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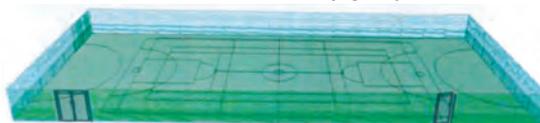
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# IN COUNCIL

OVER the past three months our Parish Council meetings have been held in the committee room of the Methodist Church and it is interesting to note that the Planning Committee meetings in particular have been attended by more members of the public than for many years at the Community Centre! In March we were pleased to welcome William Wetton as a new Parish Councillor. It is particularly encouraging to have a much younger person to represent the perspective of the younger generations of villagers.

The planning matters of major concern to parishioners have been the new car parking facility on the Football Club fields off Mill Lane and the impact of the proposed development north of Hospital Approach on the traffic situation for residents in the north of the village. Issues raised at both meetings have been vigorously pursued by members of the planning committee with both the planning authority, the City Council, and Essex County Council Highways Department. We are pleased that many of our concerns in relation to the site of the sewerage pumping station at Felsted Field have been met by the City Council planners and more favourable outcomes achieved.

Councillors' consideration of their positions in relation to the disclosure of interests as defined in the new Local Government Acts has occupied some time at meetings. This matter has largely now been resolved in conjunction with advice from the City Council Monitoring Officer.

Sterling work continues to be done by the Civic Amenities Committee, which is reported on elsewhere. They attend to all aspects relating to the village environment together with a small group of volunteers. This is a wonderful opportunity for all residents to assist in maintaining many areas in the village including our Village Greens, Centenary Wood and the extensive and well used footpath network. New volunteers are most welcome.

The Council has been kept up to date as the building works to redevelop the Village Hall have progressed and all the necessary arrangements for financing have been monitored and approved.

We are very pleased that our County Councillor John Aldridge and new City Councillor Graham Pooley regularly attend Parish Council meetings and are able to raise issues of concern with their respective authorities and report on matters affecting Broomfield. Police attendance has unfortunately dwindled as resources have become stretched. The Council regard liaison with the neighbourhood police team as very important to nip problems in the bud and encourage input from residents.

Meetings with the Hospital management continue as does our representation on the Passenger Transport forum. Concern regarding the destination boards on the H1 and H2 routes was expressed as there is still confusion as to which route goes where.

Councillors try to keep abreast of many aspects of village life so that the Parish Council can continue to do its best for residents. Do contact us with your concerns. We would also remind you that there are still vacancies for three Parish Councillors to share the load and be involved in making decisions on behalf of villagers.

# NEW BINS!

**FOLLOWING** complaints received from our Grass Contractor re the amount of dog waste found on Parsonage Green - we have installed a new dog waste bin in this location - which will hopefully be well used by all dog owners in the future.

Due to vandalism to the litter bin in Main Road, opposite the Co-op, repairs were not economically viable so a new bin has had to be installed and paid for by the Parish.

Please report any incidents of damage to bins, seats, street furniture to the Parish office on 01245 441660 or if you witness any vandalism please telephone the Police immediately on 101 or 999. Thank you.



## Christian Aid Collection

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION**

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# Civic Amenities News

## CENTENARY WOOD

THE GROUP of volunteers took down some of the trees in the lower section of the wood in order to let some more light in to the central glade area and to allow other trees more room to grow. We have planted some more hazel, maple and hawthorn shrubs as well as beginning a coppicing cycle on the more mature hazels in the wood. A second wild flower area has been created and has been sown with a long season mix of native wild flowers.

Centenary Wood has been entered for a Green Flag Community Award and we will be visited by the judges in early June 2013.

## PARISH PATHWAYS PARTNERSHIP (P3)



Photo shows Ron Marlow, Tim Tranquada and Roger Hardy about to remove a fallen tree from footpath 4.

In March the P3 volunteers cut down and removed a tree that was obstructing footpath 17 near Mill Lane. In April the group cut up and removed a tree that had fallen across footpath 4. They also installed 2 new waymarker posts on footpaths 4 and 31.



Photo shows Ray Paton, Margaret Tranquada, Tim Tranquada and Roger Hardy by the newly installed waymarker post on footpath 31.

## VILLAGE GREENS

During March a group of volunteers (Tim and Margaret Tranquada, Geof Garwood and Andrew Lilley) planted 700 snowdrops on Parsonage Green. During April, Tim, Geof and Les Stead planted 5 Broom shrubs on Parsonage Green as a colourful welcome to Broomfield.



Photo shows Les Stead, Tim Tranquada and Geof Garwood.

## PLAY-AREA

The annual Play Area Equipment Inspection was carried out in March. The Parish Council carry out all of the recommendations, regarding the safety of the equipment, straight away. Some of the Play Equipment may need a touch up of its paint work. If you are willing to volunteer to help with this then please contact the Parish Office.

## ALLOTMENTS:

Tim Tranquada and Les Stead continue to monitor the site. The plots are all allocated at present, but if you wish to join the waiting list then please contact the Parish Office.

## LITTER PICK

On Saturday April 20th at 10.00 am we had a 'Litter Pick Activity'. The 'turn out' from the Village for this consisted of: Tim and Margaret Tranquada; Geof Garwood and Lyn Collins. We had hoped for more of the Village to be involved in this activity so if you have any suggestions as to how to encourage more to attend then please let us know.

## Letter to the Editor

### Smoking on the 'Secret Path'

MY CHILDREN and I walk each week to Sunrise Nursery, next to Broomfield Primary School. Every time my daughter asks "Can we go the secret way?" and by this she means the sweet little path that goes behind the school, joining Main Road to Goulton Road, with paths off to New Road and Willow Close. We take our time and my children relish in listening for the water feature through the hedge in one of the gardens, finding snails and cobwebs, and watching the horses on the fields enjoying a grassy breakfast. I have to say though, my enjoyment has been tainted of late by the number of inconsiderate smokers also using this path. This is predominately a route for young children to walk to nursery and school. How is it then that some adults (even parents after they have dropped off their children) see it appropriate to smoke in this relatively enclosed space. The fumes linger heavily between the breeze free hedging, making it impossible to escape. Walking back with my toddler I've found it infuriating to be toddling home behind a smoker in what should be a child-friendly (non smoking?) area! Short of being rude to those responsible and asking them to refrain from lighting up until they reach open space (only minutes away!!!), I ask you Broomfield, what can we do?? If you are one of these people, please consider the impact you are having on others and do the kind thing. Stop Smoking on the Secret Path! **Sarah Clark**

## POLICE FILE

THEFT from motor vehicle crime has increased over the last three months, so please make sure your vehicles are locked and secured at all times. Please do not leave any valuables in the vehicle. If you see anyone suspicious in the area please call Essex Police.

There has been an increase in anti-social behaviour in the village. If you have any issues please inform your local Policing Team on the numbers below as soon as possible. If you are outside enjoying yourself over the summer months please be mindful of your noise, safety and behaviour.

If you are experiencing any other issues or concerns within the parish please do not hesitate to call your NPT (Neighbourhood Police Team) using the contact details below.

**PC Laura Williams & PCSO Karen Calleja**  
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Extension numbers: 421133/421134  
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# Planning in Broomfield

## Two recent planning applications

IN THE last few weeks, a planning application has been lodged for another NCAAP site, north of Hospital Approach. Both the Parish Council and local residents were astounded to find that the proposed access to the development is via the already congested Hospital Approach, rather than a new access from Blasford Hill. The fact that a new access was stipulated in both the Broomfield Parish Plan and the Village Design Statement or VDS (adopted last year as official planning guidance) seems to have been overlooked.

