

Joyden's Wood
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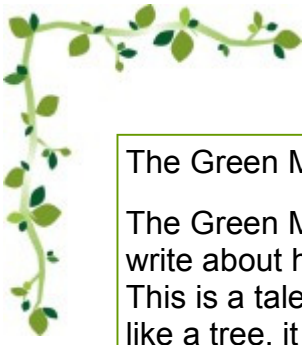
Green Man



Stories

Stories written by participants of the Joyden's Wood Green Man Activity day on the 29th of July 2013. Photographs of masks created by participants.

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The Green Man

The Green Man lives in the woods, people tell stories about the Green Man and write about him.

This is a tale about the Green Man, once upon a time there was a figure who looked like a tree, it was the stick man. He worked his way under the trees and over the bushes, he found a cave, he ran into it "I've got a home" he said and he lived there happily ever after.

Ella aged 6^{1/2}



One day when I was walking through the woods I heard a rustling sound from behind the bushes. Suddenly a Green Man appeared. He had bright red eyes and he was covered in leaves. His lips were green and his teeth appeared to be acorns. His arms and legs looked like branches covered in leaves. As I looked at him he stared back at me and then ran back into the bushes and disappeared.

Raven aged 8



In the woods far away there lived a Green Man his name was Treemonster, his power was bringing things back to life again. He walked around the wood's finding sick animals and making them better, he was a very kind Treemonster. Because of him the animals all lived happily ever after.

The End

Izzy aged 7

In the deepest darkest point in Joyden's Wood lived a Green Man named Trees. Trees was covered in big green leaves to camouflage himself so nobody knew he was there. He was hidden because he was scared of people.

One day he woke up and he was turning into an old Green Man, he didn't know that the leaves will grow back, he tried to turn himself back into a living Green Man. Some fairies came and they turned him back into a living Green Man and he was happy.

Finlay aged 8





The Green Man is green because he camouflages into the green leaves and it is hard to see him.

Milly aged 5



The Green Man was hiding in the depths of the dark scary woods. He was woken by the sweet singing of a young girl. He stood up and looked around, he saw the little girl pass.

"What are you doing here?" he boomed. "This is my territory," he said "you're trespassing."

She said "I'm going back to my lovely house."

"Well, go away!" said the Green Man. She arrived at her house and told her mum everything.

Alex aged 11

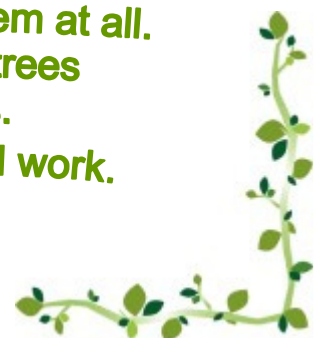
Once upon a time lived a Green Man, but like ordinary Green Men he loved and cared about all forests and animals that lived. But most of all he liked trees!

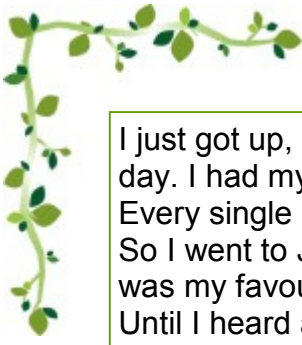
Nicole aged 7



Long ago there lived mysterious Green Men. They were kind and looked after all the trees. They cannot let people see them at all. They can heal the injured trees by using magic powers.

They come out at night and work.
Isabel





I just got up, it was a regular day, I didn't think anything was going to happen that day. I had my breakfast, the usual eggs and bacon.

Every single day I go for a walk in the woods, before I have lunch.

So I went to Joyden's Wood, my favourite wood, I do go to other woods, but this one was my favourite.

Until I heard a sound in the woods, but it wasn't the sound of a man or a lady. Until I saw it, there it was, the mythical Green Man. I never expected it, I always thought the Green Man was a myth until I saw him. His face was just there in the tree, his eyes were closed, his mouth was closed. He wasn't breathing but I was sure he was alive. I didn't want to shout or breathe, I just wanted to look. It was a once in a life time experience. But I couldn't stop keeping my mouth closed..... I had to breathe. I was going to speak to him but I didn't have the courage. So I said "Hi" straight away his eyes opened. He spoke to me in a deep voice, "who are you"? I didn't want to speak to him but I had to, it was my only chance. I said "my name is Joe" and he said "tell me about your life, Joe". I turned around to speak to him, but when I had finished speaking I turned around and he wasn't there. When I walked home I felt sad, we didn't have a conversation. But I didn't know he was still watching me as I walked home.

Toby aged 9



I went to the woods and I saw a Green Man. He was walking along the path with his dog that was also green. The Green Man fell over! The ambulance came to the woods the ambulance man took him to hospital. He broke his leg. The doctor bandaged the Green Mans' leg and made it all better.

