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## Barney Bin Award

The Parish Council are pleased to report that Broomfield Primary School Classes FF6 and GC2 won the competition to name the new bear bin in the Play Area and each



received a £10 book token. The bin has been called "Barney". Pictured is Councillor Carter (in official Christmas BPC hat) presenting the award to Toby Shipman, representing class FF6, at their end of year assembly.

## Brumfelda

The tantalising image of Dragonsfoot's Roman 'villa' lying just beneath the surface' (courtesy of Tim Dennis). Dig deeper; dig deeper!

Heritage Writtle have kindly invited us to experience two hours of 'dowsing'. For information about this and details of forthcoming talks/actions/gatherings please refer to our Parish website.

Robin Marchal

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## Save Broomfield Open Day

9th Jan 2016

Broomfield Parish Councillors were staggered to find a long queue of people already waiting when they opened the doors to their Open Day about future development plans in Broomfield.

The event held on 9th January was to make sure the local community is aware of Chelmsford City Council's initial proposals for new development from 2021 - 2036. These could see 4,500 houses built to the west of Chelmsford, with 1,500 in Broomfield alone. A potential new road could also cut across the sensitive landscape known as the Pleshey Farmland Plateau to the west of the village. In the Parish Plan, this is one of the areas residents said they are most keen to protect.

The Open Day ran for 3 hours, as more people arrived throughout the event. By the end, over 550 people had attended and studied display boards about the City's plans and their effect on Broomfield and the west of Chelmsford. Parish Councillors were on hand to hear residents' views.

Chairman of the Parish Council, Ros Smith said afterwards: 'We were amazed by the attendance. It was way beyond any event we have held before and we are enormously grateful to residents for coming - many queued in the rain until there was more space inside! We're a strong community in Broomfield and this kind of thing brings people together even more.'

Chair of the Planning Committee, John Blake, said: 'This isn't just a load of villagers saying 'No' to everything in their backyard. In fact, Broomfield will already have doubled in size by 2021 under existing housing plans. We've worked positively with the City Council to make sure new housing is on sites that are less valued by the local community and we will continue to do so. However these sites are running out and certainly can't accommodate another 1,500 houses after 2021.'

Traffic was another big issue raised by people attending the event. John Blake added: 'People cannot see how another 4,500 houses can be accommodated in the west of Chelmsford when the roads into the City are already so congested. It's not just a problem for us, but the whole City Centre. That's why we're calling for another option to be considered - locating a significant slice of the 2021-2036 development where commuters can get to the new station at Beaulieu and the A12, so that they don't need to struggle into Chelmsford at all. To many people this seems a no-brainer, but the City Council doesn't seem to have an option for it at the moment.'

Ros Smith concluded: 'It's great that so many people have told us their views and we hope they braved the daunting official response forms to tell the City Council as well. We've put in a very long and detailed response on behalf of the Parish, highlighting a number of points where we think the City Council has got it badly wrong.'

The Parish Council's full response can be read at [www.broomfieldessex.org/the-campaign/the-submissions.html](http://www.broomfieldessex.org/the-campaign/the-submissions.html)



## The youth bus is coming to Broomfield April 14th for 6 weeks

Fully equipped with wi-fi and games, this chillout area aimed at 13-19 year olds, offers a fun heated environment for teenagers of Broomfield to get together.



We are looking for a team of adult volunteers to work alongside Essex Youth Workers on a Thursday evening from 5-7 p.m. in Broomfield Village Hall car park.

There are few safe ideal places for teenagers to be independent.

If you have a child at Primary School, where will your soon-to-be teenager be meeting friends? Could you help us?

If you have left school and are looking for work, establishing something this valuable to the community could be the difference and make YOUR CV stand out. Could you help us?

Adults, do you see enough of your friends? Why not make it social and ask a friend to join you? Could you help us?

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## In Council

Parish Council meetings take place every third Wednesday at 7.30pm in Broomfield Village Hall - although the frequency of the meetings has been amended - they will now be held during February; March; two in May (25 May Annual Parish Meeting); June; August; October and December. Members of the public are welcome to attend for the whole meeting. There is a 10 minute Public Question Time at the start of the meeting for any questions to be put forward to the Parish Council for consideration. The minutes of all Parish Council meetings can be found at [www.broomfieldessex.org](http://www.broomfieldessex.org). A summary of the main topics discussed at the last two meetings are below but fuller reports for Planning, Communications, Civic Amenities and the Village Hall are included separately.

### Councillors

There is still one vacancy so if anyone is interested in joining the Council please speak to the Parish Clerk (see page 11 for contact details).

### Broomfield Football Club

The November meeting was attended by 15 members of public who wished to give their views on the planning application being received from BFC to move their Clubhouse from Angel Meadow to their own fields accessed off Mill Lane. They were thanked for attending and advised that the Parish Council would be finalising their comments at the next Planning Committee Meeting held on 2nd December 2015.

### Chelmsford Local Plan

It was agreed to launch a Campaign to increase awareness about the threat of housing being planned for 2021 to 2036 by Chelmsford City Council. Councillors Smith and Blake had met with other local Parish Councils to discuss this threat and it was agreed that a Statement of Common Ground will be submitted. The Parish Council agreed to the expenditure on campaign boards and posters plus leaflets, fridge magnets etc to be distributed to parishioners. It was also agreed to hold an Information Event on 9th January to provide further details to Parishioners about the consultation. A planning and traffic consultant will also be employed to advise the Council on how best to present its arguments and response to the City's consultation.

### Precept

The Precept was set at £100,105 for 2016/17 which was a reduction of around £10k on last year.

