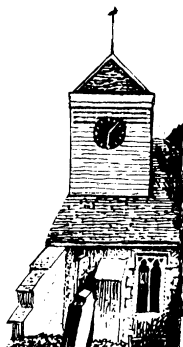


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# News



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# St MARY's & St OSWALD's

## NOTICE BOARD

### CHURCH SERVICE TIMES



	St Mary's	St Oswald's
6 th July	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Family Service
13 th July	9.30 Joint Parish Eucharist	No Service
20 th July	9.30 Family Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
27 th July	NO SERVICE	11.00 Parish Eucharist

#### Opening times for Private Prayer

St. Mary's - Tuesday to Friday 9.00am to 3.00pm Where Possible

St. Oswald's - Open daily from 9.00am - 5.00pm

*Any alterations or additions to these service times will be displayed on the church notice boards, the weekly sheet and can be found on the church website along with other church details ~ [www.ninfield.org.uk](http://www.ninfield.org.uk)*

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#### **PARISH NEWS**

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## Dear Friends,

As we look into the months of July and August and to the promise of fine summer weather (maybe!), for many of us it is a time for a change of tempo. It is a time to slow down from the usual rush. A moment to forget those deadlines, targets, and the usual timetable.

A moment to put it all aside for at least a short while and as we take some time off for a holiday - either going away to somewhere different or maybe just staying at home and catching up on some much-needed sleep. It is a moment to rest.

Certainly, our work fixated, success focused, demand driven culture denies to many the sleep that they need. Research has shown that too many people nowadays do not sleep long enough or well enough so as to be at their best. I know for myself that as I get older I seem to need more sleep and that without it I quickly become irritable and impatient. I have lost count of the many times I have woken up and try desperately to get back to sleep. That need for proper rest is built into us, made as we all are in the image of God. In three days, says the Book of Genesis, God had formed the world. Then, in three parallel days he wonderfully filled it with the light of the sun and moon and stars and with the trees and plants and creatures of the deep, with the birds of the sky and all the animals that roamed across the earth. The apex of his work was the creation of humankind and:

“God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!”

But then, having finished his work of creation, he rested. On the seventh day he rested from all his work.

That rest would not have included sleep. As the psalmist says when speaking of God’s great care for us: the one who watches over you will not slumber. Indeed, he who watches over Israel never slumbers or sleeps (Psalm 121: 3 – 4, which is a reminder that God not only made the hills, the heavens, and the earth but he also watches over us, never diverted nor distracted. We can never outgrow our need for God’s untiring watch over our lives. But that ‘watch,’ that care and provision of us, includes God’s recognition of our need for rest. So, our need to take a moment of rest, a day of rest in biblical terms, became a commandment.

Jesus himself demonstrated our need for rest and our need for sleep. In Mark’s Gospel we’re told how he took his disciples away to rest after they had completed the work he’d given them to do (Mark 6: 31). And in Luke’s Gospel we read how Jesus slept even as a storm raged around the boat on which he and his disciples were travelling (Luke 8: 23ff). It calls to my mind some other words that we read in the

psalms: God gives sleep to his loved ones (Psalm 127: 2). So, rest and sleep are God given gifts. But they are more. They are moments to let go and to remind ourselves that God is in control. I hope and pray that you will all know something of that rest (and a chance to catch up on some quality sleep!) over the Summer and that whatever you are doing, it will be a time of real blessing, peace, and relaxation. But don't leave it at just that few days or couple of weeks. Remember that our need to rest 'a day each week' is built into us and indeed that not only can we rest on one day of the week, but we are invited to rest in Jesus every day, at any time: Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11: 28)

Paul

### Prayer for July 2025

Lord, in this month, we, your church, remember Thomas. Thomas, who asked questions and doubted when he didn't see You with his own eyes. And Lord, You walked through those locked doors of his questions and doubts specifically to meet his needs. Help us to come to you, honestly, with our questions and doubts, knowing that You understand and will meet our needs too. Help us to recognize You with eyes of faith – the only One who can help us. May we declare, with Thomas, in humility, devotion and thankfulness, 'My Lord and my God!'. We pray in your powerful name, Lord Jesus. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

### St Mary's

18th May Baptism of Theodore Charlie Roy Peter March

24th May Wedding of Carl Higgins and Laura Mephram

*from the  
Parish Records*

### Oswald's

1st June Interment of the ashes of John Strevett

8th June Interment of the ashes of Linda Bligh

8th June Baptism of Fabian Richter.

## **News from St Oswald's**

We are pleased to report that the Notices are now up regarding the Planning application to Wealden DC to build an Accessible toilet and Kitchen extension on the north side of the Church. Notices will be displayed until 19<sup>th</sup> June. The Planning department will then make recommendations to the Council with a decision to be released on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025. If Wealden do grant permission to go ahead, we are hopeful, that the Diocese, will also be in favour and grant us a Faculty to commence the work. We can then begin to apply for grants to help with funding and put the Contract out to Tender. We will then have a real sense of the costs. Fundraising can begin!

The old brick shed has been refurbished to create extra storage.

Some unexpected news that we would like to share, came to us quite by chance. Whilst we were doing various jobs at the church, we had a visit from the Animal and Plant Health Agency. They had set up a “hornet” trap in the churchyard in April and have been monitoring and recording the hornet life in and around the church. On their visit on 29<sup>th</sup> May, they found 4 European Hornets, which was good as they appear to be harmless to the other wildlife in the locality. However, they are also looking out for the “yellow legged” (Asian) hornet. These are causing a problem as they attack and eat our native bees. The contact details needed to report any sightings are on a number of noticeboards around the village with photos.

Many of you who visit the church regularly, will be aware of the bees that appear each year in late spring early summer. We were able to ask the representatives from the Animal and Plant Health Agency for their advice regarding the bee visits. The advice is to let them be. They do not cause us any problem during church services. They will probably reduce in numbers, which is what we have noticed and may well disappear. The likelihood is, that the east wall cavity is their inaccessible hive, which may well be raided by a moth, who eats the comb and then they retreat. However, the lasting scent of the honey may well attract future populations of new bees. The cycle will probably then restart. It is distressing to see and clear up so many dead bees but it is a natural problem that we at church live with and have no control over.