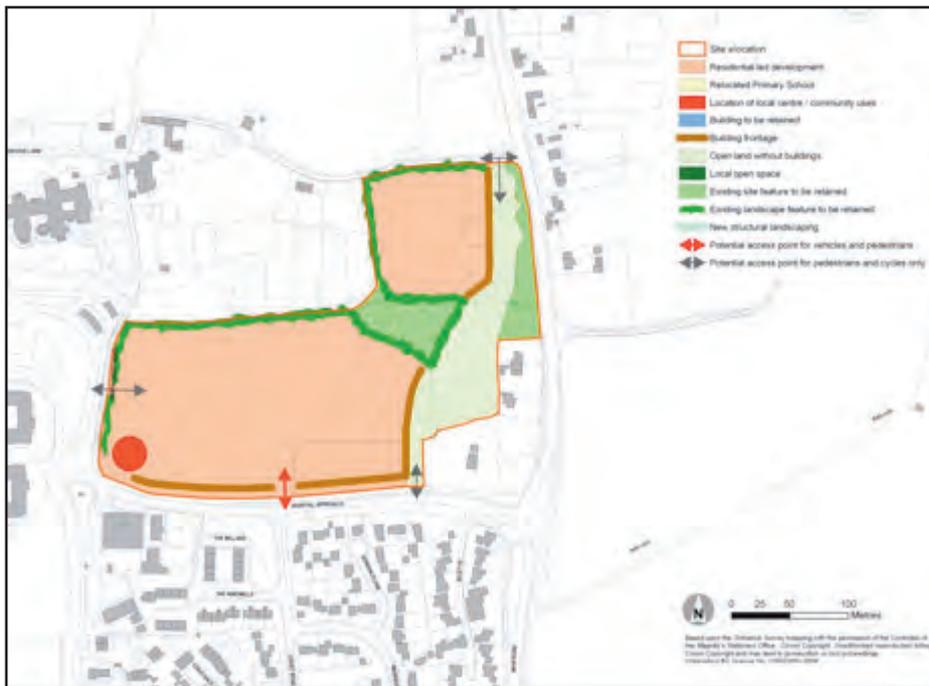
A unique opportunity to make good the lack of infrastructure promised after the expansion of Broomfield Hospital now looks likely to become a classic fudge that will be of little overall benefit to Broomfield. However, the application has not yet been decided, so we fight on. Many thanks to all residents who have e-mailed their views or attended

parish meetings on this subject - we'll keep you posted.

Interest and controversy (including an article in the Chronicle) has also been aroused by an application by Broomfield Football Club to create a 38 space car park beside one of their pitches off Mill Lane.

This is an attempt to solve the long-running problems of parking, particularly in relation to visiting teams. The proposal has caused concern amongst some residents of Mill Lane, particularly about the safety of walkers who are used to the very low level of traffic on the protected lane beyond the cricket club. This application has also yet to be decided and discussions are continuing between the club, the City and Parish Councils and some Mill Lane residents.

The Parish Council has supported the idea in principle, provided that there are adequate measures to protect walkers in this section of Mill Lane (adjacent to the cricket club).



## WORDS from the Library

### The Creepy House

All children are invited to join our Summer Reading Challenge from 20th July to 2nd September. Collect stickers – even smelly ones – each time you read books and when you've read six books you will get a medal and a certificate presented to you at school next term.

We'll look forward to seeing you.

More information from Broomfield Library.

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Have a Chat    Have a Night Out

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## Legion looks to the Future

THE ROYAL British Legion branch in Broomfield has its HQ in Saxon Way. The members enjoy an excellent social programme in an entertaining venue whilst upholding the Legion principles of comradeship and welfare provision. The family friendly environment means membership is open to all not just Ex Service men & women. The smooth operation of the Branch is overseen by a Branch and a Social committee. We are looking to the future to ensure a smooth transition to the next generation of committee members. Current members include some founder members and long serving volunteers. Could you put something back into our community and volunteer to be a committee member to ease their load before retirement? Why not come and have a chat – you could be just the person we will need to ensure Broomfield RBL continues to thrive. **Lest We Forget**

## Broomfield Royal British Legion Social Club

Saxon Way

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Membership is open to everybody and not just open to members of our armed forces.

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# Education for young and not so young

## U3A in Broomfield



THE BROOMFIELD and District U3A recently held their first Annual General Meeting at the Broomfield Methodist Church on Wednesday, 8th May. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and celebrated the road travelled since the inaugural meeting in March 2012 and the first monthly meeting in June 2012.

Since then, the Broomfield U3A has grown in membership increasing the interest in the various groups set up and following suggestions by members, new activity groups are starting.

With the membership now at 80+ and 14 Interest Groups meeting on a monthly basis the programme is appealing to members interested in various activities such as Board Games, Book Club, Caravanning, Cookery, Gardening, Geology, Italian, Lacemaking, Local History, Luncheon Club, Mini-bridge, Needlework, Rambling and Music Appreciation. The calendar for the various groups meetings is detailed on our website, together with a contact number for the Group Leaders.

At the AGM the Chairman, Barbara Thomas, thanked the Committee and Officers for their loyal support and encouragement, without which the first year would not have been so successful. Thanks and appreciation was also given to the Group Leaders who had worked hard to encourage members of the groups to be actively involved.

Also at the AGM the Financial Report and the Constitution were accepted and the election of the Officers and Committee Members undertaken.

Due to work being carried out on the Broomfield Community Centre building, the U3A has held its monthly meetings at the Broomfield Methodist Church. We are pleased to hear that the Community Centre is due to reopen in June; therefore, the July Monthly Meeting will be held in the Centre on the 10th July starting at 1.30 p.m.

Throughout the year, a number of Speakers had attended covering a diverse range of topics from "The Confessions of a Fire Chief" to "Amnesty International – Human Rights". Speakers have been booked until July. The branch does not meet during August, meeting after the break on Wednesday, 11th September at the Broomfield Community Centre, 158 Main Road, Broomfield, CM1 7AH.

It has indeed been a very interesting and active year, greatly enjoyed by all members – new friendships have been formed and we feel that we have enabled our members to share many educational, creative and leisure activities which is of course, the aim of the University of the Third Age.

If you think you might be interested, you can come along to one of the monthly meetings for £1.50 to see if you would like to join. Or you can contact the Secretary, Barbara Bartlett on 01245 441435 or look at our website: [www.u3sites.org.uk/broomfield](http://www.u3sites.org.uk/broomfield)

## Jack and Jill Pre School (Broomfield)

JACK and Jill Pre School has had a busy term since Easter starting the new term with opening a full day on a Monday. The pre school is now full for this term in every session. Jack and Jill's last fund raising event was their Spring Bazaar held at Broomfield Primary School. This was a big success and they raised a lot of money to buy some new equipment for the pre school.



Jack and Jill will now be getting ready for the summer and will be gearing up to say goodbye to the children leaving to go to primary school in September. There is a lot to fit in during this short term, allotment visits, sports day, school trip to the park and farm. Lots of fun ahead!

Jack and Jill pre school is open all day on a Monday and Friday from 9.15am to 3.15pm and 9.15am to 12.15pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.

Jack and Jill runs a parent and toddler group on a Wednesday afternoon 1.15pm to 2.45pm, £2 per family including refreshments.

