY -> LACK OF EXERCISE-> INSULIN DYSFUNCTION = **LAMINITIS**

Like humans, horses can store unseen fat around organs.

**FACT** - HORSES ARE DESIGNED TO BE LEANER IN WINTER AND GAIN WEIGHT IN SUMMER.

**FACT** - CAN'T FEEL YOUR HORSE'S RIBS? HE IS FAT!

**FACT** - IF THE MARE WAS FAT DURING PREGNANCY, HER FOAL IS PREDISPOSED TO BEING FAT.

**FACT** - IF YOUR HORSE HAS CUSHINGS AND LIVES LONG ENOUGH, HE *WILL* GET LAMINITIS.

**FACT** - IF YOUR HORSE HAS EVER BEEN FAT, HE WILL BE PREDISPOSED TO GETTING LAMINITIS.

**FORGET CONDITION, REMEMBER - THIN, F I T, FAT. IT IS NO LONGER CONDITION SCORING, IT IS FAT SCORING! 1=EMACIATED 2.5=IDEAL 3= BORDERLINE 4=FAT 5=OBESE.**

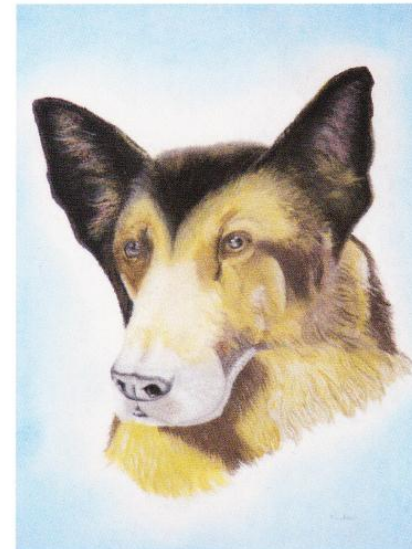
**BY THE TIME YOU GET AROUND TO ADMITTING YOUR HORSE HAS LAMINITIS, IT MAY BE TOO LATE, THE BREAKDOWN OF THE HOOF STRUCTURE HAS ALREADY STARTED.**

**THE ANSWER** = REDUCE CALORIE INTAKE, SWAP STRAW FOR PART OF THE HAY RATION, SOAK HAY, INCREASE EXERCISE, LEAVE OFF RUGS OR USE LIGHTWEIGHT ONES ONLY. TAKE CARE OF THE TRACE ELEMENTS BY FEEDING A BALANCER AND/OR MINERAL LICK. USE A WEIGH TAPE AND MONITOR YOUR HORSE AT ALL TIMES. LEARN TO RECOGNISE THE SIGNS AND DO NOT RULE OUT LAMINITIS - REMEMBER THE SOONER YOU CALL THE VET, THE BETTER CHANCE YOU HAVE OF SAVING YOUR HORSE'S LIFE. **IT REALLY IS THAT SERIOUS!!!!!!!**

**I MAKE NO APOLOGIES IF THIS ARTICLE SHOCKS YOU. IT RELIES ON THE LATEST IN-DEPTH RESEARCH ON CUSHINGS AND LAMINITIS. I HOPE IT IS A TIMELY WARNING THAT ALERTS YOU TO THE DANGERS OF OBESITY.**

**HELEN EVANS BHS WELFARE**

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## What Katie Did Next

Katie Gulliver, a new junior member to Area 5, has always had to work a little harder than most due to her disabilities. Having learning difficulties is one thing but suffering from extreme partial sight is enough to put anyone off riding on the flat let alone jumping.

However none of these issues make any difference to Katie particularly when it comes to riding side saddle.

Her astride riding has always been good but there was a lack of confidence when it came to cantering especially if a group were involved. Jumping was hard work for the other members of the family who would have to run with her being her "eyes", hence most of this was done out of trot.

In November of 2010 I received a call from Katie's Grandmother Sue. Katie had spied an article that I had written in Chiltern and Thames Rider about "having a go" side saddle. A lesson was booked and I arrived with a saddle under my arm.

Noo Noo, Katie's pony viewed me with suspicion. Termed by Katie as, "a special needs person like me", Noo Noo has not had an easy life in the past and bears the scars of tethering on her neck to prove it. With the stature of a Sumo wrestler and a fear of whips I was not sure if this would ever work.

Katie and Noo Noo were soon to show me how wrong I was!

After several failed attempts to find a saddle that did not roll, a hunting saddle that on paper was a little narrow, was a success and off we went. "Off we went" is a rather lame term for what has happened in the last few months actually!

Katie, feeling more secure than ever before (and Noo Noo not worrying about Katie feeling wobbly) were soon walking trotting and tentatively cantering in the small indoor arena. By Christmas the canter, little explored before, was beginning to look better and with some schooling help from dressage under 21 rider, twin sister Laura, Noo Noo and Katie were soon strutting their stuff!

We progressed to the out door school where Katie's trust in the pony becomes essential. Within no time at all they were trotting and cantering around happily. We practised a small show routine including a figure of eight in canter.

I was thrilled with how they had both gone and amazed to discover later that Katie had never cantered that much before, ever!

