

## Village Hall Opening Ceremony

2013 HAS been such an exciting year for us here at Broomfield Village Hall. It all started with the closure of the hall for an extension and renovation program which took 6 months. On the 1st July, we officially opened the doors to the public and you can see from the pictures below that the transformation is amazing. We are so pleased with the end result and hope that our Villagers and those in surrounding areas who use the hall all agree that 'it was worth it'.

On 27th July our opening ceremony took place and we were overwhelmed with the attendance. Groups from our village and those who hire the hall regularly were there to cut the ribbon which stretched from the Village Hall to the MUGA (Multi User Games Area) Court. As part of the celebrations, our regular hirers made display tables in the hall, we had demonstrations on the MUGA, served various refreshments and had a fairground on the fields. We were blessed with amazing weather and wish to thank all those who came and joined us for the event.

So what's next? We are continuing to search for groups who wish to hire the hall and offer activities for the Villagers and will be happy to show potential hirers around the hall. We will also be looking to arrange community events so watch this space

Follow us on our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Broomfield-Village-Hall/156422511089530>. Give us your ideas and things you would like us to promote for your village. It's a great opportunity for you to become involved in your community. We will always welcome volunteers to help us in our work so if you have any free time give Kathryn a call on 01245 443902.



*Villagers cut the ribbon to open the Village Hall.*



*Regular hirers had displays.*

## Essex County Council Transport Consultation

**ON MONDAY 16 September, Essex County Council began two public consultations; one on the discretionary elements of its home to school transport policy and one on how it provides financial support to local bus services.**

The local authority currently spends over **£25million** on ensuring children across the county can attend school. In order to identify where efficiency savings can be made a number of proposals are being considered. For more information and to take part in the survey visit [www.essex.gov.uk/schooltransport](http://www.essex.gov.uk/schooltransport)

In addition, the local authority currently pays **£7.9 million** for nearly 200 local bus services which generally run in the evenings, on Sundays or in rural locations. The consultation is asking residents about their travel needs and what types of services are most important to them. The consultation is not looking at individual bus services at this stage.

Further details are available at [www.essex.gov.uk/busreview](http://www.essex.gov.uk/busreview)



*The finished Village Hall.*

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# IN COUNCIL

THE PARISH Council meetings have now moved back to the Village Hall following completion of the building project on the 8th June. Three meetings have taken place since the last edition of the Broomfield Times during which a number of topics were discussed.

**Broomfield Village Hall.** The Council recorded particular thanks to Councillor Trevor Jones and Kathryn Cameron from the Parish Office who both worked extremely hard to keep the Village Hall building work on track and dealt with numerous issues over the course of the rebuild. The official opening was held on 27th July (see separate article) with very positive feedback from both regular and occasional users of the facility. The MUGA area still needs marking – Sport England have agreed to fund the extra works required to complete the area when they have a more detailed bill from Blakedown Sports.

**Police Matters.** In June PC Williams reported three burglaries in the Main Road and youth nuisance on Church Green. A further three incidents were reported in July plus a theft from Blackwater Building Services the contractors working on the Village Hall. Councillor Garwood will continue to meet with PCSO Calleja on a monthly basis and will also write to the local policing team to seek clarification on their involvement in the Neighbourhood Action Panel meetings. Youth nuisance has been repeatedly reported on Church Green, together with cars parking on yellow lines. Broomfield Parish Council now have possession of their own Community Speed Watch fully calibrated speed gun which will be used by trained volunteers around the Village shortly.

**Youth Facilities.** Provision of youth facilities in Broomfield and Great and Little Waltham continues to be challenging to resolve, primarily due to difficulties securing continuous leadership. A meeting was held with PCSO Calleja, Myrtle Fisher (Senior Youth Worker) and Broomfield Parish Council. This established useful contacts with Essex Boys Club who work alongside students taking a National Citizenship Service Award which aims to promote a project in their community. A project in Broomfield utilising the MUGA area for sporting activities for youths could potentially lead to further activities being planned on a regular basis. Following the success of the recent Play Scheme on Angel Meadow which attracted 44 local children – it was agreed to take these sessions forward and also to utilise the new MUGA area – discussions are being held with Chelmsford City Council to hopefully take this forward in Spring 2014.

**Broomfield Pensioners' Lunch.** It was agreed to organise the Lunch in 2014. A provisional date of Wednesday 26th February 2014 in Broomfield Village Hall was agreed. Also, the possibility of organising 'Silver Sundays' events in the Village were being considered.

**Street Lighting.** It was reported that the light at the end of Erick Avenue was not being left on – this will be looked into. It was noted that requests could be made for 'one-off' events i.e. New Year Eve Parties, etc. for specific street lighting to be left on.