Jack and Jill Pre School (Broomfield) is a charity run pre school and relies heavily on donations from parents and locals, therefore they hold several fundraising events throughout the year to help buy new equipment for the children.

If you would like any further information regarding the Pre School please call Julie Ellingford on 07946 635068.

## Chelmer Valley News

### The Diana Award Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

ON THURSDAY 21st March, ten students from Chelmer Valley High School attended the Anti-bullying Ambassadors training day at Great Baddow High School. They took part in activities to gain the skills needed to become ambassadors for the school. As well as learning how to deal with certain situations. The students gained an insight into the reality of bullying and the effect it has on many young people's lives. It was a great opportunity to meet with students from other schools and to be a part of this worthwhile campaign. Students thoroughly enjoyed their experience and were a credit to the school.

This month, Mr Franklin, Headteacher, presented each student with a certificate as fully trained ambassadors and congratulated them on their achievement.

Students are now in the process of launching their campaign through assemblies and are full of enthusiasm to promote a happy and safe learning environment. Each student will be wearing a blue 'A' badge on their blazer so they can be easily recognised.

"I wanted to become an Anti-bullying Ambassador to raise awareness and to become someone who other students could come and talk to if they had any worries. The training day at Great Baddow High School with Alex Holmes, Anti-bullying Programme Manager, helped us to understand the different forms of bullying, and how we can use basic methods to overcome it. We all enjoyed the day and look forward to sharing our knowledge during tutor time and assemblies in the future". Holly Putt, Year 10.

"This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to be involved in a nationwide campaign to train and inspire students to raise awareness of bullying, provide support and help everyone feel safe and happy in their school. This group will play an important role in developing our anti-bullying work within school." Mr Mitchell, Deputy Student Services.



**CVHS Ambassadors: Millie-Grace Whitehorn, Holly Putt, Dani Ellis, Kaylee Mullin, Courtney Clarke, Adam Fowles, Kieren Moule, Masum Miah, Ollie Cerisola, Sam Bates (not in picture)**

*"The Diana Award is the only lasting memorial to Diana Princess of Wales. The award was founded in 1999 as a legacy to Diana's belief that young people have the power to change the world for the better."*

*The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors programme is currently in over 600 schools, primary and secondary of all abilities. The programme trains young people across the UK to be anti-bullying ambassadors in their schools and communities. Along the way we help by holding training events, giving them inspiration, practical ideas and top tips. Ultimately these ambassadors help to prevent bullying and ensure everyone feels safe and happy in their school." <http://diana-award.org.uk/anti-bullying>*

# Broomfield Parish Council ANNUAL REPORT 2013

## Chairman's Report

IT HAS been another busy year in Broomfield and especially for the Parish Council which has been involved in spearheading so many of the happenings. The first major event of the year was our Village Jubilee Day – what a coming together of the village! Run by a small group of volunteers inspired and led by past councillor Sue Browning, we had a wonderful day with many hundreds of people attending and having fun. Village organisations gained more support by having this opportunity to tell folks about themselves and the final words of many people were “can we do this every year?” Well, with your help and backing we can and for this year's event we are planning the grand opening of the new Village Hall and Sports Area so we hope you all come together to engage with and support this event.

Hot on the heels of the Jubilee Day was the Primary School's Centenary Celebration. The displays put on by the present staff and pupils were admired and viewed with interest by parents and many past pupils. It was a day of enjoyment and reminiscences for the whole village. The Parish Council donated a cup that was presented to the most enthusiastic pupil and it was my pleasure to present it to Tegan Beckett. I wonder who will win it next time!

The Village Design Statement and Community Landscape Character Statement were launched at the Jubilee Day and subsequently every household in the village received a copy. We hope you have all read it and will keep it for future reference and that not too many have been assigned to the recycle bin. This huge amount of work by another small band of volunteers is now statutory planning guidance that has to be taken into account by anyone planning anything connected with the built environment from a major new development to a loft extension. We hope you will take the sentiments described in it for your front garden wall and other highly visible aspects of your property that do not need formal planning consent.

Talking of planning – this has been a major element of the Parish Council's work over the past year. Whilst the Parish Council does not have that final say in determining planning applications, we are a statutory consultee and do have considerable influence through communications with the City Council which is the planning authority. Plans both large and small have been considered and just to give you an idea of the scale of our activities, there are ten applications for consideration on this month's planning committee agenda. We should all be very grateful to John Blake, chairman of the planning committee, for his expertise and diligence in these matters.

I would also like to thank Councillor Gerry Cockram, chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for his diligence and expertise in matters of money which has been of considerable assistance to our Parish clerk as we have addressed borrowing and moving around large sums of money this year mainly in connection with the Village Hall project.

I am also grateful to my other committee chairmen who have addressed their area of interest with great dedication. I would also like to thank my deputy chairman, Geof Garwood who has been my stalwart sidekick and participated in many village activities. Amongst many things he has compiled our village Emergency Plan in conjunction with the City Council and engaged a number of volunteers to fill special roles should it need to be enacted. People with medical and other expertise are required as well as those who can make tea.

The Parish Council has formal and informal contacts with many areas of village life from the hospital and schools to under 5's activities to residential homes, from pubs to the library, bus

services to the police we hope to keep our finger on the pulse, but if you feel we need more input, please tell us.

You will have noticed that the MUGA – Multi Use Games Area – on the David Smith Field behind the Community Centre, has had a makeover. Thanks to Trevor's diligence and persistence, a grant from Sport England's Olympic Legacy Fund was obtained and we now have a pukka playing area for all local sports clubs to make use of and new clubs to take advantage of. The Village Hall rebuild is now happening as we speak. The old Community Centre will now become the new Village Hall. This is the fulfilment of your desires expressed in the Parish Plan. We hope you take full advantage of it.

Have you noticed how colourful the village greens have looked this spring? Thank you to Tim and others who planted hundreds of bulbs last autumn and who continue to plant seeds for summer flowers. The new Village Hall will be enhanced by the planting of shrubs. As all you gardeners know, planting is one thing, but ongoing TLC is also required and this is another opportunity for village organisations and individuals to support the village.

It is also my sad duty to report the passing of two particular village stalwarts this year. Delmas Ashford, our longstanding Parish, Borough and City councillor and Ken Searles, one time Parish Councillor and more recently our village historian.

At the Annual Parish Meeting last year and in subsequent editions of Broomfield Times and at every Parish Council meeting the need for more Parish Councillors is mentioned with increasing intensity. Parish Councillors are active volunteers. We only have three paid staff who have to spend much of their time accounting for the spending of the Parish Rate and other mundane bureaucratic tasks required by statute. Creatively inspired enhancements to and indeed the maintenance of village facilities is carried out by a very small number – nine or ten – dedicated parish councillors and a very few extra volunteers in some instances. There is a limit on the amount of voluntary time we can devote to you. Please consider helping us in some capacity. We still have three councillor vacancies. Will Whetton has recently joined our number and has considerably reduced the average age! It is so good to have input from those who perhaps have a bigger stake in the future of the village. Parish Councillors do not receive any pecuniary benefits – in fact they are charged with disclosing pecuniary interests in Parish matters. They are volunteers whose only reward is the satisfaction of doing something for the village. So do consider joining us and sharing the load. If you are not able to commit to being a councillor, there are still many ways to contribute to village life. There are lots of opportunities to contribute. In a village of nearly 4000 people it should not be left to just a handful to make things happen.

