

Village Fete Success

BROOMFIELD Village Hall Charity hosted a Village Fete on Saturday 20th September which was a huge success. Heavy thunderstorms early in the morning threatened the event but fortunately they cleared and most of the day was dry, apart from a couple of short showers. The turn out from our Villagers and those from surrounding areas was very pleasing.

There were numerous stalls both outside on the David Smith Memorial Field and inside the Village Hall, covering a range of handmade crafts, tombola, silly games, space hopper racing, a display from RASC and of course not forgetting the BBQ, refreshments and Bar. There was also a bouncy castle in kiddies corner and a dog show which included classes for being the most handsome and best veteran dog. Many of the regular users of the Village Hall had stands to promote their activities and there were also demonstrations from classes held at the hall on the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) and Fields.

The silly games were just for fun. Participants had a minute to complete various tasks and we can now announce the winners for each of the games:

Carrot Dipping – Joint winners were Anna Hopkins and Des Hamill for dipping the carrots in each of the four jars in just 11 seconds.

Jelly Bean Chopstix – goes to Ted Edmondson for collecting 38 jelly beans with chopsticks in a minute.

Safety Pin String – award and certificate to Sheena Ager for stringing together 12 safety pins in a minute.

Pegging – Rob Porter managed to place 31 pegs to his clothes in a minute!

Your prizes and certificates are in the office ready for collection on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10.30-12.30pm.

Overall it was a very successful and fun day, it was great to see so many people and so many happy faces. The Committee would like to thank all of those who volunteered their time on the day to help with various activities and to all of you who came to support us. THANK YOU TO YOU ALL.



This photo of the storm we had on Saturday 20th September was taken by Steve Barrett.

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SAFFRON WALDEN The Old Armoury, 3 Museum Street 7.00 - 7.45 pm

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GREAT DUNMOW Town Council Offices 6.30 - 7.15 pm

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Contact number for PCSOs: 07817 454525

Non-emergency number: 101

or via website: www.essex.police.uk

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 mornings once a month – see website or notice board in
 library for dates.



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IN COUNCIL

PARISH Council meetings take place every third Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. in Broomfield Village Hall - members of the public are welcome to attend and there is a ten minute Public Question Time at the start of the meeting for any questions to be put forward to the Parish Council for consideration. Three meetings have taken place since the last edition of the Broomfield Times and a summary of the main topics discussed can be found below.

Parish Councillors Since the last edition of Broomfield Times the Parish Council was pleased to co-opt Mrs Wendy Daden as a Councillor. There is still one vacancy - please contact the Clerk Karen Hurrell (01245 441660) at the Parish Office for further details. Councillors Carter and Mullender recently attended a two day New Councillors' training course at Essex Association of Local Councils.

Police Matters Burglaries have taken place in Nash Drive and Court Road. Millennium burglaries (stealing keys from inside houses to cars on driveways) have been reported in The Avenues and Melbourne area. Broomfield Village Hall has signed up to 'Club Watch' after break-ins and vandalism had taken place in local clubs. The Clerk has received a report of graffiti in the Court Road bus shelter- the culprits were identified with the help of Chelmer Valley High School and attended a clean-up session of the bus shelter.

Planning A new planning application has been received for 60 new houses on a western parcel of land north of Copperfield Road which was considered at the August Planning Committee meeting - the Parish Council have objected to this application. Planning consent has been given by Chelmsford City Council for the development on land East of North Court Road and North of Hospital Approach. Councillors have met with the Chief Executive of Mid Essex Hospital Services NHS Trusts Paul Forden and amongst other topics the inclusion of the Chelmer Valley Park and Ride facility being used by the hospital was discussed.

Civic Amenities Matters A successful Community Litter Pick took place on 19th June assisted by Year 7 students from Chelmer Valley High School. Many bags of litter were collected from the alleyway alongside the school and in the field behind the Church. The Parish Council have agreed to purchase a new litter bin at a cost of £270 to be placed on land near to the alleyway/entrance to the School - a request has been made for a donation from the School.

Broomfield Village Hall Charity The Kickwall's relocation from its current situation on the corner of the car park is still under discussion as to the best possible place to re-site it. The Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) has been opened to the public every day during the Summer Holidays. An increase of 5% on hiring fees has been passed onto the Parish Council for hire of the hall for their Parish Council Meetings.

Parking A review of car parking restrictions in the north of the Village will be carried out later in the year by the Essex Parking Partnership.

Highways The Vehicle Activated Sign currently situated on the southern boundary to the Village has been repaired at long last. The new bus shelter outside The Angel Public House is being funded by Local Highways Panel - all four of the Parish Council owned bus shelters have now been replaced by the new wooden style Littlethorpe Bus Shelters.

Play in the Park This was funded by the Parish Council and supervised by Chelmsford City Council's Play Workers during four Fridays in August. A very successful turnout was seen with activities on the fields, in the MUGA and inside the Village Hall with the last Friday hosting a bouncy castle session which was very popular!

Broomfield Parish Council Website
The Parish Council has agreed to fund a new website which Councillor Carter is working hard to launch - please send suggestions/comments to the Parish Office.



Broomfield Library

BROOMFIELD library has been buzzing with children doing our Mythical Maze summer reading challenge. Lots of excitement as they searched for mythical creatures hidden around the library, scanned the images and saw them come alive into their smartphones, tested their brains with quizzes and proudly earned stickers and medals for reading their books. Older children created artwork inspired by books they had read and uploaded onto the Imagination website.