### Future facilities in the Parish



A new bin has also been purchased and will be installed along Sweeps' Walk (the far side of Angel Meadow - near seating) as litter is often seen in that area. It was agreed that a bench be placed on Church Green for a trial period near to the entrance to the footpath through the Churchyard. This will be carefully monitored.

### Deputy Clerk



A presentation of a silver watch and flowers were given to Wendy Martin for her 25 years of continuous loyal service to Broomfield Parish Council - starting her career as Caretaker (to the then Broomfield Community Centre)

### Coffee Morning

- this is held on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 10am to 12pm and all are welcome!

### Contact

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(situated within Broomfield Village Hall)  
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## Spring Clean for the Queen!

All across the country is a campaign to Clean for The Queen to clear up Britain in time for Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday, which will be officially celebrated in June 2016.

When she came to the throne litter was not the problem that it is today. Food packaging, plastic bottles, takeaway meals and cigarette butts have all contributed to a growing nuisance that affects our wildlife, streets, countryside and sense of pride. What better way could we show our gratitude to Her Majesty than to clean up our country?

Whilst the official Clean for the Queen campaign ([www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk](http://www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk)) is taking place on 4, 5 and 6 March, in Broomfield we are dedicating a whole week from 28 March until 3 April to Spring Clean Broomfield.

If you would like to get involved, please contact our Parish Office (441660) and leave your details. OR if you would just like to help in a smaller but still very important way, why not just pick up litter outside your own property. You will be surprised what a big difference this would make.

Broomfield is already a great place to live. Why not make it even greater by joining us in picking up for the Queen?

Sue Hubble

## What to do when you see an ambulance

Did you know ambulances are only permitted to travel 20mph over the speed limit?



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## Communications Committee

It has been a really busy time for the Communications Committee with all hands on deck to launch our Save Broomfield campaign in response to the City Councils latest housing proposals. We have extended the website to include a separate page dedicated to news about the campaign as well as launching a new email account to deal with queries and offers of help. We also canvassed for hosts for our now infamous "Keep Calm" signs throughout and beyond Broomfield, organised leaflets, banners and of course met lots of you for the photo shoot that made The Essex Chronicle front page. It has been both interesting and enjoyable from our side, but a shame that it wasn't under happier circumstances! We would love to know how you think we have done plus any new ideas for how we can improve our communications with parishioners going forward. We are striving to be more pro-active on social media, so if there is a twitter friendly parishioner please do come and join us. We meet approximately 6 times a year.



This summer Chelmsford City Council release their response to the consultation and we find out how successful our Save Broomfield campaign has been. Please sign up (if you haven't already) to our e-mail newsletter so we can keep you updated with Parish matters.

Wendy Daden



## Broomfield Contacts

### Parish Councillors

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**Geof Garwood** *Vice Chairman*  
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**Trevor Jones** *Broomfield Village Hall Charity*  
**Tim Tranquada** *Civic Amenities*  
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### MONTHLY SURGERIES

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Saffron Walden, The Old Armoury - 7-7.45pm  
**April 8th 2016**  
Broomfield - 5.15-6pm  
Great Dunmow, Town Council Offices - 6.30-7.15pm  
**May 6th 2016**  
Parish Council Office Stansted - 5.45-6.30pm  
Saffron Walden, The Old Armoury - 7-7.45pm  
**June 3rd 2016**  
Village Hall, Boreham - 5.15-6pm  
Great Dunmow, Town Council Offices - 6.30-7.15pm

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Articles accompanied by photographs are particularly welcome. Please send either professional prints or email full-size JPG files.

### Copy Dates

- Copy for the Spring issue to be sent by 22nd April.

### General Notes

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- Please refer any play area problems or incidents to the Parish Office.

## Civic Amenities

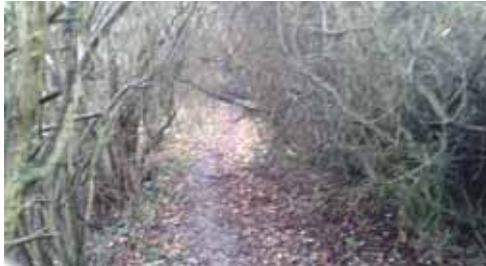
### Centenary Wood

The two new tree trunk benches are now in place in Centenary Wood and they are at a more 'suitable height' for 'grown -ups'.



### Parish Pathways Partnership (P3)

Here you can see how overhanging vegetation can collapse onto a footpath (footpath 8). You can also see the willing band of Village volunteers who cut this vegetation back to clear the footpath and keep it open.



Willing volunteers

### 5 Greens

The Village volunteers helped to clear the ditch between Parsonage Green and Elm Close.

The snowdrops will soon be out on Parsonage Green so keep an eye out.



The Parish Council has decided to place a seat, for a trial period, near to St Mary's Church. We will monitor its use and respond to any problems that may result from its placement.

All of the trees in the Village, for which the Parish Council have responsibility, are tagged with a unique reference number to aid identification in the event of any problems. We have a contract to have all of our trees inspected each year and we carry out any proscribed remedial work promptly.

### Allotments

We had a load of road scalplings delivered to the allotment site and these have been spread onto the site's roadway. The drainage of the roadway has improved significantly.



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

Tim Tranquada  
Chairman Civic Amenities Committee

## Broomfield then and now...

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## From the County Council

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In December four families arrived in Colchester, as part of the Government's commitment of welcoming 1,000 refugees into the UK in 2015. It is expected that 20 displaced families that have been identified and security checked by UNHCR, the UN's refugee agency, will be arriving in the County over the coming year. See more at:

[www.local.gov.uk/refugees](http://www.local.gov.uk/refugees)

### Trading Standards Campaign

As part of the "Be Sure at the Door Campaign", police crime prevention officers, Age UK, Essex Community Agents and some district council community support staff will be distributing "No Cold Caller" stickers to vulnerable householders across Essex as part of a rogue trader campaign conducted. The stickers are also available from libraries across Essex.

