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# Broomfield **TIMES**

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## *A Very Brown Hedge Indeed!*

Aphids are one of the commonest and most troublesome of all garden insect pests. They, attack a large number of garden plants throughout the country and recently have been causing much disfigurement to ornamental conifer hedges. Commonly referred to as Greenfly and Blackfly these aphids feed on hedges, sucking the sap of the plant and can spread several varieties of virus, causing severe die back.

The current troublesome aphid is the Cypress Aphid which predominantly affects conifer hedging. The damage inflicted on conifer hedges by the aphid *Cinara cupressi* is severe and can lead to large brown patches on the hedge which leads to localised foliage death, reducing the aesthetic look of the hedge. As the aphid is active from May to October it is important to catch this problem early and apply treatments to stop its spread. Cypress Aphid causes damage to Western Red Cedar, (Thuja) Lawsons Cypress, Leylandii and Monterey Cypress.

Some species, such as woolly aphid on fruit and beech trees, cover themselves with a fluffy white waxy secretion. Most aphids feed on the foliage, stems and flowers but some suck sap from the roots. For much of the year, aphid colonies consist of wingless females that give birth to live young. Winged forms develop when overcrowding or a deterioration in the host plant induces a need to move to another plant.

The egg-laying form of aphid develops usually in the autumn, but for some species this can be in late summer, most aphid species overwinter as eggs.

Aphids also indirectly damage car paintwork, patios and drives with Honeydew, this is a sugar rich sticky substance, secreted by aphids. When their mouthparts penetrate the sap tissue of a plant, the sugary, high pressure liquid is forced out of the aphid's rear. This can often be seen cascading down from many trees on a bright sunny day landing on driveways, motor vehicles, plants and furniture.

This sugar rich material is then colonised by a sooty mould fungus which feeds on the substance creating a dull black like appearance, that is damaging and difficult to remove.



*“The damage inflicted by the Cypress Aphid is profound, leading to large brown patches and localised death!”*

Control of aphids on woody and non woody plants is easy, additionally good cultural techniques help to reduce exploding populations. Techniques that can be employed are ensuring that overwintering aphids do not survive during the winter by clearing dead plant material and encouraging natural predators. Biologically it is important to have a garden that is diverse in plant material to attract birds and beneficial insects such as ladybirds that will control the aphid population.

In terms of treatments the old horticultural practice of applying a horticultural winter oil wash to fruit trees to kill over-wintering eggs and young insects is still a very sound practice. Many aphid control products now exist for applying systemically to trees and hedges, these are very effective.

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## Welcome...

Welcome to the “new look”  
Broomfield Times.

We hope you like the format -  
we have tried to preserve the  
unique feel of previous editions  
and bring you all the latest news  
and information about events and  
activities in the Parish.

Changing publishers will free up funds to  
spend in the community. If you would like to  
influence how these and other funds are spent  
come along to the Annual Parish Meeting  
on the 22nd April where you will have an  
opportunity to have your say. You can find  
further details about this event on page 7.

In this Spring edition we're focussing on  
outdoor activities. For the walkers there is  
a map of the Broomfield Parish footpaths,  
details of the P3 group who walk and  
maintain the footpaths each month plus  
Broomfield Footpath Society's programme of  
walks for 2015 (page 26).

Gardeners can find out about events being  
organised by the Cottage Gardeners Society  
(page 24) plus a feature article, courtesy  
of Margaret Tranquada, on the history of  
the Society's annual show. This ties in with  
another Parish Council initiative to collect  
and record the memoirs of some of the older  
residents in the village (page 17) If you or  
someone you know would be prepared to  
talk about growing up and living in  
Broomfield then please get in touch with  
the Parish Office.

The Village Hall continues to go from strength  
to strength with a host of regular activities as  
well as individual fund raising events. Please  
come along and support these as they raise  
valuable funds to maintain and improve this  
excellent village facility.

**Selina Matthews**

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## Monthly Surgeries

There will be no MP surgeries from the end of March until after the general election in May when the MP for our district will be elected.

## Community Policing

Report forms for the confidential reporting of an incident or problem available from the Parish Office.

*Broomfield Community Police Officer*

**PCSO Karen Calleja 71853**

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

## Copy Dates

- Summer issue dates will be April 24, distributed late May
- Autumn issue dates will be 24 July distributed late August.

## General Notes

- Free dog waste bags and further supply of plastic bottle bags plus cardboard and paper sacks and graffiti removal kits available from Parish Office.
- Please refer any play area problems or incidents to the Parish Office.



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## In Council

**Parish Council meetings** take place every third Wednesday at 7.30pm in Broomfield Village Hall - 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. Three meetings have taken place since the last edition of the Broomfield Times and a summary of the main topics discussed can be found below.

### Local Policing

The Parish Council have concerns regarding the level of cutbacks seen in local policing, which has seen a much reduced local service. It has been agreed that Councillor Garwood will meet with PCSO Calleja on a monthly basis to discuss any local issues. Future "street meetings" will be held in more convenient locations i.e. the Parish monthly Coffee Morning at Broomfield Village Hall and outside Broomfield Primary School during drop-off time.

### Planning

Apart from considering a number of individual planning applications the Parish Council have continued to represent the views and concerns of the parishioners regarding the new housing developments. This has included attending Chelmsford Planning Committee meetings where issues relating to traffic and surface water drainage from the proposed development at Hollow Lane/North Copperfield Road were raised.

### Village Hall and Civic Amenities

It was reported the New Year's Eve Party was a great success and various events are being organised for 2015. Funding for a new roundabout to be installed in Angel Meadow Play Area has also been secured which is suitable for disabled and able bodied children.

### Traffic and road safety

The increased volume of traffic both within and around the village continues to be a challenge. Several parishioners attended the meeting in February to raise concerns regarding road safety to pedestrians and other road users. This matter will be discussed at the next Planning Committee when requests will be put forward to the Local Highways Panel (LHP). Members of the public are encouraged to provide evidence and information to support the Parish Council in their efforts to get these issues resolved by extending speed restrictions, improving visibility and widening pavements.

### Communications

A Communications Working Party has now been established to consider and take forward initiatives to communicate more effectively with parishioners. One of their tasks will be to promote and organise the Annual Parish Meeting (not to be confused with the AGM!) on 22nd April (see separate notice) where parishioners will have an opportunity to raise any concerns and shape future spending policy within the parish. This will be a very informal meeting so come along and share your views!

