

## German visitors to Broomfield FC



*Footballers and officials from Werlte and Broomfield Football Club attended a reception at the Mayor of Chelmsford's Office along with the Chairperson of Broomfield Parish Council.*

IN 1979 a short article was published in a local weekly newspaper with a request seeking a locally based junior football team to become involved with DJK Sparta Werlte, a small village football club near Bremen in north-west Germany, on an exchange basis. Officials of Broomfield Junior Football Club near Chelmsford saw the article and got in touch with their German counterparts. Following preliminary visits by officials of both clubs the Annual Exchange between the two clubs was started in July 1980 and continues to this day.

From these beginnings a wonderful friendship between the two clubs, their officials, players and many families within the respective local communities has been built up. Since its inception over 7000 young footballers have made the trip to or from Germany. The players that take part in the exchange are aged between 11 and 15 years and both clubs ensure that they stay with local families and enjoy a taste of what life is like in each other's community.

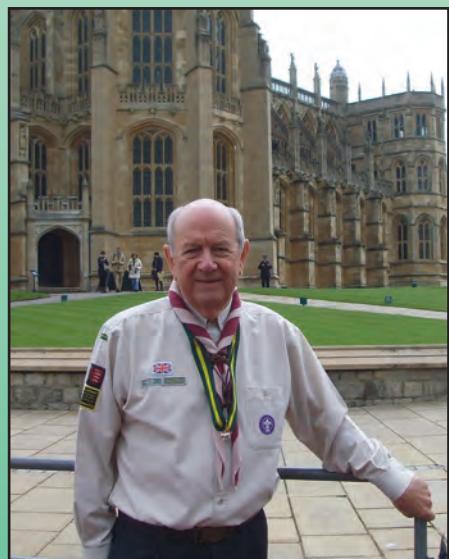
Earlier this year the 35th annual exchange between the two clubs took place when 75 young players and officials from Sparta Werlte visited Broomfield for another highly successful week of football, friendship and fun. Highlights included a visit to Arsenal's Emirates stadium, and also a visit to the Mayor of Chelmsford's office to mark the 35th anniversary. Plans are already underway for the 36th Exchange visit to take place in Werlte at the end of May 2015.

## BROOMFIELD SCOUT LEADER GETS TOP AWARD

ROGER Cole, a Scout leader in Broomfield for over 40 years has received Scouting's highest honour – the Silver Wolf – in the Scout Association's 2014 St. George's Day Awards. The citation from the Chief Scout (Bear Grylls) reads – "In

recognition of services to Scouting of the most exceptional nature". The Silver Wolf (originally introduced by the founder, Lord Baden-Powell), remains the Scout Association's highest award for services to Scouting and is the unrestricted gift of the Chief Scout.

Roger was originally a cub in Gloucestershire and a Scout on the island of Cyprus in the 1950s. He started his adult scouting in Broomfield in 1972 serving as both a cub Scout leader and later as Group Scout Leader with the 1st Broomfield Scout Group. In addition he was also a Scout commissioner in Chelmsford and was on the organising team for the 2007 World Scout Jamboree at Hylands Park. He is currently a campsite warden at the "Riffhams" Scout campsite in Little Baddow as well as



*Scout leader Roger Cole.*

continuing to support Scouting locally.

Roger was invited to attend the annual St. George's Day Scout service in St. George's Chapel Windsor.

**Village Fete 20<sup>th</sup> Sept,**

**11.00-15.00**

**Broomfield Village Hall**

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**Thank you!**

## Broomfield Parish Councillors

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### MONTHLY SURGERIES

11th July 2014

**THAXTED** The Guildhall, Town Street, Thaxted 5.45 - 6.30 pm  
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# IN COUNCIL

PARISH Council meetings take place every third Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. in Broomfield Village Hall - members of the public are welcome to attend and there is a ten 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.

