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Welcome to this edition of the Broomfield Times which includes the annual reports for each of the Parish Council committees, outlining the work they have put in this year. We sincerely hope we have served you well. We are currently working on the Neighbourhood Plan, which will set out a vision for how the people of Broomfield would like to see the village grow (see page 18 for more details). Now is a crucial time for our village as we await the decision of the City Councils planning consultancy along with wider planning decisions. It is also a fabulous opportunity for two individuals to join the Parish Council to ensure that the plan and the contractors' commitments to the Village are delivered. The Parish Council also invites you to attend any of our meetings - please visit the parish website or see the diary entry on page 23 for details.

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In Council

Parish Council meetings take place on the third Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. in Broomfield Village Hall – in May; June; August; October and December. Members of the public are welcome to attend and 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 on the Broomfield Parish Council website www.broomfielddessex.org. A summary of the main topics discussed at the last two meetings are below but fuller reports for Planning, Civic Amenities and the Village Hall are included separately.

Councillors

There are now two vacancies on the Parish Council (following the resignation of Charlie Cole). If anyone is interested in joining the Council please speak to the Parish Clerk (see page 5 for contact details).

Civic Amenities Committee

A very interesting and informative power-point presentation was given to the February meeting by Councillor Tranquada covering all the activities his Committee are responsible for including Village Greens; trees; benches; pond maintenance; Centenary Wood; Angel Meadow & Play Area; Allotments; Parish Paths Partnership (P3). This work is carried out by volunteers including Committee Members to whom the Parish Council are most grateful.

Broomfield Village Hall Charity Committee

Councillor Jones provided the meeting with a Strategy Report for 2016 covering planned fundraising events to be run by the Committee including the Village Games Day, Live Band and Bingo Night. He also reported that the main halls would be decorated; new projector and screen to be purchased and a new hearing loop system to be installed. Plans for an Adventure Cycleway on David Smith Memorial Field were brought to the attention of Members who were generally in agreement with this project – further plans and costings will be provided.

Neighbourhood Plan

Information on the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan was presented by Councillor Blake together with the benefits of having such a plan in place for Broomfield. It was subsequently resolved at an Extra-Ordinary Meeting to begin the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan and it was agreed at the March Parish Council meeting that the area of the Plan will include the whole Parish.

Erick Ave/Main Road Zebra Crossing

The Parish Council's on-going concerns regarding the safety of this zebra crossing were again discussed in detail and it was agreed that all the faults be given to Councillor Aldridge to take forward to Essex County Council's Local Highways Panel and/or Safe Road Partnership for urgent action.

Village Gateway

It was reported that at long last the southern gateway had been installed by Highways. Unfortunately only one side had been installed and this was on the wrong side of the road – concerns had been expressed to Local Highways Panel to resolve the matter.

Broomfield Football Club (BFC)

The Parish Council had been advised by BFC that the old clubhouse will be sold at auction at a significantly higher reserve than the Parish Council's indicative offer. A meeting between the two parties will be arranged to discuss this sale further.

Communications Committee: A presentation was given to Members on the Committee's work that had been undertaken since it had been formed – the most successful campaign launched so far was 'Save Broomfield' which significantly raised the profile of the work the Parish Council undertakes.

DON'T FORGET!

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Six parishioners kindly joined parish councillors to litter pick around Mill Lane, Church Avenue, Main Road, including around the petrol station and ditch in Saxon Way. They also cleaned School Lane, Saxon Gate, Goulton Road and around the scout hut. Between them they collected 13 sacks of litter!

Our lone child helper deserves a big pat on the back. She not only helped her Dad, Cllr Carter collect two large bags of litter with a smile on her face, she managed to get down into the ditches where her Dad could not reach!



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Everyone who helped mentioned how nice it was to stop and chat to people and how they appreciated the effort put in by helpers. Angela Marriage enjoyed the morning so much she requested that we hold a litter pick every month followed by tea and cakes in the village hall. After some discussion, it has been agreed that Civic Amenities will purchase some extra litter pickers, hi viz vests and disposable gloves and another litter pick will be arranged for either a Wednesday (followed by tea and cakes in the village hall) or a Saturday in June. Look out for more information on the Parish Council website. If you would like to be involved please contact our Parish Office on 01245 441660. Let's keep Broomfield Beautiful!

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BGT best comedian Adam Baglin



BGT organiser Sarah Clarke gets a soaking from her children!



BGT best singer: Oscar Daden



BGT best majorettes: Millie & Clara



BGT best dance group: LMC

Senior Lunch 17th February 2016

The Senior's Lunch was held on Wednesday 17th February in Broomfield Village Hall - 100 parishioners attended and enjoyed a welcoming glass of sherry, roast turkey and all the trimmings, apple pie or fresh fruit salad; coffee and mints together with wine served by Parish Council staff and Councillors. Light entertainment was provided by Councillor Tranquada. A free raffle took place with over 20 prizes supplied by Broomfield Orthodontist (cash donation) Broomfield Fish and Chip Shop; Broomfield Parish Council; Sainsbury's Supermarket (donation towards raffle prizes); Morrison's Supermarket (donation for wine) Woollards Charity donation – all of which the Parish Council are most grateful for.

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Beginning this year and scheduled to be completed in 2018, the LED conversion project will deliver a payback over ten years and a return on investment of 115 per cent by year 2020. Electricity consumption on the affected lighting stock is estimated to reduce by 63 per cent as a result of the LED conversion project.

LEDs are energy efficient and have lower maintenance costs, as the units have a much longer life expectancy than conventional sodium lamps that are commonly used at present. If this initial investment proves successful the Council will consider converting tranches of its part-night lighting stock in the future.

The Safer Essex Roads Partnership funds new life-saving and enforcement vehicles

You may like to be aware that the Safer Essex Roads Partnership (SERP) has funded the purchase of two new partnership vehicles, one for the Essex Air Ambulance and the other for Essex Police.

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Essex Police has received an additional unmarked high powered motorcycle equipped with the latest video recording technology. The bikes will help to combat unsafe riding and driving behaviours on Essex Roads by allowing Essex Police to detect and video record incidents of dangerous driving. The

use of these bikes also enhances the ability of the Police to detect offences such as the use of a mobile phone whilst driving. The on board video evidence also provides comprehensive footage of any offence, thereby reducing potential court time. To find out more visit: www.saferessexroads.org.

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In summary the changes are:

42 and 42A Sunday Service - the first 42A from Chelmsford to Stansted now leaves at 0743 and runs every 2 hours. The last bus to Stansted is 1943 instead of 2300. From Stansted the first 42A is at 0844 instead of 0400, and the last service is 2044 instead of 0000.

There are some minor changes to the Monday to Saturday service for the 70 but the main change is that it will run from Chelmsford to Colchester via Braintree on Sundays. The first 70 from Chelmsford leaves at 0843 and runs every 2 hours until 2043 so alternates with 42A as far as Broomfield Hospital. There have also been some alterations to the 352 and 36, please check the website for details.