There have been many times when this young lady has inspired me as an instructor, a rider and a human being but no more so than when she asked me if she could jump. I was happy with the idea but looked at her Mum Clare and Grandma Sue and they both gave me the thumbs up. I went through the process of jumping position with Katie well aware that not all would filter in. Pole on floor in position we started off. Shortly on, Katie was popping over a 1ft fence out of canter on both reins. After we had finished I asked her at what point could she see the fence? "Oh" she said, "Usually when I am going over it!"

Confidence in riding is one of the biggest issues that all riders face. Side Saddle has made this aspect of Katie's riding improve beyond all recognition. Often shy, Katie is keen to explore the world of Side Saddle riding and wherever it may take her. With this new found ability a snow ball effect has occurred. Her concentration is better coupled with her keenness to listen and to learn.

Katie is looking forward to firstly competing in unaffiliated dressage and in May taking part in qualifying classes with Oaklands College RDA group run by Sarah Moreland from Area 4 for the Special Olympics. Our thanks go to Sarah for her invaluable advice.

This will all be ridden side saddle as Katie has expressed that riding astride "is no longer her thing" and prefers to ride bare back if the side saddle is not at the yard!

Watching this young lady and her pony evolve has brought many a tear of happiness and has also made me appreciate the joy that riding side saddle can bring to all of us.

The one thing that I never have to say to Katie is "Smile" as she has the largest grin on her face at all times!

Ginny Oakley SSA Instructor Area 5

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## Welfare and Horse Watch

### Rise in number of welfare cases.

With the escalating cost of feed and forage, the number of abandoned horses and ponies has risen dramatically, not only in Bucks, but nationwide. Some cases have been overwhelming in the cruelty dealt out to the animals. I was truly grateful for all the offers of help when I found myself stuck, in my capacity of police volunteer, with a number of ponies in January and February, and thanks to some very kind people, they have all now been given permanent homes. Peoples' generosity never fails to amaze me and I find it uplifting to the spirit! However, hardly a day goes by without a phone call from some-one desperate to find a home for another poor soul. Unfortunately, most are young colts or aged mares past their breeding best, and they are the most difficult to place, and many are being euthanized rather than be passed into the wrong hands. All the major charities are full to busting, and some of the smaller ones are struggling to cope with the number they already house. If you think you can help, please contact me.

### CAN YOUR HORSE GO BAREFOOT?

Many horse owners have had to find ways of economising this winter, and as a result, there has been a drop in the number of horses being shod all round. If you do go down this route, please take advice from your farrier, as not all horses can go without shoes, and there were several cases, I understand, of horses getting badly bruised soles or even concussion laminitis due to the very hard, frozen ground,

### LOANING ADVICE

I have noticed an increase in the number of horses being offered for loan and just wanted to point everyone in the direction of having a proper loan agreement, however good and genuine the borrowers appear. The BHS website has a basic, but clear, agreement which can be downloaded from their website [www.bhs.org.uk](http://www.bhs.org.uk). Sadly, there are many unscrupulous people out there only too willing to part you from your money or belongings, so don't get caught out. Do those important background checks to find your horse a happy home and for your own peace of mind.

### MANE PLAITING AGAIN

There have been recent reports of mane plaiting incidents, and I would just like to put these cases into perspective. **There is absolutely no proof that any horse with a plait has been stolen.** This comes from most Police Forces where activity has been reported. There appears to be a lot of "winding up" going on, for whatever reason, and many plaits appear to be "wind tangles". However, the situation is not being taken lightly, and my advice is as follows -

1. If possible, move your horse to a different location, even temporarily.
2. GET YOUR HORSE FREEZE MARKED. It appears to be the only way to ensure that if your horse does go missing, it will be found. Micro chipping helps, but is not a visible deterrent
3. Review your security.
4. Report any suspicious activity to the Police, however trivial it might seem.
5. Check the perimeter of your property and look for any signs of "marking", ie. unusual signs on the road, coloured twine on the fence, plastic bag tied to hedge etc. If any are found, leave them in place for Police to inspect or take photos before removing.

Police are frequently told, after the event, including thefts from yards, that someone saw a truck/4x4/white van/person roaming around property, turning in the gateway, asking for directions, etc., prior to an incident taking place, but no-one thought it was suspicious enough to report it. Even if the Police eliminate these sightings as not involved, just one report could be the last piece in the jigsaw that leads the perpetrators to being caught.

**Thames Valley Police non-emergency number is  
08458 505 505**

Select option 3 and ask to report a suspicious incident and ask for a URN (Unique reference number.) You will be asked for your name, address and phone number, and accurate address of where the sighting took place. (Field in the middle of nowhere is NOT helpful!)

**STOLEN SHETLAND**

Please be on the look-out for Horsepath Sandstorm. An 8 year old light grey Miniature Shetland Stallion. He is only 30 inches high, so easy to hide! He was stolen from Seer Green, Bucks overnight 17/18th March, He has dark knees and *light* coloured hooves, not dark previously reported, and he is micro chipped. Any sightings please phone Thames Valley Police as above, quoting Crime Reference Number GA 3791335/11.