**Broomfield Hospital Transport Network.** A meeting was held between Mid Essex Hospital Trust, Countryside, Chelmsford City Council Planning, Essex County Council Highways and Broomfield Parish Council to discuss the heavy traffic entering the Hospital site and the proposed plans to alter the roundabout at the Main Road/Hospital Approach junction. The Parish Council made it clear that they were not in agreement with the proposed roundabout alterations as it would encourage more traffic to use the Village. Countryside Properties have agreed to fund a full Traffic Survey.

**Delmas Ashford and Ken Searles.** Two new memorials are planned. A tree is to be planted in the proposed planting area of David Smith Memorial Field with a plaque in memory of Ken Searles and once the proposed alterations have been made to Angel Green, a new bench and plaque will be installed in memory of Councillor Ashford.

**Website.** Finally, plans are underway to update the Broomfield Parish Council website. Councillor Wetton has been working on this project over the summer period. Any comments or suggestions would be welcome. You can find the existing website here <http://www.essexinfo.net/broomfield/>

## Have we been robbed?

### We want our public footpath back!

DO YOU walk, run or ride a horse along Green Lane, off Hollow Lane, Broomfield? Did you know that it is not an official footpath, has become flooded, and a fallen tree has made it impassable? In 1951 it was an official footpath. In 1953 it was not. No one knows why! In the 1970s the late Ken Searles and others erected a stone footpath sign at the southern end of the path, opposite the large house, Scravels. It remains.

As part of our proud heritage of village footpaths and rights of way our Parish Council are in total support of having it re-instated as a Footpath on the *Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way*.

But Essex Legal Services, Essex County Council, dictate that we need the added support of completed Evidence Forms - at least twelve! Will you please help to ensure that we the villagers regain our rightful path, cleared of obstructions, by completing an Evidence Form?

These are available for completion at our Village Hall Council Offices - see Karen or Wendy - 158 Main Road, Broomfield. (Open Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.) or please leave a phone message for me, Robin, with your contact details and I'll return your call and arrange for the delivery of a form. (01245) 441208.

Completed forms will be collated and sent to Essex Legal Services, Essex County Council.



Blocked footpath.



Entrance to footpath of Hollow Lane.

### Angel Green, felling of Horse Chestnut Tree

SADLY, the Horse Chestnut tree on Angel Green has now been removed. The tree was showing advanced symptoms of Horse Chestnut canker disease and despite efforts to maintain its health it was decided it should be felled before it became dangerous. Two Red Poplar saplings were planted in 2009 to take over and maintain the Green's contribution to the visual attractiveness of the Village.



Felling of Horse Chestnut tree on Angel Green.

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# Civic Amenities News

## CENTENARY WOOD

Centenary Wood has been entered for a Green Flag Community Award and we were visited by a judge in early June 2013; we have yet to hear the outcome.

The group of volunteers have worked hard to keep the grassed area fit for informal recreation and they have also ensured that the pathways through the shrub area are cleared and have easy access.

We will have an **Open Morning on Sunday 27th October 2013 at 11:00 am.**

Did you plant a shrub in 1994, or in 2000? Did one of your children plant a shrub? Come and see how the plants have grown.

## PARISH PATHWAYS PARTNERSHIP (P3)

Pathway 17 was cleared of an awkwardly leaning tree trunk on Tuesday 20th Aug 2013.

In addition we helped to clear a new pathway by the Nature Reserve on Essex Regiment Way.

## VILLAGE GREENS

The 5 Greens' walk took place on Thursday 20th June and attracted 9 walkers.



Clearing pathways.



Well done volunteers.

## ALLOTMENTS

The Civic Amenities Committee visited the allotment site on Wednesday 17th July and, following discussions, sent a number of letters to tenants. The letters pointed out where the tenants were not abiding by their signed agreement. We have asked for replies explaining any reasons for the problems or remedial action taken where necessary. We have also offered short term help to those who need it.

## Centenary Cup

**THE CENTENARY Cup, donated to Broomfield Primary School, was presented at the Fete on Saturday 6th July. The Cup was awarded to Samuel Bettell-Higgins in recognition of his outstanding contribution during Curriculum week.**



# News from the City Council

THE PROPOSAL to regularise the Football Club's parking arrangements has found supporters and objectors alike. Parking near their pitches has increased traffic on Mill Lane which has felt dangerous on what is a "protected lane". Whilst the City Council found in favour of the Club's proposals, the controversy has prompted me to bring together interested parties for some constructive conversations. Those continue, with the focus on how the stresses and strains of parking in central Broomfield can be resolved in the longer term. We are also giving further consideration to improving the safety of Mill Lane

The proposed development north of Hospital Approach was agreed some time ago as part of the Council's North Area Action Plan (NCAAP). My role along with others, is to focus on and sometimes resist significant aspects of the detailed planning applications and try to ensure the road network, the school and other facilities can cope. Although the Planning officers are concluding the detailed application can be recommended as it stands, there are active discussions to improve it. The application will probably come to the November Planning meeting and I will keep interested residents updated.