**Parish Councilors** Since the last edition of the Broomfield Times two new Parish Councilors have been appointed - Peter Carter and Ray Mullender. There are still two vacancies - please contact the Clerk Karen Hurrell (01245 441660) at the Parish Office for further details. At the Annual General Meeting in May the Chairman and Vice Chairman were re-elected, Committee members appointed and numerous duties allocated. A copy of the individual annual reports can be found in the centre section of this magazine.

**Police Matters** Various incidents have been reported including a burglary at Roselawn Field and Broomfield Football Club, theft from a motor vehicle in Coombe Rise and criminal damage to a motor vehicle in Butlers Close. There has also been an arson attack on Broomfield Football Clubhouse, fuel has been taken without payment from Main Road and nuisance bikes reported in Jubilee Avenue. Monthly meetings are being held with PCSO Calleja regarding youth and other general concerns.

**Planning** Councillor Blake has continued to attend the City Council's Planning Committee Meeting and represent the Parish's views and concerns regarding the various developments in the area. The developers of Copperfield Road have been advised of the Parish Council and local residents' wishes to see Hollow Lane closed. A planning application has been received for Days Garage and a meeting will be held with the developer's agents to discuss the Parish Council's wishes for this site. Village Gateways - a further meeting will be held with Chris Robinson from Highways regarding the design of the Village Gateways. Funding has been agreed by the Local Highways Panel.

**Civic Amenities Matters** An organised litter pick will take place on the 19th June 10am - 1pm with the help of the students from Chelmer Valley High School. They will be clearing the ditch that runs from Chelmer Valley High School towards the Church. Councillor Tranquada has been applying for grants for outdoor play equipment. If they are not forthcoming he would consider funding the equipment from the Civic Amenities reserves budget. The wooden fencing surrounding play area in Angel Meadow is being replaced with a metal one which will be more economical once maintenance costs are considered.

**Broomfield Village Hall** The ongoing saga with contractors continues regarding mechanical and electrical problems. A request had been made to extend the warranty period to cover winter 2014/15.

**Play in the Park** This has been organised and paid for by the Parish Council for each Friday in August on Angel Meadow from 1.30 to 3.30 p.m. and is provided free to children aged between 6 - 11 years old. On the last Friday there will be a bouncy castle and slide to add to the fun. See the separate notice on this page for further details.

**Highways** The lighting for the Zebra Crossing on Main road is obscured by a cherry tree and telegraph pole meaning that visibility for drivers is reduced and risk to pedestrians is very high. Councillors agreed to write to Essex County Council Highways requesting that they consider installing down lights in that area. County Councillor Aldridge will add his support.

The Vehicle Activated Sign on the Village boundary is not working. This should be repaired soon by the ECC Street Lighting team. Pot holes will hopefully be filled by the Summer. A new bus shelter for The Angel Bus Stop had been approved

## Broomfield Parish Council Website

Please visit <http://www.essexinfo.net/broomfield/> Councillor Carter will be reviewing the website so if anyone has any comments/suggestions please contact the Parish Office

Please visit and "like" our facebook page to receive regular updates!



Children's play area with new fencing.

## PLAY IN THE PARK – BROOMFIELD FRIDAYS 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th AUGUST

10am to 12pm FREE SESSIONS  
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**PLAY in the Park** is a series of free two-hour multi-activity sessions for children aged 6-11. Join the Play Workers for sports, arts, crafts, games and free-play.