**AND Finally**,..... a tragic tale. A lady was turning out horses *as per normal*, and was doing her friend's horse too. She took the wheel barrow up to the stable door, *as usual*, in readiness to muck out after turning the horses out. She opened the door, routinely, and, *unusually*, the horse barged out, upsetting the wheel barrow impaling his soft underside on a handle, puncturing a major artery. He bled to death..... No blame attached, it just happened. It was an out-of-the-ordinary event. How many times have we all done this? Just shows how careful you have to be, and never to take things for granted.

I often advise people to walk on to their yard as if for the very first time and take stock - where is the fire notice? Are tools left lying around? Are people

taking horses into boxes with stirrups down? Is the tack room visible and open? Is the hay stacked safely? Is there loud music and shouting? The list is endless, but it's about taking care, being careful, and using a common sense approach to safety and security, not going overboard. *Just an added note, secure your diesel, and anything that can be taken as scrap, including water troughs!*

**If you need your tack marking, please contact me via the office on 01494 736640 or by mobile 07967 202651.** Despite being asked, - no, I do not personally *freeze dry* horses! I can however, help organise freeze marking sessions!

By the time the next bulletin is due, I should be able to update you on my journey to become a specialist equine volunteer at the 2012 Olympics, and maybe attend the test event on 4-6th July this year. Interview on 1st June - wish me luck!

Helen Evans  
BHS Welfare  
**Thames Valley Police Equine Liaison Volunteer**

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**Forestry Sell Off Campaign**

The government has announced that the consultation on the future management of the Public Forest Estate has been halted and all forestry clauses in the Public Bodies Bill will be removed. However this does not mean that the fight is over yet.

It is anticipated that the government will still proceed with the sale of 40,000 hectares over the four year period 2011/12 to 2014/15. Environment Secretary Caroline Spelman is establishing an Independent Panel to consider forestry policy in England. It will report to her with its findings this autumn. The Panel will advise on the future direction of forestry and woodland policy in England, on the role of the Forestry Commission, and on the role of the Public Forest Estate. The Chief Executive has written to the Secretary of State offering the Society's services to the panel.

Horse riders have access to just 22 percent of public rights of way and horse-drawn vehicle drivers a mere five percent - therefore the loss of any other safe off-road riding opportunities in our forests would be

devastating for equestrians if access is not preserved. For this reason the Society will continue to campaign for the Forestry Commission to dedicate rights of access for equestrians in our forests pursuant to section 16 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, so that equestrian access is never put in danger again.

The Society is urging all riders to join them in their campaign. Anyone who wishes to be kept up-to-date with the Society's progress should email [forestryfight@bhs.org.uk](mailto:forestryfight@bhs.org.uk) with the subject title 'count me in'.

As part of our work on the forestry campaign, we would like to gather a comprehensive picture of which forests are currently being used by riders and carriage drivers. This information will be used to support us in developing effective campaigns regarding increasing/improving equestrian access to forests. We are urging people to send in the following details to the Access Department;

- which forests you ride in, it would be helpful if you could tell us the name of the forest and the county it is located in
- who owns/manages the forest
- how long you've been riding there
- whether you need a permit to ride there
- if you ride in a group (of how many people?)
- Do you know of other local equestrians/groups that use the forest?

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**Bucks Access Team by Alison Clayton**

**The team is growing again!**

Alison Clayton – CABO Bucks

Viv Lynch – DABO North East Bucks

Jeff and Mary Astbury – DABO North West Bucks

Dana Green – DABO Milton Keynes

**Welcome to our new member Alison Heath - DABO**

*Volunteering doesn't have to take over your entire life!*

If anyone else is interested in joining the team please contact me.

## The Redmond Rock Competition

Remember last news letter, there was a competition to win a year's supply Redmond Rock Mineral Lick.

I did enter knowing I never win anything. I had used a sample piece and Migina seemed to enjoy it. So I went out and brought one for the field so she and her then companion could share it. Lo' and behold the following day I received a call saying I had won...



It appears Migina's companion Chelsea really like it and wouldn't let Migina have a look in; she was the boss in the field.

Well eventually she allowed Migina in. She was a little tentative; I guess she was concerned Chelsea would muscle in again. The picture of Migina was taken at least 10 weeks after I put it in the field during a wet spell. Putting it in a bucket helps but I did empty the water everyday.



I had the rock out during the snow and wet and it lasted really well, I put a new one in the field a few weeks ago and it hasn't really shrunk yet.

For more information:

<http://www.equimatters.co.uk/>

Susan



## MIGINA'S WALK TO SCHOOL



May 2010 was the walk to school month with a pet for one of our local junior schools. My friend's daughter wanted to take her mums horse but unfortunately he was lame, so it wasn't possible. I offered Migina as I knew she would love another new experience.

The idea was for Izzy to ride to school. Migina is ridden in western tack and unfortunately the stirrups were too long, without an English saddle Izzy could not ride her. Then Izzy said "It is a walk to school so I shouldn't ride that wouldn't be fair". So the answer was easy, Migina would carry the school bags and Izzy would lead her.