Special thanks to our wonderful team of teenage helpers; you might have seen them around the village in their blue "Mythical Maze" reading activist t-shirts. Their enthusiasm, commitment and willingness to give their time to explain and listen made a huge impact.

Watch out for details of our next event happening during October half term week -- a return of the eagerly awaited fabulous puppet show.

If you enjoy reading and sharing your thoughts on books you've read, why not consider joining or starting a book group? It's a brilliant way to make new friends and read books you might never have known existed.



CHELMSFORD Community Transport are looking for people who may have some spare time on their hands to help their community, by becoming one of our volunteer drivers. We are also in need of volunteers with experience in driving minibuses for our new hospital transport service. Mileage expenses will be reimbursed. Should this be of interest to you, please call 01245 477750 so we can take your details.

We are now running a new bus service to Broomfield Hospital for people who have difficulty in getting to their hospital appointments by public transport. This service enables us to collect from your address and drop you off at the hospital at one of 3 drop off points at the hospital. You may use your concessionary bus pass, should you hold one. This only applies when travelling on our minibuses.

For those with more difficult mobility in walking, we can offer a more personalised service with a volunteer car driver, where you can be escorted to and from the department you are attending. Unfortunately this service will be at a comparable cost to yourself. The personalised service is also available to anybody who wishes to go to any other hospitals. But unfortunately at this time it is also at a comparable cost.

We still have our existing dial a ride operation in place, for those who wish to get out and about the Chelmsford area. Should you have any further enquiries, please contact one of us on the number above for more information.

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Civic Amenities Report

CENTENARY WOOD

The centenary wood group of volunteers, under the guidance of Roger Cole, have taken down a number of trees in the wood and have pruned others where necessary. I wish to record my thanks to Roger Cole for his advice and expertise. We have applied for further funding to increase the number of benches at the edge of the grassed area within the wood.

PARISH PATHWAYS PARTNERSHIP (P3)

The P3 group of volunteers have worked with the County Council Highways Department to put road 'scalpings/planings' on the section of the public footpath at the lower end of the village playing field. This section becomes very muddy during the football season and we hope that the remedial work will provide a much improved surface to walk upon.

If you wish to join in with the work of the P3 group then you will find the dates of the P3 walks for this year on our notice boards and on our web site www.essexinfo.net/broomfield/.



5 GREENS

The annual 5 Greens Walk took place on Sunday 20th July. We had 9 walkers undertaking the leisurely stroll of 2 1/2 hours which visited each of the 5 greens within the parish.

We have made some improvements to Scots Green by adding a flower bed surrounding the 'sub-station' in order to soften its visual impact.

PLAY-AREA

We have replaced the old, expensive-to-maintain wooden fence around the play area with a modern metal one. There are new gates to the play area and new coats of paint on a number of pieces of equipment.

ALLOTMENTS

If you wish to put your name down on the waiting list for a half plot on the allotment site then please contact the Parish office.

LITTER PICK THURSDAY 19TH JUNE.

We worked with a willing group of students from Chelmer Valley High School (with the help of their teacher, Mr Irven) to clear the ditch by the footpath leading from the School towards the Church. The Parish Council will install a waste bin by this footpath in order to try and help keep this area clean. The photo shows 2 of the Councillors being supervised by the students!



OUTDOOR EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

The Village Hall Charity has worked with the Civic Amenities Committee to secure funding from the Essex Environment Trust (courtesy of Cory Environmental Ltd) to purchase 6 items of outdoor exercise equipment next to the MUGA. These were installed on the 19th September and were very popular at the Village Fete. We have: a twist and step; an air skier; a double air walker; a double cross-country skier; a double rower and a T'ai Chi spinner which will be accessible to a wheelchair user.

Tim Tranquada



BROOMFIELD BRIDGE CLUB

THE BRIDGE Club celebrated its first birthday in style at the end of July with a full turn-out and a shared table of delicious food. The lunch was followed by an afternoon's duplicate bridge, enjoyed by all. We meet on Friday afternoons in the Village Hall at 1.15pm and new members are always welcome. A partner is guaranteed for those on their own. A learners' table runs alongside the main club for less experienced players. Lessons for Improvers and Beginners start late September. Missing the first few is not a problem. Further details from Sandy Smith on 01245 443096 or sandycsmith@btinternet.com.

WINTER VACCINATIONS

Flu vaccination clinics will be held:

Saturday 4th October at Great Notley
Saturday 11th October at Little Waltham

FLU FOR 2, 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS

Children aged two, three or four years on the 1st September 2014 are entitled to flu vaccination. Eligible children will be invited to attend for vaccination.

SHINGLES

Patients aged 70, 78 or 79 on 1st September 2014 will be entitled to a free Shingles vaccine.

PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINATION

Patients aged 65 or over are entitled to free pneumococcal vaccination.

More information is available at

www.littlewalthamsurgery.co.uk or by ringing reception on 01245 360253 or 01376 341411

Annual Gift Appeal 2014

ONCE a year the Church appeals to all members, parishioners and those who have had contact with the church through the occasional offices, to make a donation to the Church. We know that many already give very generously through their time, talents and money.

A Gift appeal is an opportunity to assist in maintaining our wonderful 11th century, grade II* listed Parish Church. During this year, we are having repairs to the roof undertaken, the trees in the churchyard have needed a lot of work, and we continue to raise money for the overhaul of the organ which will be required in the next few years and also for the replacement of the shingles on the spire which are continually being damaged by woodpeckers.