### EXTRA ACTIVITIES:

Some sessions include 'Extra Activities' which cater for younger children; see below for details:

Friday 15 August: Fun activities with your local 4Children Children's Centre for ages 0-5 years

Friday 22 August: Hands-on construction activities with Denne Construction for ages 6-11 years

Friday 29 August: Bouncy Castle with a slide for ages 0-11 years

### CONDITIONS FOR TAKING PART:

- Children aged 6-11 can stay without parents. Children aged under 6 must be supervised by a parent or adult guardian at all times
- Children aged under 8 must be dropped off and picked up by an adult. A password will be required.
- If your child is arriving alone please print, read and complete the Registration form for children arriving alone and ask your child to bring it on the day. These can be found here: [www.chelmsford.gov.uk/play](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/play)
- Children aged under 6 may only take part in free-play with their parents, or 'Extra Activities' that cater specifically for their age group.
- There is no need to pre-register; just turn up on the day and visit the registration desk.
- Please ensure your child wears suitable clothing for playing games, that they bring a drink, and that they are prepared for any weather. The Tuck Shop will be open in the Village Hall at the same time.

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# BROOMFIELD CHURCH MAY FAYRE CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE DIOCESE OF CHELMSFORD

THE MAY Fayre of St.Mary with St.Leonard Church, to celebrate one hundred years of the Diocese of Chelmsford, was held on Church Green on 17th May. It was opened by the Vicar, Carolyn Tibbot, followed by a wonderfully joyful peal of bells.

There was a variety of stalls. The White Elephant and Raffle did a roaring trade and there were games and a Treasure Hunt to keep both children and adults busy. The St. Mary's Puppet Crew gave three very lively and entertaining performances which held everyone in rapt attention and caused lots of laughter. In the arena there were displays from local organisations including Shimmy'n'Groove, Martial Arts and 'Beat the Keeper'. It was very good to see the many and varied activities that take place in the Village.

In the church there was an exhibition of Broomfield 100 years ago, which created a lot of interest. There were also booklets about the history of the church on sale so that people could take themselves on their own tour of the historic church.

After all this activity a cream tea, served in the hall, was just what was needed. The ladies in the kitchen were kept very busy, so well done to them. The Kings Arms also provided lunches on 'the green' which were delicious and freshly made to order.

In the afternoon Bishop John of Bradwell came to give us his support. We enjoyed his company as he went around the stalls talking to the stall holders and visitors. It was a lovely day, the sun shone and it was heart-warming to see all the families and friends coming together in such an enjoyable way.

The Fayre helped to raise money for the upkeep of this beautiful historic building.

Many thanks to all who came and those behind the scenes who helped to make this such a joyful celebration.  
**Sue Browning.**



## We've got our footpath back – thanks to you!

'WE WANT our public footpath back!' was an Autumn, 2013, *Broomfield Times* headline. This in reference to the unofficial route which leads north from Scravels, Hollow Lane to the junction of existing footpaths, 5, 27 and 30. Thanks to B. Times publicity, Karen and Wendy in the Parish Office, who handed them out, and twenty-seven people who completed the lengthy Evidence Forms, the County Council via Essex Legal Services, are to 'make an order adding the route to the Definitive Map'. There is, however, a legal waiting period of up to 84 days before it is officially 'confirmed'.

Two fallen trees have gone. There is still some long-term flooding which renders it impassable, but when (if) the order is 'confirmed', a Public Rights of Way Officer will address and rectify this issue.

On the 1793 Tithe Map the lane was known as *The Chase*. With the welcome prospect of its being used by keen walkers, speedy runners and trotting horses, should it, once more, be known as 'The Chase'?

## St. Mary's Church News

WE HAVE been having a busy time at St. Mary's Church, and things are looking really exciting for the summer.

Our Curate Revd. Anne will be ordained Priest on the 22nd of June and our Sue Howlett is to be ordained Deacon at the Cathedral on 29th of June. Sue will be joining the Church in Boreham and I know you would all want to wish her well as she moves from Broomfield.

We will be holding our usual Songs of Praise on Church Green on the first Sunday in July. The Puppet Crew will be performing and if you would like to come along, please do bring your garden chair or a picnic blanket. You may even like to choose a hymn or a reading - the advert gives details of how to request them. Earlier that same afternoon, we will be having a Teddy Bear's Picnic for our younger families, again you will find the advert in the magazine on the back cover.