If there is a beekeeper who would like to visit and offer advice please do contact me - Jack Rist Churchwarden on 892576.

# St Oswald's Annual Garden Party

Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup>  
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## **HOT OFF THE PRESS.**

I have just reviewed the quotation for the painting and repairs to the church tower. It is significantly more than I was expecting at £22,416 plus VAT!!

That is going to need some serious fundraising as we simply do not have that sort of money!!

Watch this space!

Paul

## *June/July Diary*

June		Venue	Page
26 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Club	Methodist Hall	8
27 <sup>th</sup>	Men's Shed	Sparke Pavilion	9
27 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Lounge	Tin Hut	25
July			
4 <sup>th</sup>	Book Exchange/Coffee	Methodist Hall	8
5 <sup>th</sup>	St. Oswald's Garden Party	St. Oswald's	6
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23 <sup>rd</sup>	Laser Tag - Messy Church	Methodist Hall	33
25 <sup>th</sup>	Men's Shed	Spark Pavilion	9
25 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Lounge	Tin Hut	25
18 <sup>th</sup>	Ninfield History Archive	Spark Pavilion	27
28 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Hall Meeting	Memorial Hall	23

**Editors' Comment...** Such a full edition our space is quite small! Thanks everyone for sending in everything and we hope all of you find a quiet shady spot in the garden with your copy and enjoy a good read. Please let us know if you know of anyone unable to get their copy from the shop while it is being rebuilt and we'll get a copy to them. Enjoy the lovely weather and send us your reports and stories by 13<sup>th</sup> July for the next edition which is August and September *Nicki & Carol*



## **NINFIELD HEALTH AND WELLBEING GROUP**

aims to promote the health and wellbeing of people in the local community. Established in 2018, the NHWG is an umbrella organisation supporting a range of activities.

## **NINFIELD LUNCH CLUB**

This is proving very popular and is on the 4th Thursday of each month, however there isn't a lunch club in July

For details, please contact Maggie on: 07985588524 or email: [maggiethecook@gmail.com](mailto:maggiethecook@gmail.com)

## **BOOK EXCHANGE AND COMMUNITY CAFÉ**

Methodist Hall 10 – 11.30 weekly on Friday.

First Friday monthly: Book Exchange and chat over tea/coffee and biscuits. Donations asked for books and refreshments. A wide range of books and good company.

**Community Café** open on all other Friday mornings – you will be made very welcome.

For details contact David on 07989729123 or [dj\\_swales@hotmail.com](mailto:dj_swales@hotmail.com)

## **HEALTH WALKS**

Every Thursday. Trained local volunteers lead a gentle walk of about an hour. Meet 11.00a.m. at Sparke Pavilion at Ninfield Recreation Ground near the main entrance off Church Lane. A few more walkers welcome. Part of the East Sussex Health Walks Scheme. Please wear sensible footwear. For more details contact Robin 07940 324601

## **WOMEN'S CRAFTING AND KNITTING CIRCLE**

Memorial Hall. Weekly 10.30 am – 12.30 pm. £5 per session. A well established friendly group. Phone Jane on 892428 for details

## **DARK SKIES**

The Summer months are usually quiet as it doesn't get dark until late, but hopefully the weather will be warm enough for us to sit in the garden until late, listening to the evening chorus and spotting the bats flying over. Some of us were brave enough on the 26th May to drag ourselves out of bed at 4am and watch the sunrise at 4.50. Believe it or not, it was warmer at that time in the morning than 9am. A beautiful clear sky and sunrise - with the added bonus of breakfast muffins, cake, coffee and good company. Thank you to Pete and Carol Holland for hosting the morning.

If you would like to know more about Dark Skies or join the WhatsApp group, you can contact me via email ([k.crittell@btinternet.com](mailto:k.crittell@btinternet.com)) or call 07707683187



## **MEN'S SHED**

A now established friendly group meeting at Spark Pavilion. 10am last Friday of the month. Men putting the world to rights over free coffee. Contact Dave 01424 892883

## **FILM MATINEES**

We have a break in the summer as you will see the next regular film is on 2nd September, however, we have an extra treat for you on the afternoon of Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Look out for more details in the August Parish News!

Our usual afternoons are in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday. Doors open at 1.30. Films start at 2pm. FREE entry and refreshments. Dementia friendly and subtitles. All welcome, young and not so young.

Films and dates for your diary for 2025 are as follows:

2 September: Chicago  
7 October: The Ladykillers  
11 November: A Hard Day's Night  
9 December: Arthur Christmas

For more information or to book a place (to ensure enough cake!) contact

Jackie or Rose: 01424892422 or email: [jackie.langley1@btinternet.com](mailto:jackie.langley1@btinternet.com)

## **FRIENDLY VOICES**

For the Summer months, we are meeting in the Church on Tuesday evening (from 7.30pm) and Thursday afternoon (from 2pm) and you are welcome to join us. In May, we were asked by the Association for Carers to sing at three of their Carers cafes in support of Carers week. We put together a set of songs that most people would know and were really pleased when not only did attendees join in, but some actually came up and sang with us. There was much laughter with everyone getting into the swing of things - we even had an encore with everyone joining in with the 'party song' - Is this the way to Amarillo. The organisers told us that what made it so special was that we were not taking ourselves too seriously and they could clearly see we were enjoying ourselves. So I will repeat my mantra - we are not a choir, just a group of people that get together for the fun of singing. You do not need to be a good singer, just enjoy a good sing!

If you would like to know more you can email me at [k.crittell@btinternet.com](mailto:k.crittell@btinternet.com) or call/text 07707683187

## **COUNTRY WAYS    War Graves and Hornets**

Lets start with Hornets, the less contentious of the two. Before I arrived here I had never seen a hornet, let alone had to defend my home from them.