We hope that as many people as possible will be generous in their support. Cheques should be payable to 'St. Mary's Broomfield PCC' and those who pay tax are requested to complete a

Gift Aid form which can be requested from the Treasurer, this will substantially boost the value of your gift at no extra cost to yourself.

Gifts may be returned by post to the treasurer at 14 Butlers Close, Broomfield CM1 7BE or brought to church any Sunday service during October (8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Parish Eucharist and 6.30pm Evening Prayer).

The help and generosity of the people of Broomfield, and those of you who consider this to be your church, is greatly appreciated, and is an enormous encouragement.

May God bless you.
Yours very sincerely,

Carolyn Tibbott

www.stmarysbroomfield.org



Broomfield Cottage Gardeners' Society



THE SUMMER Show took place on 13th July in the Village Hall and provided a great spectacle for all the visitors. Unfazed by the recent downpours, exhibitors succeeded in entering a good selection of flowers and plants, as well as some fine vegetables. The cookery, photographic, handicraft and children's sections were also well represented. A constant stream of visitors meant that the delicious home-made cakes were in great demand to accompany a cup of tea or coffee.

Trophies were presented by Mrs Heather Shelley, the Head Teacher of Broomfield Primary School, to: **Peter Bousfield**: £5 Trading Centre voucher for Highest Aggregate in Sweet Peas; £10 Kings voucher for Sweet Pea Challenge Class; **Iris Haslam** Memorial Cup for best exhibit in Fuchsias; Chairman's Challenge Plate for Fuchsia grown from a cutting provided; RHS Banksian Medal for the highest aggregate in the Show in Sections 1 and 2 (Fruit and Vegetables); **Deborah Farthing**: Burrell Webber Silver challenge Cup for Highest Aggregate in Section 1 (Flowers excluding Sweet Peas); WJ Day Challenge Cup for highest Aggregate in Section 5 - Handicrafts; **Brian Spalding**: Society Silver Challenge Cup for the best exhibit in Section 1 (Flowers excluding Sweet Peas and Fuchsias); GV Staines Trophy for highest aggregate in Fruit classes; **Hugh Walker**: Inglis Silver Challenge Cup for highest aggregate in Section 2 (Fruit and Vegetables); **Ann Haward**: MH Drake Trophy for the highest aggregate in Section 3 (Floral & Vegetable Arrangements); **Jean Evans**: Trading Centre Cup for highest aggregate in Section 4 - Preserves; **Terry Bousfield**: Delmas Ashford Cup for highest aggregate in Section 4 - Cookery; **Ron Marlow**: Winner of Homemade Loaf Challenge with recipe and flour provided by W&H Marriage; **Dick Chapman**: Society Challenge Trophy for highest aggregate in Section 5 - Photography; **Mara Webb**: Margaret Reeve Cup for best exhibit in Section 5 - Handicrafts; and **Sophie Breed**: Eric Young Challenge Cup for highest aggregate in Section 6 - children's Classes.

Our Trading Centre continues to open on Fridays and Sundays for garden consumables for the benefit of the Society's members (contact Margaret, our Membership Secretary on 01245 442051 for more information about the Society).



Flower exhibits.



Some of the winners with their trophies.

TB Huxley Jones – an Essex artist

TB HUXLEY Jones FRBS was a sculptor who worked between 1948 and 1968 from his studio at High House, Broomfield. From there he produced many distinguished works, including the following:

- **The Helios Fountain at the BBC Television Centre at Shepherds Bush**
- **The Joy of Life Fountain in Hyde Park**
- **The David Livingstone statue at The Royal Geographical Society building**
- **The St Peter with the Yale Key at Chelmsford Cathedral**
- **Mother and Child Memorial statue in Memorial Garden, Chelmsford.**

There have been no previous publications about the artist, and with the redevelopment of The BBC Television Centre and the refurbishment of the fountain, the artist and his highest profile public commission will come into focus.

A book is currently being prepared on the artist. It is hoped that the



Huxley Jones (left) and Jack Latham (right) in the High House studio. In the background is an image of the BBC Television Fountain.

editing, photography, copyright and design will be funded by a "crowdfunder" campaign that went live from October 1st 2014. A publishing run of 250 books is planned.

This project needs the support of Broomfield residents. It is a "not for profit" project with any surplus from the sale of the books being used to set up a prize in the artists name for art students of local schools. Hopefully, this will be awarded in conjunction with the Village Fete.

Residents of Broomfield with your support we may be able to develop a sculpture prize which could become an annual event for the Parish.