I am the Parish Council bus representative and can be contacted via the Parish Council office or at the coffee morning on 1st Wed of the month.

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A range of enquiries are covered, including:

- advice on how to seek help with housing benefit or Council Tax
- reporting environmental problems
- FREE replacement recycling sacks and dog waste bags
- providing information on leisure, tourism, local issues and much more

Many of the visits are attended by partner organisations to promote or deliver their service. These include Essex Police, who have been utilising the sessions to hold some of their 'Street Meets' and the Community Liaison Officer from Essex Fire & Rescue Service to promote fire safety in the home.

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The official guidance says:

'Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area. They are able to choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built, have their say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided'.

If you lived in Broomfield in 2004/5 when we did our Parish Plan, you may remember filling in a questionnaire to say which areas of the Parish you would particularly like to protect, which types of new houses should be given priority and what should be done about traffic. This was all included in the Broomfield Parish Plan (pages 14 -23), setting out how Broomfield should develop, what should be protected and how land should be used.

A neighbourhood plan, however, is also 'examined' by a government inspector, then put to a referendum and if approved becomes legally binding (unlike a parish plan, which remains advisory). Planning applications in Broomfield would then be decided according to our Neighbourhood Plan rather than the Chelmsford City Local Plan.

That's basically why we want to do it. It gives our community binding powers over how our village should develop, rather than this being decided for us.

It's important to stress that it has to be 'broad conformity' with the Chelmsford City Local



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Plan. So if, for instance, the Chelmsford Plan included x thousand new homes around the north of Chelmsford, our neighbourhood plan couldn't simply say 'no new development in Broomfield'. But we could decide where development would go, what form housing should take and what infrastructure we would need. We would also get 25% of the money developers have to pay towards infrastructure.

Assuming we get the go ahead in early June, we'll start as soon as possible and hope to get the bulk of it done within 18 - 24 months. We'll need to collect lots of data and consult with the local community (residents, businesses, landowners etc.) before we start to draft the plan itself.

Watch out for consultation activities over the next year or two.

Go on to the Neighbourhood Plan page on the Parish Website for more information

Let us know if you are interested in serving on the steering committee.

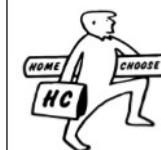
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Sheila Burton

I am Sheila Burton (now Dunn) and have just been given a copy of the Broomfield Times from Spring of 2015. I find the magazine very interesting. While reading an article about the flower show in 1924 I found I evidently won the baby competition - a long time ago now.

I was born at the Welcome Coffee House in 1924 which makes me 92. I do recognise some of the names of people I went to school with, and wondered if anyone remembers buying a halfpenny ice cream made by my dad Mr Burton at the shop in the Welcome Coffee House. It was real ice cream and people came from miles around to sample it. Although he had a crippled hand from an injury sustained in the First World War he still managed to ride a motorbike and always wore a trilby which seemed to stay on. There was also a fish and chip shop in the village run by Mr Bond. Does anyone remember Pottery Lane where the Marconi pole was? My grandfather, Ophir Catling used to spend his spare time there sometimes making vases and pots. He was actually a rep for Christy and Norris who made disintegrators.

When my late husband David Dunn and I were married we were one of the first couples to move into the Prefabs in Cricketers Close. Later we moved to Goulton Road.

My husband David was a Parish Councillor until we moved to Cornwall in 1986 to be near my youngest daughter Alison Crabb (nee Dunn). She was Akela of Kantanye Cub for some years before moving to Cornwall in 1984.

I would love to hear from anyone who remembers the good old days.

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Broomfield Cottage Gardeners' Society



SUMMER FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW



Our Summer Show will be held this year on Sunday 17th July 2016 in the Broomfield Village Hall. [now the 3rd Sunday in July]. Doors are open from 2pm to 4.30pm for viewing. At only £2.00 for non-member and free for members it makes a great afternoons outing to see the shows offerings and also have a cup of tea and a piece of cake. Details of how to join the Society are at the end. It will give you free entry to both of our yearly shows along with other benefits. [Please note that David Jay is NOT the contact for this year's summer show and all entries and enquiries go to our Chairman Philip on 01245 443290 OR Margaret 01245 442051, their further details are in the show schedule.] Please make every effort to exhibit in one of the many categories under which there are many different classes. There should be something of interest for everyone, including all beginners. The Show always turns out to be a great social occasion so even if you don't decide to exhibit this time, please come along and have a cuppa and check out other peoples exhibits and enjoy a chat with your fellow garden lovers. If you need more information please see the new 2016 Schedule; which also has full details and an Entry Form. This is available at our members Trading Hut or call one of the numbers shown here. It's free for members to enter a class in the show and only 50p a class for non-members so tell your friends too. Call Phil on 01245 443290 OR Margaret 01245 442051 for more details.

Show challenges

Every year we work with other societies and groups to produce challenges for our members to show what they can achieve, starting from the same point. This year we will have a Sweet Pea challenge (Summer Show Class 111) with seeds provided by King's Seeds, a Fuchsia challenge (Summer Show Class 143) with rooted cuttings provided by the Chelmsford & District Fuchsia Society, a Homemade loaf challenge (Summer Show Class 410) with flour and recipe provided by Marriage's, a Dahlia challenge (Autumn Show Class 101) and a Chrysanthemum challenge (Autumn Show Class 117) both with The Essex Dahlia Society, with the rooted cuttings for both classes available from the Trading Centre in May.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have any spare Plants, Flowers or Produce over the Summer, please bring them along to the show, or call Terri before on 01245 442931 to arrange a drop off or pick up thus donating them to our worthy local club.

This year's COACH TRIP is on Saturday August 20th. It is a two centre visit to Merriments Gardens and Garden Centre and then on to the award winning gardens of Pashley Manor Gardens. Both venues have a restaurant. Price of the trip is £30 per person. Please contact Ron, on 01245 441029 to book your place or for more information. Tickets are selling fast.

Membership

The Broomfield Cottage Gardeners Society is accepting new members. At only £4 for adults, £3 for Senior Citizens and £2 if you are under 18; it represents really good value for money. Membership entitles you to free admission to both our Shows along with free entry to exhibit. Included in the membership fee is low cost gardening items from our Trading Hut, quarterly newsletters, monthly "To Do" lists, Coach visits and reduced prices to our monthly talks. Also for members only we hold open garden visits and much more. For all enquiries or applications to join, call Margaret on 01245 442051 or check out our website <http://www.broomfieldcottagegardenerssociety.co.uk/>

Broomfield Footpath Society

On the 3rd April, 25 walkers and 2 dogs enjoyed a glorious sunny afternoon walk around Broads and Fanners Green.

Perfect planning by our Programme Committee meant the walk coincided with a wonderful display of primroses. Just two weeks later a similar number braved slightly muddy conditions to walk to Little Waltham via Croxtons. If walking is your "thing" then do come and join us for regular Sunday and evening walks. The schedule for the remaining walks in 2016 is below.