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### Broomfield Hospital Shuttle Bus

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Free travel is open to concessionary pass holders after 9am. From Chelmer Valley, the first bus will leave at 06.37, running every 30 minutes at 07 and 37 past the hour until 17.07 with the last two buses departing at 17.47 and 18.25. The return journey from Broomfield Hospital will start at 06.50, running every 30 minutes at 20 and 50 past each hour up till 17.20. The last buses will depart at 18.00 and 18.40. The journey time is 10 minutes each way.

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**John Aldridge CC**



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## Please help!

A member of public has in their possession some World War II Campaign Medals which he thinks belongs to a Mr H M Walton of 16 Mill Lane but cannot trace the family of Mr Walton at this address - is anyone able to throw any light onto the whereabouts of Mr Walton's family? If so please contact the Parish Office: 01245 441660 or [clerk@broomfieldessex.org](mailto:clerk@broomfieldessex.org)



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### Plant Sale

We will be holding a Plant Sale on Sunday 22nd May 2016 from 10am - 12.30pm at The Barn on the Broomfield Allotments site. The entrance is between 149 & 151 Main Road. This is open to everyone so please come along and select some plants or seedlings, both flower and vegetable, for your house, garden or allotment. If you would like to donate some plants then please bring these along to The Barn on Friday 20th May between 2pm and 3pm. Proceeds from the sale will go towards our selected Charity for 2016.

### Summer Show

This year's Summer Flower & Produce Show will be held on Sunday 17th July 2016 in Broomfield Village Hall and will be open to the public from 2pm to 4.30pm. If you are interested in entering any of the classes, which include flowers, fruit & vegetables, floral & vegetable arrangements, cookery & preserves, photographs & handicrafts and children's classes, please contact our Show Secretary David Jay on **01245 440563** or Margaret Tranquada on **01245 442051** for a Schedule which includes a wealth of other information about the Society's activities.

### Website

Please visit our website, which includes a section for members only, at [www.broomfieldcottagegardenerssociety.co.uk](http://www.broomfieldcottagegardenerssociety.co.uk) and let us have any comments, suggestions or even garden-related articles for publication. This is a new venture for the Society and we welcome any feedback.  
Philip Richards

### Coach Trip

This year we will be using a full 50-seat coach visiting two gardens near Ticehurst, East Sussex on Saturday 20th August 2016. In the morning will be the 4 acres of Merriments Gardens, with its own Garden Centre, then on to Pashley Manor Gardens for the afternoon. Both venues have a restaurant. Price is £30 per person. Payment in full or a £15 pp non-refundable deposit, with the balance of £15 pp by 1st July. Cheques only please, made payable to "Broomfield Cottage Gardeners' Society" and returned to our Treasurer Ron Marlow. Pick-up points are: The Angel 8.30am, Chelmsford Service Station, 74 Main Road, Broomfield nearly opposite the Co-op at 8.35am, Broomfield Parade 8.40am. For more details, please contact David Jay on **01245 440563** or visit our website. Please note the pick-up times may vary and will be confirmed in our Quarterly Newsletters nearer to the time of the actual trip.

### Trading Centre News

We have a wide range of general gardening products on sale including a large range of seeds at 25% discount. Opening times are 2pm-3pm on Fridays and 10am-noon on Sundays. In order to benefit from the Trading Centre you will need to join the Society. Membership is £4.00 p/a, £3.00 p/a for Senior Citizens & £2.00 p/a for Young Gardeners (up to and including 18 years of age). Membership can be obtained at the Trading Centre which is located in The Barn at the Broomfield Allotments site or by calling our Membership Secretary, Margaret Tranquada, on **01245 442051**.

## Broomfield Footpath Society

### Programme for 2016

All walkers to meet at Church Green. Lifts available for those without cars (except Five Greens Walk on 4 September - see below). ALL ARE WELCOME. No walks longer than 5 miles. Contact **01245 698175** or **01245 441021**. Follow us at [www.facebook.com/broomfieldfootpathsociety](http://www.facebook.com/broomfieldfootpathsociety) or [www.broomfieldessex.org](http://www.broomfieldessex.org)

Sunday afternoons meet at 2.30pm

#### MARCH

20 Long Shapley - Border Wood - New Barn Lane

#### April

3 Broads Green - Fanners Green  
Cars to Broads Green

17 Sweeps Walk - Croxtons - Little Waltham

#### MAY

1 Little Waltham - River Chelmer  
Cars to Little Waltham

8 Lords Wood, Leaden Roding  
Cars to Brickford Bridge

Wednesday evenings meet at 7.30pm

11 Compasses, Littlely Green  
Cars to Littlely Green

18 The Queens Head, Boreham - Paper Mill Lock. Cars to Boreham

25 Spotted Dog, Bishops Green (Nr Dunmow). Cars to Bishops Green

#### JUNE

1 Green Man, Edney Common  
Cars to Green Man

8 Rose and Crown, Great Waltham  
Cars to Great Waltham

15 Chignal St. James - River Can & Roman Villa. Cars to The Three Elms

22 Rodney Inn, Little Baddow  
Cars to Rodney Inn

29 Square and Compass, Fuller Street  
Cars to Fuller Street

#### JULY

6 Leather Bottle, Pleshey  
Cars to Pleshey

13 The Three Elms circular  
Cars to The Three Elms

20 Windmill, Chatham Green  
Cars to Windmill

27 The Walnut Tree, Broads Green  
Cars to The Walnut Tree

Sunday afternoons meet at 2.30pm

#### AUGUST

28 Sparrowhawk Wood - Larks Lane - Border Woo

#### SEPTEMBER

4 Five Greens Walk (Tim Tranquada)  
Meet at Broomfield Village Hall

11 Paper Mill Lock - River Ter  
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Cars to Bumfords Lane

25 Stock circular  
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#### OCTOBER

9 Galleywood - Great Baddow  
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## Broomfield Village Hall

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year - I hope this year finds you well.