Also having big implications for Broomfield are the Plans underway for the expansion of Greater Beaulieu Park and the development at Channels Golf Club. Again our focus is on minimising the impact of this development and to challenge other proposals which will follow this - most immediately for a major service and fast food complex on Essex Regiment Way!!

In terms of Highways improvements I am working to make sure schemes such as the Main Road crossing at Erick Avenue, cycleway additions and other improvement get the priority they deserve and don't drown in bureaucracy.

Much more, including the battle to address our crumbling kerbstones! I trust residents will continue to stay in touch on these things and with any other suggestions and concerns

With best wishes to all for the autumn season.

Graham Pooley

City Councillor (Liberal Democrat), Broomfield and the Walthams

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## Broomfield Village Hall Charity 100 Club

WE WISH to run a 100 Club to raise funds for the Village Hall Charity to help with the running costs of the Hall and to help provide for the future updating and enhancement of fittings and fixtures.

In addition a 100 Club provides an opportunity for its members to win prizes throughout the year.

The prizes will be:-

**1st Prize = £100 (remember this is on offer each month)**

**2nd Prize = £50 (remember this is on offer each month)**

**3rd Prize = £25 (remember this is on offer each month)**

### How it will operate:-

The subscription will be £40 for the year December 2013 to November 2014.

This will be a trial period and if successful will run in subsequent years.

The closing date for application to join the 100 Club will be noon on Thursday 31st October 2013.

All subscriptions will be paid by noon Thursday 14th November 2013 or the application will be turned down and someone on the reserve list will be contacted to take the spare place.

The monthly draw will take place at the start of the monthly Parish Council meeting so is open to public scrutiny.

If you are interested in joining the 100 Club and are over the age of 18 then write to or phone the Village Hall Committee and give your full name, address, telephone number and email address if you have one. Please do not send any money at this stage.

The 100 Club will only run if we have 100 people signing up by 31/10/13.

The 100 Club members will then be contacted and asked to pay their subscription by 14/11/13. The first draw will then be at the Parish Council meeting (open to all) on Wednesday 18th December at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.

**Any queries please contact the Village Hall Committee.**

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# Did you know Chelmsford's newest brewery has a Broomfield connection?

SIMON Tippler -an appropriate name! - has set up Chelmsford's first brewery in Chelmsford since Gray and Sons (Chelmsford) Ltd ceased brewing in 1974.

As far as he knows, Simon is the very first brewer in his family. Forced to find an alternative name as there is another brewery with the name Tippler, he and his wife Hannah, settled on Round Tower as they can hear the church bells from their garden and the Parish Church is one of very few in Essex to have a round tower.

In 2005 Simon started making beer from kits then gradually progressed to making his own recipes. He is entirely

self taught and has brewed 26 different beers so far! His fame spread through friends and when the Orange Tree asked for his beer Simon "decided to have a go otherwise I'd be sitting in my nursing home in my dotage regretting not trying."

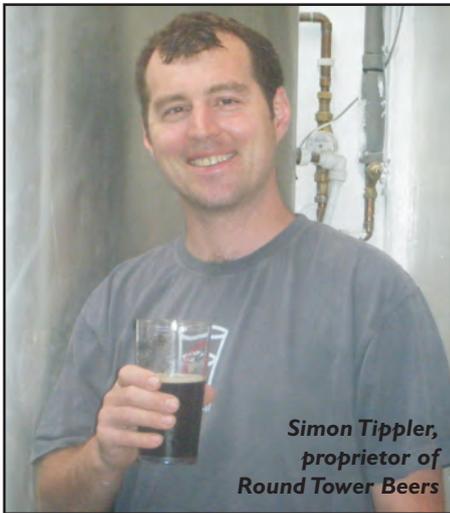
Simon found suitable premises in Navigation Road in 2012 and launched his beers in February of this year at the Chelmsford and Mid Essex winter beer and cider festival. At most CAMRA beer festivals there is a competition for drinkers to vote for the beer of the festival and to the Tiplers delight, their Rectory Stout won!

Look out for Round Tower beers at the Ale House and the Orange Tree in Chelmsford, the Three Elms at Chignal



St. James and at the Kings Arms in Broomfield. Bottling is now underway for Christmas and will make ideal presents for beer drinking friends and family.