However, I would like to sincerely thank that handful. Without the time you give and the expertise you offer, the village would be a much poorer place. So thank you to my fellow Councillors, the P3 and Centenary Wood working groups and other occasional volunteers. I would also like to thank the Parish staff who keep everything in order and attend to parish matters on a day to day basis, acting as a cheerful shop window for Broomfield village.

I do not think that there is any excuse for not knowing what is going on in Broomfield – you have the quarterly newsletter, Broomfield Times, which I have edited since its inception 33 issues ago, but which I now want to hand over to someone new; the Parish website which we hope will be enhanced by our new young councillor Will Whetton who is much more in tune with this means of communication and you can always pop into the Parish Office – not all at once please! – for the latest gossip. You can also contact any individual councillor via the Office.

**Ros Smith**

# Village Hall Report – Councillor Trevor Jones

IT HAS been a momentous year for the Broomfield Village Hall Charity which has seen us achieve two major milestones in our history.

As a result of the Olympic games, Sport England made available funding under the motto 'inspire a generation'. We were one of over a thousand applicants for the money that was available and we were ecstatic to be able to report that we were successful in our application and received a cheque at a presentation at Coplestone School, Ipswich from Olympic Silver medallist Gayle Ems which was featured on the BBC programme Look East. Work has now been virtually completed and we have a wonderful full synthetic playing surface available to be used.

The long awaited regeneration of our village hall began on 7th January this year and as I write this report the work is nearly complete. Handover of the keys will be on Monday 10th June and the hall will be fully operational from that day although there will be still some works to be finished over the following weeks to complete all of the outside requirements. Already we have conducted an open evening for our regular hirers which was very helpful and successful and we are now looking forward to a grand opening ceremony on Saturday 27th July, commencing at 1pm – a day that will encompass practical demonstrations within both of our major new facilities. There will be many other attractions including a BBQ from 1pm, fair from 3pm and various stalls so put the date in your diary and we look forward to seeing you all for this important landmark in the history of the Village.



**Village Hall.**

As you can see it has been a very busy year and great credit goes to all of those involved in this project, if you would like to hire the facilities please contact our secretary Kathryn Cameron on 01245 443902. Discounts are available for Broomfield Residents. We also thank everybody for their forbearance while we have been closed and sincerely believe that you will all see that the wait has been worth it.

## Civic Amenities Committee Report – Councillor Tim Tranquada

### **Village Greens:**

We are responsible for the trees on the 5 Greens in Broomfield and have contracted Essex County Council Tree Services to both monitor the condition of our trees and advise us of any maintenance or remedial action necessary. 1000 crocuses were planted in partnership with Broomfield Primary School on Angel Green; and volunteers/Parish Councillors planted 1,000 crocuses on Church Green and 25Kg of Daffodils by Parsonage Green. The ditches surrounding Parsonage Green and Elm Close were cleared whilst The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) carried out maintenance of Parsonage Pond.



**Some of the Centenary Wood Volunteers helping to plant 1,000 crocus bulbs on Church Green – December 2012**

### **Village Play-area and Village Playing Field:**

The Parish Council, through the Broomfield Times, reminded dog owners within the village of the importance of clearing up any mess their dog may leave behind and to have full control over their dog when members of the public are nearby.

The Parish Council continues to work with Broomfield Football Club (BFC) regarding the maintenance of Angel Meadow. The play area has had its regular annual inspection and The Parish Council has taken appropriate action to remedy any problems found.

### **Centenary Wood (located at the bottom of Angel Lane)**

The working party of volunteers has planted 500 English Bluebells to supplement those already in the lower glade in Centenary Wood and has placed a bridge over the stream. They have also created an additional wild flower bed within the wood and have used some of the tree trunks, from the Cherry trees

felled when the new games area was installed, to use as additional seating in the wood. The grassed area in front of the wooden benches is in good condition and new pathways have been cut and mown through the shrubs area enabling visitors to stroll among the shrubs to appreciate their many charms.

The stream has been partly cleared so that the plants planted along the banks of the stream can be seen. A small area near the stream was seeded with wild flower mixes which gave quite a show.

A bed each of nettles and thistles have been kept isolated on purpose as feeding stations for insects and other assorted life forms. These areas will help maintain the food chains/webs within the Wood and hopefully attract a variety of birds into the Wood.

### **Parish Pathways Partnership (P3):**

The P3 walkers have continued to keep their eyes (and feet) on the Parish Public Pathways/Footpaths in order to ensure that they are kept in a suitable condition for use by walkers. New waymarker posts have been installed on footpaths 17, 13, 4 and 31.

Special mention needs to be made of a group of regular helpers:- Roger Hardy; Ray Paton; Ron Marlow; Andrew Lilley; Margaret Tranquada; John and Lesley Milsom. Thank you all for your very valuable support. Please contact the Parish Office (tel 441660) if you would like to join us.

### **Allotments:**

The Civic Amenities monitoring group helps to ensure that the allotments are actively used for the cultivation of fruit and vegetables. Over 90% of the allotments are well kept and their tenants abide by their tenancy agreement. At present we do not have any allotment plots available – but if you would like to be placed on the waiting list – please contact the Parish Office (see above).

### **Litter Pick Saturday 20th April 2013:**

A very small group of villagers, Tim Tranquada and Geof Garwood from the Parish Council, together with Margaret Tranquada and Lyn Collins, turned up to clear a ditch of bottles, cans, and other rubbish. This was a very disappointing turn out and raises the question of how we address this issue next year.

# Finance & General Purposes Committee Report – Councillor Gary Cockram

## Financial Overview

This has been a very busy year financially for the Council. We have had the joint responsibilities of arranging finance for the extended and refurbished village hall while maintaining our prudence on all expenditure. I am pleased to be able to tell you that all the finance to complete the village hall development is now in place and, for the year ended March 31st 2013, we have achieved a surplus of income over expenditure of £13,572 on our operating accounts.

## Financial Report for the year ended March 31st 2013.

Total expenditure for the year was £175,363 with salaries and associated employment expenses being the main cost. Other main items of admin costs include our insurance costs (£2197) Broomfield Times (£6,340) and the hire of the temporary portacabin (£4,428). During the year we sold our shares in the Broomfield Public Purposes Charity and granted the proceeds of £78,248 to the Broomfield Village Hall Charity to assist in the funding of the village hall development. Civic amenities expenditure was £24,886 and the Jubilee costs were £4,714.

Total income for the year was £188,935 which included the precept of £100,962 and the proceeds of the sale of shares of £78,248. Sundry Income was £9,725

The Balance Sheet as at March 31st 2013 shows cash and bank balances of £127,638 which is the total of our various reserves. We have already built up a reserve of £83,308 towards repaying the loan to fund the village hall and we have a very healthy balance of £26,814 in our civic amenities reserve to replace and repair village facilities when necessary.

## Village Hall Development

The rebuilding and refurbishment of the village hall will be completed during June this year at a cost of £407,000 including professional fees. This will be funded by donations (£110,000) the sale of the shares and accumulated dividends in Broomfield Public Purposes Charity (£105,000) and the balance of £192,000 will be funded by a loan from the Public Works Loan Board. We have always tried to be prudent with all parish council expenses and this extends to the rebuilding of the village hall. We have taken advantage of the current low rates of interest and negotiated a 7 year fixed rate loan at a fixed annual interest rate of 1.55%. The repayments for this loan will be met from existing and future

reserves, and community infrastructure levies arising from housing developments at Patching Hall Lane and Hospital Approach.