The 4th of August is the national day for the commemoration of the outbreak of World War 1. St. Mary's Church will be open all day from Morning Prayer at 8.40 a.m. At 10 a.m. we will have a service to dedicate a kneeler that the ladies of the RBL have embroidered and during the day there will be presentations about those who fought in the war from Broomfield Village. There will also be an opportunity to view artefacts from that era, and to pray for peace throughout the world. There will be refreshments all day in St. Leonard's Hall, and in the early evening we will be lighting candles at the War Memorial on Church Green.

Future dates for your diary are:

- **Gift Weekend and Ride & Stride 13th September**
- **Centenary Arts Festival and Film Premier 26th - 28th September**
- **Harvest Festival 5th October**

I look forward to seeing you at some of our events over the summer

With every blessing  
**Carolyn**



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# Arson attack at Broomfield Football Club House

SADLY, Broomfield FC suffered an arson attack on its clubhouse in the early hours of 25th May. Although the fire brigade contained the fire quite quickly, it destroyed all the bar equipment and the general bar area as well as a substantial amount of stock and various electrical items. Much of the other contents have suffered smoke and water damage and the club fear that the smell of fire and smoke will never leave. The



extent of the internal damage reduced a number of people connected with the club to tears as it had just spent a substantial amount on refurbishments. Some members were involved in the original construction of the building while for many members it had become a second home. The club advise that it is too early to know the exact way forward but the clubhouse will almost certainly be out of action for all next season while they pursue an insurance claim and look to rebuild. However, life for the footballers and social members of the club will go on, although for a while it may be a little different for some. The annual Funday Weekend and 5 -a-side competition on 28th and 29th June will continue as planned. The club would really appreciate as many visitors as possible this year as Funday Weekend is a key fund raising event and this year the club will need to raise more money than



ever. The club has already received many offers of help and support from other local football clubs and the local community for which it is extremely grateful. However, there is a lot of work ahead and the club would welcome any additional offers of support from the Broomfield village community. One way or another, Broomfield Football Club will emerge bigger and stronger from this attack on its home.

## Broomfield Library

MYTHICAL Maze is happening in Broomfield library this summer holidays from 19th July to 3rd September. You'll be a-mazed at what's going on. You'll meet some larger than life characters from myths and legends as you read. Keep track on your fold-up poster and complete the maze with stickers from the library and a medal when you complete the challenge. For all children – don't myth out on the fun, it's all free.

Broomfield Library hosts a book group for adults that meets every 6 weeks at 11am on Saturdays in the library, which is open to new members, in addition to the many and various groups held around the community. If anyone would like to start a group with their friends, please come into the library and register your group and we will order your books for you. It's a brilliant way to read books you might not have considered previously, make new friends and enjoy lively discussions.

### Opening Times

Monday 1-5pm

Wednesday 9-1pm

Thursday 1-5pm

Saturday 9-1pm

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## BROOMFIELD BRIDGE CLUB

FANCY a game of bridge or to learn how to play? We have the answer! The newly formed bridge club invites players to its friendly duplicate bridge club on Friday afternoons in the Village Hall starting 1.15 pm promptly. On your own? No problem! We have a host system in place so you are assured of a game.

Want to learn, develop or return to bridge? Lessons for beginners and also for Next Step learners will be available in September, again in the Village Hall. Come and join us. Bridge is a great game and will bring many pleasures as well as keeping the grey matter exercised and making new friends.

Further details from Sandy Smith Tel 01245 443096 or sandycsmith@btinternet.com.