We did however take a picture with Izzy on board.



When the morning came to do the walk, Migina was ready and waiting. Izzy turned up with mum in tow and a friend who needed a lift, but shanky's pony would be her transport to school. They were a little later than expected this did not flusher us, an extra lead rope was found and thank goodness for western saddles, the horn could accommodate the bags the girls would have carried

normally. I guess the lead ropes were really not necessary as Migina would have been just as happy to follow the two girls.

We left the yard and had to walk through a field which had growing crops.



I did take charge as Migina is a food fiend and as one can see in the picture, she would have loved to have had a snack. We then walked along an unmade road and then on to the main road. We didn't want to get caught up with dogs, push chairs and many small children on their scooters so we opted to walk along the wide verge.

The school had posted a large sign on the bridge. It did say walk to school week, in fact, this school was encouraging the students to walk for a month. I wonder if their idea is to say a month then people become used to walking and it then becomes the norm.



There was also a competition for the person who sent in the best photograph of their walk to school with their pet. The prize was free entry to Legoland.

It only took a couple of minutes before we were at the school entrance. A number of the pupils had designed posters of which a couple had been posted on the school gates.



We did not take Migina into the school just in case she left a present. She did and so we had to find something to clear it up with. Migina was in her element as children came running in to school and wanted to stroke her.



Migina wanted to say “hi” to a dog who didn’t seem too happy to say “hi” to the big dog she met her first tortoise and tame rabbit.

On our arrival there was a coach parked by the school. As the pupils came giggling and laughing to the coach, Migina was enthralled, watching them intently. As the coach drove off I guess Migina would have loved to have joined them.

Guess who won the competition? Yes, the photos which Izzy submitted. I did ask if Migina could go to Legoland if she promised no to poo on a ride. Izzy laughed and said she was going with her mum.

I am game to allow my horse to experience different thing and I am sure her life is enriched by these experiences. I do have to admit, I don’t think every horse would have behaved as she did when going to school. She was a star.

A big thank you to Mark Hastings and Wendy Burns for the wonderful photographs.

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## New exam structure Revealed!

You may remember we reported earlier in the year that the framework on which our exams currently sit was being altered. As a consequence, we were required to review our current examinations to make sure they 'fit 'the new 'Qualification and Credit Framework'.

Many months of qualification development ensued and we are now able to reveal our new exam structure!

The structure of our higher level exams - Stage 4 and Intermediate Teaching Test upwards - will, for the time being, stay the same. However, candidates sitting our lower level exams, up to and including Stage 3 and Preliminary Teaching Test will have far more flexibility with how they achieve their qualifications.

This is because our ‘new’ exams have been 'unitised'. Don't worry if you have already enrolled on a training course as the ‘front end ‘delivery and assessment will be exactly the same. Candidates may still follow the traditional route, working towards achieving our highly respected and internationally recognised BHS Stages exams, our teaching and coaching qualifications and, of course, the BHS AI, BHS II, BHS I and Fellowship qualifications. We have no wish to alter the make-up of these exams as our industry has indicated they are still regarded by employers as being the benchmark for standards.

The framework below out lines our new exams structure. Although the titles of the qualifications have changed slightly, you will see that our ‘traditional’ exams are still featured. We have also developed smaller qualifications as well.

For instance, at Stage 2 and Stage 3 candidates may sit the 'Riding on the Flat' unit and upon successful completion will be awarded a Certificate in Riding Horses on the Flat. This will suit candidates who do not want to jump but still require a qualification to demonstrate their level of achievement in riding horses on the flat. Those that wish to follow the traditional route will sit both the 'riding on the flat' and 'riding horses over fences' units in order to achieve the overall Diploma in Riding Horses (which is the new title for BHS Stage 2 and BHS Stage 3 Riding exams).

There will still be pre-requisites; for instance, candidates will be required to pass the flat unit before sitting the jumping unit. Candidates may choose to sit both units on the same day on the understanding that if they fail the flat they will not be allowed to go forward to the jumping.

Or they may choose to opt for the riding on the flat unit and, once achieved, apply for the jumping unit. We will still expect candidates to pass the Riding and Road Safety Test before sitting Stage 2 riding.

There is the opportunity for candidates to 'pick and mix' units in order to achieve full Diplomas, which are the traditional Stages exams, or smaller Certificates and Awards. The good news is that each unit is individually awarded - candidates will receive unit certification as well as their main qualification certificate. So if you fail one unit but pass the other units, you will only have to re-sit the unit you failed. You will be able to 'bank' your units and, when you have completed all the relevant units for a qualification, you will be awarded the qualification certificate.

### **Credits for units**

Each unit has a 'credit' attached to it, so those of you in education or working towards other qualifications, within or outside the equine industry may be able to apply the 'credit' earned when you achieve a unit towards another qualification. You would of course, need to check with the relevant examining board or training provider to find out whether the credit could be counted towards other (non-BHS/EQL) qualifications.

Every time you achieve a unit with us, we will send you confirmation of your 'unit and credit' achievement, so you can keep tabs on which units you have achieved and how much credit you have accumulated.