I tend to hear them first, a drowning sound similar to a small helicopter. Time then to go on the defensive. Once located a sharp rap with the shooting times solves the problem. This is an odd stance from me as bee's and wasps are treated differently. Bee's I always let out and only when they just don't understand that they can just fly away I catch them in a jam jar and then let them go. During the summer I do the same for wasps, its only come September when their hive is declining, I tend to resort to the shooting times with wasps. Hornet though are a different matter, they look aggressive and dangerous which they are, I assume.

So walking the dog today I read a poster pinned to the Church. It seemed to want us to identify the different kinds of Hornet. I shall take my reading glasses next time to see exactly what it said. Identifying the remnants of a full blown defensive action is not really possible. Due to some concern over antagonising the beast, the strike is somewhat excessive. I will do some research and try to find out just how dangerous hornets are and if a blow is required, then to check exactly who I'm swatting.

I was listening to a conservation yesterday about war graves and how they should be kept. We have two war graves at the Church as as far as I remember they were washed on the spring clean up. They are in a sensitive area of the Church yard where we are trying to increase the biodiversity of the site. There are many grave stones that are no longer tended by family, they also are part of our biodiversity plan. Graves that are tended by family are not fitted into the plan.

Back in Lincolnshire the Armistice Day was marked with a march past by local groups. Some schools were represented as were the Scouts and Brownies. The Cadet forces marched as did the veterans. All branches of the military were represented but there were a large number of Guards Men. This regiment my son joined, it was then Queens company Grenadier Guards. I watched with pride as he marched as a cadet and then in full uniform, as leave permitted, as a Grenadier. The old Guard were diminishing then, those old boys who served their country in the last war will be just about be all gone. Their funerals I attended were special, the remaining old Guards turned out as if on parade. My son lined the entrance to the Church with these men, twice. My Son having served in both Iraq and Afghanistan there were many, many more sad occasions to be honoured.

John and Big Ted both lie under a normal head stone, their landing on the

beaches of D Day forgotten except for their friends and family. My son, six foot four and built like an iron bar, is wrecked and living on a war pension. Our war dead, I prey, are at peace. So perhaps I will take my scythe down to the two war graves we have, not a strimmer, and tidy their plots quietly. Then not so quietly point out that our broken and unwanted soldiers need our help and respect now as well.

N.B. Just checked the war graves and they about normal graves with a side border in stone. No chance to scythe then so it's the strimmer! AT

## **Hooe Parish Council is seeking two new parish councillors.**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 87(2) of the Local Government Act that a by-election has not been requested in respect of the casual vacancies on Hooe Parish Council.

The Parish Council will now fill the vacancy by co-option.

If you would like to apply for the position, please contact the clerk Mrs J Scarff by email [clerk@hooe-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@hooe-pc.gov.uk) or at the address below for an application pack. Please note that applications should be received no later than 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

For more information about the role of Councillor please contact one of the Parish Councillors.

A person is qualified to be elected and to be a councillor, if they are a British, Commonwealth, Irish or European Union citizen and on the relevant day (that is, the day of nomination or election), they are 18 or over. In addition, the person must meet at least one of the following criteria: -

1. On the relevant day and thereafter they continue to be on the electoral register for the Parish, or
2. During the whole of the twelve months before that day they have owned or tenanted land or premises in the Parish, or
3. During the whole of the twelve months before that day their principal or only place of work has been in the Parish, or
4. During the whole of the twelve months before that day they have resided in the Parish or within three miles of it

Clerk to the council: Mrs Jackie Scarff, The Red House,  
Lower Street, Ninfield. TN33 9ED

## **NINFIELD FLOWER GROUP**

Summer is in full swing and by the time you read this NFG members will have assisted at All Saints Church flower festival and Ninfield's carnival.

Our July 7th meeting brings a new demonstrator to our meeting, although she is a lady who has been on the Sussex Area scene for some time as Area Treasurer. Brenda Bull's intriguing title is "Ancient Routes". Refreshments from 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Visitors £5.

Looking forward to August 4th when it is time for some of our talented members to take centre stage. We will enjoy an informal evening with the theme "Summer Delights" plus drinks and nibbles to suit. 7pm start, visitors £5. Do come along and join us.

Helen Cunliffe  
Chairman

### **.Hooe & Ninfield Open Group**

On Friday 13th June at Ninfield Methodist Hall 16 interested people, husbands included, gathered to listen to guest speaker Alan Tipping describe his time as a game keeper in Norfolk. His main focus was to breed Pheasants and Partridges for the owner of the estate where he worked. He gave us a history of the guns used in the shooting of these birds and the history of the large estates where anyone caught for poaching whether it be pigeons or rabbits could have their hands or fingers chopped off or even put to death. He explained how the birds were bred It was fascinating to learn about unusual behaviour of pheasants and partridges, for example, how they need enclosures that are circular, otherwise when they find themselves in a corner they feel trapped, panic and die, accompanied by as many of their fellow birds that followed them and get "stuck"; not knowing how to reverse!

An hour quickly passed then it was time for the usual tea and biscuits. Our next meeting is on Friday 11 th July again at Ninfield Methodist Hall at 2.00p.m. Our speaker Ken Brooks who will talk to us about Burton St Leonards (now just St. Leonards). Remember it is an open group and all are welcome. Hope to see you there. Nicki & Heather

## **NINFIELD VILLAGE SOCIETY**

Recent warm then wet weather has lead to an explosion of growth in Church Wood with brambles and nettles encroaching on pathways and a riot of seasonal colour throughout. The volunteers now number eight or nine most weeks so we have had the opportunity of splitting into teams to attend to strimming, mowing and planting of new saplings. We have had to clear timber thrown into the ponds but fortunately can recall what we were like when young so mostly it is taken in good spirit ! In addition we have been able to use the wood chipper to good effect and regular visitors will notice that we have now covered further pathways with a top dressing generated from the waste on site. On the rare occasions we have to fell a tree it is quite incredible how much spoil there is at the top of a mature chestnut or similar which we can now convert into the wood chipping we need. Other jobs around the village have included the clearance of upper Church Path where again the brambles were taking over.