### Play Schemes for 2015

It was agreed to fund two sessions during the Easter Holidays and five sessions during the Summer holidays – there will be no charge to attendees. The sessions cost £100 and it was agreed to pay for this and for a couple of 'extras' up to the cost of £1000.

# Making Broomfield Even Better!

## Annual Parish Meeting & social evening

Wednesday 22 April at 2-4pm & 7-9pm, Broomfield Village Hall

The Parish Council is improving the village facilities. Using money from developers, we'll soon be able to pay off the cost of the newly refurbished Village Hall. Now we're starting to plan how to use future opportunities to make Broomfield an even better place to live. We want to hear your views, so please come and tell us! Display boards will be available from 2-4pm on 22 April, to welcome children's ideas and anyone who may not be available in the evening.

### WHAT IS YOUR PRIORITY?



Preserving open spaces?  
Picnic tables and benches?  
Planting flowers?



More facilities for young people?  
Outdoor equipment?  
Clubs ?



Making the village a safer place  
for walking and cycling?  
Reducing traffic speed?

### OR SOMETHING ELSE?

### How The System Works

Developers are obliged to provide community facilities. We want them to give you what you want to enhance the village. The Parish Council will play an active role.

### Safety

How can we create a safer village? The Parish Council would appreciate your views, especially regarding pavements and cycle paths.

### Broomfield Teenagers

- Would you like a new development space to include a BMX track, skateboard facility?
- Where should the kickwall be for better access?
- Would you like your own youth club, iPad or Minecraft group?
- Would you like to be on a youth council to influence opportunities in Broomfield?

### Contact

We would love the village to get together on Wednesday 22 April to have a chat about improvements. If you are unable to make that date please let us know your views either on the Parish Facebook page  or write to the Communications Committee at c/o The Parish Office, 158 Main Road, Broomfield CM1 7AH

In person: White post box for suggestions located outside Broomfield Village Hall.

Email: [clerk@broomfieldpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@broomfieldpc.org.uk)

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## Civic Amenities Report

### Centenary Wood

There has not been a lot of maintenance needed in the wood at this time of the year so the willing volunteers have spent their time working elsewhere in the village. We cut back the vegetation by the wide pathway at the back of the children's playground to keep this 'access route' open for appropriate vehicles.

We have also weeded an area at the boundary between the Village Hall car park and the Angel's car park. We came across a number of bulbs so should expect a colourful display in the spring.

### Parish Pathways Partnership (P3)

The P3 group of volunteers have been busy putting in some new way-marker posts on footpaths in the north of the parish near Woodhouse Lane.

We also investigated the footpath which links Patching Hall lane to Berwick Avenue as this footpath was closed during the major building works of the new development. Most of this footpath has now had tarmac put down with just a small section in the middle to be completed.

### 5 Greens

The village volunteers carried out some maintenance work around the ditch area of Parsonage green by Elm Close. There are drainage problems at present although we have been told that they are 'in the pipe line' to be resolved.

### Play-area

We have good news to report! We have been successful in our bid for a grant to help install a children's roundabout in our play-area. The special roundabout enables any child in a wheelchair to access the roundabout alongside able bodied friends. We hope to hear soon about the start date for installation.

The catalogue picture (right) shows the style of roundabout which will soon be added to our play-area.

### Allotments

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

**Tim Tranquada**



## From the County Council

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### Essex Energy Switch

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### County Council Budget 2015/16

The proposed Essex County Council budget will freeze Council Tax for the fifth successive year. Some of the key elements of the budget include:

- Investing £131 million in the County's highways and transportation network.
- Investing £79 million to provide 3,000 additional primary school places in 2015/2016.
- Investing £32 million for transport including local bus routes and community transport.

- Starting a five-year programme to develop flood defences.
- Ensuring there is superfast broadband for our communities and businesses.
- Supporting vulnerable people to live as independently as possible.

For more information on Council Tax visit [www.essex.gov.uk/Your-Council/Council-Spending/council-tax/Pages/Council%20Tax.aspx](http://www.essex.gov.uk/Your-Council/Council-Spending/council-tax/Pages/Council%20Tax.aspx)

### Testing begins at Basildon waste plant

Testing of equipment and processes has commenced at the Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT) plant in Basildon, ahead of its official opening later this year. The plant will process household waste from across the County reducing the release of harmful greenhouse gases and be a major step towards the move away from sending our waste to landfill.

When opened, the local community and schools from all over Essex will be able to visit the Plant's Visitor Centre to learn about the importance of recycling in our communities. For more information visit [www.ubbessex.co.uk/residual-waste-treatment-facility-begins-commissioning-of-plant](http://www.ubbessex.co.uk/residual-waste-treatment-facility-begins-commissioning-of-plant)



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Free of charge and specifically designed for Essex residents, the messaging system is jointly funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner, and money seized from criminals under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

ECM gives you the option to select the information that you want to receive. This is used to make you aware of issues happening in your area and offering you advice.

Nick Alston, Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex, said: "Essex Community Messaging will get key crime and crime prevention information out to communities faster than ever before. It will also improve the two-way flow of information about community safety between Essex Police, Neighbourhood and other Watch groups, and the people of Essex.

"ECM will provide a crucial new channel for keeping our communities safe. I urge everyone to register now for ECM".

Alan Johnson, Chair of the Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association, said: "We're delighted that we now have a brand new messaging system, and look forward to improving our ability to help Essex Police reduce the level of crime across our county".

Whether it's involving local people in the search for a vulnerable missing person or simply to pass on advice on how to keep safe, ECM will transform the speed and effectiveness of communication across Essex.

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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 **broomfieldcc@live.com** or have a look on the website **www.broomfieldessex.org/broomfield-village-hall-inform/** for more information.