For more information, check their website [www.RoundTowerBrewery.co.uk](http://www.RoundTowerBrewery.co.uk) or to place an order, please contact Hannah and Simon Tippler at [sales@RoundTowerBrewery.co.uk](mailto:sales@RoundTowerBrewery.co.uk)  
**Angela Thomson**



*Simon Tippler,  
proprietor of  
Round Tower Beers*

## Anyone for bridge?

**BROOMFIELD now has its very own bridge club meeting in the newly refurbished Village Hall regularly on Fridays at 1.10 pm prompt for a sociable afternoon of duplicate bridge. All are welcome with or without a partner as a host is available so why not come along and give us a try?**

**Contact Sandy Smith on 01245 443096 or [sandysmith@btinternet.com](mailto:sandysmith@btinternet.com) for more details or just turn up!**



*Members of the Bridge Club.*

## Neighbourhood Watch

OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD Watch group currently consists of sixteen residents who are actively involved in sharing information and many distribute newsletters to neighbours covering almost 500 households in Broomfield.

The group is kept informed of incidents that have occurred locally through our excellent

### WORDS from the Library

CONGRATULATIONS to all the children and young people who took part in our Creepy House and Mystery Street challenges this summer. Many vile smelling stickers are now wafting around Broomfield and there are lots of proud owners of shiny medals.

Thanks to our wonderful team of young volunteers who gave up their time to hear about children's books and, in their words "enjoy themselves".

If you're intrigued, come and join us next summer or come along to the library to find out what we're talking about.

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police contacts and I receive and share email alerts about criminal activity including telephone scams, bogus tradespeople, 'cowboy' tradesmen and other undesirables operating in the Chelmsford area.

We receive information on groups such as Horse Watch and Caravan Watch and any related criminal activity or concerns, and very helpful security advice.

We feed back to our Community Police Officer residents' concerns and when incidents have occurred we have had first class support and advice.

Membership of the group is free and members can choose how active they wish to be. We are always delighted if new members are prepared to deliver Newsletters to neighbours, but I also e-mail the Newsletters to all members with e-mail access, and some then e-mail them on to friends and neighbours.

If you would like to become involved, even if it is only to receive the e-mail alerts and Newsletters, please contact me by e-mail on: [Jackie@marvellousminds.co.uk](mailto:Jackie@marvellousminds.co.uk) or telephone me on 01245 440790. Your contact information will not be shared outside the group.

I look forward to hearing from you!

**Jackie Short,**  
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# Broomfield Scouts

IT HAS been a busy summer of Scouting at 1st Broomfield Scout Group with both the Cub and Scout section camping and three Scouters from Broomfield completing an expedition in Mongolia with Chelmsford Explorer Scouts.

Beaver's have had a wild time zorbing and climbing at Skreens Park. We also welcome Charlotte Moore to the role of Beaver leader and hope she has a rewarding time with the Group.

Vikings invaded the woods of Danbury in this year's Cub summer camp at Riffhams Scout Campsite before marching on Maldon. After fierce interrogation by the Viking chief all teams were victorious in their day's activities. Despite being drenched on the hike back from the bus stop to camp all had an enjoyable camp and we look forward to spy camp this autumn.

The Scouts summer term started with an athletics night at Melbourne stadium and ended with a survival camp at Riffhams. They cooked on open fires without utensils and built and slept in bivouacs. I'm told all made it out alive... (hopefully)

Two leaders and one Explorer Scout recently embarked on three weeks of horse riding in Mongolia and camel trekking across the Gobi Desert. Jack (YL), Ruth (GSL) and Josh (ACSL) went with Chelmsford Explorer Scouts in August.

Can't wait to find out what all sections will be doing this term after this - we still need adult support in the Scout section in Broomfield, full training is given - sense of adventure and humour needed at all times!

**Ruth and Josh**



## U3A in Broomfield

ONE OF the most satisfying results of forming the Broomfield U3A was to be able to add to the existing varied mix of interest groups and activities which make Broomfield such an enjoyable, active village in which to live.

The refurbished and extended Village Hall was officially opened on the 27th July and the event was celebrated by all those organisations who meet at the hall. Of course, the U3A hosted a stall publicising the programme and encouraging new members.