Hope to see you soon! Sandy Smith

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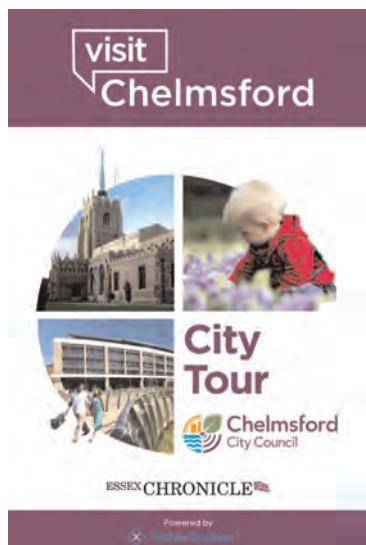
# The whole city in your pocket

WHEN you live or work in a city all the time, it can be easy to fall into spending your time doing the same things. We can forget to explore the places we are familiar with - for example, did you know that a man known as 'the Father of American Democracy' once lived here, or that the High Street is still the same shape as the medieval marketplace? When was the last time you visited a real little gem of a shop, or went to a restaurant you'd never tried before?

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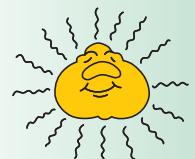
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# Changeable

What can it be about the sun,  
To make me change from dull to fun,  
This other person inside of me comes out,  
When those first rays of sunshine I've felt.  
Why this is I shall never know,  
But from a little person again I begin to grow.  
Every year I have to wait and wait,  
Then I see it again, I've found my mate.  
Sometimes he doesn't come out to play,  
But he tells me in a whisper, April's too early,  
wait till May.  
I have a bounce in my step and my head's held  
high,  
Thank you, thank you my yellow friend in the  
sky.  
Who knows who I am! I call myself what's his  
name,  
You just come and go and think it's all a game.  
I hope you're out when I wake tomorrow  
Otherwise what's its name becomes me full of  
sorrow.  
Suddenly I come to a stop, there's something  
following me  
Oh it's only what's his name  
my shadow, can't you see.

Maria Stevens



## BROOMFIELD METHODIST CHURCH HOLIDAY CLUB JULY 27th - 31st 2014

You can register at Broomfield Methodist Church on  
June 23rd at 3.30pm.  
(or later if there are spaces left)

This year's theme is 'Young Heroes' and we will be  
looking at the stories of:

- The alter boy who heard and obeyed God's instructions
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- The shepherd boy who slew a giant with a pebble in a battle
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Our Churchyard working party spend every Tuesday morning from 9am until 12.30pm in the churchyard, mowing, weeding and tidying the grounds, but this year the growth has got the better of them. We would be grateful for new people to join the Churchyard working party, and any help will be

joyfully received. We are a friendly group and we have a special break at about 11am when we share sausage rolls, cakes and coffee and have a good chat.

The churchyard does not just benefit church members, it is for the whole village. We receive no funding to help to keep the churchyard looking neat and tidy and all our members are volunteers. So, if you have green fingers and would like to come along to help please just turn up. We have plenty of tools and mowers, we just need people to push them!

Or if you prefer to find out a little bit more, please give me a call on 01245 440318.

I look forward to meeting you.  
Carolyn

## CHRISTIAN AID 2014

The total amount collected in Broomfield was £2410.96.

We were unable to collect from all areas as we did not have enough collectors.

We did, however, increase the amount collected from last year.

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**Barbara Curren**  
**C/A organiser for Broomfield**



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# Broomfield Parish Council ANNUAL REPORT 2014

## Chairman's Report – Councillor Ros Smith

### BROOMFIELD – OUR VILLAGE

#### Chairman's Report to Annual Parish Meeting 2014

LAST year I said we had had a busy year. This year I would describe the past twelve months as a "Landmark Year" as the results of our busyness have manifested themselves. The refurbished and renamed Village Hall is up and running and takes pride of place within the community and the voice of Broomfield has been heard in every office that makes decisions on matters that affect our quality of life – City Council planners, County Council Highways, Hospital management, Police, Children's services and passenger transport.

This would not have been possible without the dedication and determination of your Parish Councillors who don't wait to be asked, but actively seek to exert their influence. I would particularly mention at this point Trevor Jones whose dogged determination has brought the Village Hall project to its completion. It has not been an easy ride, but then nothing worth having comes without effort in these days of financial constraint.