### APRIL

- 1 Broomfield Village Hall Coffee Morning, 10.45 to 12.30
- 2 Play in the Park, Angel Meadow/ Broomfield Village Hall, 1.30 to 3.30pm
- 2-5 Easter Services, see separate entry
- 8 Play in the Park, Angel Meadow/ Broomfield Village Hall, 10am-12noon
- 8 U3A "Pounds, shillings and poverty; London history" - David Williams 1.30pm Broomfield Village Hall
- 8 BRUMFELDA: Geology of Broomfield, Ian Mercer and Ros Smith Broomfield Village Hall, 7pm
- 15 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7.30pm Broomfield Village Hall. Public Question Time at the beginning of the meeting
- 22 Annual Parish Meeting, Broomfield Village Hall 2-4pm and 7-9pm with refreshments
- 25 BROOMFIELD COTTAGE GARDENERS' SOCIETY - coach trip to RHS Wisley in Surrey. Details at [www.broomfieldcottagegardenerssociety.co.uk](http://www.broomfieldcottagegardenerssociety.co.uk)

### MAY

- 6 Broomfield Village Hall Coffee Morning, 10.45 to 12.30
- 10 BROOMFIELD COTTAGE GARDENERS' SOCIETY Plant Sale at The Barn, Broomfield Allotment Site, 10am-1pm.
- 13 U3A AGM & "Fakes & forgeries" Tim Turner 1.30pm Broomfield Village Hall.
- 19 May Fayre St Mary's Church, 11-3pm
- 20 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7.30pm Broomfield Village Hall. Public Question Time at the beginning of the meeting

### JUNE

- 3 Broomfield Village Hall Coffee Morning, 10.45 to 12.30
- 10 U3A Monthly Meeting 1.30pm Broomfield Village Hall "My wife and I are one and I am he" - Margaret Rogers
- 10 BRUMFELDA: tba Village Hall, 7pm
- 13 Family Disco, Broomfield Village Hall, 6.30-9.30pm
- 17 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7.30pm Broomfield Village Hall. Public Question Time at the beginning of the meeting

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### Palm Sunday - 29 March

- 10.30am St. Leonard's Hall Palm Procession, blessing of Palm Crosses

### Holy Week reflections

- St. Mary's Church 7-8pm  
Monday 30 March  
Tuesday 31 March  
Wednesday 1 April

### Maundy Thursday - 2 April

- St. Mary w. St. Leonard's Church  
6pm Cedar Meal  
7pm Eucharist  
with washing of feet and The Watch

### Good Friday - 3 April

- Joint service and walk of witness through the village 10am at Broomfield Methodist Church, finishing at St. Mary w. St. Leonard's Church at 11.15am (hot cross buns and drinks served at the end of the service)
- St. Mary's Church 2pm  
Reflections at the foot of the cross

### Easter Eve - 4 April

- Methodist Church  
Easter reflections 10am-12noon

### Easter Day - 5 April

- St. Mary w. St. Leonard's Church - 8am Holy Communion; 10.30am Parish Eucharist with renewal of Baptismal vows; 6.30pm Evening prayer
- The Methodist Church 8.30am Holy Communion; 10.30am All age worship to celebrate Easter Day. All are welcome

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Broomfield Branch of the Royal British Legion is located in Saxon Way and comprises a Branch responsible for welfare and administration of the Poppy Appeal locally, with a social club sharing the same premises.

Committee members are appointed and volunteers welcomed to ensure the smooth and efficient running of the RBL in Broomfield. We are pleased to announce that yet again, despite stiff opposition we have been selected as winners of the Tritton Trophy for Branch efficiency.

This success cannot be achieved without a committee oiling the cogs and smoothing the way. The Branch is currently without a formal Welfare officer and the Standard Bearer wishes to retire before his centenary. If either of these prestigious positions are of interest please come and meet us and we'll give you the "Gen".

Alternatively you can contact us on 01245 268172.

The village club format of the social club is proving popular, particularly the envelope draw on Friday evenings. A programme of Spring entertainment is shown below. Remember, you do not have to be ex-Service to join us.

March 14	Mel Walker	Singer
March 28	Ian Jordan	Singer
April 4	Gary Gee	Singer
April 18	Susie M	Singer
May 3	Cabaret	Tickets req'd
May 16	Bob Whiting	Singer
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**Dougal Clifford**

## Brumfelda Broomfield's Local History Group

Was it the wine or the fruit juice that was on offer? Was it the display of Roman finds from Dragonsfoot? Was it the promise of what was to come, including an inspiring Talk by Essex based Anglo-Saxon expert, Steve Pollington that attracted Brumfelda's members and friends to their AGM in January? Chat to a member and you'll get some answers! Or make contact via email, [brumfelda@gmail.com](mailto:brumfelda@gmail.com) Subsequently Steve's Talk was attended by nearly 50 people. Broomfield's Lost Prince, re-discovered in 1888 arose from the 'barrow' once more, (no, not a wheel-barrow!) as we fully envisioned his ancient weapons, gold ornaments, glassware and buckets, even minute traces of cloth, and of course, shining brightly, Broomfield's own jewel. (see picture)

At the time of writing a skirmish is taking place as members jostle to be one of twenty people to visit the British Museum on 20th April – there to get a special viewing of these Anglo Saxon finds.

Both our archaeological sites lie beneath our earth. On the 8th April, in the Village Hall, Geologists, Ian Mercer and Ros Smith will give us a deeper insight into exactly what lies beneath us whenever we stroll around greater Broomfield. Oops! Better mind our steps!



**Robin Marchal**

# Broomfield Parish Council's Living History Project

We have many people living in Broomfield today who were born in the village, attended the local schools, worked in the local area and married and brought up their families in the village.

Councillors Tim Tranquada and Geof Garwood wanted to capture some of their stories and memories on video for the village archive.

On Wednesday 11th February 2015 we invited Betty Mullender, Joyce Ashford, John Latham and Michael Wiffen to the Village Hall for a collective trip down memory lane.

During the sessions, as one of the guests talked about a memory of the school or of socialising in the Town it would trigger off another guest's

memory and the story would be embellished with more details. The gathering was broken down into sections of recollections of: where you were born and up to the age of 5; early schooling; leaving school and first employment and their courting and entertainment activities.

The videos, hopefully, will be available on the Village web page for all to see.

We hope to run additional sessions and if you wish to be involved or you wish to suggest a 'likely' candidate then please contact the Parish Office.

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## Pensioners' Lunch

Nearly 90 parishioners enjoyed the annual Pensioners' Lunch on Wednesday 25th February in Broomfield Village Hall. A lovely meal was cooked and beautifully served by Chicks Catering - many compliments were received! Thanks to Broomfield Orthodontist and Woollards Charity for their kind donations and to Broomfield Fish & Chip Shop and the Councillors who supplied gifts for the free raffle. Thanks also to Karen, Kathryn, Tabs, Margaret Tranquada and Councillors Tim Tranquada, Les Steed, Geof Garwood and Ray Mullender for help with serving the wine!