The U3A Interest Groups have enjoyed many activities. The Walking Group has reformed and walked from Danbury Common literally through hill and dale enjoying the panoramic views of the surrounding area. The second walk was around Fyfield and Willingale – again fine weather made the walk most enjoyable. The Gardening Group have enjoyed outings to Beth Chatto's garden, Beeleigh Abbey gardens, Hyde Hall Flower Show and Cressing Temple in addition to meetings at the Leader's home. The History Group visited Tilbury Fort in July and enjoyed this English Heritage site. The other Groups Cookery, Board Games, Needlework, Lacemaking, Mini Bridge, Music, Geology, Luncheon Club, Canasta and the Book Group have met on a monthly basis and all have been well attended.

There was a good attendance at the July Meeting when Piper Terrett spoke on writing crime thrillers. It was our first meeting in the revamped Village Hall and members were impressed with the improvements.

Monthly Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at Broomfield Village Hall and there is a really friendly welcome to all visitors. If you wish to join us why not come along to one of the monthly meetings, contact the Secretary on 01245 441435 or look at our website [www.u3sites.org.uk/broomfield](http://www.u3sites.org.uk/broomfield).



# Broomfield Parish Church News

BISHOP John is coming to meet the people of Broomfield and the three parishes which we are associated with (St. Andrew's, All Saints and The Ascension) during the middle week of October.

You are invited to St. Leonard's Hall, attached to St. Mary's church on 13th October from 3pm - 5pm for afternoon tea with the Bishop, after which he will speak at our service of Evening Prayer which is at 6.30pm.

The Bishop is also hoping to meet some of you at the new village hall on Monday 14th of October to discuss any issues particular to Broomfield, to speak to some of our youngsters at Chelmer Valley School and to visit the Royal British Legion before moving on to spend time at The Ascension, All Saints and St. Andrew's during the rest of the week.

We do hope that you will want to come and meet your Bishop.  
**Carolyn**

Two additional activities for all:

### Virtual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

October 31st, November 7th and 14th, 7-9pm at St. Leonard's Hall. Contact Anne Harvey ([rev.anneharvey@gmail.com](mailto:rev.anneharvey@gmail.com))

### Last Monday Supper

Informal café style worship including soup and roll supper. St. Leonard's Hall on the last Monday evening of every month at 7pm.

### OTHER CHURCH EVENTS UP TO CHRISTMAS

**October 19th** Autumn Fayre in St. Leonard's Hall. Hot lunches available.

**October 24th** Lunchtime concert in St. Mary's Church. Just come along – no need to book. All proceeds to the Restore the Organ Fund!

**November 3rd** Bereavement Service 3pm in St. Mary's Church. An opportunity to remember those we love but no longer see.

All are welcome, there will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of those who have died. Refreshments will be available in St. Leonard's hall after the service.

**November 10th** Remembrance Sunday Service

I am in St. Mary's Church

**December 22nd** Village Carol Service in St. Mary's Church

**December 24th** Crib Service in St. Mary's Church with 'The Puppet Crew' and live Nativity Play. Come dressed up as a character from the nativity and you will be able to take part!

**December 24th** 11.30pm Midnight Mass

**December 25th** 10.30am Family Eucharist and Gift Service

If Father Christmas visited Broomfield during the night, please bring along a gift to show to others.



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## Broomfield Cottage Gardeners' Society

### Summer Show Report

OUR SUMMER Flower Show returned to the revamped Village Hall on Sunday 14 July. Despite the long, wet winter, flowers and produce were good and the floral section plentiful and colourful. There was a good selection of cookery, preserves and entries for the bread challenge were very attractive, with their plaited loaves from the locally milled flour provided. Handicrafts and the photography section were well represented. The children's entries were at a record high, with entries from the Broomfield Beavers, Cubs and others.

The prizes were presented by one of our Vice-Presidents, the Rev Carolyn Tibbott, vicar of St Mary with St Leonard to: Deborah Farthing, Hugh Walker, Peter Bousfield, Brian Spalding, Virginia Freestone, Lisbeth Hardy, Peter Turrall, Mara Webb, Miss Isabelle Clarke and Master Toby Wallis.

An excellent day and a big thank you goes to all those exhibiting, helping, providing cakes, plants, raffle prizes and especially those serving teas and cakes from the new kitchen on such a hot day.

Our programme of winter talks start in October in the Village



Hall, commencing 7.15 for 7.30pm start and include the following:

23rd October: Harry Brickwood "The Gardeners Year"

27th November 2013: Mike Logan-wood "Going, Going Nearly Gone" 50 years as an Auctioneer

Entrance: £3 (including refreshments)

## BRUMFELDA

BRUMFELDA is ancient - it is the Anglo Saxon name for our village - when people with the names of Soulf, Segar, Borda, Picot and Godric 'possessed' the lanes and dwellings in the area. **BRUMFELDA Broomfield Local History Group** is in its infancy. It is barely one year ago that a small group of current residents, John Blake, Lyn Collins, Neil Wiffen, and our late Village Historian, Ken Searles conceived the idea of seeking permission from the owner and 'walking' Broomfield's Dragonsfoot Field, the known Roman site, in an effort to determine whether it was a villa, a manse or indeed, something else. Today BRUMFELDA focuses on the Romans, tomorrow our Saxon ancestors, as mentioned above, and perhaps there is a future with the Normans, including Goisfrid de Magnaville, who came over with the Conqueror and was given the manor that is now Broomfield Hall.