John Blake has presented our case to the planners and other agencies with impressive professionalism, to the extent that I was telephoned by the chairman of the City Council planning committee with his personal appreciation of the quality of his presentation. John knows how the system works and when to intervene in the most effective way so we are not left fighting wasteful and usually ineffective rearguard actions.

I hope you will all agree that the village looks good and this is thanks to the efforts of Tim Tranquada and the Civic Amenities Committee and his team of volunteers. We said farewell and wished Steve Barratt, our Village Attendant for many years, a happy retirement. Steve picked litter and looked after the children's play area and other aspects of the village. His successor is Stuart Jones who has already shown great diligence in keeping the village clean and tidy. He really appreciates all your supportive comments as he goes about his task.

I hope you all feel in some way or other the sense of community that we are trying to foster. Whether you just read Broomfield Times or even help to deliver it; look at the village website or follow us on Facebook or come to the monthly Coffee Morning at the Village Hall where from time to time a City Council rep. will be there to offer help and advice. If you did not come to the Pensioners' Lunch, you really missed a treat in both food and entertainment - sorry if you are not yet eligible - but all adults were welcome at the Village Hop - sorry dance! and all ages at the Family Discos. Lots of activities are planned for the summer so keep an eye out for posters or see Broomfield Times. I stood down as editor as I had been doing that job for quite a long time and things were getting rather too busy. I am very pleased that Selina Matthews has taken up the reins to ensure its continuation as a focus of communication for the whole village.

The Parish Council tries to keep tabs on all aspects of village life and to intervene where it can to make improvements. We keep in touch with the two schools as most of the children in the village attend one or other. We continue to award the Centenary Cup to an outstanding pupil at the Primary School. Who will it be this year? Parish Councillors between them liaise with the pubs, the library, the residential homes, pre-schools and nurseries - all ages and aspects of life. We support village organisations in any way we can. There are activities for all ages and interests: take your under 5 to Stay 'n Play, which is one of several activities for

that age group, or there's lace making, Bridge, Bingo, Art, watching your diet or toning your muscles. It's all at the Village Hall.

All this activity requires lots of effort mainly from volunteers and especially from your Parish Councillors who are all volunteers with no allowances and who seldom claim expenses. I am very pleased that although Will Wetton resigned during the year as he moved away, we have two new councillors, Peter Carter who lives in the village and Ray Mullender who was born in Broomfield, but lives just outside the present boundary. They are just getting their feet under the table so to speak. Over the year I have been wonderfully well supported by all the team, but I would like to especially thank my Vice Chairman, Geof Garwood with whom I have been able to share some of the all too many meetings and who particularly liaises with the local Police. Gerry Cockram has kept our finances in order for what has been a very challenging time for the Parish Council - handling the Public Works Board Loan and paying for the Village Hall works. Jean Wrenn and Les Steed have continued their stalwart support on various committees of the Parish Council and we value their long service and experience.

It only remains for me to thank our wonderful office staff for their hard work, cheerfully undertaken despite all the inconveniences of temporary accommodation in a portacabin - though it was cosy in the winter! They really have jelled together and are a great team not only serving the Parish Council, but the whole village. They are the first port of call for you the residents - suggestions and offers of help gratefully received, complaints (not too many I hope) cheerfully dealt with and bookings taken and refuse bags various dished out with a smile. Thank you so much ladies!

We look forward to another year serving the needs and aspirations of the village.

## Award for Broomfield Times



WE ARE proud to announce that the Broomfield Times was one of the finalists in the Essex Life Community Magazine Awards. This competition was staged by Essex Life, Rural Community Council of Essex, Newport News and the Diocese of Chelmsford to find the best community magazines in the county. The judges looked at content, layout and production but focused mainly on content. They particularly looked for magazines that contain news, features and information from across the local community.