## Precept

Our precept for the year 2012/13 was set at £100,962 and, to allow for additional costs caused by the redevelopment, was increased to £106,000 for 2013/14.

We will receive Localised Council Tax Support from Chelmsford City Council of £6,936 so the impact on Broomfield Council Tax payers will be reduced to £99,064, slightly lower than the previous year.

## Summary

Your Council has had a very busy year and the finances of the Council have played their part in supporting the

exciting developments which are taking place. It will always be the intention of the Council to seize any opportunities to enhance village life but always recognizing that we are still operating in difficult financial times, both for the Parish Council and local tax payers and we will always attempt to minimize costs to local tax payers.

## Broomfield Parish Council Accounts Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2013

31st March 2012		31st March 2013	
£	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	£	£
	<b>General Administration</b>		
28,686.00	Salaries & Employees NI & Pension Conts	30,924.57	
1,791.88	Employers NI Conts	1,863.32	
6,129.60	Employers Pension Conts	7,223.81	
212.18	Councillors Expenses	44.50	
0.00	Legal Fees	0.00	
1,003.38	Telecommunications	426.64	
227.50	Payroll Charge	287.50	
2,112.35	Insurance	2,197.96	
293.75	Postage	185.61	
2,104.61	Broomfield Village Hall Charity Salaries	1,486.01	
864.57	Photocopier	352.07	
518.97	Stationery, Equipment & Office Sundries	719.40	
305.60	Computer Equipment & Maintenance	423.49	
735.25	Subscriptions	797.73	
246.95	Training	150.00	
885.00	Audit	810.00	
0.00	Village Design Statement	1,000.00	
0.00	Portacabin	4,428.71	
7,360.00	Broomfield Times	6,340.00	
4,279.00	PC Office and Hall Hire	3,149.84	
300.00	Grants and Donations	653.33	
0.00	CCTV	200.00	
0.00	Pensioners' Lunch	1,008.04	
906.00	Miscellaneous	0.00	
			64,672.53
	<b>Allotments</b>		
712.85	Allotments General	484.66	
0.00	Allotments Contingency	0.00	
			484.66
	<b>Civic Amenities</b>		
72.30	Barn Rates, Electric and Maintenance	215.55	
879.17	Playground Maintenance	2,042.06	
2,863.00	Field and General Maintenance	2,745.00	
280.46	Seats, Bins and Shelters	540.24	
240.00	Tree Pollarding and Planting	995.00	
17,522.30	Civic Amenities Salaries	18,348.44	
1,515.88	Contingency Fund	0.00	
0.00	Groundsman's Bench	0.00	
			24,886.29
1,039.12	Section 137		0.00
100.80	Village Jubilee Day		4,714.69
6,000.00	Broomfield Village Hall Charity		78,601.23
0.00	Parsonage Green		1,585.00
0.00	Centenary Wood		388.08
0.00	Car Park Repairs		30.56
<b>90,188.47</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>175,363.04</b>	

*Continued overleaf >*

31st March 2011		31st March 2012	
£	<b>INCOME</b>	£	£
	<b>General Administration</b>		
24.04	Photocopying Charges	35.15	
248.00	Sale of Publications	283.50	
1,757.06	Broomfield Times	1,524.50	
80.46	Bank Interest	265.38	
236.09	National Savings Bank Interest	514.21	
102,000.00	Precept	100,962.00	
2,104.61	Management Fees from BVH Charity	1,486.01	
0.00	Rent from BVH Charity	0.00	
4,297.49	Section 106 monies	0.00	
623.01	Miscellaneous	1,505.00	
			106,575.75
1,489.50	Allotments		1,475.41
	<b>Civic Amenities</b>		
2,178.00	Hire of Angel Meadow	920.00	
1.15	Wayleaves	1.15	
0.00	Broomfield Cottage Gardeners' Rent	0.00	
0.00	Sale of Assets	0.00	
24.05	Barn	283.42	
0.00	Footpaths	0.00	
0.00	Grant for Playground Equipment	0.00	
			1,204.57
168.65	Broomfield Village Hall Charity		352.41
694.00	Section 137		0.00
0.00	Village Diamond Jubilee Income		434.00
0.00	Broomfield Public Purposes Charity Income		78,248.82
0.00	Pensioners' Lunch		645.00
<b>115,926.11</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>188,935.96</b>
	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
24,545.18	Balance as at 1st April 2012		25,904.48
115,926.11	Total Income	188,935.96	
-90,188.47	Less Total Expenditure	-175,363.04	
			13,572.92
-30,378.34	Transfer to Earmarked Reserves		-26,794.03
6,000.00	Transfer from Earmarked Reserves		0.00
0.00	Transfer to Section 106 Reserve		0.00
0.00	Transfer from Section 106 Reserve Reserve		1,077.46
<u>25,904.48</u>	Balance as at 31st March 2013		<u>13,760.83</u>
	<b>BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL</b>		
	<b>Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2013</b>		
£	<b>Current Assets</b>	£	£
304.66	VAT Recoverable		1,234.60
0.00	Debtors		0.00
	Cash in Hand:-		
25,436.31	Current a/c: Community Directplus	12,426.23	
63.51	Deposit a/c: Business Select 14 Day	0.00	
88,160.77	National Savings Bank a/c	88,712.52	
0.00	3 Months Notice a/c	25,164.82	
100.00	Petty Cash	100.00	
			126,403.57
<u>114,065.25</u>			<u>127,638.17</u>
	<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
0.00	Creditors		0.00
114,065.25	<b>Net Assets</b>		127,638.17
	Represented by:		
25,904.48	General Fund Balance		13,760.83
3,717.25	Section 106 Receipts Reserve		2,639.79
	Earmarked Reserves:		
14,768.06	New Playground Equipment & Street Furniture	14,768.06	
2,046.00	Machinery Replacement	7,046.00	
5,000.00	Village Maintenance	5,000.00	
29,174.46	Repairs & Renewals	0.00	
22,455.00	Inc to Comm. Facs/Village Maint/PWB & PO Refurb	0.00	
6,000.00	PWB Loan Repayments	83,308.49	
0.00	Professional Fees	1,115.00	
5,000.00	PC Office Relocation	0.00	
			111,237.55
<u>114,065.25</u>			<u>127,638.17</u>

## Planning Committee Report

Councillor John Blake

THIS year has been even busier as the City Council's blueprint for north Chelmsford, the North Chelmsford Area Action Plan (NCAAP), begins to appear on the ground. The increased workload for the committee has been matched by record attendances by residents. It is excellent that local people continue to care about the future of their village, especially since the government's 'localism agenda' seems to be shifting on to the back burner, in favour of its desire to slim down the planning system. This is apparently in the hope that if developers can secure planning permission more easily, they will build more houses. Whether this actually happens in the short term, or whether developers simply keep land for use in better financial times, remains to be seen.

That said, things are certainly happening on some of the local sites earmarked for development in the NCAAP. Building is underway between Patching Hall Lane and Berwick Avenue where 130 houses are under construction. It will no doubt look better once landscaping is added, but the arrival of heavy machinery emphasises how delicate the strategic gap is between Broomfield village and Newlands Spring. In contrast, the nearby development site around Broomfield Place has been very quiet, even though a planning application was lodged in November 2011.