Selina Matthews

Primroses and walkers at Broads Green



PROGRAMME YEAR 2016

All Walkers to meet at Church Green. Lifts available for those without cars

(Except Five Greens Walk on 4 September – see below)

Wednesday evenings meet at 7:30pm.

June 1st Green Man, Edney Common Cars to Green Man

June 8th Rose and Crown, Great Waltham Cars to Great Waltham

June 15th Chignal St. James – River Can & Roman Villa Cars to The Three Elms

June 22nd Rodney Inn, Little Baddow Cars to Rodney Inn

June 29th Square and Compass, Fuller Street Cars to Fuller Street

July 6th Leather Bottle, Pleshey Cars to Pleshey

July 13th The Three Elms circular Cars to The Three Elms

July 20th Windmill, Chatham Green Cars to Windmill

July 27th The Walnut Tree, Broads Green. Cars to The Walnut Tree

Sunday afternoons meet at 2:30pm.

Aug 28th Sparrowhawk Wood – Larks Lane – Border Wood

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

Sept 11th Paper Mill Lock – River Ter (tea and cakes) Cars to Bumfords Lane

Sept 25th Stock circular Cars to Stock

Oct 9th Galleywood – Great Baddow Cars to Galleywood Common

Oct 23rd Stacey's, Priors & Scravels

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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 01245 443902, email hall@broomfielddessex.org or have a look on the website <http://www.broomfielddessex.org> for more information.

JUNE

- 1st Broomfield Village Hall Coffee Morning, 10.00 to 12.00
- 1st Broomfield Afternoon W.I. 2.00 pm Broomfield Village Hall
- 1st Orchard Springs W.I. 7.30pm Broomfield Village Hall, Inspiration of a Contemporary Artist" by Karen Adams
- 1st Broomfield Parish Council Planning meeting 7.30p.m. to be held in the Parish Office in Broomfield Village Hall
- 8th U3A - "My life as a freelance comedy writer" – Nick Thomas 1.30 p.m. Broomfield Village Hall

- 8th Civic Amenities meeting 7.30p.m. to be held in the Parish Office in Broomfield Village Hall
- 15th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7.30 p.m. Broomfield Village Hall. Public Question Time at the beginning of the meeting

JULY

- 2nd Support for Sight Family Fun day 12.00 to 4pm
- 6th Broomfield Afternoon W.I. 2.00 pm Broomfield Village Hall
- 6th Orchard Springs W.I. 7.45pm Broomfield Village Hall, East-End to Essex" by Sharon Gould
- 6th Broomfield Parish Council Planning meeting 7.30p.m. to be held in the Parish Office in Broomfield Village Hall
- 10th Village Games 11.00-2.30pm
- 13th U3A - "The Thames Barge" Tony Earle, 1.30 p.m. Broomfield Village Hall.
- 13th Civic Amenities meeting 7.30p.m. to be held in the Parish Office in Broomfield Village Hall

17th Broomfield Cottage Gardner's Flower show

28th Phil's inflatable fun day, 1-4pm

AUGUST

- 1st Play in the Park, 10.00-12noon Angel Meadow – Cycle Awareness
- 3rd Broomfield Village Hall Coffee Morning, 10.00 to 12.00
- 3rd Play in the Park, 10.00-12noon, Angel Meadow – Performing arts/musical theatre, acting workshop
- 3rd Broomfield Afternoon W.I. 2.00 pm Broomfield Village Hall
- 3rd Orchard Springs W.I. 7.45pm Broomfield Village Hall, Annual Meeting and Resolutions
- 3rd Broomfield Parish Council Planning meeting 7.30p.m. to be held in the Parish Office in Broomfield Village Hall
- 4th Phil's inflatable fun day, 1-4pm
- 10th Civic Amenities meeting 7.30p.m. to be held in the Parish Office in Broomfield Village Hall
- 11th Phil's inflatable fun day, 1-4pm
- 15th Play in the park, 10.00-12noon, Angel Meadow – Group fitness
- 17th Play in the park, 10.00-12noon, Angel Meadow – Face painting
- 17th Annual Meeting of the Council 7.30 p.m. Broomfield Village Hall. Public Question Time at the beginning of the meeting
- 18th Phil's inflatable fun day, 1-4pm
- 22nd Play in the park, 10.00-12noon, Angel Meadow – Performing arts/musical theatre, acting workshop
- 24th Play in the park, 10.00-12noon, Angel Meadow – Parkour/Free running
- 25th Phil's inflatable fun day, 1-4pm



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Village Hall Report

Easter came early this year and we kicked off the Easter holidays with our annual Stay n Play Easter egg hunt in the park. Luckily it was a dry day and the little ones were able to hunt around outside for their Easter eggs. They were so excited and couldn't wait to crack into them - I don't think any of them left with a whole egg in tact! You don't have to be a member to join us for Stay N Play, just turn up on the day and for £2, you and your little ones (under 5) can come and have breakfast and a little play on a Monday morning from 9.15-11.15 during school term time. Why not give it a try? Our lovely ladies serving unlimited refreshments will be sure to welcome you.



We were fortunate to receive a grant from Broomfield Parish Council for the decorating of the hall and therefore were closed in April to do just that. I'm sure you'll agree that the hall looks brighter and fresher and the Charity would like to THANK the Parish Council for their generosity.

Our regular monthly coffee morning is growing in popularity. We welcome residents of all ages to come and join us for a chat on the 1st Wednesday of every month from 10am to 12noon.

Village Games plans have made great progress. We have the army coming to join in the festivities, plenty of games, stalls and activities run by our regular hirers plus the annual dog show which will be running throughout the day. All of our fundraising efforts this year will be put towards the much needed upgrade of our PA system which we hope to have installed by the end of the year. So please, please support our events so that we can make our wishes a reality.

We are delighted to let you know that we have another 3 new groups joining our regular schedule. We have Sing and Sign on a Monday morning holding three sessions from 9.30 - you can see more information about this in their article. Dementia Care will be using the hall on a Friday a drop in centre with guests arriving for tea and coffee at 11am and collection at 4pm. They have lots of exciting day trips planned so if you're interested, please do get in contact. Their details are in the flyer within this magazine. Working alongside the Crystal Centre at Broomfield Hospital, Alzheimer's will be hosting a drop in centre on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, from 10-12 for carers and people who have just been diagnosed. We welcome all of our new groups to the Village Hall.

Kathryn Cameron

BRIDGE at BROOMFIELD

Broomfield Bridge Club welcomes new members to their friendly bridge club which meets regularly in the village hall on Fridays to start play at 1.15 p.m. We aim to finish at 4.15 p.m.

No partner is required as a host system is in operation. Guests £3.50, members £2.50 per session. We will be celebrating our 4th birthday in early July with a party and an enjoyable afternoon of social bridge. Why not join us? Tel: Sandy Smith 443096 or e-mail sandycsmith@btinternet.com.