In order to walk through our local history we need experts to talk us through the life and times so a series of talks is being prepared to enlighten us all.

**Talk.** Monday 25th November, 7:15pm, Broomfield Village Hall. Ashley Cooper is a farmer, historian and writer. He lives at Gestingthorpe where he continues to examine a Roman villa, discovered by his father, on their farm. He is the author of five books and is currently preparing a sixth on the history of the farm and the archaeology of the Roman era in particular. In his talk, **'The past in my field: Gestingthorpe Roman Villa and Craftsman's Village'**, he will discuss what it is like to oversee an archaeological site as well as share with us his findings.

**Entry.** £3 for members, £5 for those who just want to drop by. For more details on BRUMFELDA please contact:

robin\_marchal@1priors.freeserve.co.uk

Please look out for details of further talks in 2014.

## HELPING THE HEROES

REGRETTABLY over the past years we have been made increasingly aware of the heavy loss of life amongst British Service personnel in overseas conflicts - almost 450 to date in Afghanistan. In addition to this there have been innumerable casualties as a result of IEDs (improvised explosive devices) and there are those who have suffered mental trauma as a result of this service to their country.

Broomfield Hospital has seen some of these victims, some of whom have come from our own Village and immediate area.

The Legion was first formed in 1921 as a consequence of the need to provide care and support for those who had suffered injury as a result of the First World War and to maintain the memory of this sacrifice in the eyes of the nation.

The Second World War added to the numbers of those requiring assistance, as has every conflict since.

Today the Royal British Legion provides care homes including specialist dementia care; breaks for those within the Service community to enable them to spend time with their loved ones following injury or lengthy deployment; retraining for those leaving the Services; grants for those wishing to set up their own businesses on

leaving the Service; 'handyman' service for those older veterans who need an odd job undertaken - to name but a few.

The Legion is the custodian of the nation's remembrance and as such we are all aware of the Poppy Appeal in October/November of each year and the greater emphasis now laid upon 11.11.11. The funds from that Poppy Appeal are used for the benefit of those who serve, have served and their dependents. Indeed the Poppy Appeal raises funds throughout the year not just during the Poppy "period" and last year the Broomfield Branch raised in excess of £18,300.

What is rarely understood or appreciated is that the work of the Legion continues all year through a network of Regional Offices and local branches.

The Broomfield Branch of the Royal British Legion, including its social club, is in Saxon Way.

Membership of the Legion is open to all those who support it's ideals, not just the ex-Service community, and through joining wish to support the Service community. Support might be given by being an active member of

the Branch, serving on one of our committees, a welfare case worker, collecting at Poppy-time or just working behind the scenes.

We are also able to assist those seeking to obtain unclaimed medals for past conflicts - including the recently issued Arctic Star and Bomber Command Clasp - these can be claimed by the veteran concerned or their next of kin.

Why not pop in and see us? Alternatively come along to the Branch headquarters on Saturday 28th September 2013 at 10.00am when Malcolm Taylor (Branch Chairman) will be giving a presentation on the origin of the Royal British Legion and how it meets the needs of all the heroes - yesterdays and today's. Then have a look around and see what we do.

### Broomfield Royal British Legion Social Club

#### Saxon Way

*Remember the dead, don't forget the living*

The Club has many Social Events such as Sport on our Large Screen, Darts, Snooker, Crib, Quiz Nights, and has an extensive Entertainment programme with Live Entertainment on most Saturday evenings and on special occasions. We have an active Women's Section.

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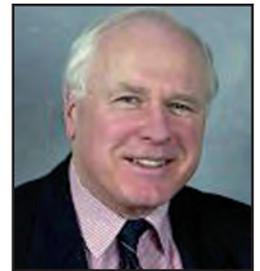
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## From the County Council

### TRADE MISSION TO JIANGSU

MEMBERS of the Essex County Council International Trade Team recently visited Jiangsu Province in China on a trade mission to promote increased investment from China in the counties of Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the Jiangning High-Tech Industrial Park to strengthen cooperation in the Life Science sector between the Industrial Park and the East of England. In addition, the re-signing of the Essex's long standing joint trading agreement, with the Vice-Governor of the Jiangsu Province, will enable the three county councils to develop joint projects to help businesses increase their exports to China; increase cultural exchanges and help our schools stimulate children to learn Chinese and learn more about Chinese culture. Our universities and vocational colleges will also have the opportunity to form profitable links with their counterparts in China as well as attract more Chinese tourists to the three counties.