From 1 January 2011 everyone will be required to sit these new exams. Most of you will no doubt wish to sit all the units which make up a qualification at the same time. The advantage of the new system is, if you fail a unit you only have to re-sit that unit.

Some of you however, may prefer to attempt a unit or two at a time, concentrating your training in one or two areas, achieving the units, banking them and moving on to the next unit. This may be particularly beneficial as you move up the qualification ladder.

When you book exams, you will need to select the date and venue as usual and tell us which units or unit you want to sit. We will check availability and confirm your booking. If you are not sure which unit or units you need in order to achieve a qualification – for example, Stage 2 Care - we will be able to help you.

The new fee structure and list of exam dates and venues is available at [www.bhs.org.uk](http://www.bhs.org.uk); click on Training and Qualifications and select the Stage (level) you require.

You can also access the exam syllabus and assessment guidance on the website. The exam syllabus will tell you the pre-requisites for each unit and how much credit each unit is worth. Each credit equals 10 hours of learning time and should help you gauge how much training and preparation you need in order to achieve the unit.

For instance, three credits means you should commit to around 30 hours of training for one unit; this takes into account your prior learning and achievement. So for a Stage 2 unit, the fact you are already at Stage 1 level will be have been taken into account. Training should be via a range of methods and should include formal learning, personal study, practice and revision

For those of you interested in the UKCC coaching Certificates, you should contact your relevant discipline as the structure of these qualifications has also changed to a unitised approach.

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\*for candidates wishing to follow the BHS coaching route, you will have the opportunity to register for your UKCC Level 2 when you apply to sit your Preliminary Teaching Test. \*\*Home country agreements will apply. EQL is currently unable to register Scottish candidates for UKCC Level 2.

## **Our new qualification structure:**

### **STAGE ONE**

- **EQL Level 1 Certificate in BHS Riding Horses**  
*Riding horses on the flat/over ground poles in the Light seat*
- **EQL Level 1 Certificate in BHS Horse Knowledge & Care**  
*Brushing off horses including putting on/taking off equipment Horse husbandry, identification and handling the principles of caring for horses*

### **STAGE TWO**

- **EQL Level 2 Diploma in BHS Riding Horses**  
**EQL Level 2 Certificate in riding horses on the flat**  
*Ride horses on the flat in an enclosed area*  
*Ride horses over fences in an enclosed area*
- **EQL Level 2 Diploma in BHS Horse Knowledge and Care**  
**EQL Level 2 Certificate in horse care**  
*Groom and plait horses and fit equipment*  
*The principles of horse health and anatomy*  
*The principles of shoeing, clipping and trimming horses, remove and maintain tack for exercise Lunge a horse under supervision*

### **EQL Level 2 Award in the principles of horse care**

*The principles of stabling and grassland care for horses  
The principles of watering, feeding and fitting horses*

### **STAGE THREE**

- **EQL Level 3 Diploma in BHS Riding Horses**  
**EQL Level 3 Certificate in riding horses on the flat**

*Ride horses on the flat*

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**KEY:** **Red Text** 'Traditional' BHS exams / **Blue Text:** Small 'new' qualifications.

*Black italics* Units

To achieve the **traditional qualifications**, candidates must achieve all the **smaller qualifications** and all the units.

In order to achieve the **smaller qualifications** candidates must achieve all the units listed underneath.

- **EQL Level 3 Diploma in BHS in horse knowledge & Care**  
**EQL Level 3 Certificate in horse care**

*Fit tack and equipment and care for the competition horse Horse health, anatomy and physiology Lunge a fit horse for exercise*

### **EQL Level 3 Award in the principles of horse care**

*The principles of feeding and fixing horses  
The principles of stabling and gstand care for horses*

### **RIDING & ROAD SAFETY**

- **EQL Level 2 Award in BHS Riding horses Safety on the Public Highway**

*The principles of riding horses on the highway Ride a horse in an enclosed area and on the highway*

### **COACHING**

- **EQL Level 3 Certificates in BHS Preliminary Teaching of Horse Riding**

*Coach a group of riders for improvement  
Coach an inexperienced rider for improvement*

### **EQL level 2 Award in the Principles of Coaching Sport**

*Understanding the fundamentals of coaching sport  
Understanding how to develop participants through coaching sport  
Supporting participants Lifestyle through coaching sport  
Understanding the principles of safe & equitable coaching practice*

### **Advertise your BHS Affiliated Bridleway Group free for a year!**

We are pleased to be able to offer all Affiliated Bridleway Groups a **FREE** basic advertisement on EMAGIN and the opportunity to upgrade your advert from just £20 + vat for a year.

EMAGIN offers a new and unique way to boost your Bridleway Groups profile. Located at [www.emagin.org](http://www.emagin.org) our site is the world's first Equine Mapping and Geographical Information Network. The site uses digital BING mapping, aerial photography and Ordnance Survey 1:25000 data to display equestrian routes, businesses and events throughout the UK and Ireland

The possibilities available to riders through the website are endless, with visitors able to quickly and easily locate an excellent range of safe off-road riding routes and services, such as BHS Affiliated Bridleway Groups, B&B for horses, registered instructors, clothing, horse equipment, shelters, feed, farriers and equestrian events.