We've been busy planning for 2016 and are looking forward to hosting more fundraising events as well as giving the hall a freshen up. We are pleased to say that we've received funding to pay for the halls to be painted, to purchase a LCD projector and screen that local groups can use for their meetings and to improve the hearing loop system. As part of that, our fundraising events for this year will be focused on raising enough money to install a new PA system into both halls. The events we organised for 2015 raised enough funds to purchase and install the smart notice board at the end of Angel Lane and a commercial dishwasher for larger events. Thank you to all of you who support us and attend our events. It is your support at these events that help us improve the facilities that we can offer to the village.

You will see I've included a copy of our current timetable plus the events already planned for 2016 (overleaf). Don't forget to pull these out and keep them for future reference.

Remember the halls are available to hire at the weekend for parties, weddings, and all kinds of events and this year we are introducing our new 'play and party' package which includes hire of the astro-turf and small hall for 2.5 hours for £45 inc VAT. This rate is for Broomfield residents - if you live outside the village the cost will be £50 plus VAT.

Turn over for the timetable of events and reports from hirers...



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## News from the hirers of Broomfield Village Hall

### The Broomfield Birds

kicked off the New Year in style at its very first meeting on 13th January at the Broomfield Village Hall. The launch night was hosted by Lindsey Abbott of Shimmy 'n' Grove Fitness Ltd, who put the ladies through their paces with a fun (and extremely energetic!) dance routine.



The focus of the Broomfield Birds is on having fun and sharing new experiences with like-minded ladies from the village. The group will meet monthly to enjoy a variety of events and activities, ranging from wine-tasting to flower-arranging!

Judging from the fantastic turn-out on their opening night, together with the overwhelming response and positive feedback, the Broomfield Birds are here to stay! If you would like any further information about the group, please contact us at [broomfieldbirds@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:broomfieldbirds@yahoo.co.uk), or visit our facebook page 'Broomfield Birds'.

### Pilates with Paula

Our 11am Friday morning Pilates class at Broomfield only started this year and has already proven very popular with the local community. The hall provides a perfect environment for this mat based class which includes a combination of strength, flexibility and balance. All levels of fitness are welcome at this very friendly class. £6 per session. If you would like further information I can be found on Facebook: Pilates with Paula or contacted on 07932065421.

### Caterpillar Music

My name is Sam and I am the new Caterpillar Music class leader. At Caterpillar Music, children are inspired to learn through exciting sessions of fun music making and learning the songs and actions with their parents and friends.



At each class, every child is given a percussion instrument and puppet to use - even the youngest members! Classes are unique as some babies are as young as just 6 weeks. A Free Trial Session is available to everyone! Classes are for 0-4 year olds. Contact me on 07834 226316

### Yoga is for everybody

Everyone needs yoga - it's the perfect tonic to the stresses of modern life. Yoga postures release any physical tensions, whilst the deep breathing exercises increase the supply of oxygen to the brain, making us feel good inside and out. Plus it's fun too!

The new Wednesday morning yoga classes at Broomfield Village Hall are an ideal place to get started. No matter what your age, how flexible you are, or your body shape, you will be welcomed into a friendly class lead by an experienced teacher, and surrounded by like-minded people. Men and women all welcome.

**Beginners:** If you've never tried yoga before - and you're a little nervous about it - this is an ideal place to start. You'll find gentle classes, friendly people and a supportive environment that will make you feel at home straight away. It's the best place to take a break from the busy world outside and to start really caring for yourself.

**Intermediates:** If you do have some experience of yoga then that's fine too. Just come along and you'll be shown ways to improve your yoga, or just find a friendly space to retreat for an hour and find a bit of inner peace. There's room for all.

All classes are taught at a pace where you can experience the full benefit of each posture, allowing you to truly relax and let go, with modifications to cater for all ability levels. With

detailed instructions so you know precisely what you're doing, and time for questions afterwards, you'll soon get to love all of the amazing benefits yoga can bring.

My name is Mandy Carter. I am a Yoga Alliance qualified yoga instructor offering group sessions and one-to-one yoga classes in and around Chelmsford and Southend.

For further details please contact me on: 07804253526

Or visit: [www.facebook.yellamellayoga](http://www.facebook.yellamellayoga)

### Art on a Thursday afternoon

The Art Classes at the village hall continue to be very popular Each week during term time the Art Class meets from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in the small hall.



The students have fun trying out new techniques and mediums, and improving their skills. It is a friendly, supportive group, which welcomes any newcomers, from complete beginners who are just starting out, to those who are more experienced in art.

During the Spring term we will be working on: How to paint groups of people, water/seascapes, pen and wash, and pastels. Each subject will be worked on for two or three weeks, so everyone will have time to get to grips with new ideas.

If you would like to find out more, please have a look at the website: [www.susankeeble-artist.moonfruit.com](http://www.susankeeble-artist.moonfruit.com), or feel free to phone Susan Keeble on 01277 353973.