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Ray, who now lives in Church Avenue was born in Ridley Road, Broomfield in 1931. He attended Broomfield Primary School until the age of 14 then went to work in the Grocer's Shop in School Lane. He served for 5 years in the Grenadier Guards and then spent 35 years working in Smithfield Meat Market.



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## Jack and Jill Pre-School

Jack and Jill Pre-School had a very busy autumn term and have lots of activities planned for this term as well. We have had lots of new children settling in and are all looking forward to our Easter activities.

Recently the Pre-school's Thursday afternoon session, which is solely for the children who will be attending school this academic year, enjoyed an outing to the local park. On the way we called at the fish & chip shop to buy some chips which we then shared out into cones the children had made in the morning session. All the children loved this and then enjoyed playtime at the park. These outings are a regular event and are popular with both children and staff alike.

Jack and Jill Pre-school is located behind the Methodist Church on Main Road. It is open all day on a Mon, Thurs and Fri from 9.15am to 3.15pm and from 9.15am to 12.15pm on Tues and

Weds. We also run a parent and toddler group on a Weds afternoon from 1.15pm-2.45pm.

Jack and Jill Pre School (Broomfield) is a charity run Pre-school relying heavily on donations from parents and locals. Several fundraising events are held throughout the year to help buy new equipment. Our most recent fund raising event was a bingo night in December which was a huge success and raised a lot of money for the Pre-school. The committee are now focusing on their next fundraising event which will be a BIG BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION, celebrating 35 years of Jack & Jill. This will be held on Saturday 4 July 2015 at Broomfield Village Hall. Further details to be publicised nearer the time.

If you would like any further information regarding the Pre-school please call Julie Ellingford on 07946 635068. Our website is [www.jackandjillpreschoolbroomfield.co.uk](http://www.jackandjillpreschoolbroomfield.co.uk)



*Jack and Jill Preschool enjoying their chips!*

## Local Elections

**7 May 2015**

On Thursday 7 May 2015 the Parliamentary General Election, Chelmsford City Council Elections and Parish Council Elections will take place. If you would like to stand as a Parish Councillor for Broomfield and would like to learn more about what is involved - please contact the Parish Office via email to [clerk@broomfieldpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@broomfieldpc.org.uk) or telephone **01245 441660**

## Broomfield library

Broomfield library hosted a very successful Pancake Puppet show at half term - fortunately no pancakes stuck on the ceiling - and by popular demand we have now booked a return event for Easter on Thursday 9 April at 2pm - so come along and enjoy the fun and songs.

We're having lots of fun at our story and song time for babies and toddlers on Wednesday mornings between 10am and 10.30 - if you're 0 to school age come along with your mum, dad, grandparents or carers and delve into our magic bag of goodies.

Our Saturday morning book group welcomes new members so if you'd like to read something different, enjoy a lively discussion and make new friends, come and join us - once every six weeks for an hour between 11am and 12 noon.

Watch out for our Summer Reading Challenge - Record Breakers - coming to all libraries

between 11 July and 5 September. Read six books to collect Animal Magic, Cool Tech and Action Adventure stickers and receive a medal. If you're 14 or over and enjoy relating with children, we'd love you to volunteer as part of our team to give kids a brilliant Summer Read experience. Go online Essex County Council volunteers section to pick up an application form or call in the library for more info.