www.Crowdfunder.co.uk

Funding start date 1st October 2014

There is a Facebook page where you can gain insight into this artist

Facebook: TB Huxley Jones- An Essex artist

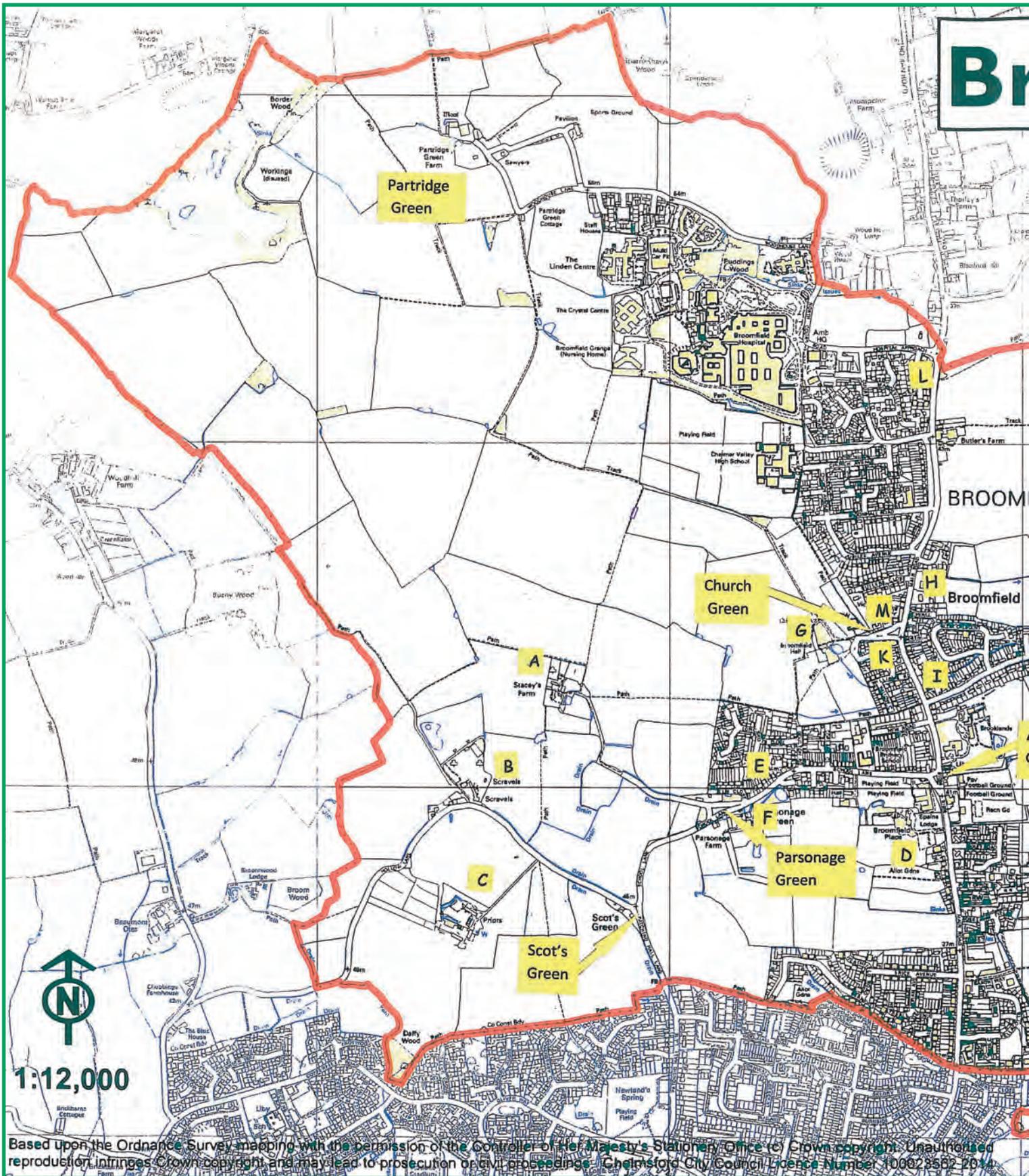
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A very brief look at the Historic Buildings of Broomfield Parish

A. Stacey's farm: Richard Stacey bought a house and land here in 1362. The house was attacked by men from Chelmsford, during the peasants' revolt of 1381, as it was believed to hold servitude records belonging to the Lord of the Manor of Chelmsford.

B. Scravels: The Scraffield family lived here from 1524; the house had a new Facade in 1890 and of 2 large barns close by the house the 16th century wheat barn still stands.
C. Priors: This probably has a history back to 1241.

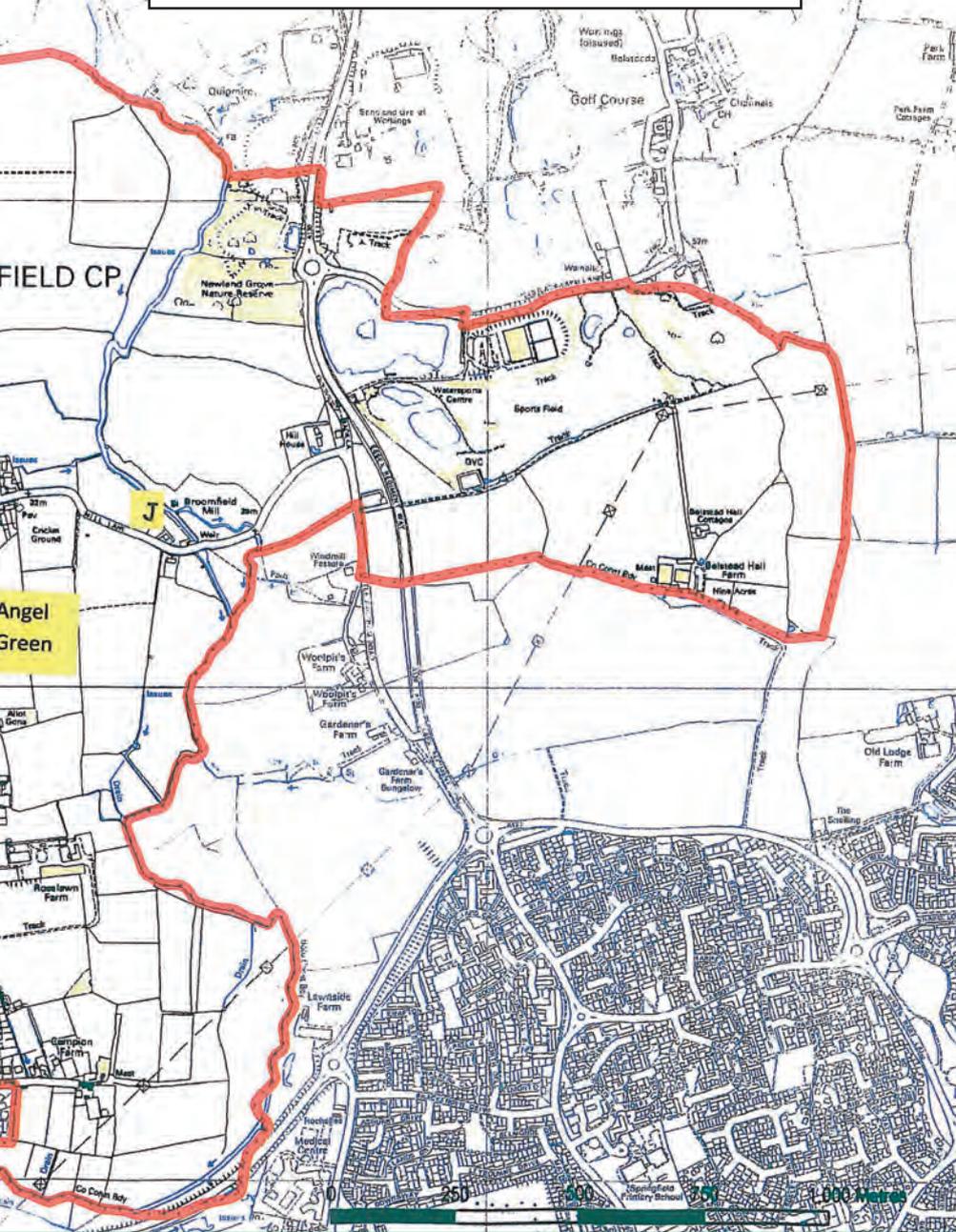
This was the property of the Priory until Henry VIII's dissolution of the monasteries. The present house dates to 16th century and originally had a moat.
D. Broomfield Place: There have been at least 3 buildings on this site:

in 1569 it was Hunwickes; then it was rebuilt and renamed New House and in 1820 it was rebuilt again as Broomfield Place
E. Glovers: In 1402 Richard Glover bought a house and 7 acres of land in Broomfield, the

farm was worked for more than 500 years, only the house remains.
F. The Parsonage: Until 1300 this was the residence of Broomfield's Rector. From that date Broomfield had a vicar and a separate vicarage. Once the grandest

Broomfield Parish

5 Greens and Historic Buildings



Broomfield Parish – the Parish of 5 Greens

ANGEL GREEN

Pre 1700 this was known as Camomile Green. The Angel Public House dates from 15th Century. The Angel Stores has been a shop since 1758. Broomfield Place dates from c1827. Brooklands dates from c1827.

CHURCH GREEN

The Church dates from c1100. It was called St Leonard originally then St Mary and now both. Broomfield Hall was an old Manor House and the present building dates from c15th Century. Vineries and Bromfields date from c1470. Woollards dates from c16th Century and in 1758 the main block was used as the Parish workhouse. The Kings Arms has title deeds from 1474 when it was known as the Crouch House; it has been The Kings Arms pub since 1763 although it was called The Coach and Horses from 1807 to 1820.

PARSONAGE GREEN

Pre 1300 this area was known as How Tye. The Parsonage was the residence of the Rector of Broomfield between 1150 and 1303. In 1555 it was owned by Richard Rich. It burned down in 1840 and was then rebuilt. Glovers dates from c1402.

SCOTS GREEN

This area was probably named after Peter Scot who was a local landowner in 1341.

PARTRIDGE GREEN

The area was probably associated with Robert Partridge c 1319. Partridge Green Farm dates from c16th Century. It was used in 1934 by Essex CC as a TB Sanatorium and the old house was demolished in 1960. The Lonely Grave is that of Ruth Marriage who died in 1772.

house in Broomfield it burned down and was rebuilt c1840.

G. Broomfield

Hall: This has a history from before the Norman Conquest when it was held by the Saxon Seawolf as vassals of Ansgar, a Saxon nobleman. The present building has

been dated to 15th century.

H. Butlers:

This was probably associated with Geoffrey le Botiler in 1254. It was described as the "Mansion House of Old Butlers" in 1569. The house was rebuilt in 1765 as an

elegant Georgian residence for the Rev. Jonathan White, the vicar of Wethersfield.

I. The Well House:

There is 1 well inside and 1 well outside the house. Robert and William at Welle were probably here in 1319 and the

present house is said to date from the 1500s.

J. Mill House:

There was a Mill here when the Domesday survey was made in 1086. The last Mill on the site was demolished in the 1920s and only the Miller's house

remains.

K. Woollards:

Originally a range of cottages given by Thomas Woollard for the benefit of the poor of Broomfield. They were rebuilt in 1754 and used as the parish workhouses.

L. Ayletts:

This has a long

history and was rebuilt for the Marriage family whose initials can be seen on the facade. **M. Bromfields and the Vineries:** These were built as a single hall house dating from around 1470; it was known as the Pulling House.

Broomfield and District U3A

AT THE July meeting the Speaker, Amanda Reed, gave an



informative talk on living with sight loss and how the Macular Society had helped her through a difficult time. Following the talk, members had their last chance for a chat over tea and biscuits before the August break. The weather had been really warm and sunny and everyone was hopeful that this would continue for the rest of the summer, particularly during the school holidays when many members have their grandchildren.