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### Line Dance Classes

Our class is every Tuesday morning from 11-12 midday. Our aim is to have good exercise whilst having great fun and making new friends. Our current group is steadily growing in numbers with our members ranging from 25 to 82 years old. Everyone is welcome to come and watch or have a go yourself. Its absolute beginners so no experience is required. We do star at the village fun day so you may have seen us there. For more information please call Susan on **07514 086805**

### U3A

The Broomfield U3A is now entering its fourth year with the membership steadily rising each month.

Members can enjoy the monthly meetings where we cover a wide range of interesting topics as well as the various groups such as art, swimming, walking and geology to name a few.

Listed below are the speakers for 2016

#### March

Highs and Lows of a Stuntwoman's Life - Lucy Allen

#### April

The National Gardens Scheme - Linda Holdaway

May: How Forensics came to Scotland Yard - Bob Milne

#### June

My Life as a Freelance Comedy Writer - Nick Thomas

#### July

The Thames Barge - Tony Earle

Our meetings are held every second Wednesday of each month (excluding August) from 1.30-3.30pm in Broomfield Village Hall. New Members are welcome.

Full details of everything connected to the U3A can be found on our website [www.u3a.uk/broomfield](http://www.u3a.uk/broomfield)

Muriel Hubble

### Shimmy n groove Fitness

Bringing a sense of fun into your chosen workout is the key to your well-being and can vastly improve your results. At Shimmy 'n' groove fitness we are pleased to offer a range of exercise classes throughout the week in community venues in Broomfield and Central Chelmsford.

Our classes are designed to suit all abilities in a friendly atmosphere where you'll challenge yourself and feel energised. We are confident that you'll find & enjoy a class to suit your schedule.

In addition to group exercise, we offer a range of well-being services; small group Ante/Post natal programmes where parents can bring the children and enjoy a relaxed approach to 'working out' in a home environment, 1:1/1:2 Bespoke wellness sessions in our personal studio using the latest equipment at the forefront of fitness trends. Chico Slamani - BlockFit, the latest trend in 2016 is soon to be featured in our timetable.

We can also provide choreographed dance routines for Weddings or parties and Shimmy 'n' Soothe facial & make overs promoting the Tropic Skincare range. Please contact Lindsey Abbott Tel: **07886 721411** if you have questions.

### Breathe Away Stress

Sit comfortably. Relax your belly as you inhale so you can completely fill your lungs. Breathe in as much as possible, then stop, relax, and evaluate. Can you breathe in a little more? Are you surprised by how deeply you can breathe?

Bringing air into the lower portion of the lungs, where oxygen exchange is most efficient, has a wide range of beneficial effects on body and mind. It relaxes muscles, decreases blood pressure, eases anxiety, calms your mind, and offers a sense of control over your body and emotions that is extremely therapeutic. Learning how to control the breath can help us to control stress and increase feelings of calm.

Susie Bishop from Beyond Sound Yoga is running a 2 hour workshop on Breathing and Stress at Broomfield Village Hall on Sunday 24th April 2016. £30, all welcome.

See [www.beyondsoundyoga.co.uk](http://www.beyondsoundyoga.co.uk) for more details and to book.

# Race Night

## An evening of horse racing

# Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2016

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## Village Diary

Various activities including Karate, Bingo, Bridge Club, Aerobics, Women's Institute, Carpet Bowls, slimming clubs and children's activities take place in the Broomfield Village Hall on a weekly basis - please telephone the Village Hall on **01245 443902**, email **hall@broomfieldessex.org** or have a look on the website **www.broomfieldessexinfo.org** for more information.

### MARCH

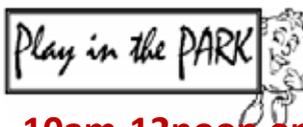
- 2nd Broomfield Village Hall Coffee Morning, 10am-12noon
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- 2nd Broomfield Afternoon W.I. 2pm Broomfield Village Hall
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- 2nd Orchard Springs W.I. 7.30pm Broomfield Village Hall, Inspiration of a Contemporary Artist" by Karen Adams
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- 2nd Broomfield Parish Council Planning meeting 7.30pm to be held in the Parish Office in Broomfield Village Hall
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- 9th U3A - "The highs and lows of a stuntwoman's life" - Lucy Allen 1.30pm Broomfield Village Hall
- 
- 9th Civic Amenities meeting 7.30pm to be held in the Parish Office in Broomfield Village Hall
- 
- 16th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7.30pm Broomfield Village Hall Public Question Time at the beginning of the meeting
- 
- 17th Heart & Sole Walk, 12.30pm Atrium, Broomfield Hospital, 1.5km/0.93 miles
- 
- 23rd BROOMFIELD COTTAGE GARDENERS' SOCIETY Illustrated Talk, "The Wonders of Bird Migration" by Mike Logan Wood (RSPB), Broomfield Village Hall, 7.15pm for 7.30pm start
- 
- 28th Week beginning 28th until 3rd April - Clean for the Queen, Spring Cleaning in Broomfield

### APRIL

- 6th Broomfield Village Hall Coffee Morning, 10am-12.30pm
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- 6th Broomfield Afternoon W.I. 2pm Broomfield Village Hall
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- 6th Orchard Springs W.I. 7.45pm Broomfield Village Hall, East-End to Essex" by Sharon Gould
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- 6th Broomfield Parish Council Planning meeting 7.30pm to be held in the Parish Office in Broomfield Village Hall
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- 13th U3A - "The National Gardens Scheme" Linda Holdaway, 1.30pm Broomfield Village Hall.
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- 13th Civic Amenities meeting 7.30pm to be held in the Parish Office in Broomfield Village Hall
- 
- 21st Heart & Sole Walk, 12.30pm Atrium, Broomfield Hospital, 1.5km/0.93 miles
- 
- 28th Village Games Planning Meeting Broomfield Village Hall 10am