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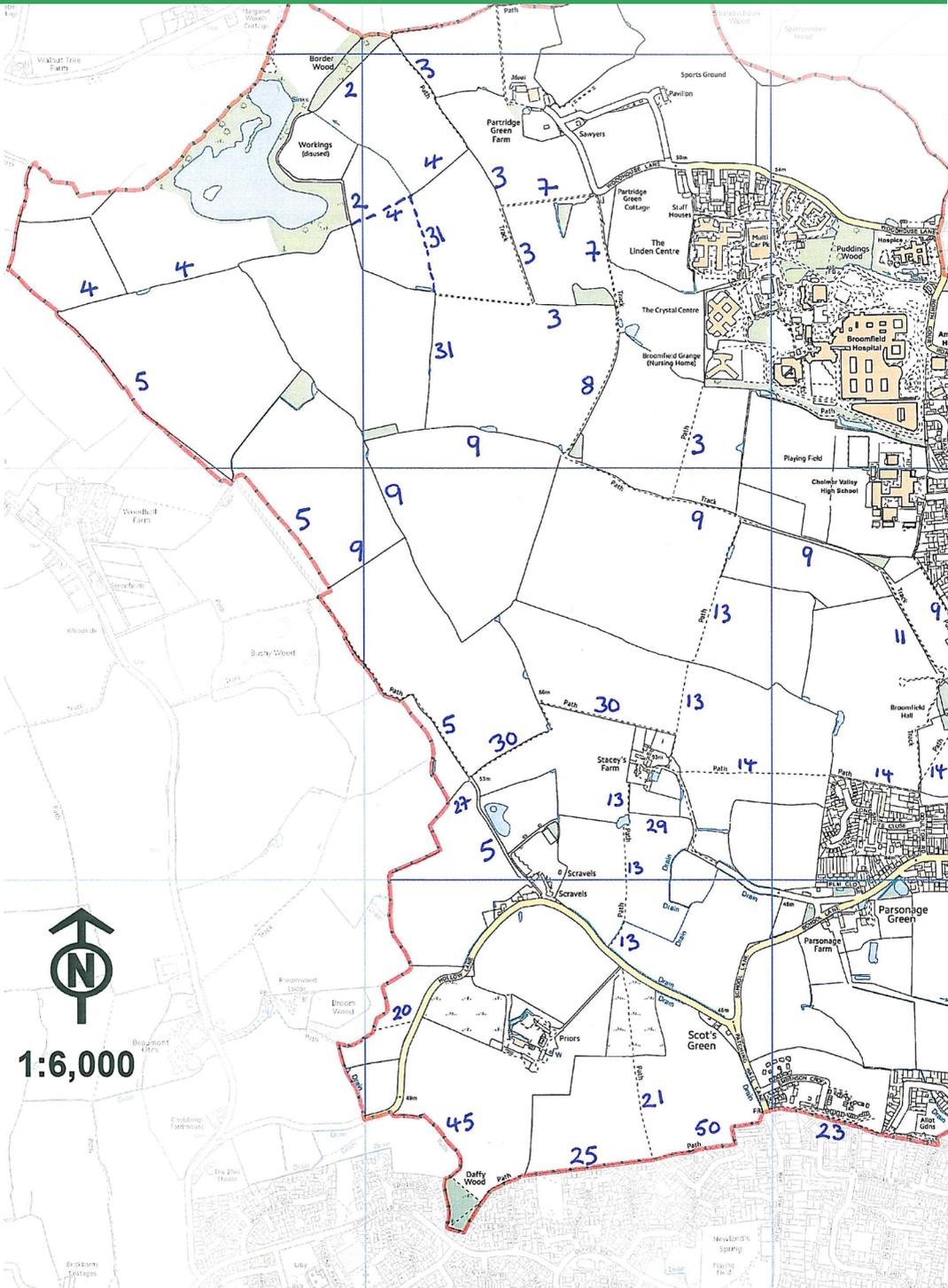
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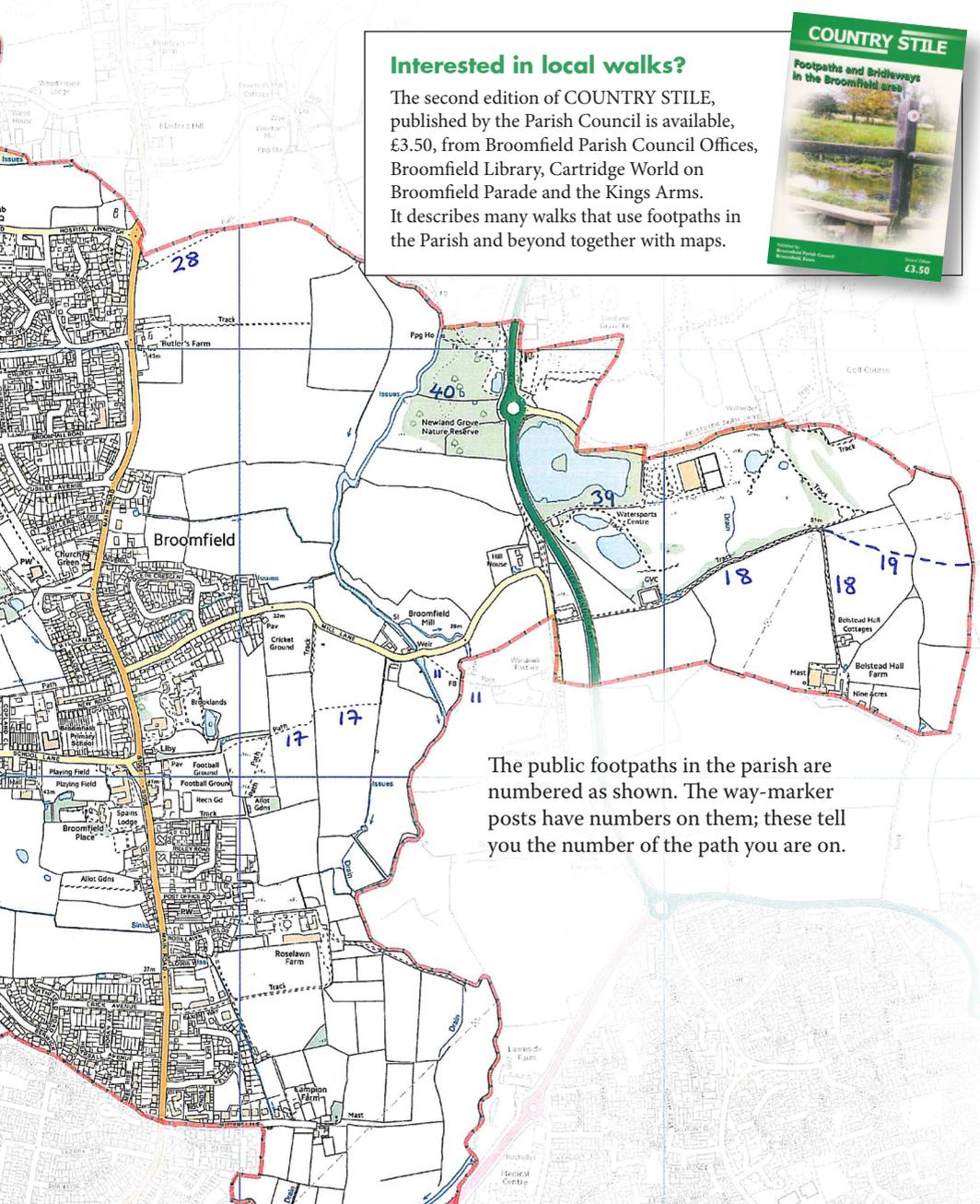
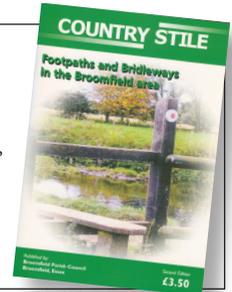
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# Broomfield Parish Footpaths

## Interested in local walks?

The second edition of COUNTRY STYLE, published by the Parish Council is available, £3.50, from Broomfield Parish Council Offices, Broomfield Library, Cartridge World on Broomfield Parade and the Kings Arms. It describes many walks that use footpaths in the Parish and beyond together with maps.



The public footpaths in the parish are numbered as shown. The way-marker posts have numbers on them; these tell you the number of the path you are on.

# Broomfield Cottage Gardeners' Society



## Coach Trips

We have planned three interesting trips this year to RHS Wisley in Surrey on Saturday 25 April (£17 per person), Barnsdale Gardens in Rutland on Saturday 25 July (£27 p/p) and the Brogdale Apple Festival in Kent on Saturday 17 October (£24 p/p). Payments to be made in full for each trip by cheque only please. Pick-up points are: The Angel 8.40am, Chelmsford Service Station, 74 Main Road, Broomfield nearly opposite the Co-op at 8.45am, Broomfield Parade 8.50am & Wood Street Shops 9am. For more details, please contact David Jay on **01245 440563** or visit our website. Please note the pick-up times may vary and will be confirmed in our Quarterly Newsletters nearer to the time of the actual trip.

## Summer Show

This year's Summer Flower & Produce Show will be held on Sunday 12 July in Broomfield Village Hall and will be open to the public from 2-4.30pm. If you are interested in entering any of the classes, which include flowers, fruit and vegetables, floral & vegetable arrangements, cookery and preserves, photographs and handicrafts and children's classes, please contact our Show Secretary David Jay on **01245 440563** or Margaret Tranquada on **01245 442051** for a schedule which includes a wealth of other information about the Society's activities.