Discover your Power



Personal Power is the ability to change the direction of your life. The enemy of this is Fear. Fear paralyzes and kills the "will to power" that motivates a person to greater heights. Bravery (the ability to move

directly through fear rather than trying to avoid or sidestep it) is the true mark of achieving personal power.

One way to increase your power is to increase your awareness of how you think and identify negative thoughts that diminish the power available to you. Sit for one minute and become aware of your thoughts. Choose to release the negative and feel your power grow.

Susie Bishop from Beyond Sound Yoga is running a luxury weekend yoga retreat in France from

28th-30th October 2016, centred around the theme of 'Power'. £460, including travel, organic meals, accommodation, classes and workshops. All welcome. See www.beyondsoundyoga.co.uk/2016-retreat for more details and to book.

Art on a Thursday Afternoon.

I sometimes receive phone calls from people who feel they would love to start learning to draw or paint, but are worried that they have never done it before. Sometimes people think it is time to rekindle an interest in art which they have been too busy to pursue for many years.

Whatever their reasons, or forebodings, new students are quickly assimilated into the art class, and find they can enjoy making art.

One advantage is that they find themselves working alongside not only other beginners, but also some experienced students. The great thing about an art class is that while everyone may be working to the same brief, each artist is an individual, and will produce quite different art works. There is never any time when one is judged better than another, they are just all different and all improving in their own ways. A mixed ability group, like this one, is also very supportive, with people readily sharing ideas and advice.

Information on the Art Class can be found at www.susankeeble-artist.moonfruit.com. You can email me through the website, or just call me on: 01277 353973.

Caterpillar music



After a Great first term the class is settling well. The summer term brings great themes with it, we'll be singing about the seaside, the zoo, bubbles and lots more. Our friendly colourful puppets and great selection of instruments will captivate your child's

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his basic needs (hunger, thirst) combined with clear, single words. By 16 months he was speaking fluent, comprehensive and beautiful sentences, still loving the Sing and Sign music, but most of all adoring Jessie Cat who helped us with potty training. At nearly 4 years of age, it's quite endearing that he reverts to using his signs when addressing a small toddler or baby.

Seeing is believing so if you are curious then simply get in touch and begin an amazing journey with your baby today.

Contact Martine Brockman, tel 07739 832059 or email martinebrockman@singandsign.co.uk.

Mollie is Broomfield's Young Slimmer of the Year!

Super slimmer Mollie Allen is celebrating being crowned Broomfield's Young Slimmer of the Year 2016 after losing 2 stone. The 18 year-old was awarded the title that recognises members aged 16-21 who are adopting healthier eating habits and getting more active at Slimming World which she attends every week.



Mollie began following Slimming World's Food Optimising healthy eating plan, which encourages slimmers to fill up on healthy foods and make small changes to the way they shop, cook and eat that make a big difference. Unlike most "diets", at Slimming World burgers, chips, curries and pasta are still on the menu! In weekly group meetings members get all the support they need about healthy eating, sharing ideas and tips.

Mollie explains "The biggest difference the weight

loss has had is on my mentality, I'm more confident and my work at school and my grades have improved and I've learnt new life skills that will mean I'll be able to keep food optimising and eating healthy meals at university later this year. Slimming World has created a whole new person!"

Victoria who runs the group, says: "Everyone in the group is so proud of Mollie. She may be one of the youngest in the group but she's still a huge inspiration to other members. She's learned healthy habits that will stay with her for life, so worrying about her weight is definitely a thing of the past. Obesity in young people is such a huge problem and it affects how they feel about themselves as well as their physical health. Now Mollie has the skills to make healthier choices and is much more confident too. I hope she'll inspire other young people in Broomfield by showing them that there's no better time to take control of their weight than right now."

Everyone from the age of 11 upwards is welcome at the Slimming World group at Broomfield Village Hall every Tuesday at 3pm, 5pm and 7pm. Young people aged 11-15 can attend for free when they're accompanied by a parent or guardian and have the approval of their GP. For more information visit www.slimmingworld.co.uk or call Victoria on 07823 441198.

Dementia Café

Join us at the Dementia Café at Broomfield Village Hall, which will be starting from Wednesday 11th May 2016.

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The Café will run on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 10.00 – 12.00 at Broomfield Village Hall.

If you would like to find out more about the Café please contact your local Alzheimer's Society office in Chelmsford on Chelmsford@alzheimers.org.uk or 01245 260911.

We look forward to meeting you.

Play in the Park Easter Holidays 2016

Over 140 children in total attended the two days at Broomfield Village Hall. The sessions included a Parkour and Cycle Awareness which were both very popular – together with many other activities Watch out for further planned sessions in Broomfield in August (please note the sessions are free & funded by Broomfield Parish Council & run by Chelmsford City Council)



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Village Hall Annual Report

Councillor Trevor Jones

The active heart of Broomfield has been our Village Hall. We are delighted to see new groups using the hall and providing such diverse interests and activities for the Broomfield community to participate in and enjoy. Our spread of age groups start with the very young at our Stay n Play mornings, which have been growing in popularity and take place every Monday morning. These give you the opportunity to relax and chat over coffee and toast whilst seeing the children enjoying themselves in the warmth and comfort of the Village Hall. In between, every age group is catered for with sporting activities, special interest groups and regular societies.

Although all our efforts have made the Village Hall so important to our community, the financial costs of operating the facility continue to grow. In the last year, we have installed a commercial dishwasher within our kitchen area, redecorated our main hall and will shortly be installing new hearing loop facilities and a new projector and screen for use by our hiring groups. To finance this, we have made strenuous fundraising efforts through events such as bingo and music nights - where The Waltham Eagles performed a spectacular show. Despite these efforts, it is still difficult to match income with expenditure and we thank those who have supported us and our own Parish Council for their continued help and support. We would also ask all of you who value your Village Hall to come and support our fundraising efforts to enable us to provide the facilities that you want. We continue to run a successful Coffee Morning which relies on volunteers who give up their time to host these sessions. Sue Hubble, Angela Thomson and my wife Carol Jones, we could not manage without you so thank you for all your support!

The big event for your diary will be our Village Games and Fun Day which was so successful last July and will be repeated on Sunday 10th July, 2016 from 11-2.30pm. Much hard work goes in to organising these events but new ideas and more volunteers would be so helpful. Please come and enjoy yourself and if you feel that you would like to help we'd love to welcome you. Our main priority for fundraising

this year is for the purchase and installation of an integrated public address system for both halls.

With housing development continuing to grow across our Parish, the availability of outside space for our children and young people to play in and enjoy becomes ever more difficult. To try and meet this demand and following widespread public consultation, we have drawn up plans for our Adventure Cycleway. A business plan, project plan and architectural drawings have been produced and we will be working with the Open Space Management Team from Chelmsford City Council and our own Parish Council to bring these plans to fruition. So as you can see, we will be very busy again in 2016/17.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who have helped make the Village Hall so successful over the last year - my Committee, the Parish Council and staff, our Office staff Kathryn Cameron and Steff Smith and most importantly caretaker Fitz Grant.