### REAL TIME PASSENGER INFORMATION SYSTEM UPGRADE LIVE THIS JULY

The County Council, and its partner authorities, Southend Borough Council and Thurrock Council, have finished a full upgrade of the 'Real Time Passenger Information System' at bus stops; this became active at the end of July and will ultimately give better information on the real-time movements of the bus services to residents of Greater Essex. Initially the new system will only show timetable information but once operators equip their buses with GPS technology live information will appear on the displays over the coming months which will enable passengers to plan their travel with greater reliability and convenience. Audio announcements are also planned and will provide an extra benefit. These new upgrades provide for a more cost effective system that will help to save around £300k per annum.

### HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE PRIORITIES

You may have read in the local press that the County Council is proposing to make some key changes to its highway maintenance priorities. Roads will be classified as either 'County Routes' ('Priority 1 or Priority 2') or 'Local Roads'. 'The Priority 1 & 2 roads are the primary roads which provide the main arteries through Essex, and carry the highest traffic volumes. The 'Local Roads' network will comprise all other roads. The changes to the response times for repairs to carriageway surfaces and structural defects mean that emergency repairs (i.e. those representing an immediate safety risk) will continue to be given the highest priority on both County Routes and Local Roads - where necessary permanent repairs to emergency defects will be completed within five working days. For defects which are not deemed to be urgent, response times will continue to be quicker on County Routes, in order to allow the Council to focus its maintenance activity on the busiest roads. All other roads requiring an immediate repair will be considered as part of the County Council's planned maintenance programme. To report a highway defect go to [www.essex.gov.uk/highways](http://www.essex.gov.uk/highways) or call 0845 603 7631

If you have any problems concerning County Council matters please let me know on 01245 421524 or email [cllr.john.aldridge@essex.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.john.aldridge@essex.gov.uk)

John Aldridge CC – September / October 2013

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Various activities including Karate, Bingo, Bridge Club, Aerobics, Women's Institute, Carpet Bowls, Under 18 Choir, slimming clubs and children's activities take place in the Broomfield Village Hall on a weekly basis - please telephone the Parish Office or look at our website for further details.

### OCTOBER

- Sun 13th FOOTPATH SOCIETY WALK**, Staceys, Priors, Scravels.  
Meet 2.30pm Church Green
- Wed 16th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** 7.30pm Broomfield Village Hall.  
Public Question Time at the beginning of the meeting
- Sat 19th ST MARY'S AUTUMN FAYRE** in St. Leonard's Hall
- Wed 23rd BROOMFIELD COTTAGE GARDENERS SOCIETY TALK**  
Broomfield Village Hall 7.15 for 7.30pm  
Harry Brickwood "The Gardeners Year"

### NOVEMBER

- Sun 10th ST MARY'S CHURCH REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE** 11a.m.
- Wed 13th U3A MONTHLY MEETING** 1.30pm Broomfield Village Hall  
Speaker Anne McLaren 'Tales of Vicky the Campervan'. 1.30 p.m.
- Wed 20th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** 7.30pm Broomfield Village Hall.  
Public Question Time at the beginning of the meeting.
- Wed 27th BROOMFIELD COTTAGE GARDENERS SOCIETY TALK**  
Broomfield Village Hall 7.15 for 7.30pm Mike Logan-wood  
"Going, Going Nearly Gone" 50 years as an Auctioneer

### DECEMBER

- Wed 11th U3A MONTHLY MEETING** 1.30pm Broomfield Village Hall  
Speaker Chris Winter - 'Growing Old Disgracefully'. 1.30 p.m.
- Wed 18th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** 7.30pm Broomfield Village Hall.  
Public Question Time at the beginning of the meeting  
St Mary's Church Christmas Celebration Events see website:  
stmmarybroomfield.org for details nearer the time.

## OBITUARY – Audrey Evans 5th October 1930 - 27th July 2013



AUDREY, who lived in Broomfield virtually all her married life was an active member of the community and Chairman of the Women's section of the Royal British Legion for over 30 years.

Audrey was born and grew up in Chelmsford. During the war she worked in the accounts department at Hoffman's and one of her favourite stories from that time was when a long range unmanned missile ("Doodlebug") followed her up Corporation Road, and North Avenue, as she walked home. When she heard the engine stop, she ran for her life to the air raid shelter, knowing that when the engine stopped the bomb would drop from the sky!

