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WELCOME

...once again to the Hathern Herald.

I don't know about you, but the time seems to have flown since the last edition and I can't believe we're into December already.

This time in the magazine we have some additional new features for you. *Hathern's Hikes* is a descriptive article, detailing walks around the village making them easy to follow.

We're also going to be exploring a bit more of the history of the village starting with Boyer's Hedge. You may have had your attention drawn to this hedge over the last month or so, so read on to find out why.

As well as these, we have regular features *Open For Business*, in this edition featuring Hathern Club; and also *Meet The Neighbours* where we caught up with Hathern's only female cricketer Molly Satterthwaite.

The magazine is also, of course, filled with other features and news which I hope you enjoy. If you have any suggestions or would like to write an article for future editions, then please get in touch.

I do hope you all have a fantastic festive period and take full advantage of the activities happening in the village throughout December and we will see you again in the spring.

Merry Christmas.

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COMMUNITY MATTERS HATHERN'S VOLUNTEERS

For many years Hathern has had a thriving community packed full of societies, clubs and events, each run by different groups in the village. You can pretty much do anything in Hathern from martial arts to craft club and bar tending to Christmas tree decorating - we have it all.

Most, if not all of these activities are run by volunteers. Villagers who give up hours of their time to make Hathern an interesting and inclusive place to live.

As recently as last month, Hathern Village Association hosted their tenth Firework & Bonfire event which is run entirely by volunteers and attracted 4,500 visitors to the village. Current HVA Chair Martin Clayton says: "HVA has and always will be driven by its volunteers. Whether it's getting fully stuck in with organising or just sparing a couple of hours on the bar, we could not have achieved what we have so far without the generosity of the community spirit within our village."

This month (11, 12 & 13 December) sees the return of the Christmas Tree Festival in Hathern Parish Church. All of the trees are donated and decorated by local business, groups or individuals, but it's the volunteers behind the

actual event that make it such a success. "From setting up to stewarding to take-down, the festival is labour intensive and we rely heavily on volunteers to make it happen," says church spokesperson John Worsfold. "We have the need for lots of tea-makers, tombola-sellers, entrance-sitters and stewards walking around making visitors feel welcome."



In 2018, Hathern Together was set up to become a link between all the groups in the village. The organisation has now set up a dedicated web-page sign up to get more volunteers on board.

Although there are a lot of people in Hathern that volunteer their time across several groups, there is always room for more. Maybe you have just moved into the village and want to get to know some people. Maybe you have just retired and have some spare time. Maybe, rather than joining a fitness class or a sporting team for a hobby, you'd like to help run a festival or hold a coffee morning.

By registering online you will receive regular contact from Hathern Together regarding upcoming events in the village that require volunteers. What's more, as the list grows, every single group and society in the village will be able to benefit from the wealth of volunteers Hathern has to offer - so what are you waiting for? Sign up now!

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WARD BOUNDARY CHANGES

Recently the Local Government Boundary Commission has proposed some significant changes to the political map of Charnwood. It has recommended that the boundaries of all but 2 of the 28 electoral wards in Charnwood should change to ensure that borough councillors will represent about the same number of electors, and that ward arrangements will help the borough council work effectively. For the current Hathern and Dishley ward it is proposed that it retains its two councillors but its boundary changes substantially to include the recently created parish of Stonebow Village. Dishley is split in two between the newly formed Hathern & Stonebow and Thorpe Acre wards. It is good news for Hathern in that it will keep its current councillor representation, but other communities are having to fight to retain theirs.



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LITTER BINS

Over recent months we have been experiencing the return of problems with several of the public litter bins in the village, in that they are being filled up with domestic rubbish rather than litter. This means that the bins then overflow when litter is deposited in them.

We are also seeing large bags filled with domestic rubbish hung or dropped next to our litter bins. This behaviour is not only anti-social but leads to an unsightly mess on our

streets and perpetrators can be subject to a substantial fine.

Charnwood Borough Council collect the litter deposited in these bins but are very reluctant to increase the number of litter bins in any one area due to the cost of servicing and maintenance, and therefore we are very restricted in our ability to provide new bins on verges and pavements. So please be aware that our public litter bins are for litter and that domestic rubbish should be deposited in the waste bin at home. If we all act responsibly Hathern will be a better place to live.