### MAY

- 4th Broomfield Village Hall Coffee Morning, 10am-12noon
- 
- 4th Broomfield Afternoon W.I. 2pm Broomfield Village Hall
- 
- 4th Orchard Springs W.I. 7.45pm Broomfield Village Hall, Annual Meeting and Resolutions
- 
- 4th Broomfield Parish Council Planning meeting 7.30pm to be held in the Parish Office in Broomfield Village Hall
- 
- 11th U3A "How Forensics came to Scotland Yard - Bob Milne 1.30pm Broomfield Village Hall
- 
- 11th Civic Amenities meeting 7.30pm to be held in the Parish Office in Broomfield Village Hall
- 
- 18th Annual Meeting of the Council 7.30pm Broomfield Village Hall Public Question Time at the beginning of the meeting
- 
- 22nd BROOMFIELD COTTAGE GARDENERS' SOCIETY, Plant Sale at The Barn, Broomfield Allotment Site, 10am-12.30pm
- 
- 25th Annual Parish Meeting - time to be confirmed



**Play in the PARK at Broomfield Village Hall**

**10am-12noon on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March & Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

*(please check posters for confirmed dates Nearer the time!)*

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*Note: You will be able to book a place for the additional activities through Chelmsford City Council – see the 'Play in the Park' Flyers and posters for more details*



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## Broomfield Cricket Club

An invitation...to come and join us  
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For those of you that are not aware, our ground with pavilion is called Brooklands and is situated in Mill Lane. It's a lovely picturesque part of the village so please feel free to enjoy it with us. Come and watch, take part or simply enjoy a stroll around the outfield. You will be more than welcome.

If you wish to take part, we cater for senior and junior cricket. New playing members are always needed so come and give it a try.

Our under 11 and 13s are currently taking part in our Friday evening winter indoor net cricket training sessions at the Writtle Cricket Centre - spaces are still available. Outdoor coaching at the Club will commence on Friday evenings from early May and will be open to under 9, 11 and 13 age groups. Apart from the coaching there will be matches and tournaments. The Clubhouse will be open for refreshments and we'd love to see you, parents too!

The senior teams will again be competing on Saturdays in the T Rippon Mid Essex Cricket league together with playing in a few midweek evening T20 social matches against local opposition. Again, players are needed of all ages and abilities, especially as many of us are already well past our "best before" date!

If you would like to take us up on our invitation, or would like further details, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Tony Cowell  
 tony.cowell1@btinternet.com  
 07778 941343  
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## Broomfield FC

With the recent Christmas break and bad weather, many games have been postponed. However the results have been very good from those games that have been played. Some teams from both the youth and senior squads remain unbeaten this season whilst other squads are having a stronger second half after tough starts at the beginning of the season.

During the Christmas break another memorial match was held for Lewis Page. This was organised by all his friends and was again a very successful day.

The club is also arranging a Memorial Day on Saturday June 18 to honour three men

who gave so much to our club and have sadly passed away recently - Jim Ford, Mick Maynard and John Grieve. The day will consist of three matches from the Youth section followed by a game from the senior squads and finally a game from Broomfield Veterans. On that note we are looking for past players of the club to come forward and take part in the game. Please also contact me if you would like to be involved in helping out on stalls and refreshments. The football club remain committed to provide a safe and friendly environment to the youth of Broomfield.

Sean McGinley  
 Chairman



Participants at Lewis Page Memorial Match

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## 1st Broomfield Cubs

2016 is the Cub Centenary - 100 years of Cubs! To start our Centenary year 1st Broomfield held a "Cubs 100" themed camp at Belchamps Scout Activity Centre in Hockley. The Cubs were given 100 varied challenges to attempt over the weekend, these ranged from climbing and crate stacking to ironing their neckers! We played a wide game in the dark with 100 glow sticks, we made our own pizzas, raced pedal karts, learned some new knots, blew up 100 balloons, played party games, and conquered the extremely muddy Belchamps assault course.

Well done to Henry and Callum who completed the most challenges (69 out of 100) and runners up Daniel (65/100), Connal and Leo (both on 51/100).

It was an amazing weekend - we love taking our Cubs to camp although it takes us a while to recover afterwards!

Steff Smith (Akela) & the Cub Leader Team



Crate stacking at Cubs Camp



Some very muddy cubs!

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## 1st Chelmsford Guides

### Enjoying an Exciting 2016

It is proving to be a busy start to the New Year for 1st Chelmsford Girl Guides. They have recently welcomed several new guides to the unit, putting numbers up to a record high, and meaning there is now a waiting list for new members.

This term the girls have been completing their Growing Guiding badge as part of the "Look Wider" programme. This programme is one of the County Challenge badges which are designed to encourage all members of Girl Guiding within the Essex North East region.

The Growing Guiding badge is divided into eight areas covering topics such as community action, fit for life, independent living, leadership and personal values.

The girls have enjoyed completing this badge as they have been discovering things both about themselves and others within the unit. It has also been a great opportunity for the Girl Guides to try new things, expanding their abilities into new areas as well as sharing their skills with others members of the unit. This badge has taken two terms to complete, and has included activities such as stargazing and identifying the constellations, making pet toys for a local cat sanctuary and learning about other cultures. We have also been very lucky to have guest speakers come and teach the girls new skills such as Jazzercise and First Aid. Please can I say a very big thank you to all the volunteers who have supported us by presenting all the talks and given the Guides such great opportunities - they have been thoroughly enjoyed!

We are looking forward to another fantastic year with more events on the horizon, including Essex International Jamboree which will take place from 30th July - 6th August 2016.