In 1951 Audrey married Eddie and soon after they settled in Broomfield. They had three children, Neil, Kay and Andrea. Audrey was a very keen and skilled needle worker, and made the wedding and bridesmaid dresses for both her daughter's weddings. Although not so keen on Neil's wrestling career she also made his ring tops and gowns. She also entered many needlework competitions and was a regular prize winner.

Audrey was an accomplished cook and renowned for producing magnificent cakes and pies. She never failed to turn up at a family party or Sunday lunch without her homemade apple or lemon meringue pie, something all the family will very much miss. She was extremely proud of all her family taking great pleasure in all their achievements. Both she and Eddie were thrilled as the family expanded over the years, with the arrival of 8 grandchildren and more recently one great grandchild.

Despite a busy family life Audrey was very active in the British Legion. As well as her work for the Women's branch in Broomfield, she served on the County Committee and was their Secretary for over twenty years. In recognition of her work she was awarded the National Merit Award in 2000 which was followed by the National Gold Award in 2011. This is the highest award given to a member of the Women's section in recognition of outstanding service to the organisation. Branch committee meetings were usually held at her home and these always ended with a cup of coffee and homemade cakes. Audrey also gave great support to Eddie in his role as President of the Broomfield Men's branch accompanying him on all occasions, justification then, for calling this special and dedicated couple "Mr and Mrs Royal British Legion".

Audrey will be very much missed by all who knew her and leaves some very fond memories with family and friends alike. She was a much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother; a kind friend and a hard-working and dedicated member of the Royal British legion Women's Section.

Neil Evans, Joyce Ashford

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  - chronic neurological disease, such as Parkinson's disease or motor neurone disease diabetes;
  - Weakened immune system due to disease (such as HIV/AIDS) or treatment (such as cancer treatment).
  - People living in long-stay residential care homes or nursing
  - Carers

**FLU for 2 & 3 year olds:** A campaign to vaccinate all children is beginning this year with children aged 2 and 3. All eligible children will receive an invite from the surgery.

**SHINGLES:** A campaign to vaccinate patients against shingles is starting this year with patients aged 70 and 79 years of age on 1st September 2013. The vaccine will be offered to all eligible patients when they attend for their flu vaccine.

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# Sporting **BROOMFIELD**

Geof Garwood, Sports Editor

## Cricket News

ANOTHER season has drawn to a close but it has at least been one blessed, at last, with some good cricketing weather and with a notable performance to report upon.



**Jack Copeman and Aaron Elgin.**

For the senior Saturday teams it was a case of nearly but not quite. The 1st XI finished their T Rippon Mid Essex League Division 3 campaign with 10 wins from 18 games and in 4th spot just outside of the

promotion places. The 2nd XI meanwhile managed 9 wins in Division 9 from 18, finishing 5th having led the table mid season. Both teams were largely made up of our numerous Under 18's and so, with another season's experience under their belt, the hope is that those elusive promotions are not far off.

The notable performance came from the 2nd XI match at Boreham on 20th July where Broomfield batting first scored a massive 510 - 3 in their 45 overs. Aaron Elgin scored 284 not out, including 36 fours and 13 sixes, which is a club record and Captain Jack Copeman weighed in with 110, his maiden century (both pictured). Boreham could only manage 52 all out in reply leaving Broomfield winners by an enormous 458 runs!

Elsewhere, the junior section enjoyed another good year under the watchful eye of both Colts Manager, Nick Cowell and Club Welfare Officer, Gary Copeman. The U15's performed well in their league as did the U18's who took part and acquitted themselves very well against strong opposition in the inaugural Essex 20/20 competition. New for this year was the formation of an U9's group who enjoyed the Friday evening coaching sessions at the club and participated in two Kwik Cricket festivals (pictured with Nick Cowell).

Although next season may seem a long way off, new senior and junior members are always needed, so anyone interested is welcome to contact me.

**Tony Cowell**, Club Chairman  
[tony.cowell@btinternet.com](mailto:tony.cowell@btinternet.com)



**Broomfield Cricket Club's under 9s.**



**Broomfield Seniors (in white) against Sparta Werlte. Jay Thompson (in foreground) and Jack Matthews.**

**IN JULY** twelve senior players and five coaches from Broomfield Football club travelled to Sparta Werlte in Germany for an exchange weekend. The trip included a tour of Werder Bremen football stadium, a training game and a football match which Broomfield won 5-1. This was the first senior team trip for some time and it is hoped this exchange will now continue for many years to come. The German hospitality was amazing and the club are looking forward to welcoming them back here next June.

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