COMMUNITY WOODLAND

We are on track to start planting up the new community woodland early in the New Year – that’s the message from Charnwood Borough Council who are working with the Parish Council to create and develop a 15 acre woodland in the village.

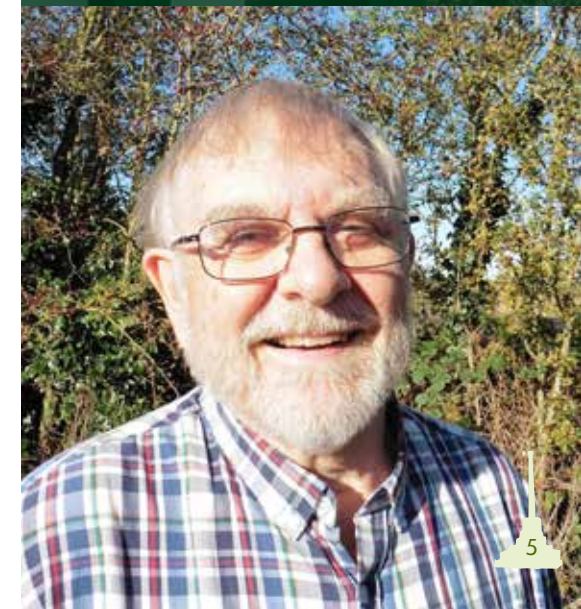
This news comes after a highly successful consultation on the proposal that saw over 200 people respond with positive comment and ideas. As part of this we are hoping to organise a community planting event that will allow residents to have a good look at what’s going on on the ground and get involved in a very practical way. Watch out for further news soon.



NEW COUNCILLOR

We are very fortunate to see the return of one of our most hard-working Parish Councillors in Dave Neville who has re-joined the Council after a break of a couple of years. Dave says:

“Originally from the North East, I moved to Loughborough with my wife Chris and family in 1994, settling in Hathern in 2007. Raised in a colliery village, I benefited from a close and supportive community and feel I have a responsibility to put something back. I believe it is ever more important in these times for a community spirit to be encouraged and supported, and that the voice of local people is heard. I served as a parish councillor from 2009 to 2019 and have been chair of the governors at Hathern School. I am the marketing and publicity officer for Hathern Band and I also act as Tree Warden for Hathern parish. My interests include wildlife and the environment, and local history. I look forward to working again with my fellow councillors in the interests of the village in what will be challenging times.”



As part of the planned new development adjacent to the Daisy Bank estate it is proposed to remove substantial sections of an ancient hedgerow that is almost 250 years old and referred to locally as Boyer's hedge.

The Parish Council is strongly opposed to this on grounds of loss of wildlife habitat and biodiversity and has been actively working with our local Borough Councillor, Keith Harris, to lobby the Council to reject this proposal outright.

The Hathern Local History Society and the Hathern Wildlife Group (HWG) have also both been active in researching the history and assessing the wildlife value of the hedgerow as well as in bringing the issue to the attention of local residents, as can be seen in the article opposite. As we go to print we understand that the planning application consultation process is likely to be extended (or a re-consultation scheduled).