### **A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

NVS are pleased to announce that we will be putting on an old fashioned cinema show in the Memorial Hall on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 23rd AUGUST. This will be a nostalgic trip back in time suitable for all the family, recreating the experience of going to the pictures with a guest projectionist and reel to reel projectors. Doors will open at 1.30pm for a 2pm start with supporting short films, then an interval with refreshments to purchase from the lady with the ice cream tray ! The feature film will be the 1960 film "Kidnapped" from Walt Disney and, best off all, admission is FREE. Voluntary donations towards our Society funds will be most welcome.

### **SUMMER AFTERNOON SING-A-LONG**

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## HOOE HISTORY SOCIETY

This month we are joining in a behind the scenes guided tour of the De la Warr pavilion on the morning of Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> July. There will therefore be no meeting in the evening.

DID YOU KNOW...following on from last month when we read the recollections of Brian Pont during the war, here are a few more of his thoughts.

Brian recalls there were very many 3.8 and 4.5 inch anti-aircraft guns situated along the coast between Eastbourne and Hastings, as the first line of defence towards the end of the war, against the Doodlebugs. Many of these had been relocated from London in order to try to intercept the raiders early. The guns set up in the fields around Hooe were part of the second line of defence – and this was repeated across the South-East. All of these guns were pointed south and east, towards the continent, so as not to risk shooting down what was the third line of defence. This was the RAF and allied aircraft pilots, who would use cannon to shoot the Doodlebugs down or nudge them with their wingtips to alter their course or send them crashing to the ground away from areas of dense population.

In 1940 there was also a 16-inch gun set up in a field at the rear of the Lamb Inn at Wartling, with unobstructed views right across the Pevensey Levels to the coast. He believes they may have used the Martello towers as range finders in practice rounds. There was also a radar installation situated on the marsh just to the west of Wartling. His father told him of Stuka's dive-bombing pylons and other strategic targets in this area. The Stuka was fitted with a siren which was activated, when opened, by wind blowing through it as they dived on their target. It made a fearsome sound as it attacked its target.

Early in the war, before the Battle of Britain, when a German Messerschmitt 110 was brought down on the marsh behind School Farm, Keith Smythe (who owned and farmed Sandhall Farm close by) was quickly on the scene and, as a member of the Home Guard, he carried a pistol and rushed the crash site to prevent the crew from destroying the plane. It was also, at the time, illegal to remove "trophies" from downed enemy aircraft as they carried potentially useful information that could be used in the war effort.

Brian remembers seeing two doodlebugs brought down by planes over the village towards the end of the war. For the first one, he was riding his bicycle and stopped at the top of Sadlers Hill when he saw a P-51 Mustang fighter aeroplane approach the doodlebug and gently tip it with his wing. It flipped over and fell rapidly somewhere in the direction of Wet Wood (the wood behind Sandhall and Tanyard, running up towards Moor Hall). He saw the second from the gun field behind Broad Green Farm. This doodlebug was

shot at by a Spitfire with .303 exploding bullets and detonated in the air. He felt the blast of the explosion where he stood on the ground and saw the remains of the missile fall gently to the ground.

Quite often the German bombers would release any remaining bombs on their way back to base from the London raids. There were several examples of this type of indiscriminate bombing around the village of Hooe. A “string” of bombs fell in the area of Nut Brown Farm, one of them destroying a shed where Charles “Chollie” Freeman lived. Another “string” of bombs was dropped close to Court Lodge in about 1942. Other local places to suffer indiscriminate hits were at Russells Green where a bomb fell where the post box now stands and another hit and destroyed Cecil Lade’s house close by; another damaged the Wesleyan Chapel (opposite Martin’s Farm entrance) so badly that it had to be demolished; one fell in the area of Hope Cottage (where the Farm Shop is now) destroying an outbuilding; and another fell close to Akehurst Farm, but without causing too much damage. Interestingly, one fell close by Hope Cottage where Gordon and Edna Pont lived with their family, but it did not explode and needed to be defused. As a result, Gordon and Edna moved to “Hollybank” at Lower Street, Ninfield until well after the war had finished.

*(continued next month)* Peter Hayward

### **HOOE PARISH COUNCIL**

Email: [clerk@hooe-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@hooe-pc.gov.uk) Website: [www.hooe-pc.gov.uk](http://www.hooe-pc.gov.uk)

#### **Ross Clifton**

Hooe Parish Council would like to pay its respects following the sad passing of Councillor Ross Clifton on 10 th June 2025 at the grand age of 90.

Ross was a man of Hooe, born and bred in the village he loved and loved him. He was an ‘action man’ who lived life to the full, whether it be in his working life or his incredibly varied sporting life. He gave a 100% to everything.

He was an active and valued Councillor for many years, using his tremendous knowledge of the village to great effect.

He will be sadly missed by all those who knew him and all his fellow Councillors, past and present send our deep felt condolences to Margaret, his wonderful partner of many years, his family and friends and all who knew him. RIP



## NINFIELD CARNIVAL is 90 YEARS old – SO WHAT HAPPENED IN 1935?

### January

- 1<sup>st</sup>** President Mustapha Kemal Pasha names himself "Ataturk: Father of Turkey"
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** Bruno Hauptmann trial begins for kidnap-murder of Charles Lindbergh's baby
- 4<sup>th</sup>** **Bob Hope** is first heard on network radio as part of "The Intimate Revue"
- 8<sup>th</sup>** **Birth of Elvis Presley** in Tupelo, Mississippi. The King of Rock 'n Roll.
- 11<sup>th</sup>** **Amelia Earhart** flies from Honolulu to Oakland, California (non-stop, of course)
- 19<sup>th</sup>** Coopers Inc. sells the world's first men's briefs in Chicago, calls it the "Jockey"
- 24<sup>th</sup>** First canned beer, "Krueger's Cream Ale," sold by US company Krueger Brewing Co.
- 22<sup>nd</sup>** "The Little Colonel" premieres starring **Shirley Temple**, Lionel Barrymore and Bill Robinson, featuring famous stair dance with Hollywood's first interracial dance couple.
- 26<sup>th</sup>** Existence of re-formed German Luftwaffe revealed (banned in 1920 by Treaty of Versailles) with Reichsmarshal Hermann Göring as commander-in-chief