Nile aged 5

My Green Man lived in the forest once upon a time and then he loved to go to the forest all day long. He loved the forest so much he even decided to have lunch there.

Megan aged 4

My Green Man lives in the woods, he is friends with foxes, bats, ladybirds and owls. When it is dark they play hide and seek, chase and dressing up. They make the dresses out of leaves and flowers. When the sun comes up, my Green Man and his friends go to sleep, so nobody ever sees him. Sometimes the Green Man snores so people hear him when they are walking their dogs.

Elizabeth aged 3



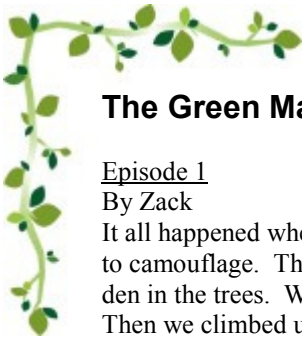


One day, long, long ago, lived a Green Man. He looked very scary because he was covered in leaves. Everyone made fun of him because he was so leafy. He said "Hey! Stop making fun of me. I'm the reason you are all alive. Leaves give oxygen. Oxygen helps you breathe. I'm covered in leaves. You would be dead and people, everyone would if leaves didn't exist." Nobody believed him. Everyone started shouting – "Liar! Liar!" Someone called Rosie, who was only three years old said "I believe you. Will you be my friend?" The Green Man smiled. He said "That's so kind. Of course I will be your friend." Rosie said "Thank you Mr Green Man!" The Green Man was so happy.
Demi aged 8

One day while I was walking in the woods with my mummy, daddy and brother I could hear a rustling sound. I thought it was just the wind blowing but then I saw a man completely made of leaves. He was living in the woods to protect the trees and make sure nobody came and chopped them down. I waved to him and we played hide and seek.
Lucy

*My Green Man is made out of leaves.
He is kind and he looks after the forest.
He lives in a treehouse.
Jack aged 6*





The Green Man Mask

Episode 1

By Zack

It all happened when Sam came over to play we went to this event in Joyden's Wood. We made a mask with leaves to camouflage. Then me, Tristan, Sam and William were playing hide and seek and our Mums were to find us hidden in the trees. We hid in the trees. Suddenly we heard some rustling sounds and we saw him with our own eyes. Then we climbed up the tree and got our weapons out of the tree-house. We slid down the trees and the Green Man ran away.

We tried to catch him. We went all around the woods to chase him. Finally we caught him. We got a bit scratched by his claws.

Episode 2

By Samuel

The Legend of the Green Man

"Nice idea going to a wood" Samuel said. "It's strange how I can see a face in the leaves," exclaimed Tristan.

All of a sudden a man made of leaves jumped out of the leaves. "Ignite your light-sabres!" Zack commanded "Don't attack!!" screamed the Green man. "Why are you hiding?" asked William. "Because of the bad Green Man" squeaked the Green Man. "Uh-oh! This can get into a big mystery," Samuel thought. "If there's a mystery then we have to solve it," shouted Tristan. All of a sudden a thorny Green Man jumped out of the leaves and swung some thorns at the Green Man, so we got out our light sabres and attacked, but he got away.

"We will get him next time," said Tristan.

Episode 3

By Tristan

The Voyage of the Bad Green Man

"Let's chase him!" said Zack. So they chased him and tied him up. But the Green Man was set free and went back to his home. The four boys angrily went back home. How very disappointing!

Episode 4

By Tristan

"Oh, no! What now? The Bad Green Man is on his way again" said William sulkily. In the four's tree-house, Samuel, Tristan, Zack and William sat in the tree, silently eating lunch. "What are we going to do about the bad Green Man?" said Zack. "Listen!" said Tristan suddenly, "I've got an idea!" "Listen, if we go over this hill and to the bad Green Man's house he'd see us. But what if we just walk past and pretend to not notice?" "Okay" said Samuel. So they passed the bad Green Man's house. They suddenly heard the sound of someone getting born.

"Quick!" said William, "someone's getting born!"

They heard the bad Green Man dying and they saw the new bad Green Man – just as bad as the first one!

Episode 5

By Samuel

The New Green Man

"Get ready for battle!" Samuel commanded.

"Attack!!" Tristan shouted.

We all turned on our light sabres and ran into battle against the new bad Green Man. He swung his thorns at Samuel but he cut the thorns off. He tried on Zack but he did the same.

So he ran and ran and ran so we chased and Tristan cut off another thorn.

Episode 6

By Zack

When we won the big battle

We went to get some more powerful weapons. We arrived at the force field. We fought the bad Green Man to death; we shot him in his heart and in the leg. The bad Green Man had some soldiers of his own and we chased them into the hut where the bad Green Man died so we had won.

We had a party to celebrate with the good Green Man.