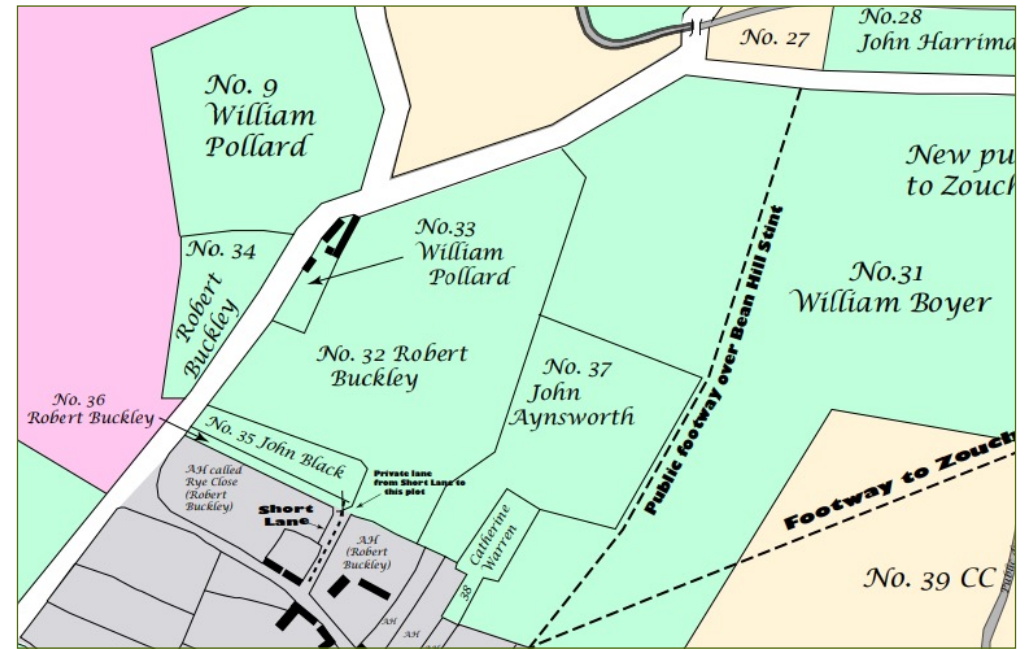
Roy Dann
Chair, Hathern Parish Council



VILLAGE HISTORY
BOYER'S HEDGE

Since medieval times Hathern had large open fields divided into strips which were farmed by tenants. They had names like Bean Hill Field, Hall Croft Field and Dales Field. There were common pastures and water meadows, but that all changed in 1778. Under the Enclosure Acts, the fields of Hathern were divided up and distributed among landowners. Pasture Lane and Tunnel Lane were then built as private carriageways giving access to the new plots of land carved out from the ancient fields and meadows.

William Boyer was allocated plot number 31, a large field of more than 33 acres, that straddled the stints path to the Zouch Road and the path to the river. Neighbouring fields to the west of his land were allocated to Robert Buckley and John Ainsworth, but William was ordered by the enclosure commissioners to make and maintain the boundary such that it is "kept in repair by the owners and occupiers thereof for the time being."



And so, Boyer's hedgerow was established and has remained there ever since. The hedgerow contains only native species - hawthorn, elder, field maple, wych elm, dog rose, ash and two crab apple trees. These shrubs produce flowers and fruits of benefit to insects and birds. The dense nature of the hedgerow provides an ideal environment for nesting birds. There is a ditch within the hedgerow that enhances its wildlife value, and mammals forage along the ditch for search for fallen fruits or to consume unsuspecting invertebrates. There are some dead or dying trees in the hedgerow, and this natural process is also important for wildlife. Birds nest in holes in dead trees and the decaying timber is a rich source of insect food. This hedgerow is also an important section of the linking hedgerow corridors to the north of Hathern. Pipistrelle and noctule bats have been observed flying along these corridors.

Hedgerows are an important feature of the countryside, both for their wildlife value and for their landscape and historical importance.

Despite the planting of new hedgerows, removal and neglect resulted in the loss of around 18,000 km per year in England and Wales as recently as the early 1990s. We need to do all we can to preserve them.

Dave Neville
Hathern Wildlife Group



MEET THE NEIGHBOURS

MOLLY SATTERTHWAITE

Molly Satterthwaite is the only female member of Hathern Old Cricket Club (HOCC). She is 22 years old and is now in her third year of studying for a Sports Business Management degree at Sheffield Hallam University. Molly went to school at Hathern C of E Primary School, then Limehurst and finally Rawlins for A levels. It was just after primary school when cricket came into her life.

She first started playing cricket in the village at junior training sessions run by HOCC members Steve Collins and Pete Bewley. Once the bug had bitten, Molly joined Loughborough Carillon Cricket Club in their junior team. After a couple of years there, she made her return to Hathern to play for the village team and follow in the footsteps of her dad, Ray, who had played there when he was younger.

Currently, Molly plays for Sileby Town Ladies Cricket Club and says she really enjoys it as

they are all women of a similar age so it's "always a good laugh".