Adverts are geographically positioned and users can search the directory for free by business category, business name, town, county, postcode or route allowing visitors to find everything equestrian both nationally and locally to them. Visitors can also plan and locate a route that they would like to ride, carriage drive, walk or cycle and then print it off, free of charge, on Ordnance Survey 1:25000 scale maps.

To claim your free advertisement, please email your group's details to [emaginsales@bhs.org.uk](mailto:emaginsales@bhs.org.uk) or call 02476 840585.

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## Information from the Highways Agency on towing and motorway driving

[Fit To Tow DVD](#) - A DVD to raise awareness of the safety risks involved when towing a caravan or trailer and the importance of ensuring you are towing safely, the Highways Agency has issued a new safety DVD, Fit to Tow, presented by Carol Smillie.

[Hitched magazine](#) - Hitched magazine is broken down into four sections; utility trailers, caravans, livestock trailers and heavy plant. This allows the reader to dip in to get the most relevant information for what they are towing. It combines these sections which general information which is relevant to all those who tow. The printed version also includes a UK road atlas that which makes it ideal as a reference document that can be kept in the glove box of anybody who tows

[Fit to Go leaflet](#) A leaflet giving advice for drivers of agricultural vehicles.

[Stay Safe Keep Moving](#) - a DVD that outlines the worst driving behaviours on Britain's motorways.

These tools can be found via the Highways Agency website

<http://www.highways.gov.uk/knowledge>

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**GERD HEUSCHMANN 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**

**At Waterstock House Training Centre, Oxford**

Gerd Heuschmann is a man on a mission embroiled in controversy. His passion is the welfare of the horse and he devotes most of his life to it

He trained as a bereiter at Warendorf, then as a veterinary surgeon; additionally he is a rider and a breeder. He brings exceptional knowledge to his subject of the damage done to horses through incorrect training, especially hyperflexion, which he witnessed in veterinary practice. He has been lecturing around the world for a decade now.

He has written *Tug of War* and produced the DVD *If Horses Could Speak* both of which are highly recommended.

When he qualified at 17 as a bereiter at Warendorf, he thought he knew it all but he was a bad rider with fixed hands, booting them up to the bridle. Humbled, he had to unlearn everything and start over.

He worked with a great variety of horses all remedial and all with very different problems, riding them first and then putting the rider on to continue with the work.

It was a long, hard day and he never flagged!

The recurring theme: Ask from behind and give in front. The classic dictum of "Calm, Forward, Straight" sounds simple but isn't and none of the horses on the day were truly forward.

He used shoulder-in – in walk often and on a circle - to soften the horse and engage the inside hind.

Unusually he sometimes used the 'Trauer' rein – like a driving rein through the thumb and first finger to gain a better contact. (Interestingly Kyra Kyrklund does this as well).

Often he raised his hands quite high but always in line with the horse's head which was very high – and temporarily. "*Pulling stiffens the horse's back.*"

Riding on the wrong diagonal on the hollow side – temporarily - pushes the hind leg in and helps straighten the horse, worked brilliantly on one horse in particular.

"*Try to see the headpiece of the bridle*" (avoiding overbending and a useful guide)

He advised "*ears out – then down*" so the horse can go through the topline before it can get a true contact.

The stiller the rider's seat the more the horse can use his.

"*Developing seat is a life-long project!*"

"*Can only slow by giving not taking.*" (This one really struck me as the owner of a very strong ID/TB who has NO problem with forward!)

"*To make a leg mover into a back mover, lengthen the topline.*"

*“You can only straighten a horse when he is in horizontal balance.”* (Horizontal balance was a fascinating and unusual concept but it works: horses can be on the forehand, collected, engaged, etc. but ‘horizontal’ balance is the starting point for real work.)

*“Stiff poll = stiff haunches. You cannot soften poll until haunches soften.”*

After a very demanding day, he gave a brilliant lecture that evening. He has a superb collection of illustrations – with very clever visual display - and great depth of knowledge. The room was packed.

He is on a constant journey and is humble and open-minded. His website <http://www.gerdheuschmann.com> has further information for those who are interested. Another visit is planned in the UK in September so catch him if you can [be prepared to think outside the box]. This is being organised by [www.equinethos.com/](http://www.equinethos.com/)

Gerd Heuschmann is a breath of fresh air in our politically correct world: he has that wonderful continental openness and honesty; he cares passionately for horses; and he has the courage of his convictions. The horses, if not us, are fortunate to have him.

**Dana Green March 2011**

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## **The ride of a lifetime – and all for a good cause!**

Twelve intrepid challengers have just returned from their big adventure in Jordan after completing the BHS Bedouin Riding Challenge 2011.

The Bedouin Challenge took riders approximately 200km across Wadi Rum, one of the most beautiful areas of Jordan. Riding through massive rock canyons and over silky sand dunes, dining under the desert stars and sleeping in Bedouin tents, it was truly the challenge of a lifetime!