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Civic Amenities Committee Annual Report

Councillor Tim Tranquada

Village Greens

This year's 5 Green's walk took place on Sunday 6th September and the route took us (13 walkers) from Angel Green to Parsonage Green to Scots Green to Partridge Green and finally to Church Green.

The pond by Parsonage Green had its '3 yearly cycle' maintenance carried out in September.

The annual clearing of the ditches by Parsonage Green took place in November and improvements to the drainage in the area are in the hands of the relevant authorities.

We will be placing a bench, for a trial period, on Church Green by the Church; this is in response to feedback from the villagers. Local residents have been consulted on this matter.

We have added some more snowdrop plants to Parsonage Green and have planted some primroses and lychnis plants and sown poppy seeds on Scots Green. We will be increasing the number of crocus plants on both Angel Green and Church Green during 2016 and we intend to add more daffodils to Parsonage Green.

All of the trees we are responsible for in the village are numbered and surveyed each year. Any problems are brought to our attention and resolved as soon as possible.



Crocuses on Angel Green

Centenary Wood



Workers in flower bed

Here you can see a group of the Village Volunteers weeding one of the wild flower beds. The grass has been mown and the area of shrubs has been pruned so that the walkways between them are safe to wander along. In addition the roses have been pruned and a number of hazel shrubs have been coppiced.



Young trees planted by the cubs in 2012

In May 2012 Broomfield Cubs planted some trees by the benches in Centenary Wood. On the left is the view from 2012. Were you involved in planting them? Have you been to see how they are doing?



New tree trunk benches in Centenary Wood

2 additional tree trunk benches were installed in the wood in the spring of 2015

Village Play Area and Playing Field:*Cargo net in play area*

Thanks to Stuart, our Village attendant, for replacing the worn 'metal cargo netting' with a modern nylon based replacement.

*New roundabout*

The new roundabout was added in May 2015 and gives access to able-bodied children and those in wheel chairs.

Our Village Attendant, Stuart, is now fully ROSPA trained and qualified to monitor all of our play equipment and to make recommendations for repairs and any changes needed. (photo of Stuart)

Parish Pathways Partnership (P3):*P3 walkers by the lake*

The P3 group walk our Parish footpaths and carry

out maintenance tasks as required.

These tasks include cutting back overhanging vegetation and, where necessary, improving the pathway's surface to keep it useable all the year round. We replace broken way-marker posts and reset others that have become wobbly. Villager volunteers have also worked on the pavements by Felsted Field and School Lane to push back encroaching vegetation to make the paths more user friendly.

*P3 volunteers spreading scalping on muddy footpath at the lower end of the Village Playing Field***Allotments***Scalpings spread on the roadway to Allotment site .*

20 tonnes of road scalping were delivered to the allotment site and have been used to improve the roadway and the car park.

At present all of the water taps have combination locks on them to prevent any unauthorised user leaving the tap running causing both damage and a large water bill. The plan is to install a 'push on/self closing' tap that will stop the flow after a few seconds. We will trial this on one of the taps and if successful then eventually all of the taps will have this modification.

Communications Committee**Annual Report**

Councillor Wendy Daden



The Communications Committee was formed in the summer of 2014 to improve communication between Broomfield Parish Council and the village. During our first year we had the highest attendance at our Annual

Parish Meeting in Broomfield history. In 2015 we surpassed that with people queuing to attend our Save Broomfield Open Day! It even attracted people from outside the village who congratulated Broomfield Parish Council on the event. The genius Save Broomfield boards that had neighbours questioning "what is happening to Broomfield?" gave me my own personal highlight on the day of the deadline. Whilst discovering what Broomfield was like on a frosty January morning at 5am, and armed with 40 balloons, I received an e-mail from a volunteer saying "my board has a balloon on it, we should do all the signs." A little later a second e-mail, from the same person "Oh they DO all have balloons!" It was fun meeting such a diverse group of villagers during this time and hearing your stories. Fingers crossed we have the result many are hoping for.

How did we finance this amazingly successful campaign? We have outsourced the production of Broomfield Times, which cost over £6,000 to produce, with less than a third being returned through advertising. A company called Community Ad produces the magazine completely free of charge, whilst Selina Matthews is still coordinating the content and winning awards for her magnificent editing.

During 2015 our website has gone from strength to strength with an increasing number of visitors. It has been efficiently managed solely by Cllr Carter, who has generously donated his time not only to keep the content up to date but also to combat hackers who have caused numerous problems this year.

The Broomfield Bulletin is an email newsletter

that delivers valuable promotions for Broomfield, including items of news that may fall outside the publication of the Broomfield Times. Please sign up for this via the website at <http://www.broomfieldessex.org/> (big yellow button on the left hand side).

Our presence on Facebook has increased our visibility and has been a valuable tool for listening to concerns voiced in the village. We are still looking to broaden our contact through social media and would welcome anyone that may wish to join and educate us! It is not imperative to sign on as a Councillor to help in this manner.

One of our tasks is to raise the profile of Broomfield Parish Council and let the village know what is happening. Personally I'm keen for you to know that we are little more than volunteers representing your views to Chelmsford City Council about what should happen within Broomfield. We communicate with you all via:

- website
- BPC official facebook page
- Broomfield Times
- Broomfield Bulletin
- Noticeboards
- Twitter (coming soon)
- Facebook: Broomfield & The Walthams Community Hub (unofficial but it has been an invaluable tool, it's how many Councillors found out that the construction of Broomfield School had been postponed. Please note though that posts from Cllrs represent their own private opinions here.)

If you feel we do not represent you then you need to let us know or better still join us.

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Financial & General Purposes Committee Report

Councillor John Barnes

This has been another successful year for your Council – we have been able to grant monies to Broomfield Scouts, Broomfield Cricket Club and St Mary's Church to help with various activities and also fund the 'Save Broomfield' Campaign; professional assistance with the Local Plan Consultation; Seniors Luncheon; provide new picnic benches and other park benches and bins; Play in the Park activities and more including the routine maintenance and upkeep of our Recreation Grounds and Village Greens, Trees, allotment site, Centenary Wood etc.

We received £3,439 Community Infrastructure Levy from the developers of the Copland Close development which has been put into Reserves for the Parish Council Strategy Reserve to provide further facilities for the Village.

The Public Works Loan of £220,000 (entered into in 2014 to provide funds to re-develop Broomfield Village Hall Charity) is being repaid by annual instalments of £33,456 and the balance outstanding at the year-end was £144,386. We currently have Earmarked Reserves of £183,329 and are in a strong financial position to provide funding for projects included in our Parish Council Strategy.