In the east of the Parish, a number of applications have been approved in connection with the Channels and Greater Beaulieu Park developments. A significant slice of these are within the Parish and the consequent addition of yet another roundabout on Essex Regiment Way will no doubt increase traffic levels coming through the village, as Essex Regiment Way becomes more congested. This development was supposed to be eased by the construction of a new north-east Chelmsford bypass but this won't happen until after 2021 at the earliest. It's a salutary warning to local communities that development does not necessarily lead to related infrastructure.

All in all, this planning report is rather more downbeat than in previous years. It's a reminder that even a parish like Broomfield, with well-developed local ideas for the future, can take nothing for granted, as the national planning agenda moves more in favour of developers. Other powerful stakeholders who affect our village inevitably have different priorities from our own. However, our partnership with the local planning authority Chelmsford Council is still of great value. Our dialogue with them, based on the Parish Plan and VDS, has helped to ensure that the prospect of mass development to the west/north-west of the village has been avoided, at least until 2021.

# New look venue, New Consultant, New YOU!

A SLIMMER who transformed her life by losing three and a half stones is using her success to help Broomfield residents change their lives for the better too.

Victoria Darnell joined her local Slimming World group in 2010 and dropped from 14st 1lb to 10st 7lbs and was so inspired by how it has changed her life last year she became a consultant herself. Recently Victoria has taken over as the consultant of the Broomfield group and is thrilled to be running the group in the recently renovated Broomfield Village Hall every Tuesday.

With the latest government figures revealing that 24% of Chelmsford residents are now obese, Victoria says her new role is key for the community of Broomfield and its future. "It isn't just about one person's life being changed when a member joins Slimming World, the effect is like a ripple in a pond," Victoria explains. "The eating plan encourages you to eat lots of filling foods like pasta, rice, potatoes, lean meat and fish which are suitable for the whole family to enjoy together. The next generation, by eating the right foods now at home with their parents will grow into healthy adults and not have the overweight issues that so many adults have today."

At the Broomfield group members are the true key to each other's slimming success. The community spirit and support that they give each other, sharing recipes and ideas, encouraging each other, overcoming disappointments as well as celebrating success is all part of the journey. New friendships are formed and lives are changed.

To join come along on Tuesdays at 5pm or 7pm to the Village Hall or call Victoria on 07823 441198 for further details.



## Little Waltham Surgery

### MEASLES VACCINE CATCH-UP CAMPAIGN

THERE has been an increase in the number of measles cases locally. Measles usually causes a runny nose, red eyes, cough, high temperature and rash. It can also cause complications including ear infections, diarrhoea, pneumonia and convulsions. It is more likely to be serious in pregnant women, people whose immunity is not working properly and babies under a year of age. Very serious complications, such as inflammation of the brain (encephalitis) are rare, but can be fatal.

#### Measles spreads very easily

Measles is one of the most infectious diseases known. You can catch measles if you spend 15 minutes with someone who has the disease. The measles virus is spread through the air and in tiny droplets that come out of the nose and mouth of an infected person.

#### MMR vaccine provides safe and effective protection against measles, mumps and rubella

MMR vaccine has been shown to be a safe and effective way of preventing measles. It can protect your child and others against measles infection and its serious consequences.

#### What should you do if your child has not had measles vaccination?

In light of the continuing measles activity across the country, we strongly recommend that you arrange for your child to have the first dose of MMR vaccine now and the second dose one month later. Two doses of MMR vaccine offer the best way to protect your child against measles, mumps and rubella.



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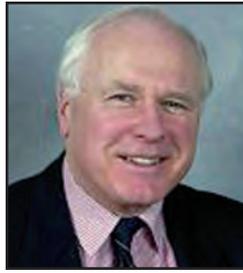
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# From the County Council

## COUNCIL TAX

AT THE County Council meeting on 12th February it was announced that ECC council tax will be frozen for the third successive year. As I have indicated before, the Council is currently on course to make over £360 million per annum in savings and efficiencies by March this year and has recently introduced a new programme to transform its current service provision with the aim of saving approximately a further £200 million by 2017. Important areas of focus for the County Council are to invest circa £65 million in maintaining and enhancing the county's network of over 8,500 miles of roads and footpaths, £2 million on providing more accommodation for vulnerable people and almost £18 million in providing additional school places across the County.



## COMMUNITY SPIRIT

In my last newsletter I was advocating that we should all consider whether we can give a little time to our community to help those less well off than ourselves. This was part of the Campaign to End Loneliness <http://www.campaigntoendloneliness.org.uk/>. Since then I have been happy to support the initiative of the Bishop of Bradwell in his 'Lent Invest' project which is asking people to give up a little of their time in the run up to Easter to help others in their neighbourhood. For more on Lent Invest go online to [www.OurOffering.org](http://www.OurOffering.org)

## CONCESSIONARY BUS PASS RENEWAL REMINDER

Last year the County Council introduced a centralised system for bus pass applications across the whole County by automatic renewal rather than holders having to reapply for replacements. However, with 125,000 renewals due to be issued in the coming weeks, the County Council is keen to ensure that pass holders receive these on time and they are delivered to the right address. The deadline for updating personal information was set for 15th February; but if you are a pass holder and have had any problems with your renewal, go online to [buspass.team@essex.gov.uk](mailto:buspass.team@essex.gov.uk) or telephone 0845 200 0388.

## COMPUTERS FOR THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

The County Council is disposing of a large number of redundant devices (desktops and laptops), some of which can be re-used by voluntary bodies once all data has been cleansed (e.g. pre and after school clubs, older people's schemes for IT literacy). A number of charities have been identified as having existing links with the County Council and have been invited to apply for 'Community Computers'. Once these initial requests are met the Scheme will be opened up to all charities in Essex. A website has been created [Community Computing website](#) for the scheme which offers the opportunity to request up to a maximum five PCs.

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 – March / April 2013

# Primary School visit to the Isle of Wight

BROOMFIELD Primary School's Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed their residential trip to the Isle of Wight just before the half term break. 90 children accompanied by school staff and Governors travelled to the island for a 4 night stay. They visited Osborne House, Carrisbrook Castle and Allum Bay. Evenings were spent on the beach and thankfully the weather remained dry for them. They stopped off at HMS Victory on the way home where they still had the energy and enthusiasm to impress the tour guides with all their questions. Highlights for the children included making sand ornaments using the coloured sands at Allum Bay, a boat trip out to see the famous Needles and rock pooling. The children were commended by the staff, locals and other tourists for their excellent manners and behaviour, helping to make the trip a huge success for all.



# We Say Farewell to Broomfield Headteacher

LINDA TODD is leaving Broomfield Primary School at the end of term, not for pastures new, but exchanging her car for a boat to become head of Five Islands School in the Scilly Isles. As well as leading a school for 3 - 11 year olds on the main island, she will be in charge of the bases for primary school aged children on the other islands and will travel by boat to visit them.

Mrs Todd has been at Broomfield since 2006. She says that she will really miss the school. "The staff here is fantastic, really committed to the children. They are hard working, but also know how to have fun – witness their total participation in dressing up for the school's centenary celebrations. I am very proud of what I have achieved at the school. It has improved from being judged satisfactory by Ofsted when I arrived to good with many outstanding features at the latest inspection. I have always felt supported by everyone in the community."