### February

- 26<sup>th</sup>** **RADAR** (Radio Detection and Ranging) is publicly demonstrated for 1st time.
- 28<sup>th</sup>** The first **nylon**, nylon 66, was synthesised at DuPont's research facility

### March

- 7<sup>th</sup>** **Malcolm Campbell** sets world land speed record speed of 276.71 mph driving his famous Blue Bird car; last record set at Daytona Beach, Florida
- 12<sup>th</sup>** Britain establishes **30 MPH speed limit** for towns & villages
- 13<sup>th</sup>** **Driving tests introduced** in Great Britain.
- 14<sup>th</sup>** **Esme Goldsmith** (nee Ransom) born (Ninfield Carnival Queen 2025 90th anniversary)
- 16<sup>th</sup>** First driving test by Mr R.E.L. Beere, taken on March 16 1935, it

cost 7s 6d (37.5p). Now it's £23 for a weekday driving theory test, and £62 for a weekday practical test.

**28<sup>th</sup>** Nazi Propaganda film "Triumph of the Will" released showing Nuremberg rallies, commissioned by Adolf Hitler and directed by Leni Riefenstahl

## **April**

**12<sup>th</sup>** First flight of the **Bristol Blenheim**

**14<sup>th</sup>** Black Sunday dust storm ravages the US Midwest, the "Dust Bowl"

**19<sup>th</sup>** "Bride of Frankenstein" horror film classic and sequel to "Frankenstein" starring Boris Karloff and Elsa Lancaster is released

## **May**

**6<sup>th</sup>** **King George V and Queen Mary celebrate their Silver Jubilee**

**25<sup>th</sup>** American athlete **Jesse Owens** equals or breaks four world records in 45 minutes at Ferry Field, Michigan; "the greatest 45 minutes ever in sport"

**31<sup>st</sup>** A 7.7 magnitude **earthquake destroys Quetta**, killing an estimated 40,000 people

## **June**

**1<sup>st</sup>** **Compulsory driving tests and license plates** introduced in the United Kingdom

**13<sup>th</sup>** James J. Braddock, a 10-to-1 underdog defeats **Max Baer** at Madison Square Garden, for the world heavyweight boxing title

**13<sup>th</sup>** Cricketer **Wally Hammond** scores his 100th hundred, 116 for Gloucestershire v Somerset

**28<sup>th</sup>** President Roosevelt orders a federal gold vault to be built at **Fort Knox**, Kentucky

## **July**

**16<sup>th</sup>** **First parking meter** installed in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**24<sup>th</sup>** **First greetings telegram** sent in Britain

**30<sup>th</sup>** **First Penguin books published**, starting the paperback revolution

**3<sup>rd</sup>** **Malcolm Campbell** powers **Bluebird** to 301.129 mph at Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah

**15<sup>th</sup>** Nuremberg Laws deprives German Jews of citizenship & makes swastika official symbol of Nazi Germany

**30<sup>th</sup>** The Boulder Dam (later the Hoover Dam), astride the border of

Arizona and Nevada, is dedicated by US President Franklin D. Roosevelt  
**October**

**7<sup>th</sup>** German Nazi officials Heinrich Himmler, Rudolf Hess and Reinhard Heydrich inspect the concentration camp at Dachau

**November**

**6<sup>th</sup>** First test flight of **Hawker Hurricane** fighter aircraft

**8<sup>th</sup>** "**Mutiny on the Bounty**" directed by Frank Lloyd and starring Charles Laughton and Clark Gable premieres in New York (Best Production/Picture 1936)

**14<sup>th</sup>** A general election in Britain returns Conservative Stanley Baldwin as prime minister, of a National Government, with a reduced majority.

**14<sup>th</sup>** Nazis deprive German Jews of their citizenship and ban marriage with non Jews

**29<sup>th</sup>** Physicist Erwin Schrödinger publishes his famous thought experiment "**Schrödinger's cat**", a paradox that illustrates the problem of the Copenhagen interpretation of quantum mechanics

**December**

**10<sup>th</sup>** James Chadwick awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics for discovery of the neutron atomic particle. (in conjunction with the Joliet-Curies) plus another for Chemistry awarded to Irene Joliot-Curie (daughter of Marie Curie) and husband Frédéric Joliot for the discovery of artificial radioactivity

**12<sup>th</sup>** The **De La Warr Pavilion at Bexhill-on-Sea**, designed by Erich Mendelsohn and Serge Chermayeff, a pioneering example of International Style architecture, opens.

**17<sup>th</sup>** 1st flight of the **Douglas DC-3** (C-47 Skytrain/Dakota) airplane.

**31<sup>st</sup>** Charles Darrow patents the board game **Monopoly**, goes on to be the 1st millionaire game designer

**Famous Britons born in 1935:** Barry Cryer; Brian Clough; Dennis Potter; Dudley Moore; Jack Charlton; Jim Dale; Julie Andrews; Lester Piggott; Mark McManus; Michael Parkinson; Michael Winner and Norman Foster

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## **NINFIELD MEMORIAL HALL**

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## **NINFIELD BOWLS CLUB**

Held a very successful Open Afternoon on a beautiful Sunday afternoon at the end of April. We had lots of new visitors who enjoyed a first experience on the green and later joined us for a lovely tea provided by our members. I am delighted to report we have several new members following this afternoon but we are always looking for more!

If you missed the Open Afternoon and would like to try playing bowls you are very welcome to join us on a Tuesday evening around 5pm.

If you are unable to make Tuesday evenings please give our Captain or Secretary a ring – numbers below – and they will be able to arrange a suitable time to suit you.

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## Worms Eye View

Well, here we are again, its another dull windy morning not like you expect June to be. But it can change very quickly and become a lovely June day to be followed by real summertime. I do hope so.