A summary of the unaudited accounts for the year ended 31st March 2016 is shown on the charts and a copy of the Audited Accounts will be available from the Parish Office once the Audit has been completed. If you have any questions about the Accounts please direct these to the Clerk at the Parish Office who will provide any further information you may request.

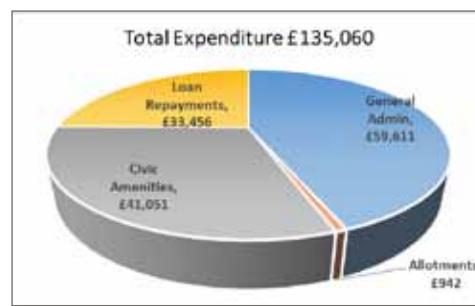
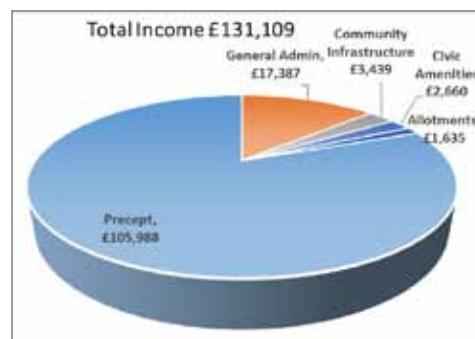
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Chairman's Report 2016

Ros Smith, Chairman

The past year has been dominated by planning matters as the Parish Council has sought to influence the latest round of strategic planning proposals by the City Council. In this regard we must particularly recognise the role played by the chairman of the Parish Council Planning Committee, John Blake, through his considerable experience and ability to focus the concerns of the whole village in ways that are meaningful in planning terms.

Thanks to very effective publicity, the Open Day about the City Council Planning Consultation was a resounding success with over 500 residents and interested neighbours in attendance. They must have contributed significantly to the 1100 responses received by the City Council. As I write, we await the next iteration of their planning document for Chelmsford 2021 – 2036.

Development in the village already passed by the City Council as part of the current strategic plan has not proceeded as fast as might have been expected mainly due to economic factors. This is partly responsible for the delay on the new primary school and also in the amount of planning contribution money paid to the Parish Council for community projects. Thus the Council has to retain in its reserves sufficient funds to cover the loan taken out to refurbish the Village Hall until the development funds are paid. This has to some extent frustrated large scale plans for further facilities for the village although, as you will read elsewhere, plans for the Adventure Cycleway on David Smith Field are progressing with the help of the City Council Parks Department. Other improvements have been made such as the provision of picnic benches as described elsewhere.

The Village has been kept tidy, the footpaths well maintained and the greens embellished by lots of flowers especially in the spring thanks to the work of the Civic Amenities committee under the guidance of Tim Tranquada and the group of volunteers that meet on alternate Tuesdays. If you have a little time to spare to join them, you would be most welcome. Although our Village Attendant Stuart Jones does his best to pick up litter from around the village, keeping on top of littering is becoming an increasing problem. Following from the "Clean for the Queen" initiative, a monthly

litter pick is being arranged and measures are being investigated to curb the dropping of litter.

The Village Hall continues to be well used by many types of organisation providing activities for all age groups. The hall has been repainted and a dishwasher has been installed and extra facilities are planned as funds become available to keep the hall as a top rate resource for the community. The MUGA is becoming more popular with various groups and is marked out for several different sports including tennis and netball as well as football.

Young and old were catered for by events organised by the Parish Council including Play in the Park during school holidays and the annual Seniors Lunch, both of which were well attended and enjoyed.

Various people on the Parish Council and in the Office work hard to make sure that you can all know what is going on. We thank Selina Matthews who edits Broomfield Times, Peter Carter who set up and maintains the website and the office staff who keep you up to the minute using our Facebook page. We are all very approachable so just ask if you want to know more about what is going on.

I must thank especially my Vice Chairman, Geof Garwood with whom I have shared many tasks in representing the community, and the other Councillors who have each taken on a role keeping tabs on various aspects in the life of the village. I must also especially thank the Parish Office staff – Karen Hurrell our Parish Clerk who has guided our work and put so many of our aspirations into effect; Wendy Martin, the Deputy Clerk who always presents a cheerful face, knows everyone and supports the Clerk and Committees; Stuart Jones, our Village Attendant who has recently passed his Routine Inspections of Children's Playgrounds Certificate and Kathryn Cameron, the Village Hall Secretary, who looks after the smooth running of the village hall and associated facilities. We welcome her assistant Steff Smith, who joined us during the year and helps ensure there is someone to answer the phone and assists with publicity and bookings for the hall.

Lastly I thank everyone in the village for supporting the work of the Parish Council to make Broomfield a really good place to live. There are still two vacancies on the Parish Council if you feel you would like to make greater commitments to how our village develops.

Planning and Property Committee Report

Councillor John Blake

The last year has been dramatic (not to say traumatic!), thanks to the bombshell dropped last October that Broomfield is being considered for a further 1,500 dwellings between 2021 and 2036.

These appear to be targeted at the area to the west and north of the village, which residents are on record as saying they most want to protect, and would be in addition to the 1,950 or so new dwellings that are already due to be built in the Parish by 2021.

Space does not allow me to go over again the main flaws with these proposals from the City Council – you can still read all about it in the Save Broomfield Campaign page on the Broomfield village website. However, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the incredible groundswell of protest against these proposals. That includes parish councillors and many others who delivered leaflets, updated webpages, wrote to the press and put up the iconic red 'Keep Calm' posters. Above all, thanks to the 550+ residents who queued in the rain to get into the Save Broomfield Open Day on 6th January; and the many who then submitted a response form to the City Council.

Broomfield is now part of an alliance of all the parish councils west and north of Chelmsford, from Highwood right round to Great Waltham, which is committed to promoting a sensible alternative to the City's plans. Broomfield has also applied to carry out its own Neighbourhood Plan, which is a way for local communities to shape (though not stop)

development in their area. Once agreed through a local referendum, it will be legally binding. Again, see the village website for more details.

The Committee has also worked hard on progressing village gateways, cycle paths, flood protection, a better crossing near Erick Avenue and protecting Mill Lane. All these would be worthy of a separate article in their own right if space allowed.

Finally my thanks go to the other members of the Committee, particularly Trevor Jones, who has recently retired after several years as Vice-Chair, and Angela Thomson who has kindly agreed to take on that role.



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Broomfield Football Club

Broomfield Football Club has been awarded a grant of £320,000 for a new clubhouse from the Premier League and the FA Facilities Fund. The new facility will provide four segregated changing rooms and shower facilities, two referees rooms with showers, a club room facility with bar and much-needed kitchen facilities.

The club would like to thank the following for their support:

The FA Facilities Fund, Essex FA, the Football Foundation, the Premier League, Sport England and West Ham United. We have called our rebuilding project "Broomfield Reborn" and we have a number of fund raising ideas in place such as buy a brick and wristbands for sale.