For some it was the first chance to ride an Arabian horse, but all adapted well to riding Bedouin style across the desert in scorching temperatures. Their efforts were well rewarded as together they raised £7,000 for BHS Welfare.

Robin Finlay from Herefordshire says: “An experience like no other. Horses to fall in love with, scenery that amazes, tough times to conquer and friends that will never be forgotten. Memories too many to put into one sentence and a lifetime of stories to be told. Would I do it again?....the next trip is planned!”

Amanda Watson the BHS Representative on the trip commented: “This was the most astonishing week of my life spent in the company of the warmest, most generous hosts covering country that is indescribably beautiful. If you are ever given the opportunity to take part, you simply have to go.”

The British Horse Society Riding Challenges were first launched in 2000 to assist funding the Society’s welfare work and to provide education and advice in the campaign to prevent cases of neglect.

The BHS Bedouin Riding Challenge will take place again soon and there are still places on this year’s other challenge rides across the globe – a riding challenge not to be missed and never to be forgotten.

This year’s Bedouin challengers were: Lyndsay Black, Robin Finlay, Danielle Gibson, Ruth Greenaway, Tammy King, Charlotte Lewis, Charlotte Ridley, Catherine Riggall, Carol Rogerson, Jan Tucker and Anne Tullet accompanied by BHS Development Officer for the South, Amanda Watson.

For more information on the BHS Challenge Rides please visit [www.bhs.org.uk](http://www.bhs.org.uk) or contact Wendy Minor on 02476 840572

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## **RIDER SAFETY**

Please note the following:-

When out hacking try to ride with company, wear hi-viz clothing, always carry a whip, always have your mobile phone on you, with ICO in it (your nearest and dearest in case of emergency, then if some-one found you fallen from your horse, your next of kin can be informed), put an identity tag on you horse's saddle or bridle, then if he is found wandering, some-one can get him home, and more importantly, contact you or your yard. Have some ID on you, but not in your hat! Check your tack before leaving your yard AND ALWAYS tell some-one where you are going.

If you see anyone acting suspiciously, and fear for your safety, take a detour or turn round to avoid them. Always stay alert, not on your mobile or singing along to your iPod. You too, have a duty of care to other road users. Report any incidents of suspicious persons, loose dogs or road rage to the Police, and use the new BHS webpage to update accidents or incidents with dogs.

Enjoy your ride but -Be sensible - Stay safe!

Helen Evans

Thames Valley Horse Watch.

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### **RIDING CLUB NEWS**

The Riding Clubs began their Qualifying rounds in January with the Indoor Dressage, and then in February in this area, with the Novice Indoor Show Jumping. Now we are full into the Qualifiers with each month that goes by. The Horse Trials take place on 28<sup>th</sup> May at

Snowball Farm, Burnham and the Dressage in June at Hambleton Estate and Show Jumping July at Wellington.

For anyone looking for lots of events to take their horses to, then Riding Clubs are the places to be. As I write this, the Royal Windsor Horse Show is looming and there will be riders from Bucks and surrounding counties competing in the Riding Clubs Dressage and Top Score Jumping competitions. It will be fantastic if we get some overall winners that are local to us. We will also have two riders, that are local to us, competing in the BHS Registered Instructors Combined Training competition.

We really do need the *BHS Registered Instructors* to know that this competition happens each year. Regionally, there are Qualifying Competitions but we only had two riders come forward this year, which is very sad. Do they not know it's on? How can we better advertise the fact? It's much easier for me to let the Riding Club members know as they each send representatives to AREA meetings, and they can then go back to their own Club committees and spread the word. But letting the Registered Instructors know seems to be a harder nut to crack.

If this competition at Windsor isn't better supported, then I fear the sponsors will withdraw their support and it will cease to be held.

But back to Riding Clubs in general! Recently held was the Area 6 Liaison Trophy Competition on 17<sup>th</sup> April. This is a competition that is run that features Dressage, Show Jumping, Cross County and Roads & Tracks. Clubs are invited to enter teams of four in each of the disciplines, so a Club might send 16 riders in total. The rules are that the riders and horses are true novices. Riders might be new to riding, new to competing, or maybe who haven't ridden for years and are just getting back into it. Horses might be young and without any experience, so they arrive with eyes out on organ stops! Virtually no one goes home without a rosette at the end of the day as they can be placed as individuals in their discipline as well as part of their teams. This year's results overall were :-

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Berkshire Downs RC   | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Pinnerwood RC        |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | High Wycombe RC      | 5 <sup>th</sup> | Northwood RC         |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Old Berkeley Hunt RC | 6 <sup>th</sup> | South Oxfordshire RC |

The Liaison Trophy Cup itself is very old now - it's earliest engraved inscription is 1963 from the then winning Club. I believe that this Area is the only one to hold such a competition as this throughout the UK. It is truly an Inter-Club Competition, open to all the Riding Clubs in Area 6, and their members absolutely love it. Area 6 has some new Clubs that have joined from Area 11 and Area 9, and they very much enjoyed taking part this time as they'd heard about the 'famous' Liaison Trophy but weren't before eligible to enter.