Thankfully, it was very nice last week when my granddaughter got married. It was very near Oxford, so we stayed nearby for two nights. This trip and event brought back many memories as my husband Peter and I spent our honeymoon, in 1956, at Oxford.

I might add here, despite having thoroughly enjoyed our stay there, I still vote for Cambridge on the Boat Race Day, as we did Cambridge exams at school, and they remain my favourite, as I passed their exams. It is rather strange which events remain in one's mind.

Ah, I've just had a break from writing as movement in the garden caught my eye. Gosh, today three rabbits are chasing about. Of course, they come in from the fields, but they do seem to enjoy hopping around and investigating. I often see one exploring, but it is the first time I have seen three in the garden. I haven't found any nests in the garden, but they come in easily through the hedges. I'm surprised they are not frightened away by my cat, but she is rather lazy and doesn't seem to bother them.

I am so pleased the sun has come out now, it makes such a difference. As well as getting the washing dry, seeing the sun out somehow makes people smile, which in turn gives a happy feeling. I wonder what sort of weather we will have this summer. I do hope the sun shines, but of course I know that we will need some rain as well. But all too soon it will be school summer holidays, and it does help if the weather is good, and one can have trips to the seaside. I can still remember how excited I was after school broke up and I saw my mother making sandwiches and filling up tea flasks. I know we would be off to Eastbourne and the beach. Of course, I shall never forget the Sunday we reached the seaside, but we were turned away by the sight of rolls of barbed wire stretching along the road by the beach and soldiers turning people away. War had been declared, and we were told to go home. No more seaside trips until after the war ended. But I did get to work on the seafront when I left school and started working in the library. The main library had been bombed during the war and had been relocated to one of the hotels on the seafront, and it was very nice to sit on the seafront on my lunch break.

That reminds me, it's dinner time.

Anne

## NINFIELD MEMORIAL HALL

At our last committee meeting we discussed, as always, what events we could put on at the Hall during the winter months for you to come along to and enjoy.

After the successful Quiz in April, as the participants left many asked “We did so enjoy that, when’s the next on?” Well the answer to that is, rather than wait until April we will run one on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October, so please put that date in your diary. Entry will be £8.50 to include a light supper. Full details will be in the August/September issue.

We then went on to talk about films. The HWG run the matinees monthly on Tuesdays from September to June so we didn’t want to clash with them. Should we do one monthly or quarterly or not at all? We went for quarterly, well more or less with the following dates put in the diary.

Friday evening, 26<sup>th</sup> September, a number of suggestions were put forward, including Conclave, The Salt Path, but what film would you like to see? Please let us know

Sunday afternoon, 28<sup>th</sup> December It’s usually quiet between Christmas and New Year so we thought let’s have a family afternoon with a film that everyone will enjoy, so we thought Paddington in Peru - unless you have a better suggestion!

Friday evening 20<sup>th</sup> March - well no idea for the moment, just saying keep the date!!

So ideas please, what films you would like to see, should we do a theme night, would you like a bar and supper and enjoy a longer evening? Please either email your ideas to [ninfieldmemorialhall@gmail.com](mailto:ninfieldmemorialhall@gmail.com) or better still, come along to our next meeting in the Committee Room, Memorial Hall at 6.00pm on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July. We’d love to hear your ideas, not just for film nights but for any event you think we could potentially organise at the Hall, and of course, it goes without saying, if you could help at these events that would be fantastic. We did think about monthly films, but that is just too much commitment for too few of us! But if you are volunteering ...

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## **More news, views and reviews...**

**CARNIVAL WEEKEND**...well, I HOPE it went well!!! It's unfortunate that because we have to write our magazine articles and get them in by 13th of the month, we're often doing so before the event we want to review!...and of course, the 90th Anniversary Celebrations for the Carnival are June the 20th and 21st!!!

As always it gets really hectic in the run up to the event, and this year, being a special year with more fabulous stuff planned, it has obviously had added stress!!! On an exciting note, we have got a Technical rehearsal today, 13th June for all the Acts performing in Ninfield's Got Talent on Friday 20th ...so I can give you a quick preview report on how they got on...

Well! It was Amazing! Ninfield's definitely got Talent! What a Show it's going to be...lovely young singers and acrobatic dancers, a keyboard player, two fabulous musical theatre performers, a young stand up comedian..and, a Dog Act!! My dreams all came true as we watched this wonderful bunch support each other and give their hearts and souls to their performances! Our Tech engineers also volunteered to add to the Friday night spectacular, by providing a Live Light Show, on the Rec, as the sun sets after NGT, to see in the Summer Solstice...it's going to be magical!

Anyway...hopefully I'll put a full report in the Observer, and then here in next month's magazine, which will be a double issue!.

## **THE LADIES LOUNGE.**

Hopefully you'll have this magazine in time to come to this! Because the next date is FRIDAY 27th JUNE at the Tin Hut, 4.30-6.30pm..(Actually...You're welcome to stay as long as you want .. the Club's evening session starts at 7pm!) We had some new ladies join us in May, and they too had a great time meeting new people, relaxing over a drink and discovering what amazing things happen in Ninfield!

The lovely Club ladies will be behind The Bar for whatever you'd like to drink, including light refreshments!..and I'll bring some cake...! There's some sets of playing cards and a jigsaw if anyone wants to do something as well as have a good natter...!!

And..the table top punchball stands on a table in the corner, to get rid of the anxt of a stressfull month ..??!!! - after Me, you can be first!!!!

Hopefully the sun will be shining, we have tables outside and in...

There's green fields to the sea, as a mind clearing view...  
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you're ALL welcome....  
See you then, if not before!  
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## **EARLY HEADS UP!**

**DISCO NIGHT!** The next date for your diary!  
Friday 12th September, Ninfield Memorial Hall, doors and Bar open at 7pm,  
music from 7 30pm. This is the first Friday, after all the Summer events and  
madness that is available, for us all to head down to our local Disco for a  
good old Bop and shake those cares and stresses away! All the usual Fun  
and Sparkle, lots of great tunes, memorable routines, Prosecco et al  
flowing, and lots of laughs and banter! More information in next month's  
magazine...but put that date down NOW!!!