We will be holding a Memorial Day on Saturday 11th June to honour Jim Ford, Mick Maynard and John Grieve who did so much for our club but have sadly passed away. The day will consist of matches from our junior, senior and veteran's teams with the first match starting at 10.30. Side stalls and



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June 25-26 is our fun weekend with the 5 a side tournament.

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Senior Football reports

Saturday Olympian team have had a good season and will finish in 4th place just missing out on promotion.

In the Sunday Pope and Smith League the first team had an injury hit season and struggled for players all year. They finished bottom of the league and the manager has decided not to continue with the team. The Reserves had a very good Cup run and some good League wins - they are currently in 4th place.

Sunday A had a remarkable season and are both league champions and league cup winners. The manager is delighted with their performance.

Junior football

As a club we are delighted when the majority of our success comes from our junior teams as this shows us we are building in the correct manner. Here is a summary of the junior team's success to date with more to come as the season is not finished.

U13 Fire, cup finalists, U13 Blaze cup finalist and league runners up, U13 Flame cup finalist and league champions, U14 Tornadoes cup winners, U15 Tigers cup finalist and League champions, U15 Lions league championship playoff final.

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Cricket Club News

Another season is now underway and this year we are running one Saturday Adult 1st XI in the T Rippon Mid Essex Cricket League Division 3 and an occasional Saturday Adult 2nd XI who will be playing friendlies. Fixtures and results can be found on our website which is www.broomfieldcc.hitssports.com.

In addition, we have entered a side in the inaugural Essex Cricket Foundation T20 Cup.

Home fixtures are as follows and all are invited to come and support. It's an exciting format and well worth a look.

Sunday 26th June v. Bentley 2pm

Sunday 10th July v. Springfield 1pm

Sunday 24th July v. Brentwood 2pm

New players are more than welcome. Please contact me for further details.

The colts section is also up and running for this year. Friday evenings are again the coaching and training nights for Under 9, 11 and 13 year olds with matches throughout the season. Again, new players are welcome. Pictured, are 2 of our colts enjoying an indoor pre season net session and honing their skills ready for outdoors.

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1st Chelmsford Guides

Over the summer term the girl guides have been working towards their Fire Safety badge, and Traditions of Guiding badge. The girls have already enjoyed learning traditional guiding skills such as semaphore, marching, and building rope ladders.

This summer term has also celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday with a street party themed evening, playing traditional games and learning lesser known verses of the National Anthem. Coming up over the rest of the term the girls will be visiting the local fire station to complete their Fire Safety badge, and will learn about the 3 main emergency services. This follows on from their first aid training and previous visits to the police museum and call centre.

At the end of the summer term a chocolatier will be visiting the unit to teach the girls about different types of chocolate and its uses. No badges for this one, just the sheer pleasure of chocolate!

After the summer holidays 1st Chelmsford Guides will be returning for the winter term on Tuesday 13th September.

Leah Powell

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Outdoor Visits

At Jack and Jill we think it is important to encourage children to explore their surroundings. Our pre-school is unique as we regularly take the children out to visit the park, woods, local shops and library.

Book Now for September Spaces!

There are some spaces still available for September 2016. To find out more please visit www.jackandjillpreschoolbroomfield.co.uk or phone Julie or Kay on 01245 442448 / 07946 635068.

"My daughter loves Jack and Jill, I can't recommend it highly enough." "The staff are all so caring. I love that the children are all encouraged to learn through different play methods." – feedback from Mums with a daughter currently at the pre-school.

Cheryl Barry



Children enjoying outside activities at Centenary Wood

Library

Over 30 children, mums and staff very creatively designed Wally lookalike costumes and had lots of fun at February half term searching for Wally's hidden around the library at our Where's Wally trail morning.



This was followed by our Easter holiday fun morning when we made bunny masks and hunted for Easter eggs. Check out the photo above and on the library blog on the Parish Council website – can you guess who's behind the masks?

Continuing the theme, watch out for a visit from Elmer the elephant on 1st June.

Our summer special is the Big Friendly Read – meet the BFG, Matilda, The Twits and many of Roald Dahl's characters as you read or share six books to collect character cards, stickers and a medal. Hunt out Roald Dahl characters, scan them on smart phones and watch the characters come to life.

If you're between ages 3 and 12 this is for you - babies and toddlers have their own special version.

For ages 10 plus My Zine offers an opportunity to create art inspired by a book.

There's something for everyone so join us between 16th July and 3rd September – we'll look forward to having lots of fun.

U3A Broomfield Bookworms are enjoying their monthly book discussions in the library over tea and biscuits. If you enjoy reading and discussing books, why not start your own book group with a group of friends, we'll provide the books, you just need to provide the refreshments in whatever form they take.

Pippa Cranshaw

1st Broomfield Cubs

1st Broomfield Cubs have been out and about again! We held a camp especially for our Sixers and Seconders at Skreens Park in Roxwell in April. Seven Cubs attended, they arrived in the pouring rain and cheerfully set about putting up their own tents. Fortunately, despite the wet, the campfire was alight and we were still able to cook our dinner over it. Plenty of cake and hot chocolate was also consumed to keep up our energy levels. The weather improved slightly on Saturday and the Cubs had an action packed day - abseiling, archery and air rifle shooting. They also practised orienteering and compass skills and tried firelighting using a number of different methods. They prepared and cooked their own lunch, again over the fire (delicious - chicken fajitas) and there was even a bit of free time for a game of football in the rain. Saturday night was cold, very cold - our tents were frozen before we even went to bed but this wasn't a problem for our hardy Cubs. On Sunday we welcomed another three members of the pack to the camp and they all took part in a County organised event "Situation Skreens". Cubs navigated between bases using bearings and completed a variety of different tasks and challenges. They worked well as a team and had an enjoyable day. Then it was back to camp to take down tents, pack up and head home for a well-deserved rest!

A great weekend with some great kids!
Steff (Akela)
CSL 1st Broomfield



Cubs collecting firewood and Cubs lighting the campfire



Broomfield Royal British Legion Branch 70th Celebrations

The Broomfield Branch of The Royal British Legion has its Headquarters in Saxon Way. The Branch was initially founded in September 1946 by Ex Servicemen who had returned from the Second World War and wanted to retain their comradeship and belonging with their Service background at its core. This was the start of a journey which continues some 70 years on.

The Chelmsford Rural District Council leased a building to the RBL for a peppercorn rent; this was formerly a Water Pumping Station and was in poor repair; still this was no problem to our band of heroes. Working when time permitted as well as raising funds to repair and replace the fabric a Branch HQ had been established. Just to put a spanner in the works, the CRDC terminated the lease but our heroes had faced tougher moments than this and subsequently funds were obtained by various ploys and the building was purchased in January 1963. There have been further additions and improvements to the building including grafting on an ex RAF hut. Again the work and fund raising was carried out by the members, the heroes.