Please note parents can register their daughters for 1st Chelmsford Guides Unit on the Girl Guiding website:  
[www.enquiryym.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.enquiryym.girlguiding.org.uk)

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## Parents to play a key role in a new autism special school in Chelmsford

Springboard Free School is a proposed new special school for Mid Essex for children with a diagnosis of autism and either complex or severe learning difficulties. The school will have an attached pre-school so will cater for children from 18 months to 19 years old.

The proposal is being put forward by a core team of Alison Bridge, Danielle Monk, Sarah Day and Keith Flaxman, supported by a number of other key professionals.

Free schools enable organisations or a group of individuals to establish new schools funded by the government. This enables groups to address the needs of their area and directly influence the

provision in their locality. The group involved in Springboard believe the new school will help alleviate some of the pressure on the existing special schools who are already at capacity and offer more parental choice.

The proposal has the backing in principle of the local authority who recognise the need for additional special school places. To make the case to the Department of Education and to secure continued Local Authority support the proposing team need parents of autistic children to express their interest. A successful application will bring a new and much needed additional specialist autism provision to the area.

The school's curriculum will be multidisciplinary as explained by Danielle Monk, a Senior Behavioural Therapist, 'Springboard will provide individualised curriculums where the educational

content is underpinned by therapy, delivered within an environment sensitive to the sensory difficulties of autistic children'

If you are a parent of an autistic child and are interested in supporting this application you can visit the website [www.springboardschool.co.uk](http://www.springboardschool.co.uk) and complete the demand survey or contact Danielle at [dani@springboardschool.co.uk](mailto:dani@springboardschool.co.uk)

## Heart and Sole

Broomfield's free health walk scheme, Heart and Sole run in partnership between Chelmsford City Council and Broomfield Hospital operates on the first and third Thursdays of each month. We meet in the Hospital atrium (near the main reception) at 12.30pm for a walk around the grounds and gardens.

The walk is approximately a mile in length and takes approximately half an hour. Despite the weather the grounds and trees are showing signs of life and the walk is an ideal opportunity to look for these signs and to spot the local bird life.

Why not join us? The scheme is ideal for anyone wanting to:

- improve general fitness
- aid recovery from, or prevent illness or injury
- socialise and enjoy the beautiful views the local area has to offer

You are welcome to attend any of the Heart and Sole walks, more information can be found at [www.chelmsford.gov.uk/heartandsole](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/heartandsole); all walks are graded (see below) and act as a guide for those who want to know what to expect from each walk. The Broomfield Walk is graded 1 -

- Suitable for people who have not walked much before, are looking to be more active, or are returning from injury or illness. They are between 30-45 minutes on flat ground or gentle slopes with mainly firm surfaces and no steps or stiles.

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## Broomfield Library

Thanks to everyone who came along and had lots of fun knitting hats for the Innocent Big Knit challenge - Mums, knitting groups, Madelayne Court residents, Home Library Service volunteers and numerous individuals who spent hours working on their creations; see pictures for the amazing creativity that sprung up. We were able to contribute the impressive number of 100 hats to be sold on Innocent Smoothie drinks in February.



Seen any Wallys in Broomfield recently? During February half term Broomfield library was invaded by eight knitted Wallys hiding around the library waiting to be found by kids dressed up as Wally, who also had lots of fun with Wally trails, quizzes and crafts. Watch out for the photos next time.

Do you enjoy playing Scrabble and want to meet up with different people? We're starting a Scrabble group in the library, so come and join us for fun and a challenge. Call in for more info.

Broomfield library has now become another collection point in the village for Foodbank donations, so if you would like to contribute non-perishable foods to people in a crisis situation, check the [www.chelmsford.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.chelmsford.foodbank.org.uk) website for the latest shopping list. Just bring in the food/toiletries and we'll get them to those who need them.

Pippa Cranshaw

## Jack and Jill Baby and Toddler Group

The Jack and Jill baby and toddler group is held every Wednesday at 1pm to 2.45pm in the hall behind the Methodist Church in Broomfield.

Parents and children can meet and play in a relaxed, stimulated environment. There's plenty of things to do; every session there is an art activity, music, singing and sensory play such as bubbles or parachute.

Each week we have a different theme designed to introduce little ones to new ideas, sensations and activities. These include:

- Transport
- Things we like to eat
- Noise
- The Hungry Caterpillar
- Space
- Giant, Teeny, Tiny

Now in its 4th year, the baby and toddler group has always been popular with local parents. It is run by the same staff at the Jack and Jill pre-school and is a great way to introduce and familiarise younger children to the environment and staff. Many parents find that their children settle into the pre-school much quicker having been at the toddler group.

Come and join us for a play, tea and cake and meet other parents every Wednesday afternoon at 1pm. £2.50 per family. We look forward to seeing you!

[www.jackandjillpreschoolbroomfield.co.uk](http://www.jackandjillpreschoolbroomfield.co.uk)

Cheryl Barry



## St. Mary w. St. Leonard's Church and Broomfield Methodist Church

It feels that Christmas is barely over when we begin to look towards Easter in the Church. This year we are holding a variety of Lent courses, to which anyone is welcome. Two of the courses are based around a film called 'Creation' about the life and work of Charles Darwin, for more information or to book onto one of the courses please check our website or call us. We are also going to be offering Lent Reflections on Tuesdays in the Church from 4pm, again, do check our website for details.

During Holy Week (21st - 25th March) there will be reflective services on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 7 - 8pm, Maundy Thursday there will be worship in church at 9.30am and 7pm. On Good Friday we are joining with Broomfield Methodist Church for our Morning Worship. Do join us at 10am in St. Mary's Church, for the Walk of Witness but be prepared to walk along Main Road, with a full size cross, to the Methodist Church. We will be stopping at three points to hear traditional readings from the Bible and after final prayers we will have refreshments, and of course, hot cross buns.