## **MOVEMENT & DANCE:**

Dance classes continue, throughout the Summer, no breaks, and running  
as follows on a weekly basis

**MONDAY 10am MOVEMENT 2 MUSIC** Memorial Hall, with coffee and  
refreshments afterwards till 11.30am

**WEDNESDAY 6.30pm DANCERCISE** Memorial Hall

**THURSDAY 9.30am SILVER SWANS BALLET** Methodist Hall

**FRIDAY (alternates)** Memorial Hall

6.30pm **BALLROOM**,

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## **NINFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

After the disappointment of Matt Brewer having to cancel his talk in May due to work commitments, we were very fortunate that Emma Davies, the Garden Mentor stepped in and entertained us with a talk on her varied career and time at both Great Dixter and the Walled Nursery. It was fascinating - thank you to Athelas Plants for arranging Emma and sponsoring the evening. Emma was so engaging that we have already booked her for spring 2027. Watch this space for more information.

And more early planning for 2026. I usually start updating the new show schedule after the Summer Show in August, although I spend most of the year writing down possible ideas for domestic, photographs, handicraft, children's entries and floristry (it's quite a challenge coming up with 13 different domestic and 12 photographic classes every year). If anyone ever has any ideas, I'd really appreciate them! Last week an idea for a photographic class popped into my head - 'My Plant Obsession'. As this could be any plant from Agapanthus to Zinnia, Auricula to Wallflowers, you may need to start taking photo's now in readiness for the 2026 Summer Show. How's that for being prepared?

On July 14th we have a Summer Coffee Morning in the Memorial Hall from 11.30am. No speaker, just a chance have a chat with other gardening enthusiasts and share our successes/failures (I've noticed how well behaved the slugs have been this year). Everyone is welcome to come along.

Finally, don't forget that it's the Summer Show on 16th August. All of our printed schedules are now gone, but I can email a copy to anyone that's interested. [k.crittell@btinternet.com](mailto:k.crittell@btinternet.com) or call me on 07707 683187

## **NINFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 10th July 2025, 7:30 p.m. at the Methodist Hall when we will be very pleased to welcome again Brigadier Hugh Willing who will be remembering the battle of Arnhem in September 1944. All are welcome.

Do also come along to our next archive morning on Monday 28 July, 10 -noon at the Sparkes Pavilion. Browse our collection of documents, books and maps or bring us your photos and stories!

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**Welcome:** HVCG gives a huge welcome to a new member of the Team. We are thrilled to announce that Robert Pilbeam has agreed to join us – the future looks rosy! Robert has always been very supportive; he is the chap who erects our banners every month and stores our library books – in fact he sets too and carries out jobs before anyone else notices there is a need! Apart from that he is a thoroughly nice chap, so we look forward to the future. Welcome Robert!

*5<sup>th</sup> July St Oswald's Annual Garden Party: No HVCG Coffee Morning in July as this is the month St Oswald's hold their Annual Garden Party. However, HVCG is pleased to be able to help with their event - so we hope to see you there! If you are reading this after 5<sup>th</sup> If you didn't go, sorry you have missed it!*

*30<sup>th</sup> August: (Please note change of date) Footpath walk and a village Treasure Hunt for those who do not wish to walk, all followed by cake and coffee at the Durman's – full details later*

## **Coffee Mornings**

Our June coffee morning was the last for a few months. We step aside in July for St Oswald's Garden Party. In August we are closed and in September Jane Fuller holds her annual coffee morning for Macmillan Nurses. As Jane has been running this event for several years, we feel it important that she has centre stage! I am sure her event will create interest and support.

Our Coffee Morning dates for the rest of 2025 are:

October 11<sup>th</sup>: Owen from The Powdermill Trust for Nature Conservation, who look after The Bogs, our very own Nature Reserve, will be providing a displa

*and be on hand to answer our questions about their work.*

*November 8<sup>th</sup>:*

*December 13<sup>th</sup>*

### **June Coffee Morning**

*An horrendous thunderstorm during the night before we were due to meet made us wonder if we would be washed out, but come the morning the skies cleared, and the rain stopped. The sun even came out, so all was well! It lifts our spirits to be surrounded by happy folk enjoying each other's company! We do hope you will all return in October.*

*As those who attend know we offer a wide variety of homemade cakes and scones and ever popular sausage rolls. But a strange thing happened in June – for the first time since our first event in February 2018 the Victoria Sponge failed to attract any custom! Was it because we had such a variety on offer or was it because Chris wasn't there to snap it up?! A very despondent Victoria Sponge has now been placed in the freezer!*

### **Gruffalo Fun Event 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> May**

*You may recall HVCG donated to Friends of Sussex Hospices in support of their annual Gruffalo Fun event. Our volunteers who helped had a great time as did the children who came. There was so much for them to enjoy: Pooh Sticks, Pond Dipping, Crafts including Paper Plate Masks, Stick Men, Sock Puppets, Leaf Crowns. Clay model making, Face Painting, Hook a Duckie, Super worm slide, Gruffalo Jump and Feed the Gruffalo, Squash and Squeeze and more. The magic show which lasted nearly an hour was repeated three times during the day and, judging from the noise it generated, was hugely popular.*

*Some of the comments received were: "We had the best day" (4-year-old Naima), "We stayed from 10.30 – 3.30 and still didn't manage everything. All the helpers were so lovely and positive with our two, too" "The Gruffalo was exciting!"*

*So - give yourselves a huge pat on The Back – without YOUR support of HVCG we wouldn't have been able to donate to this very worthy Charity.*

*He's done it again!*



*After the lighting of the Beacon at The Flag Green on 8<sup>th</sup> May conversation turned to the History of the area. Originally known as 'Junction Garden', in around 1938 a seat, made from the wood that came from HMS Appollo, which was being broken up, was placed there. That year the area became known as (George V) Silver Jubilee Garden.*

*The question was asked – “Why not have another seat? Folk remembered how well the original ones was used. And, by the way, why not change the name of The Flag Green to something more historic?*

*Without further ado, within a month of that conversation, Dick Carey had sourced, renovated and placed a bench, as seen above on The Flag Green. How amazing – thank you Dick! Now all that needs to be done is to consider a suitable name for The Green. Charles 11 Coronation seat has been suggested – that is just one suggestion – don’t be shy – let us have your views and suggestions please*

#### **Ross Clifton**

We were all so very sad to hear about the passing of Ross Clifton.