## Trading Centre News

We have a wide range of general gardening products on sale including a large range of seeds at 25% discount. Opening times are 2-3pm on Fridays and 10am-noon on Sundays. In order to benefit from the Trading Centre you will need to join the Society. Membership is £4p/a, £3p/a for senior citizens and £2p/a for young gardeners (up to and including 18 years of age). Membership can be obtained at the Trading Centre which is located in The Barn at the Broomfield Allotments site or by calling our Membership Secretary, Margaret Tranquada, on **01245 442051**.

## Website

We have now published our own website which includes a section for members only. Please visit **[www.broomfieldcottagegardenerssociety.co.uk](http://www.broomfieldcottagegardenerssociety.co.uk)** and let us have any feedback or details of any problems you may have in accessing the site. This is a new venture for the Society and we will further develop the site in the coming months.



## Vacancies

We urgently need to fill three positions in the Society, Secretary (generally taking the minutes at meetings), Newsletter Editor (gathering input on a quarterly basis from committee members and then preparing the newsletter) and Press Officer (preparing articles for publication in the Essex Chronicle, Chelmsford Weekly News and the Broomfield Times). The Newsletter Editor and Press Officer need not necessarily be on the Committee. Please contact Margaret Tranquada on **01245 442051** in the first instance if you are interested in taking one or more of these roles.

## Plant Sale

We will be holding a plant sale on Sunday 10th May 2015 from 10am-1pm at The Barn on the Broomfield Allotments site. The entrance is between 149 & 151 Main Road. This is open to everyone so please come along and select some plants or seedlings, both flower and vegetable, for your house, garden or allotment. Proceeds from the sale will go towards our selected Charity.

## Philip Richards



# Parish Pathways Partnership (P3)

The P3 volunteers work with Public Rights of Way Officers from Essex County Council to oversee the public footpaths in Broomfield to keep them in a safe 'walkable' condition. Any general maintenance, such as cutting back overhanging brambles, is carried out by the volunteers and more involved work, such as putting in footbridges, is carried out in conjunction with the County; they provide the necessary materials and we provide the labour.

The volunteers meet at 10:00am outside the Church on Church Green on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. We plan our walks such that each footpath is walked at least once a year. On many occasions, we simply enjoy a pleasant walk lasting approximately 2 hours and on targeted occasions we carry out maintenance tasks.

**Tim Tranquada**

There is a booklet (Country Style) which describes suggested walks incorporating a number of the footpaths shown on the map. The booklet can be purchased from the Parish Office. The booklet was written by a group of keen walkers in the Parish.



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# Broomfield Footpath Society

## Programme Year 2015

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### Sunday afternoons meet at 2.30pm

Apr 5

Sparrowhawk Wood - Larks Lane -  
Border Wood

Apr 19

Sweeps Walk - Croxtons - Little Waltham

May 3

Walthambury - Little Green - Hartford End  
Cars to Walthambury

May 10

Lords Wood, Leaden Roding Cars to  
Brickford Bridge

### Wednesday evenings meet at 7.30pm

May 13

Compasses, Little Green Cars to Little Green

May 30

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

May 27

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

June 3

Kings Arms via Little Waltham

June 10

Green Man, Edney Common Cars  
to Green Man

June 17

Rose and Crown, Great Waltham Cars  
to Great Waltham

June 24

Rodney Inn, Little Baddow Cars to Rodney Inn

July 1

Square and Compasses, Fuller Street Cars to  
Fuller Street

July 8

Leather Bottle, Pleshey Cars to Pleshey

July 15

The Three Elms circular Cars to The Three Elms

July 22

Windmill, Chatham Green Cars to Windmill

July 29

The Walnut Tree, Broads Green.

### Sunday afternoons meet at 2.30pm

Aug 30

Paper Mill Lock - River Ter (tea and cakes) Cars  
to Bumfords Lane

Sept 13

Broads Green - Fanners Green Cars to  
Walnut Tree

Sept 27

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# Broomfield Cottage

## The longest surviving society in Broomfield

**For those residents of Broomfield who have lived here most of their life, there will no doubt be some names that you recognise in the article below and you might hopefully be encouraged, as a result, to submit an article to the editor including your memories of past life in Broomfield.**

Broomfield Cottage Gardeners' Society was founded in 1879 and held its first Show on Friday, 10 October 1879 in a large marquee in the grounds of Broomfield Hall. The displays consisted of home-made bread, needlework, children's work, vegetables, fruit, flowers, much the same as our current shows, although the classes in the 1879 Show reflected the class structure at the time: Class A was for gardeners of the parishioners, ie the residents of the "big" houses in the village; Class B was for cottagers, mostly agricultural labourers who grew flowers and vegetables in their gardens; Class C was for children, with the emphasis on wild flowers and fruits; and Class D was needlework, which generally seemed to include alterations to clothes (recycling of the day?), mending and

darning. There were also displays of flowers and plants, not for competition, and the Band of the Essex Industrial School entertained the visitors. In the early days of the Society, the Show was always held in the grounds of Broomfield's "big" houses, which also included Broomfield Place, Broomfield Lodge, Ayletts, Butlers, Broomfield Mill, Brooklands and the Vicarage.

Subsequent Shows in this century saw the addition of further marquees (to include refreshments), a new class - the best dish of cooked potatoes - and the appearance of the Chelmsford Town Band. The Show moved to July and was now held on a Wednesday and a variety of sports were introduced, such as a quoits match, tennis and cricket matches. Other innovations were plants grown from seeds provided for children, a gymnastic display by the Essex Industrial School, a bicycle gymkhana, a flag race, a thread-needle race, an egg & spoon race, a tortoise race and a bob-cherry race.

In 1901, the sports programme expanded to include, amongst other activities, high and long jump, one mile walking, tug-of-war and putting the weight. In the following decade, a bizarre

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# Gardeners' Society

new class was introduced: dead queen wasps, which was won by John Jiggins with about 100 bodies, and a baby show became part of the Schedule.