Easter Day is the major festival of the Church Year and we will have three services at St Mary's (please be aware that the clocks change this weekend!). The first will be a Holy Communion service at 8am, our 10.30am service is a family Eucharist with the lighting of the Pascal candle and renewal of baptismal vows... which is always great fun, as the Vicar and Curate get to sprinkle water over everyone ~ and we don't allow umbrellas in church! There will be an Easter Breakfast Communion at the Methodist Church starting @ 9am followed by a family worship on Easter Morning at 10.30am.

**Other dates in the diary this year are:**

**March 6th**

Mothering Sunday 10.30am in Church

**March 11th**

Quiz Night in St. Leonard's Hall

**April 9th**

Car Boot sale in St. Mary's Church car park.

**April 16th**

Annual Parochial Church Meeting in St. Leonard's Hall at 7.45pm (with cheese and wine after). Do come along and find out what your Village Church has been doing this year.

**May 7th**

May Fayre on the Green and in Church

**June 12th**

Afternoon Tea in the Churchyard to Celebrate Queen Elizabeth II 90th birthday followed by Evening Prayer with the Puppet Crew, Church choir and Chelmsford Children's Choir

**June 26th**

Songs of Praise on the Green

Details of all our events can be found on our website [www.stmarybroomfield.org](http://www.stmarybroomfield.org) as well as links to our Facebook page and Twitter feed. Or you can always call Rev. Carolyn Tibbott on 01245 440318 or Rev. Anne Harvey on 01245 443871. You are welcome to join us at any event or at our regular worship ~ we look forward to seeing you.

Carolyn & Anne

## Essex Police website

Essex Police have a new website page called Online Service. This covers noise nuisance, street lighting, pot holes and road repairs, abandoned vehicles. There are also links to: Ask the Police, Crimestoppers, Action Fraud and True Vision. For further details go to: [www.essex.police.uk/contact\\_us/online\\_services.aspx](http://www.essex.police.uk/contact_us/online_services.aspx)

## Seniors' lunch

**Wednesday 17th February 2016**

The Senior's Lunch was held on Wednesday 17th February in Broomfield Village Hall - attended by around 100 of Broomfield's senior residents - a BIG thank you to the following:

Chicks Catering

Morrisons Supermarket (donation of £50 for raffle prizes/wine)

Sainsbury's Springfield (donation of £10 for raffle prizes)

Broomfield Orthodontist

Broomfield Fish & Chip Shop

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Photos, a full report & further "thank yous" to follow in the next edition!

## Broomfield Royal British Legion BT16

The RBL is alive and well and serving Broomfield. To the one person still not aware of our existence, you, yes you, we have our Branch HQ and social club in Saxon Way where a warm welcome awaits. Remember you do not have to be ex-Service to join. A recent announcement showed that for the 2nd year running Broomfield Branch has won the Tritton trophy for efficiency!! Well done all.

Our Legion has a role to play in welfare, fund raising and comradeship. These functions are guided by our Committees who would welcome volunteers to join them in charting the way forward for our members. Leaving us for a well earned retirement is Poppy organiser Peter Watson whose efforts this season have raised over £20,000 for the Poppy Appeal - thank you Peter. Also ready for a rest is Dave Parry our Standard Bearer, but will he ever go?

If you can help as a member please contact us at HQ.

Dougal Clifford

## I thought my son was dead

It was only several minutes after my son had left for school on 20th January 2016, when I was alerted to the fact he had been knocked over. He remembers it all. He says he was nearly at the centre of Erick Avenue crossing, the traffic on the opposite side had stopped and he assessed that the van on the near side, travelling towards him, had plenty of time to stop, so he proceeded. At 6'4" in broad daylight, he was alone, not messing around with his mates. He bulls eyed the van windscreen and was carried on the bonnet before being thrown clear some metres away from the crossing.

I have been in touch with Cllr Aldridge to change this zebra crossing to a safe puffin crossing and I have had the response "not enough people use it", the ratio of people to cars is too low! One person, one car is all it takes - this shouldn't be about money. I am now asking for the support of Broomfield people to make Erick Avenue a safe place for all to cross. Motorists respect red lights and with the increased traffic flow I feel strongly that it is the only way forward.

Please sign the petition which can be found at [www.change.org](http://www.change.org) search for MORE PUFFIN CROSSINGS ON MAIN ROAD BROOMFIELD. Also hosted at Hughes Butchers, Co-op and Gt Waltham Stores. Please sign and get involved.

Susan Siegart

## Erick Ave/Main Road Zebra Crossing

Broomfield Parish Council has been requesting improvements to this zebra crossing since 2013 when we made an official application to the Local Highways Panel (LHP), Essex County Council for a signalled crossing to be installed. Much correspondence has been taken place between the Parish Council's Planning Committee, Councillor Aldridge and LHP. After being advised that a controlled crossing would not be recommended by LHP, the Parish Council initially requested that the zebra crossing be moved further southwards away from the distractions at its current location. More recently though we have urgently requested that remedial safety improvements are made to this crossing.

## Little Waltham Surgery

Mid-Essex is one of the most underfunded areas within the NHS. The Chair of Mid-Essex Clinical Commissioning Group, says the group receive £81 per head of population less than the national average. All the GP practices are struggling with some facing closure. Little Waltham Surgery has recently been advised of a funding cut approaching £300,000 which will mean changes to the way they provide services to patients. This is a serious matter which local practices are trying to bring to the attention of Government. For more details including how you can help go to [www.fundingmenhs.simplesite.com](http://www.fundingmenhs.simplesite.com)

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