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# Broomfield Cottage Gardeners' Society

## Annual Summer Flower Show Sunday 14th July from 2.00pm to 5.00pm in Broomfield Village Hall

THE SHOW is not just about growing flowers, but also pot plants, fruit & vegetables, floral arrangements, cookery and preserves, photography and handicrafts. There is even a section for children's entries. Would you like to exhibit? Contact David on 01245 440563 or drop into the Trading Centre (see below) to collect a Show Schedule.

Or just come along and join the fun, get some ideas, buy some plants, have a cup of tea and a cake and a great chat.

**Plant Sale:** This took place on Sunday 12 May from 10am - 1pm in the Barn area on the allotment site and the Society's members did us proud by producing lots of seedlings and plants for sale. "Customers" were eager to get into the Barn compound prior to our 10am start and luckily we were well prepared for them and the plants soon started moving off the tables. We had a little lull mid-morning, but then the "sleepy-heads" arrived and we had another spurt of sales. Over £180 was raised from the sale for our 2013 Charity, CHESS (helping the homeless in Chelmsford). If you would like to take advantage of purchasing some of the plants remaining, and also some that members continually donate throughout the year, together with any excess produce from the allotments, you are welcome to come along to the Barn compound (access between 149 and 151 Main Road) and also see what goods we sell in our Trading Centre, but you would need to join the Society (£4 pa) to take advantage of these opportunities.

**Coach Trips:** Please note that the Saville Gardens & Cruise trip in July, is now fully booked. I would like to thank all who have supported us this year. **David Jay**



## GSL 1st Broomfield Scout Group

### Roger Cole

AS WAS reported in the last issue of Broomfield Times our GSL of many years retired at the end of March this year. At the recent group AGM some 40 special guests came along to say good bye to Roger, these included ex-leaders and friends spanning the 40 years Roger has been involved with 1st Broomfield.

People travelled from as far afield as Cornwall, Gloucestershire and Leicester to join us for the evening. We were pleased to welcome back Jane Twitchet (Griffin) who was a cub leader when Roger first joined in 1973 and Alison Crabb (Dunn) who also worked with Roger in the early days.

Roger and Sue's daughter, son and grandson also arrived as surprise guests.

After the usual yearly review of group activities and formal AGM we re-lived some of Roger's history with photos and memories covering the whole 40 years. It was a great send-off to Roger after all his work and the catching up with old friends went on long into the evening.

We were able to get a couple more photos for the group archive.



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June 19 Pig and Whistle, Chignal Smealy  
June 26 Square and Compasses, Fuller Street Cars to Fuller Street  
July 3 Leather Bottle, Pleshey Cars to Pleshey  
July 10 Windmill, Chatham Green Cars to Windmill  
July 17 Rodney Inn, Little Baddow Cars to Rodney Inn  
July 24 The Walnut Tree, Broads Green.

Sunday afternoons meet at 2:30pm.

Sept 1 Sparrowhawk Wood - Larks Lane - Border Wood  
Sept 15 Fanners Green - Bards Hall - Chignal Smealy Cars to Fanners Green  
Sept 29 Paper Mill Lock - River Ter (tea and cakes) Cars to Bumfords Lane  
Oct 13 Staceys - Priors - Scravels

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## BRUMFELDA

### Broomfield Local History Group

BRUMFELDA is the Domesday Book's name for Broomfield.

Inspired by the late Ken Searles, who published Broomfield, its buildings and people, but said there was at least one more building that was not in his book, Councillor John Blake and Neil Whiffen gathered together a score or so interested people and organised a field walk of a section of Dragonsfoot field in Autumn 2012, both preceded and followed by informative talks from experts (Nick Wickenden, Chelmsford Museum Manager, and Mike Cuddeford, Metal Detectorist).

The field walk yielded many kilos of Roman brick and tile fragments and a few sherds of pottery and oyster shells. Future plans include a second field walk after harvest this year.

Words like 'tegula' (roof tile) and 'imbrex' (ridge tiles) have begun to live for me since the 30th May following our well attended evening listening to Nick Wickenden's compelling talk and discussion on 'Roman Mid-Essex'.

NEXT EVENT:

Dr. Mark Curteis – Talk/presentation on old coins.

WHEN: Thursday 27th June, 2013

WHERE: Chelmsford Museum

TIME: 18.30

COST: Members £5; Guests £5 - (cash only please)

Ample parking.

To get an idea of numbers, I'd be grateful if you could let me know whether or not you hope to be there? Thank you.

**Robin Marchal** [robin\\_marchal@1priors.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:robin_marchal@1priors.freeserve.co.uk)

## Interested in local walks

The second edition of COUNTRY STILE, published by the Parish Council is available, £3.50 from Broomfield Parish Council Offices, Broomfield Library, Cartridge World on Broomfield Parade.



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# Kenneth Stanley Searles

6th June 1932 - 2nd March 2013

KEN SEARLES, longtime resident and a popular figure around the village, sadly passed away on March 2nd 2013, surrounded by his family.

A Chelmsford man, born and bred, who became deeply attached to Broomfield when he moved here nearly fifty years ago, Ken died peacefully at home, aged 80, after suffering a major stroke last year from which he never recovered. He was a former Chairman of the Broomfield Parish Council but, being very independent minded, disliked politics and gave this up to devote his time to other local interests from where he became known as the historian of the village.

Born and brought up in Springfield Road, Chelmsford, Ken attended Trinity Road School, and then spent a short time at Moulsham Secondary School before his academic talent was spotted and he was transferred to Mid-Essex Technical School. He was regarded as having a talent for technical drawing and the school secured a promising career for him with the Marconi Company. However, the thought of endless hours working in a factory horrified him and so, much to the headmaster's dismay, Ken politely turned down the opportunity and instead, inspired by the knowledge that a female 'acquaintance' worked in Public Services, secured a position as junior clerk in the Treasurer's Department of Essex County Council where he remained for the whole of his working life. He subsequently retired, aged 58, from the position of Deputy Head of the Computer Division.

In his youth he enjoyed life to the full becoming a proficient dancer and often being seen at venues in Chelmsford including the Shire Hall, Corn Exchange and Hoffman's Ballroom as well as dances at the Southend Kursaal Ballroom and the major London venues.

Called up for National Service he saw this as another interference to his personal ambition and so, having trained for the Royal Artillery, he applied to be a clerk at the Shoeburyness Garrison, near home. Instead he was transferred to HQ Barracks in Woolwich where he was a clerk to the senior officers. He subsequently refused all promotion.

On demob Ken got engaged to, and subsequently married his dancing partner and girlfriend, Beryl Roper, and he resumed his old interests of dancing and sport, playing football for Springfield FC and table tennis in the Chelmsford League where in one season he won every singles match and partnered his brother in winning all doubles matches. He was also a keen tennis player.

The sad death of his wife in 1969 left Ken with two young children to look after but, having given up many activities to devote his time to his family, he developed his love of gardening and local interests such as footpath walking, and found happiness again through a shared interest when he met his second wife, Lylia, whom he married in 1978. They enjoyed a happy, successful and long marriage, and were a popular couple around the village... and far beyond, undertaking many holidays together, both at home and abroad. Ken had a deep love for the Isles of Scilly, distant specks on the horizon off the coast of Cornwall, and he never wanted to miss his annual holiday in the islands, which ultimately led to the Islanders themselves paying tribute to him for 50 years of visits.