Following the opening of the new school in 1912, another class was added: the showing of vegetables grown by the boys at the school from seed provided by the Education Committee. Not to be outdone, the girls at the school entered a sock-knitting competition! 1914 saw the last flower show for several years, due to the 1st world war, with John Jiggins continuing to win the dead queen wasps title, with an incredible 620 and the runner-up, J Magness, not even coming close with 440!

The Flower Show wasn't revived until 1924 on the arrival of Walter George Staines, who had been appointed Headmaster of Broomfield School. Crompton's Band provided the music, there was a display by the Broomfield Folk Dancers and sports and numerous side shows continued to provide entertainment. The baby competition was still popular, with Sheila Burton the winner and a triple tie for 2nd place between Joyce Matthams, Betty Marshal and Linda Fuller.

1925 provided more unusual attractions: skittles for a pig; pony weight guessing; a gentlemen's beauty competition and an ankle

competition. A prominent name in the Society was introduced this year when a young Val Staines (who would later become the Society's Secretary from 1958 until 2005) won a prize in the children's pets (feather) class.

In the 1930s, technology intervened and the music was provided by the Mullard Wireless Service Co Ltd of London. In 1932, baby show prizes were awarded to Broomfield residents, Beryl Turner, Raymond Barford, Joanne Sprawling, Merryl Gibbons and Roma Sewell, and George Barford beat Austin Day for the best cultivated school plot.



A highlight of the 1936 Show was the "bowling for a pig" competition, when the pig escaped its enclosure 4 times and was recaptured each time after an exciting chase. Children's sports winners were Derek Cox, Harold Garner, Eric Harvey, Geoffrey Lakin, Bill Brewer and Daphne Blackburn. ▶



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*Broomfield Cottage Gardeners' Society, continued*

▶ The baby show in 1937 was dominated by the girls: Pauline Orrin, Gwen Vinall, Margaret Rule and Audrey Crozier; the boy's fancy dress parade winners that year were: Gilbert French, Tony Wilkinson and Tony Stubbings. The 1938 Show was the last for several years due to the outbreak of war and didn't resume until 1946 when there was no longer a section in the Schedule exclusively for members employing gardeners.

1947 featured a section in the Show devoted to exhibits of leatherwork, embroidery, needlework and gold wire work by patients from the nearby TB sanatorium (now known as Broomfield Hospital). It also saw the introduction of the very 1st Autumn Show, held in the Church Hall featuring chrysanthemums, dahlias, fruit and vegetables. This was voted a great success and has continued ever since.

The '50s saw more changes with a record 1,285 entries in the 1953 Summer Show, when live music was provided by the Chelmsford Sea Cadets Band. In 1955, Eddie Evans (one of the Society's current Vice Presidents) won the prestigious Banksian medal, the 1st of many awards he would claim over the next 50+ years. The new senior Broomfield School added to the entries, with exhibits of woodwork, metalwork, needlework and handwriting, and wine-making was introduced, but the baby show and the cooked potatoes classes disappeared from the Schedule.

The 1960s brought more additions to the Show: Brenda Goddard brought the Weston School of Dancing to give a display and Chelmsford Model Engineers brought their model railway. A "Concours d'elegance" was introduced, where vintage and veteran vehicles were displayed.



*Do you know who these ladies were in the 1915 Model T Ford at the 1965 Show?*

In 1966, the Concours included a competition for the most attractive lady passenger in a car (how sexist!) and another innovation: a piano smashing contest (where did all the pianos come from?). In following years, cars gave way to horses, as a gymkhana was organised, and cacti and succulents were added to the Schedule. The children's entries were very impressive: Clive

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Hill's wrought iron lamp standard and Jane Warman's Arran jumper and cross-stitch work were especially admired.

1969 saw a full programme of children's sports organised by Broomfield Football Club and amongst the winners were Nigel Turner, Philip Barnes, Andrew McClure, Dean Ketley and David Saltmarsh, Sandra Cox, Gail Ketley, Janet Stiling, Ann Eggleton and Fiona Scott. In the grown-ups' races, prize-winners included June Kentesber, Mrs McClure and Sue Browning as well as Messrs Grey, Ridgewell and Derek Cox.



*Keen piano-smashers in the 1960s!  
Do you recognise anyone?*

In the 1970s, a 6-a-side football competition was introduced and the Show was now spread over 2 fields: Angel Meadow and the David Smith Memorial Field. The Floral Art trophy was won by Joan Fisk, who dominated this class during the decade. The Autumn Show also underwent

changes, moving from the Church Hall to the David Smith Pavilion, now the Village Hall, and was held on a Sunday. Another major development was the opening of a horticultural trading hut on the Broomfield allotment site for the benefit of members. The Summer Show continued to expand, spreading also into the Community Centre (Village Hall), and the new winner of the coveted Banksian medal was Austin Wheeler, who was to dominate the flower section for the next 11 years



*Christopher Browning and David Smith won 1st prizes in 1975: Christopher for his fruit cake and David for his 6 decorated cakes.*

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*Broomfield Cottage Gardeners' Society, continued**The prize-winners at the 1978 Summer Show*

The 1980s saw 5-a-side football introduced by Broomfield Football Club and a display by the Chelmer Valley Blue Falcons gymnastic team to complement the Dancing School (later displays were provided by the Marie Silvester School), children's sports and the gymkhana, though this saw its demise in 1985. Also, a new prize-winner came to the fore: current Broomfield resident, John Wood, who won both the Inglis Cup and the Banksian Medal in 1989.

The 1990s saw the number of entries in both Shows fall quite significantly and the additional sideshows/attractions gradually disappeared over the years - this possibly encouraged the Society's Committee to look at introducing a programme of social events for members, such as evening talks in the Winter and coach trips and visits to members' gardens during the Summer.

Changes continued into the new millennium: the Show Schedule was overhauled, prize certificates replaced prize money, but larger cash prizes accompanied cups and trophies. The Show may not be the "village event" as it used to be, but it has evolved and seems to benefit the Society members and visitors alike. Why not make a note in your diary of the dates of our Summer and Autumn Shows this year (12 July and 27 September) and come along and see what you think!

**Margaret Tranquada**

*John Wood (still a Broomfield resident) with his prize-winning display*

The facts for this article have been extracted from the book *Growing and Showing and Still Going* - a history of the Broomfield Cottage Gardeners' Society 1879 - 2009 written by our late Broomfield historian, Ken Searles (copies of which are available from the Society's Trading Centre for £3.50)



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## Broomfield Football Club Report

A fundraising memorial match was organised over the Christmas break in memory of Lewis Page by his friends from both Broomfield and Boreham Football Clubs. Lewis used to play football for Broomfield and sadly passed away last May at the age of 25. The game raised £670 for his family to put towards a headstone.