There are now over sixteen activity groups that meet on a monthly basis. Full details of all U3A activities can be found here: www.u3asites.org.uk/broomfield.

The Garden Group was formed two years ago by members interested in visiting gardens and in gardening generally. They manage to average at least one garden visit per month, making the most of the summer months. During their first year trips were made to local gardens listed in the National Gardens Scheme's Yellow Book but now the Group is getting more adventurous!

This summer, as well as trips to

local gardens, they have ventured to the Cambridge University Botanic Garden and the Chelsworth Open Garden Day, in Suffolk. Visits are also made to RHS flower shows in London and Hyde Hall whenever possible. Before winter sets in it is hoped to visit the Gibberd Garden, in Harlow, and, possibly, the Chelsea Physic Garden.



Cambridge University Botanic Garden

The Walking Group undertake a different walk each month recently completing sections of the Saffron Way, Chelmsford Centenary Circle as well as 15 miles of the Chelmer/Blackwater Navigation raising £450 for the Farleigh Hospice. The Geology Group went on several visits, looking at rocks at Walton on the Naze and Thorndon Country Park and studying the stones in St. Mary's Church Broomfield. The History Groups last outing took them to Audley End.

There has recently been coverage of loneliness on the BBC news and it occurred to me as the author of this report that the Broomfield U3A provides the perfect opportunity for people in retirement to come to meetings and socialise with new friends. In addition to the monthly meet, there are many groups that meet monthly, focusing on special areas of interest. If one of these is of interest then please come along and join us.

The group meetings are held every second Wednesday of each month, except August, from 1.30-3.30 pm in the Broomfield Village Hall. We will also be holding a 'Magical Evening' on the 18th October at Broomfield Village Hall. Tickets are £10 and can be purchased from Barbara Thomas (telephone 01245 440891).

Kim Taylor



Chelsworth Garden, Suffolk.

Introducing our new Broomfield Parish Councillors

PETER CARTER

I live in Goulton Road with wife Deborah, daughter Amy plus rabbit and dog. We moved to Broomfield from the soulless suburbia of Harrow 10 years ago, for the great mixture of countryside and village life, with easy access to town and city. We love this way of life, but feel it is under threat from all the development that is taking place. This is what first drew me to the council, and now, having seen the good work the other councillors have been doing, I am more than happy to chip-in and help. With a daughter at Broomfield Primary, I am obviously interested in the local schools as well as planning, and shall be trying to re-vamp the parish website.



WENDY DADEN

I moved to Butlers Close from the Avenues in 2007 with my husband, Simon and son Oscar. I was a touring golf professional for 14 years and now teach golf at Little Channels Driving Range. I enjoy all sports and play hockey for Chelmsford Hockey Club. I was heavily involved in organising street parties to celebrate the Jubilee and the Royal Wedding so now intend to put these skills to good use on the Parish Council! I am also passionate about extending cycle paths to Broomfield and creating a network that will be safe for all to enjoy.



RAY MULLENDER

I was born and grew up in Broomfield, attending the local schools and playing football and cricket for Broomfield and Old Chelmsfordians in my teens. I have worked for local car dealers, initially as a mechanic and more recently in the parts department with a spell in the building trade as well. I also spent 3 years in the Armed Forces in my early twenties. I was a keen artist, mostly of landscapes in oil and watercolour but abandoned it in favour of photography. In retirement I have picked up the paint brushes again and found that some of the self-confidence I had lost, has started to grow.



Broomfield Footpath Society

THE FOOTPATH Society have had a very enjoyable season walking footpaths within the Parish and further afield. Our evening walks are designed to end at a pub where we were able to enjoy a taste of rural Essex and relax with a drink outside on a fine summer's evening

The shorter evenings mean we have now switched to Sunday

walks with just one left before we finish for the winter. See the Village Diary for details of our last walk. We meet at St Mary's Church at 2.30 p.m. and lifts are available for those without cars. None of the walks are longer than 5 miles and we are a very friendly bunch - why not join us?

Contact 01245 698175 or 01245 441021 for further details.



On safari - Broomfield Footpath Society members, with their backs to the wall - of Essex flintstone - survive a Sunday afternoon walk near Mashbury.

Broomfield Neighbourhood Action Plan Report

THE LATEST quarterly meeting of the Neighbourhood Action Panel was held on 10th July in the committee room in the Village Hall. Nine villagers were present and we were very pleased to welcome a representative from Chelmer Valley High School.

Our local police constable, Laura Williams, presented the crime figures for the previous quarter as follows:

3 damage to motor vehicle in road	2 burglary other (shed/garage)
2 theft from motor vehicle	2 criminal damage
9 theft	
1 theft of pedal cycle	1 making off without payment
3 burglary	1 attempted burglary

Some of the other business or problems discussed with the police or reported by them were:

- There is no evidence of any increase in crime levels brought about by the extinguishing of the street lights during the early morning.
- The community speed watch still requires more volunteers so that it can be run effectively. Training for this work will be given by the police.
- Current police priorities in the village include monitoring anti-social behaviour around Church Green with particular attention to the alleyway off the green.
- The problem of excessive noise on the community field and the track leading to Centenary wood was reported to the group. The Police explained that they have very limited powers to deal with this problem unless a specific offence, e.g. alcohol or drugs, is committed. However, noise might be a council issue.

The next meeting of the NAP is scheduled for Thursday 30 October at 7:00 pm. The meetings should last no more than one hour. If anyone in the village has a topic they wish to discuss please come along to the next meeting.