Molly started playing cricket for Leicestershire in the under 15s squad and has continued up through the teams to now play for Leicestershire Women. When playing for women's teams, she is classed as an all-rounder, bowling right arm medium pace. Her highest batting figures for Sileby are 84 not out. When playing with HOCC she bowls for the second team. In 2021 she won the award for best bowling average in the second team.

Even at university, Molly plays for Sheffield Hallam Women's Cricket team, but it isn't just cricket she is interested in. At university she also plays as a winger in rugby and plays defensive positions in hockey. Outside of uni, Molly is a member of Rushcliffe Golf club and enjoys a leisurely round every now and then.

By chance and sheer luck, Molly has also had interaction with the England Women's Cricket Team - but not in the way you may think. Working part-time in Morrisons supermarket, Molly would often bump into players doing their weekly shop and end up serving them



MEET THE NEIGHBOURS



on the checkouts. The team are regularly in Loughborough for the excellent facilities at Loughborough University. Even in her other hobby of golf, Molly has bumped into several England cricket players at Charnwood Golf Range - by pure chance of course.

Molly has another claim to fame. If you have the book Hathern Here and Now that was produced for the millennium, you will see Molly in the arms of dad, Ray. Molly was the first Hathern baby of the new century.



MEET THE NEIGHBOURS

HATHERN'S CRICKETING LADIES

Molly isn't the first woman to play for Hathern Old Cricket Club. Back in the 1970s, Kimberley Robertson played for the club. She also played for Nottingham and England Ladies at under 19 level and in 1979, she won the club's junior bowling award.



Even further back, there was a ladies' cricket team in Hathern in the late 1920s, and a photo of them survives.



HATHERN'S DEFIBRILLATORS



Do you know what a defibrillator does? That was the first question at a CPR and defibrillator course which a number of Hathern residents attended in September, and not many of us answered correctly!

A defibrillator actually stops the heart, rather than starting it as many people think. It helps to re-set the heart's natural rhythm which has been disrupted for whatever reason by delivering an electrical current to shock the heart. A Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) can occur for a variety of reasons, from choking to trauma or blood clot amongst others. The causes which lead to an SCA aren't age related as many people may think, and unfortunately they aren't uncommon. Outside of hospital, a SCA is estimated to occur around 100,000 times a year within the UK which makes it one of the highest causes of death in the UK.

To achieve a positive outcome following a SCA, medical assistance should be given as soon as possible. 999 should be called as quickly as possible to create the alert with the emergency services. Once 999 has been alerted then CPR

is the initial form of medical assistance which should be provided, and everyone should familiarise themselves with the key principles of CPR in case they need to do it. CPR isn't easy; it can be tiring, scary and obviously emotionally challenging. Please familiarise yourselves with the principles of CPR, through the NHS or British Heart Foundation websites, or through Youtube videos.

Unfortunately CPR isn't as successful as we all wish it would be. The survival rate after a SCA with CPR alone is approximately 5%. If a defibrillator is used in addition to CPR then the approximate survival rate increases to 50%. Emergency Services will have defibrillators when they arrive to treat someone, however they are most successful when used within five minutes of the event, and Emergency Services



may not arrive that quickly especially in more remote locations.

Improving access to defibrillators is therefore a key way to improve the survival rates, and you may have seen that Hathern is lucky enough to have a number of Automated External Defibrillator (AED) within the village. The British Heart Foundation considers the development of the AED to be one of the most important advances in resuscitation practices in years.

Hathern Parish Council own and maintain three defibrillators within the village; outside the Esso station on the A6, in the phonebox outside of the Doctors surgery, and outside Children 1st Nurseries on the A6. The map here is from the National Defibrillation Database www.nddb.uk which shows any defibrillator registered with the database or the Community Heartbeat Trust and can be used for any location within the UK. A quick browse shows how well serviced Hathern is for defibrillators compared to other areas.

These three defibrillators are available 24/7, and if needed will be accessed by a group of volunteers in the village. The cabinets are locked, with the volunteers having the code to access them. If you are with someone who experiences a SCA the process is:

- Call 999. It is important to do this first of all so that the emergency services can get to you as quickly as possible.
- Commence CPR. 999 will instruct you to commence CPR and will guide you through how to do this.
- Wait for a defibrillator to arrive. It is important to continue CPR, so 999 will phone the volunteer network in Hathern who will collect a defibrillator, and come to wherever you are in the village and deploy the defibrillator. These volunteers can also help you to carry out CPR until the emergency services arrive.