Over the many years since its inception, the HQ has grown in size to accommodate the growth in membership and its varied activities. Administering the efficient running of the Branch are 2 committees; Branch and Social. The Branch provides welfare, fundraising and advice all year long with of course the Poppy Fund collection as a highlight. Also in its remit is the formal function of parades and ceremonial with Standards and medals proudly on

show. Proudly displayed upon the walls are Rolls of Honour, awards and photographs; maybe you could spot a familiar face? At every meeting or function an act of Remembrance takes place, simple but moving. The social club provides a friendly meeting place for a pint and a chat with all the usual sports and pursuits, entertainment and the beers cheap!! The ladies of the Branch meet regularly with themed evenings and guest speakers and the strawberries and cream are delicious.

A programme of events for the 70th celebrations will shortly be available at HQ in Saxon way, please call in and meet us and bring your diary to note the events.

So how is the journey that started 70 years ago progressing? Of course many of our founder heroes are having a well earned rest in the big NAAFI in the sky but sometimes in an empty room, the sound of dominoes clicking on the table, the clink of a glass and a whiff of Woodbines let us know they are still walking with us on that journey. Cheers and thank you for your inspiration and dedication that gave us The Broomfield Branch of the Royal British Legion.

To ensure we carry on our journey we require the help and support of members, not just the 2 that always "do it" but from everyone. Can you imagine a RBL Poppy Day without a Poppy collection? It doesn't just happen, it has to be organised, or a Remembrance Day without a Standard bearer? We need volunteers to step into these shoes to allow the RBL to continue in Broomfield. Please consider giving up a few hours of your time to help. Thank you.

Make sure you look out for the posters and adverts for our 70th celebrations and we look forward to seeing you.

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Brumfelda

Broomfield's new road sign.



The tiny, terracotta vase handle (it has yet to be authenticated), that further underpins Broomfield's new, extended title as an 'Historic Essex Village'



Found on our ploughed Roman site, Dragonsfoot, last September, made of terracotta, quite delicate, I wondered who was the last person to gently touch it? Perhaps seventeen hundred years ago? What language did she or he speak? Did she hurtle it at him as she flew off the handle? Was it inadvertently trodden on when Medieval Broomfield churchmen chose to use tiles from the site in the building of the parish church? We'll probably never know. But ever fascinating.

Brumfeldans expect to be active before long. Dragonsfoot's owner has, once more, kindly given us permission to 'walk' selected squares and use a magnetometer to establish, over a wider area, whether any other structures lie beneath the earth. We will not only 'drive' but walk very 'carefully'!

For further information about Brumfelda, please refer to our Parish website. New members/enthusiasts are always welcome. Thank you.

Robin Marchal



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St Mary's Church

Car Boot Sale

Our 'debut' Car Boot Sale took place on Saturday 9th April, 9-12pm in Church car park.

Even though the weather wasn't kind it was still well received and a successful fundraiser.

Feedback from the Sellers on the day was positive; they commented on great pitches, great location, great timings, friendly atmosphere, great refreshments such as BBQ, tea and cakes! They are all keen on coming again, which, based on this feedback we have decided to run sometime in July or August, Date to be confirmed so watch out for adverts around the Village!

A huge Thanks to all those that attended and supported this event we look forward to seeing you all back here again for the next one!!

For further details contact Sarah Clark on 07920 815709 / e-mail: sezmay75@gmail.com



**St. Mary w. St. Leonard's Church
Broomfield**

will be celebrating with a 'Village Tea Party' in Broomfield Churchyard on 12th June 2016 from 3pm

Bring your own sandwiches, drinks and cakes to share followed by Celebration evening prayer in Church at 6.30pm with The Puppet Crew, Chelmsford Children's Choir, The Church Choir All are welcome

Broomfield Methodist Church

Our Church will be holding a Messy Church event on Monday July 4th @ 3.30pm. This is for children aged between 3 and 13 and we welcome all children and especially parents who are encouraged to accompany them. The Messy Church Logo is attached and we have permission to use it.

We are also planning to hold a Tea Party to celebrate the Queens 90th Birthday on Saturday June 11th. We are sure that this will be one of many events to celebrate the occasion in the village.

*Good Friday walk of witness
between St Mary's and the Methodist Church*




Welcome

To Songs of Praise on Church Green Sunday 26th June 2016 to be held in Broomfield 6:30pm Please bring a garden chair with you

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Gerry Cockram

Broomfield Parish Council is sad to announce the passing of Gerry Cockram, who died in early April after a long and courageous struggle with leukaemia. Gerry, until recently, was a Parish Councillor, chairing the Finance & General Purposes Committee which oversees the Council's financial arrangements.

Born in Bristol in 1939, just a corner kick away from Bristol Rovers old football ground, he was educated at Bristol Cathedral School where he became a choirboy.

His first job was with the local Electricity Board. There he was cricket captain, met his wife, Irene, and qualified as a member of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries which gave him the qualifications and motivation to specialise in accountancy and business management.

He wanted to get involved in running a business so he and Irene moved to Norwich where he joined a colleague in managing a shoe manufacturing company.

In the early 1960s he joined the Ford Motor Company where he spent the rest of his career in a number of executive roles in Dealer Development. Over the years he undertook numerous trouble shooting roles for many dealerships in several countries.

He and his family came to live in Chelmsford some 30 years ago. His favourite hobbies post retirement were gardening, painting, tending his allotment and playing golf. He also enjoyed following football, particularly the fortunes of his beloved Bristol Rovers, and watching cricket, especially Twenty20 matches at the County Ground.

He joined the Parish Council in 2011 where he chaired the Finance and General Purposes Committee overseeing the finances of the Parish's biggest ever

investment; the rebuilding the Village Hall.

Gerry was a popular member of the community. He is remembered as a quiet, kind man who was respected for his business acumen, and trusted and admired for his consistently cool, calm and unflappable personality. His gentle West Country "burr" stayed with him all his life and perfectly blended in with his other characteristics.

Gerry will be missed by all those who knew him. He leaves his wife, Irene, two sons, Julian and Philip, 2 daughters in law, Josephine and Cheryl and 5 grand children, Nuala, Harry, Isobel, Lily and Oscar. Geoff Garwood



Gerry being presented with a gift from Councillor Garwood on his retirement from the Parish Council in 2014



Broomfield Booklets

Does anyone have any copies of old Broomfield Booklets they no longer need? We only have a couple of 'full sets' of these Booklets and would like to make up some more full sets for anyone's use. So if you are having a clear out, please bring them into the Parish Office. Thanks for your help.

Parish Clerk

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; 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.

Why not join us in welcoming summer, and at the same time raise money for deserving causes. The HEART & SOLE SUMMER SOLSTICE STRIDE takes place on the evening of Thursday 16th June. There is a choice of 5km or 10 km routes returning to Anglia Ruskin University for refreshments. £3 registration fee split between Macmillan Cancer Support and Age UK. Register online at www.chelmsford.gov.uk/summersolsticestride or by phone on 01245 606569.



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