Chris Gardiner

Broomfield Sisters to represent Great Britain at Cheerleading World Championships

TWO BROOMFIELD sisters have been chosen to represent Great Britain at the Cheerleading World championships in Florida next April. Amy and Emily Trew belong to the Oblivion Allstars team who train at Chelmsford Gym Club. They are both also Sports Ambassadors for Chelmsford.

Cheerleading is an extreme sport and involves gymnastics, dance stunting (making human pyramids) and throwing flyers in the air and catching them.

Amy is a base and Emily is both a flyer and a base. As well as looking for team sponsorship the girls will also need to raise around £900 each for the trip to Florida. Amy is currently studying psychology at Portsmouth but comes back every weekend for training. Emily is about to enter her GCSE Year at Boswells school.

This is the first ever Cheerleading team from Essex that has been selected to compete at such a prestigious event. If anyone would be interested in sponsoring the team please contact Bev Trew on 07909 091760



Oblivion Allstars - off to the Cheerleading World Championships in Florida next April

Super slimmers Jenny and Shirley are named Women of the Year!

TWO LADIES from Broomfield are on cloud nine, having overcome adversity to lose weight and win the title of Woman of the Year 2014 in their Slimming World group.

Jennifer Penny has lost 2 stone 6lbs whilst supporting her husband through chemotherapy treatment for leukaemia and Shirley Perera Morris, has lost 2 stone 11lbs proving that being in a wheelchair and unable to exercise doesn't mean you can't lose weight. Fellow slimmers voted for them both to represent their group in the annual Slimming World Woman of the Year 2014 competition.

Victoria, who runs the Broomfield group, says: "I'm so proud of both Jenny and Shirley. Not only do they both look fabulous, they've improved their health and are ready to face whatever life throws at them with new energy. They have shown whatever obstacles you have to overcome to lose weight it can be done. They are an inspiration to the other members of the group"

The Broomfield Slimming World group is held every Tuesday at 5pm and 7pm at the Broomfield Village Hall. To join or find out more call Victoria on 07823 441198.

Jenny and Shirley receiving their awards.



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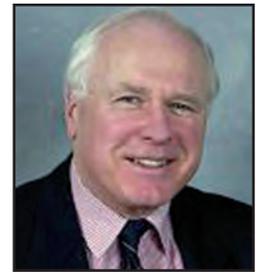
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From the County Council

Tour de France in Essex a "historic day"

The Tour de France in Essex has been hailed as a "historic day" after the world's best cyclists raced through the County. Thousands of people lined the route in Uttlesford, Braintree, Chelmsford and Epping Forest as the County's beautiful countryside grabbed the world's attention. The colour and atmosphere surrounding the Tour has shown the world how fantastic our County is. It was a tribute to the County's partner organisations, including Visit Essex and Chelmsford City Council, that we could stage a world-class sporting event. However, it is also important to congratulate many of our villages, such as the parishes of Great Waltham and Roxwell, who made a major contribution to ensure that this unique event was a day that everyone will remember for years to come.



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Joint domestic abuse campaign an overwhelming success

The two month "Standing Together" Campaign, led by Essex County Council and the Essex Police, aimed at raising awareness of domestic abuse and providing information and advice has now come to a close. Domestic abuse is a subject that is often seen by many as taboo; but the Campaign has also been successful in getting our community to talk about it and understand the problems it causes. Most importantly, the Campaign has empowered survivors and those in abusive relationships to come forward, report incidents and share their experiences. The Chief Constable, Stephen Kavanagh, has said that the reaction from the people of Essex and beyond has been fantastic. Survivors have told us that because of this campaign, they have found the courage to leave abusive relationships and lead independent lives.

Although the Campaign has now finished we will continue to raise awareness of this incredibly important issue and will look to roll out similar campaigns in the future. If you need to learn more on this subject please visit www.essex.police.uk/standingtogether

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Residents urged to remain vigilant over suspicious phone calls

The County Council is warning residents to be on their guard if they receive unexpected phone calls claiming to be from the authority. There will be times when officers do need to ring residents at home, but normally this would not be a surprise to the person concerned. So, if you do receive an unexpected call from someone claiming to be from the Council and you do not feel it is genuine, please don't provide any personal information. If a suspicious call is received, the Council advises residents to take the person's name, department and telephone number and then call the Council's contact centre on **0845 743 0430 FREE** and ask if the person can be verified.

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John Aldridge CC - August 2014

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OBITUARY – Norman Nichols

Norman Nichols was well known in Broomfield for his fine tenor singing both in the church choir and other choirs in and around Chelmsford and his fine whiskers as part of a Barber Shop Quartet.

Norman moved to Broomfield in 1975 and became a member of St Mary's Church congregation. He was born in Thetford in 1923 and his family moved to Bury St, Edmunds when he was a small child when his Grandma came to live with them. She was a great influence on the growing lad and perhaps helped to shape him into the reserved, rather private individual that he was. On leaving school he was apprenticed to a baker and learnt skills which he practised when he created the beautiful harvest loaves for the church which perhaps older members of the congregation may remember. He was also a fine pastry cook and cake decorator.

The war years saw Norman in the Army where he served in the Middle East, North Africa, Italy and Greece. He trained initially as a medical orderly but re-mustered later as a machine gunner. As he remarked in one of his letters home "quite a change from being a non-combatant to actual soldiering". His letters home, of which many have survived, are a fascinating record of his adventures and experiences. Mostly the letters date from a time when he was not allowed to say where he was stationed, but later this rule was relaxed and he was able to write seventeen foolscap pages of close written description of a three day leave in Rome. The letters usually started "Mother dear" and ended "Cheerio Mother dear, God bless you and all at home, your loving son Norman" Taken together they form an interesting picture of one man's war.