The volunteer network in Hathern who respond to calls from 999 has approximately 10 members. The Volunteer Emergency Telephone System (VETS) allows 999 to easily call the volunteer group in the community, who will each in turn receive a call. If they are available then they will be directed to a location and will collect a defibrillator en-route. If they are not available, then the call goes onto the next volunteer. Having a good sized



volunteer group maximises the availability of the volunteers and the defibrillators. Tony Croft has championed the VETS within Hathern, and in early September recruited a number of new members to the volunteer network. Seven new volunteers attended a training course organised by Tony and run by the Community Heartbeat Trust, with huge thanks to both Tony and the Trust for delivering the training. Thanks also to Tony and the rest of the volunteer group for being part of such an important service, and for helping to maintain the defibrillators which Hathern has.

Please familiarise yourselves with CPR principles, and in the event of a SCA event remember to call 999 first. We will attend when 999 call us, so there is no need to try and contact anyone else directly.

If you're outside of Hathern and haven't seen a defibrillator in your workplace, near to family, at your favourite football club, or anywhere else then please consider asking your workplace whether they have a defibrillator, and if they would be willing to install and maintain one. They can make a real difference, but only if they are close enough to be deployed quickly.

Rachel Bennett



OPEN FOR BUSINESS HATHERN CLUB

Hathern has always been a very lucky village on multiple counts. Home to four pubs, all with their unique identity, villagers have a huge choice available to them.

What often gets overlooked however, is the fifth choice tucked away on Dovecote Street – Hathern Club. Incorporated in 1886 as Hathern Liberal Club Company Ltd, it has remained in the same venue opposite the Village Hall ever since.

Owned by its members (of which anybody can pay their fees and join), Hathern Club has one full-time employed member of staff in Marie Hill, who has been at the helm since 2017, taking over from Richard & Trish who had enjoyed a long tenancy there.

The Club enjoys a very popular Saturday night, with each weekend featuring live entertainment, bingo & kalooki – you will regularly find many people from other Social Clubs travelling from far and wide coming to visit on a Saturday night! (We mean it too, some come from as far afield as Cornwall!)

As we're all more than aware, the events of 2020 hit the Club, and many of our local businesses, very hard. Hathern saw every pub in the village have a change of landlord during the Lockdown period. The Club, being run by a Committee on behalf of its members, was particularly hit with the struggles of reopening, both in terms of safely operating within the guidelines, but also in terms of its Committee, which had dwindled down to three over the last two years.

By the time April 2021 came, a decision had to be made – find extra support, or close the doors.

Thankfully, thanks to an extremely generous benefactor who used their business background to steer the Committee in the right direction, a recovery plan was put in to action.

Members of the Hathern Village Association were approached personally to join the Management Committee on behalf of the members to put forward a Recovery Plan. This



led to four new individuals joining the existing committee, plus Marie, with the backing of the HVA's experience and people-power.

The brief was very simple – refresh the Club, keep what works and add new ideas, whilst working with the existing businesses in the village. Step one was completed in just six days, when the whole building was redecorated. Individuals gave up their time for free, and local businesses, such as local electrician Carl Percival of CP Electrical, went above and beyond to help. A new paint scheme, new furniture and brand new “snug” area at the front of the building created a bright new venue.

The second step was to build on what already works. Saturday nights continued to draw a crowd and so work started on Thursday and Friday evenings. New music nights were introduced on Fridays to create a stage for acoustic artists and local bands, and plans are afoot to create themed nights on Thursdays. An example of this is a brand new quiz night, held every fortnight and alternating between The Dew Drop and The Club, to create a “home and

away” style quiz! At the same time, the opening hours were refreshed to focus on four days – Thursday to Sunday. It's hoped in the future as the Club gets busier, then the opening times can be extended.

Marie remains solidly at the helm behind the bar, ready to meet and greet (and keep a very good pint) and ultimately the hope is that over time Hathern Club can work with other businesses in the village to become a genuine venue. There is room for lots of pubs in the village when they all work together.