Last October, after an active weekend exploring Mersea Island on foot with family, followed by a day digging on his allotment, Ken unexpectedly suffered a major stroke and was hospitalized. At the wishes of his family he came home to spend his final days in familiar surroundings, looking out over his beloved garden. He leaves a wife, two children, two step-children, six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Lylia and family would like to acknowledge and thank everyone who has sent cards and condolences. Their kind words and thoughts are deeply appreciated.

*\*Anyone wishing to discover more of Ken's research into his family genealogy, and that of the family's history in Essex, can obtain one of the last few copies of his book 'From Bardfield To Brookend', via his son. Contact Malcolm.searles@sky.com for details. £5.00 per copy. All proceeds will be shared between the R.N.L.I. (Ken's choice of charity) and Farleigh Hospice.*

ON BEHALF of the Parish Council I am privileged to pay tribute to Ken's contribution to village life.

To many people in Broomfield, Ken was affectionately known as Broomfield's historian. His meticulous research and boundless enthusiasm inspired many to appreciate our village heritage. Ken was elected onto Broomfield Parish Council in 1973 and became Chairman in 1974 due to his political neutrality – the Council was apparently more political then. He



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### JUNE

- Mon 24** BROOMFIELD CHURCHES HOLIDAY CLUB REGISTRATION DAY  
3.30 – 5.30pm Methodist Church
- Wed 26** FOOTPATH SOCIETY WALK TO FULLER STREET.  
Meet 7.30pm Church Green

### JULY

- Sat 6** FLOWER FESTIVAL at St Mary's Church, Broomfield.  
**& Sun 7** Sat 10am – 6pm, Sun 11.30am – 5pm
- Sun 7** SONGS OF PRAISE ON THE GREEN 6.30pm
- Wed 10** U3A MEETING TALK 'Writing Crime Thrillers' by Piper Terrett  
1.30pm Village Hall
- Sun 14** BROOMFIELD COTTAGE GARDENERS' SOCIETY FLOWER SHOW  
at Broomfield Village Hall 2-5pm
- Wed 17** PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7.30pm Village Hall.  
Public Question Time at the beginning of the meeting
- Thur 18** ST MARY'S MEN'S GROUP – meet 7.30pm in the Kings Arms
- Tues 23** BINGO 6.30 for 7pm in the Village Hall.  
Contact Village Hall Office for more information (443902)
- Sat 27** GRAND OPENING OF VILLAGE HALL & MUGA 1pm – 5.30pm

### AUGUST

- Sun 18** BROOMFIELD CHURCHES HOLIDAY CLUB at Methodist Church -  
prior registration required
- Thur 22** PLAY IN THE PARK 10am – 12noon Angel Meadow  
behind the Village Hall Ages 6-11yrs
- Fri 23**

### SEPTEMBER

- Sat 7** ESSEX CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE sponsored event
- Sat 7** ST MARY'S CHURCH OPEN WEEKEND
- & Sun 8**
- Sun 8** ST MARY'S CHURCH SUNG EVENSONG  
with the Vespers Singers 6.30pm
- Wed 11** U3A MEETING 1.30pm at Village Hall
- Wed 18** PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7.30pm Village Hall.  
Public Question Time at the beginning of the meeting
- Sun 22** BROOMFIELD COTTAGE GARDENERS' SOCIETY AUTUMN SHOW  
Village Hall 2-5pm

suggested and was the first chairman on the publications group the produced the Village Magazine – those wonderful vignettes of Broomfield life, every year until 1986. He was chairman of the group until 1983 during which time many old photographs of the village and villagers were gathered and these were indexed by Ken and provide the backbone of the village archive. Every attempt was made to include everyone who was prepared to share their family history and relevant photographs.

Ken then started to delve more deeply into Broomfield's history, following trails of documents through the Essex Record Office to produce a most comprehensive history of Broomfield, its buildings and people based on the church fence lists of the 1500s. This is now published on the parish website.

He was invited to become a Vice President of the village cricket club, which triggered his desire to write the history of Broomfield Cricket Club up to the 1990s, which is awaiting updating prior to publication. It included many never see before old photographs. He has also written the history of Broomfield Cottage Gardeners' Society which was published and sold as a booklet.

He inspired, compiled and edited our village footpath guide book called Country Stile. This has since been updated as some of the pubs have closed and routes changed, but it is still essentially his creation and still sells well at various local outlets. He often participated in walks by the Broomfield Footpath Society. We also have a series of leaflets describing history trails to the historic buildings in the parish which were originally written by Ken for the Village Open Day that heralded the Parish Plan in 2003.

He was always willing to write a piece for Broomfield Times on aspects of Broomfield history, as readers will recall, ranging from the Saxon burial – did you know that the iron lamp stand found in our Saxon burial is bigger than the one found at Sutton Hoo – Ken told me this, to speculating about the purpose of the large 'puddingstone' projecting from the south wall of the church, to describing Broomfield's education dispute – did you know there was one? Ken did.

He knew all the old field names and his advice was sought when naming new developments to give an historic local flavour, the most recent being the development off Patching Hall Lane that has just commenced.

Most recently too, he was part of the inspiration behind Broomfield's history project that is now being pursued under the guidance of John Blake and Neil Wiffen. Broomfield's local history group Brumfelda, focussed initially on Roman Broomfield, has now been constituted and holds regular meetings – a tribute to Ken's memory indeed.

His presence and inspiring interest in the history of our village is sadly missed.

**Ros Smith**

# Sporting **BROOMFIELD**

Geof Garwood, Sports Editor

## Cricket News

### "Kavin's just foursome"

TAKING 4 wickets in an innings isn't unusual but 4 in consecutive balls is and when all 4 are clean bowled then it most certainly is. Unusual maybe, but that is what Kavin Kugan (pictured) achieved in a recent Under 15 league match for Broomfield against Little Baddow. Despite Kavin's superb effort, and stranger still, was that he ended up on the losing side with Little Baddow scoring 79 all out in their 20 overs and Broomfield's reply falling short on 70 - 5.

At least the sun has appeared and the season for Broomfield's cricketers is well under way. The ground at Brooklands in Mill Lane looks a picture and the sight of cricket being played lifts the spirits after a long winter.

The Little Baddow game was the first of several league matches for the Under 15's so anyone interested in joining and looking to emulate Kavin's effort should contact me as soon as possible. Our Friday evening coaching sessions for that age group have started, as have the Under 9 sessions which are a new initiative for this season and include the playing of "Kwik Cricket".

The adult Saturday sides are also well underway with their league campaigns. The 1st XI have won 2 and lost 2 of their opening matches in the T Rippon Mid Essex League Division 3. Notable performances include 2 five wicket hauls for Scott Fisher, half centuries for Jacob Spindler and John O'Riordan and a six wicket haul for Jason Need in the match versus Rayleigh. The 2nd XI meanwhile have won 2, lost 1 and had 1 no result in Division 9 with several fine efforts from the many former U15 colts, now aged 16, that have progressed into the adult teams.

As ever, new members both junior and senior are welcome, so please contact me for details.

**Tony Cowell**

Club Chairman

tony.cowell1@btinternet.com

**STOP PRESS.....Two resounding wins for the Club in the latest round of league games on Sat 1st June. The 2nd's beat Navestock by 165 runs with 16 year old MATT TURNER scoring his first senior 100 in Broomfield's 247 - 4. Navestock's reply fell well short at 82 - 7. The 1st's meanwhile scored 236 - 7 away at Southend EMT who replied with 197 - 8. Captain John O'Riordan (71) and Phil Mackintosh (85) put on 151 for the first wicket to set up the win.**



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