When Norman came home from the Army he met Freda who was lodging with the Nichols' family. Although she married elsewhere they remained friends. On being de-mobbed Norman went to work for the Ministry Of Agriculture and Fisheries, as it was then called. Initially he was an office worker learning the system but later became a field worker visiting farmers across a large swathe of East Anglia dealing with subsidies to farmers for crops grown and the movement of cattle.

Norman married Jean in 1962 and together they formed a well-known part of Broomfield life. Sadly Jean died in 2005 after a long illness. His lifelong friendship with Freda blossomed into love and they married and Freda too became a well-known figure around the Parish.

Music was the great interest of his life outside work and family. He was an accomplished pianist, and even flirted with the church organ under Bob Mitchell's guidance. He loved singing, and was a fine tenor. Apart from the Church choir here in Broomfield he also sang at Terling when their choir needed reinforcement. He sang for a time with a Barber Shop Quartet, the Co-Op Choir and Chelmsford Singers.

Norman was a private sort of chap very friendly but reserved. He talked little of his own private life and never interested himself in other people's affairs. He was kind and generous and could be best described as a gentleman in the truest sense of that word. He was always smartly dressed, indeed Freda said that he would have worn a jacket and tie to the beach if she had let him.

Reg Morris

ST. MARY'S BROOMFIELD BEREAVEMENT SERVICE Sunday 2nd November at 3pm

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OCTOBER

- 15th** **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** 7.30 p.m.
Broomfield Village Hall. Public Question Time at the beginning of the meeting
- 18th** **U3A MAGICAL EVENING**, Broomfield Village Hall. 7.30 p.m.
- 22nd** **BROOMFIELD COTTAGE GARDENERS SOCIETY TALK**
Broomfield Village Hall, 7.15 for 7.30
Maggie Piper "History of Docklands"
- 26th** **BROOMFIELD FOOTPATH SOCIETY**,
Staceys - Priors - Scravels
- 30th** **NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PLAN MEETING**,
7.00 p.m. Broomfield Village Hall

NOVEMBER

- 2nd** **BEREAVEMENT SERVICE**, St Mary's 3.00 p.m.
- 5th** **BROOMFIELD VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING**,
10.45 to 12.30
- 9th** **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE** St Mary's Church 10.50 a.m.
- 12th** **U3A MONTHLY MEETING**.
1.30 p.m. Broomfield Village Hall.
Chris Fardell - "Get the best from your camera"
- 19th** **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**
7.30 p.m. Broomfield Village Hall
Public Question Time at the beginning of the meeting
- 26th** **BROOMFIELD COTTAGE GARDENERS SOCIETY TALK**
Broomfield Village Hall, 7.15 for 7.30
Paul Harrison "Small Trees for Small Spaces"

DECEMBER

- 3rd** **BROOMFIELD VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING**,
10.45 to 12.30
- 6th** **CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN DAY**
with Santa, St Mary's Church 2- 4pm
- 10th** **U3A MONTHLY MEETING** 1.30 p.m. Broomfield Village Hall
- 14th** **VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE** at the Methodist Church
- 17th** **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**
7.30 p.m. Broomfield Village Hall
Public Question Time at the beginning of the meeting
- 21st** **SERVICE OF 9 LESSONS AND CAROLS**,
St Mary's Church 6.00p.m.
- 24th** **CRIB SERVICE** 3pm (for families with young children)
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Sporting BROOMFIELD

Geof Garwood, Sports Editor

Broomfield Football Club wins first trophy this season!

BROOMFIELD won their first trophy of the season on Saturday 9th August when Essex FA hosted their annual tournament for Charter Standard Clubs in Southend.

Broomfield entered two senior first teams - the Saturday Olympian and the Sunday Pope and Smith team. Both teams played a combined 10 games and neither team conceded a goal. Sadly the Pope and Smith team went out in the group stages on goals scored but the Saturday Olympian team went on to win the tournament on penalties. The Olympian team had also won the Broomfield Fun Day tournament so they have had an excellent start to the pre-season preparations.

Recently a representative side went out to Germany to our host club Sparta Werthe in memory of the sad loss of Lewis Page. Broomfield won 6-2 or as the players like to say England 6 Germany 2 !!!

I wish all the teams at Broomfield a very successful season, particularly following the devastation to our club house.

Sean McGinley



ALFIE PRIOR, 16, of Broomfield Football Club was recently awarded the prestigious title of 'Essex FA Young Volunteer of the Year' at the annual awards dinner, held at Little Channels Golf Club. As well as playing for Broomfield U18 last season, he underwent his young leader course followed by his Level 1 coaching badge and has assisted with the Saturday morning soccer school held at Broomfield FC every Saturday. The forthcoming season sees a new challenge for Alfie, not only will he be playing for the club but he has taken up the role of manager of the new U8 squad for the 2014/15 season. Essex FA Chairman Alec Berry said "Alfie is an example of young people giving to even younger people and is an inspiration to others". Broomfield FC would like to wish him every success for the future.



Latest from the Cricket Club

SUNDAY 17th August saw the Club hold a President's Day at Brooklands featuring a round-robin T20 tournament between a Broomfield team (pictured) and teams from High Easter and Great Baddow. The day included a President's tea and was well supported by Club Members, former players and Vice Presidents. Big hitting High Easter prevailed by running out worthy winners in both their matches.



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