British Riding Clubs (BRC) have some new clothing available - polo shirts, sweatshirts, jackets etc, all bearing the BRC logo. By going on to their website you can see what is available.

#### **Tagged Hats and Air-Way Body Protectors**

BRC are going to be tagging crash caps and riding hats at their Championships in the autumn, and from next spring, each Area will be given a hat tagging kit so that the hats can be properly checked and tagged at Area Qualifiers.

Riders who wear the new 'Air Way' Body Protectors are reminded not to tie the strings of Cross Country Bib Numbers, as this will prevent the Body Protectors from inflating when they need to in an accident. People who own their own bibs should look for ones that have elastic ties.

Jan Eedle-Wells

## **Is Your Horse Legal?**

All horses and ponies (and other forms of equidae such as Donkeys and Zebras) need to have a passport identifying the animal. If the horse is not accompanied by a valid passport it is an offence for an owner to:

- export a horse
- use a horse for the purposes of competition
- move a horse to the premises of a new keeper
- present for slaughter for human consumption
- sell a horse
- use a horse for breeding purposes

Owners of foals need to obtain a passport for it on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year of its birth, or by 6 months after its birth, whichever is the later. Foals sold or transported prior to this point will require a passport sooner. Owners of older horses yet to apply for a passport should do so immediately.

Horses which have passports should have Section IX completed. This is the section of the passport which relates to the administration of drugs to the horse. When Section IX is completed it states that the horse is not intended for human consumption. Horses which do not have Section IX completed require a medicine book to be kept detailing all medicines given to the horse, including batch numbers, date of administration and withdrawal periods.

#### **Microchipping**

All foals born after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009 will need to be microchipped. This requirement is not retrospective to older horses. Microchips provide an essential link between a horse and its passport, and strengthen existing identification requirements. Such unique identification of a horse may also prove useful for disease control and surveillance and for the recovery of lost and stolen horses.

## CASTRATION

### Why castrate?

Colts are usually castrated for management purposes. If a colt is left entire they can become difficult to handle, sometimes dangerously so, and it is usually impractical to run them with other horses as they mature. It also prevents any unwanted mare coverings and resultant pregnancies.

### When to castrate?

A colt can be castrated at any age but it is generally accepted that there is increased risk with increasing age. There is also growing evidence to suggest that foals castrated at a young age recover from the procedure quicker and with fewer complications. The majority of castrations are performed when the colt is 6mths to 2years old.

Both testicles must have descended into the scrotum prior to castration. If only one is present the colt is termed a 'rig' and the owner can choose to either give the colt more time for the missing testicle to eventually descend or have the rig castrated under a general anaesthetic. If the missing testicle has not descended by one year of age then it is unlikely to ever descend and the colt should be admitted to a clinic for a rig castration. This is a more complex surgery as the retained testicle could be anywhere in the abdomen and it is therefore more costly.

Colts can be castrated at any time of year; however, we would recommend they be castrated in spring or autumn, in order to avoid the summer flies and muddy winter conditions, both of which can lead to post-operative complications at the wound site.

### Where to castrate?

Colts can be castrated in the clinic or at home if there are suitable facilities, including an appropriate clean area, a competent handler to hold the horse, and a source of warm, clean water.

It is best to discuss the facilities you have available with your vet to see if they are suitable, before booking the appointment for the castration itself.

### Castration Techniques

Colts can be castrated under general anaesthesia or standing using heavy sedation and local anaesthetic. Your vet can advise you on the most appropriate and safest option for your individual horse. The choice of castration technique is governed by the size, age and temperament of the horse, the preferences of the veterinary surgeon or owner, the presence of concurrent abnormalities, and by the facilities available. If you have a more mature or very large stallion that needs to be castrated we recommend the procedure is performed in the clinic due to the increased risk of complications.

### Post-operative care

Post-operative care instructions vary from case to case but the main points will concern cleanliness, close monitoring and exercise. It is also essential that the colt is protected against tetanus. If he has not received a primary vaccination course he will be given tetanus anti-toxin at the time of surgery to provide immediate but short-lasting cover. At this stage, we would also encourage initiation of the vaccination course to continue this cover. We recommend box rest overnight following surgery then turn out into a small paddock. Exercise encourages drainage and minimises swelling at the surgical site. If the colt does not exercise sufficiently alone then enforced exercise is required, e.g. in-hand walking, lungeing or ridden work.

A short course of antibiotics and painkillers may be prescribed following surgery. However, in some cases, antibiotics are not necessary because of the nature of a draining wound.

It is imperative that daily inspection of the surgical site is carried out for rapid detection of any possible complications. If no complications occur the incisions should be completely healed within approximately two weeks. However, it usually requires three to four weeks for testosterone levels to fall so geldings should not be turned out with mares for at least two months following castration.

### Complications and risks

Castration is considered a routine procedure, and in the vast majority of cases it is straightforward. However, it is an invasive surgery and occasionally complications may occur your veterinary surgeon will discuss all risks before the procedure is carried out.

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