Ross loved Hooe and Hooe loved Ross. He served as a Parish Councillor for many years; his history of the village was invaluable in that role. He was also an avid supporter of any Community Function, he was always at HVCG events, History Society meetings and more. He was generous with his time and the sharing of his knowledge of the village. He will be remembered for his dapper appearance, often donning a cravat, his easy manner, wide infectious smile and generosity of spirit. RIP, Ross, a dear friend of Hooe



#### **Keep in touch**

***Our ‘Friends of Hooe Village Community Group’ list of members is growing fast. By becoming a Friend, you will receive regular email updates about our activities, our news and share views. It won’t cost you anything but will help you keep in touch. Just email or chat to one of us.***

***Hooe Village Community Group, enjoying working together for the good of everyone***

#### **NINFIELD AND DISTRICT ART GROUP**

We are a very relaxed and easy going group who meet up every Wednesday afternoon from 1.30 to 4.30pm in the Memorial Hall to dabble in a bit of painting and sketching plus a natter over a cuppa. If you are interested in joining our friendly group we would love to see you there. Come along one afternoon to see what we do or contact, Fiona 07761961585 or email [flstedman@gmail.com](mailto:flstedman@gmail.com).

## The Moldiwarp

One day, on my walk, that takes me through  
the peaceful graveyard of Ninfield Church,  
a small, earthen hill appeared,  
the first sign of your presence, here beneath the ground.  
Then each day, another two or three,  
The weather to wear and collapse the mounds  
and foxes and birds, the soft dug soil, to spill around.

With twitching nose, claws like spades  
your industry does put to shame, the gravedigger's toil.  
Mining through the graves,  
Around the tilting, time aged stones  
by moss and lichen greened,  
by rain and frost worn and weathered.  
Amongst the roots or the ancient bowyers' yews  
Hunting for the earthworms, falling blind  
into your tunnel's trap.

I know you mean no harm, mean no disrespect,  
to those souls here interred,  
in their shrouds, lying undisturbed.  
But don't dig too deep, my solitary, velvet coated friend,  
let the graves their relics keeps.  
Do not exhume to human eyes,  
Let the contents lie.  
Do not disturb their sleep.

When your work is done, unlike those here,  
Who, in eternal residence repose,  
you will move on, to delve in pastures new.  
Then the Sexton, with broom and spade, will level back the sward  
and all trace remove, that little moldiwarp had been around  
to dig your tunnel maze  
Beneath the Ninfield Churchyard ground

Peter Exley



## NINFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

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### Sunday Services for July 2025:

6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Family Praise 'Church Birthday / Anniversary' Celebration <i>With Revd. Philip Wagstaff .... See below</i>
13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Family Praise Service with Jill Sayers
20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Family Praise Service with John Troughton
27 <sup>th</sup>	3.00 pm	<i>Circuit Service at Battle Methodist Church .... No service at Ninfield</i>

### Events for July 2025:

Fridays 10.00-11.30am Community Café including:

4<sup>th</sup> 10.00-11.30am Book exchange in Hall

9<sup>th</sup> 2.30 – 4.00pm Christian Womens Fellowship

23<sup>rd</sup> 1.30 – 3.30pm 'Laser Tag' Summer Special Messy Church .... See below

On Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the 154<sup>th</sup> Anniversary / Birthday of our Church so do come along to join in this special time with our minister the Reverend Philip Wagstaff. There will be cake & coffee after the service!

**Laser Tag .... Messy Church Summer Special ....** All young people please make a note of this very special event which promises to be exciting with all the Laser Tag equipment.

*We meet at 1.30 at our Hall as shown above. As we expect this to be very popular please book your place a.s.a.p to Tim Fudge (our Community Lay Worker) at:*

*[tim.fudge@hbrmethodists.org.uk](mailto:tim.fudge@hbrmethodists.org.uk)*

**Circuit Service ....** Please note that on July 27<sup>th</sup> there will not be a morning service at our Church as we will be joining our area churches at Battle Methodist at 3.00pm for a United Praise service. This will be a great event & we will organise transport from Ninfield and make the arrangements on July 20.

Very best wishes from us all at Ninfield Methodist Church.

# Bible Bite

## A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Ruth chapters 1 and 2

When famine came to Bethlehem, Elimelech took his family to the nearby country of Moab. The two sons married local girls.

But Elimelech and his sons died, leaving Naomi, Orpah and Ruth as widows.



Naomi told her daughters-in-law she was returning to Bethlehem.



Go back to your parents' homes.

The girls cried, and Orpah left, but Ruth stayed.



I will stay with you. Your people and your God will be mine.



So Naomi and Ruth went back to Bethlehem.

Call me 'Mara' not 'Naomi' because God has made my life bitter.



\*Naomi means 'Pleasant' 'Mara' means 'Bitter'

It was the start of the barley harvest. Poor people were allowed to glean - to pick up the ears of grain that had been dropped. Ruth went out to glean.



She picked a field, asked if she could glean, then worked hard



The field's owner, Boaz, arrived

Who's that girl?



That's Ruth, who came from Moab with Naomi.



Boaz told Ruth she was welcome to work in his fields.

He told her to join his workers at lunch-time, and made sure she had more than enough to eat.



Ruth worked hard and took home a huge bag of grain.

I worked in Boaz's field.



He is a near relative!

Ruth worked all through the barley and wheat harvests in Boaz's fields.



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**NINFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY** Sarah Seymour 07809684488

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