Hathern Club is open to members and non-members alike, with membership starting at £9 a year for an adult. Future events, such as the upcoming Christmas Craft Fair on 18th December, will provide free entry for members, creating bigger benefits for those that are paying back in.

As always, Hathern Club joins a raft of Community Groups and Businesses that are always looking for volunteers – should you wish to explore this further, please visit www.hatheronline.co.uk and head to the Volunteers section.

THE RAILWAY WALK

Hathern has a great many walks surrounding it. With the River Soar to the east of the village, and Garendon Park to the West, there are plenty of places to explore.

Here, in a new feature, some of our local guides will take you on their favourites, starting with Gill Rockett.

A circular walk from Hathern Cross, via Normanton-on-Soar and Stanford.

Approximately 6 miles

From the cross, walk past the Post Office and to the end of Pasture Lane, ignoring the track to the right. Follow the track round to the left, and go through the metal gate at the end.

Turn immediate right and walk through 2 fields, diagonally towards the gate, then cross the footbridge over the weir in Zouch.

When you reach the road, turn right and walk past the farm buildings near the bridge. Climb the stile and take the waymarked path on the right immediately after the buildings; follow it over 3 fields towards Normanton-on-Soar.

Climb the stile and turn slightly right, to follow the road through the village, with the Plough pub on your right, eventually reaching the churchyard gate.

Go through the churchyard towards the river and the gate, passing through a private garden, to reach a collection of wooden chalets beyond. Go past the Normanton Ferry and follow the path ahead, before passing through a further gate in the hedge on your right.

Cross the field diagonally, and go over the wooden footbridge in the far corner.

With the hedge and road on your left, follow the path, to join the road at the end of the field.

Turn right and walk along the road to where it bends left. Take the path straight ahead, through the gate, with the hedge on your right. Climb the stile at the end and cross the next field, with 3 trees to your right. Bear left, go through a metal gate, then under the railway via the brick tunnel. Turn right and follow the edge of the field, with the river on your right.

Continue into the next 2 fields, climbing gently up and away from the river. In the final field, go up diagonally left, and enjoy the view at the top. Carry on along the path, descending slightly to go through the metal gate and over the railway at the crossing point, over 2 more stiles.

Turn right towards Stanford and cross a series of stiles by some paddocks, then go through a metal gate and turn left towards the houses, along the path, with the church on your right.

On reaching the road in Stanford, turn immediately left and follow it for approximately 200 metres to the bend. Go straight ahead, on the road signposted Sutton Bonington and



Normanton-on-Soar.

Immediately after crossing the railway again, climb the steps up the bank on the right, and follow the path, parallel with the railway, for approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile, passing another bridge on your right, and then descending very slightly.

At the bottom of the slight slope, take the path to the left along the field edge (Main track goes straight ahead). Pass through the hedge and turn left, following the bridleway / farm track all the way back to the road.

Go through the gate and follow the road straight ahead, passing the farm on your left, and crossing the railway for a third time. Follow the road back towards Normanton-on-Soar, taking the signposted track through the fields on the right, to visit the Community Shop in the Village Hall for refreshments!

Return to Hathern by re-tracing the route, or, having re-crossed the weir, turn right and follow the river back, veering left in the field with the pylon, eventually coming back into the village near the cemetery and heading for the church / cross.

Gill Rockett

FURRY FRIENDS

Buddy is a Border Collie/German Shepherd cross who found himself surrendered to the pound during the Covid pandemic. He had been in the kennels for just over two weeks when new owners Julia and Trevor Fisher visited him. Not one other person had enquired about him. At almost 8 years old, he was a very sad and deeply stressed boy suddenly finding himself living in kennels having lost everything and everybody he knew. He had a badly upset stomach and was suffering from escalating kennel-stress.

There's more than one way of neglecting a dog - Buddy was extremely obese at over 39kg, puffing and out of breath. He also had to have a lot of matted fur cut from his coat leaving him looking a rather sorry sight.

When Julia and Trevor met him and looked deep into his beautiful eyes there was an instant connection of souls. It was abundantly clear from this first meeting that this boy craved human contact and had his head welded to his new dad to be's knee instantly.

The transformation in Buddy in just less than a year has been incredible and he loves his walks around Hathern. Say hello to him (and his humans) if you ever see him out walking.



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