Players who took part in the Lewis Page Memorial March

### Seniors

The weather has hampered many games for all age groups. The Saturday Olympian team have played 3 games since Christmas resulting in 2 score draws and one loss. In the Pope and Smith League the Sunday 1st team have played 2 cup games since the break losing one but winning the other with an impressive 8-1 win. The Sunday reserves have lost one cup game but have had a change of form in the league with two back to back wins.

Sunday A in Braintree & North Essex Sunday League have seen an upturn in their fortunes since moving into Senior football from the U18's. So far they are unbeaten in 2015, have reached the quarter final of the Malcolm Foy Trophy and are currently 5th in the League.

### Juniors

Broomfield Saturday morning boys are seeking new players from the ages 5 upwards. Please come along to Broomfield FC on Saturdays between 9.30 and 11 a.m. to meet Trevor Miller and Sue Lightfoot and join a very successful youth development team. Results to date for the Juniors are as follows:

U12 Fire have reached KO Cup Final where they will play Great Dunmow at Burnham Ramblers on 26th April

The U12 (Blaze) have secured a League Cup semi-final place as have the U13 (Tornados).

Following a couple of difficult years the U15 secured their first ever cup semi-final. Well done to them!

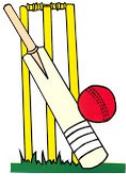
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For the seniors, we will be running two Saturday adult sides in Divisions 3 & 9 of the T Rippon Mid Essex League starting in May. In addition, and for the first time, we will be running a side to take part in the 2015 New Warsop Sunday League. The emphasis here will be very much on youth with the aim to bridge the gap between junior and senior cricket and it will have an innovative, fast moving and fun format over 8 matches designed to last for a shorter time than traditional games. If you are interested, we have availability for Saturday, Sunday or both so please get in touch.

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## Broomfield Village Hall

It's been a very busy start to the New Year at Broomfield Village Hall. After the New Year's Eve party, we held a bingo night at the beginning of March. This was a huge success with over 80 people at the hall hoping for a full house. The event raised a fantastic £660 which will go towards a much needed notice board at the end of the Lane where you will be able to see our events advertised from the road.

But it's not just charity fundraising events! New groups have joined our busy schedule and those already using the hall include Carpet Bowls, Line Dancing, Karate, Kickboxing, Football, Ruggerbugs, Puppy Training, Bridge, Bingo, Caterpillar Music, Art Class, Lace making, Cottage Gardeners and more...

You can find up to date information of our community events on our website, notice boards, facebook and at the office. Feel free to email us at [hall@broomfieldessex.org.uk](mailto:hall@broomfieldessex.org.uk) or telephone on **01245 443902**.

We are so very pleased to launch our new website where you will be able to find all sorts of useful information and online forms that allows you to enquire about availability and leave your feedback following hall hire. There's also an 'ideas hub' so don't be shy, let us know what events you'd like to see us hosting at the hall (we'll do our best to accommodate requests).

Website address is [www.broomfieldessex.org/index.php/vill-hall/village-hall](http://www.broomfieldessex.org/index.php/vill-hall/village-hall)

The new style Broomfield Times will feature articles from regular groups at the hall so you can get a more detailed insight into who does what. This issue, we have articles from Beyond Sound Yoga, Shimmy N Groove, U3A, Slimming World, Essex Stretch Academy, Broomfield WI, Yoga and Tennis Training.

### Breathe Through Stress

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As well as reversing the physical stress response in the body, deep breathing can help calm and slow down the emotional turbulence in the mind, diffusing emotional energy so there is less reactivity to our emotions.

So, the next time you're stressed: breathe deeper, more slowly, and extend your exhalations to increase the calming effects. Learn more about stress relief at the 'Thoughts & Stress' workshop, 4-6pm at Broomfield Village Hall on 26th April. £30 (advance booking required). Email [susie@beyondsoundyoga.co.uk](mailto:susie@beyondsoundyoga.co.uk) for details.



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## Broomfield U3A

The Broomfield and District U3A will be 3 years old in June 2015 with membership increasing month by month. This organization is for people no longer in full time employment and provides educational, creative and leisure pursuits in a friendly environment.

We have informative Speakers each month for example one talk was a journey round Reykjavik in Iceland with slides of beautiful scenery. We also have individual activities within our U3A group including walking, geology, photography etc.

Meetings are held every second Wednesday of the month in Broomfield Village Hall at 1.30pm.

New members are always welcome. Full details of all activities can be found in the Village Diary section or on our website [www.u3asites.org.uk/broomfield](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/broomfield)

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The Silver accolade is awarded for groups with over 100 members weekly. Word has spread how easy it is to lose weight there that the group welcomed over 60 new members in January achieving their Ruby, Sapphire and Diamond awards.

“These awards belong to the members, they’re the ones who make our group the success that it is, with their fabulous commitment, the wonderful support they give each other every week, and, obviously, their impressive weight losses while following Slimming World’s Food Optimising eating plan.” says Victoria, the groups consultant.

To join the Broomfield group, which is held every Tuesday at 3.30pm, 5pm and 7pm at Broomfield Village Hall either pop along or give Victoria a call on **07823 441198**.

### Essex Stretch Academy

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Contact Carolyn Pink on **07789 811067** or email [info@essexstretchacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@essexstretchacademy.co.uk). You can also find out more information on Facebook - Essex Stretch Academy and our website [www.essexstretchacademy.co.uk](http://www.essexstretchacademy.co.uk)

### Broomfield Afternoon WI

This year we have had speakers on the following subjects: Street Pastors and Being a Dementia Friend. At our May meeting we play host to three other WIs in the Village hall: this is an annual event know as the Tindal Group, in which all four of the WIs take it in turns to host, arrange a speaker and provide refreshments.

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall at 2pm. New members are always welcome. **01245 256892** - contact name?

### Yoga in Broomfield Village Hall

On Thursday mornings there is a Gentle Yoga class for all ages and abilities run by British Wheel of Yoga qualified Yoga Teacher Kim Brunning who has over thirty years of Yoga experience. The class runs from 11am-12.30pm.

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Coaching & Rusty rackets sessions: Mondays at 10am from 13 April, (school term time only)

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