# Village Hall Report – Councillor Trevor Jones

WHEN we last updated you on progress of the Village Hall, in April of 2013, the roof had just arrived and the construction phase was progressing according to schedule.

We are pleased to report that the construction work was completed by the middle of June and the additional works, in terms of fitting out and the car park continued until the end of July.

On Sat 27th July, we had a grand opening ceremony with our hirers providing stalls, demonstrating all of their various interests and activities that were available. Outside, we had programmed events demonstrating activities within the arena, with dance classes and a football shooting gallery and for the children (and grown up kids) there was a fairground. To add to all of this, despite the dire forecast for the day, we were blessed with glorious sunshine to help with the BBQ proceedings. The official opening was marked by the cutting of ribbon by all of those who use the facilities here and by your Chairman and secretary.

The growing success of our superbly appointed Village Hall is plain for all to see and is now enjoyed for a wide range of activities. From Indian Dance to Art Class, Shimmy 'n Groove to Bridge, Lace Making to Karate, Line Dancing to Carpet Bowls and much more. Community activities are not forgotten either. We have Stay N Play every Monday morning, a monthly Coffee Morning, and our community led social calendar incorporates something for everybody with Live Band nights, Family Discos, a



Summer Fayre, and a planned grand festive Bingo night on Saturday 1st November.

Outside, the MUGA court has been further developed and we now have provision for multiple sports including football, tennis and netball. A new equipment store has recently been erected and we have made some extensive planting of specialist trees to enhance the natural beauty of our amenity field. We also plan to install and upgrade our kick wall for the youngsters of our village. All in all, I hope that you will agree that we have gone a long way to meet the challenge of providing our village with a real heart and we will continue to strive to provide the facilities that our growing Village desires and deserves.

## Finance & General Purposes Committee Report – Councillor Gerry Cockram

This again has been a very busy financial year for the Council. The Public Works Board loan of £220,000 was finally negotiated and £196,472 was granted to the Broomfield Village Hall Charity to enable the refurbishment and rebuilding the village hall. The loan is for seven years at a fixed interest rate of 1.55% with half yearly repayments of £16,728 which commenced last year. The balance outstanding at the year-end was £205,130

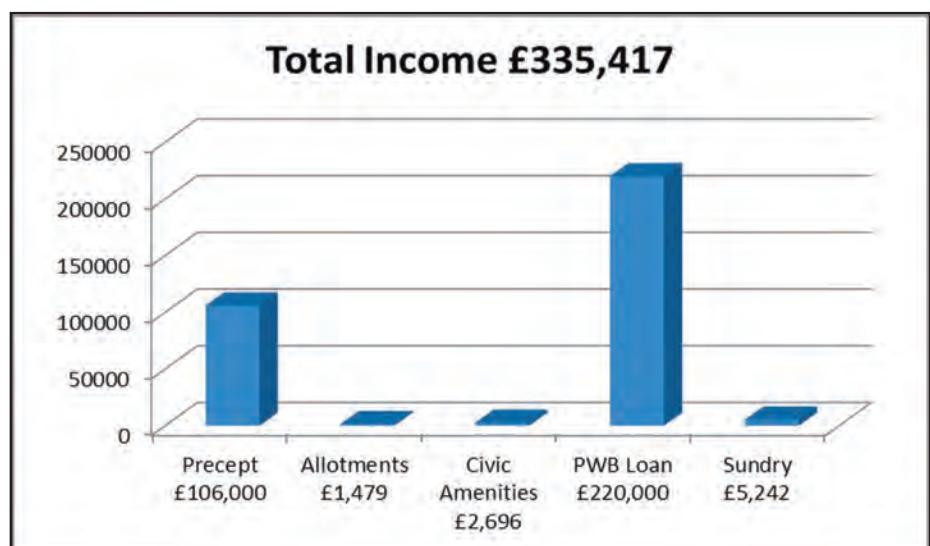
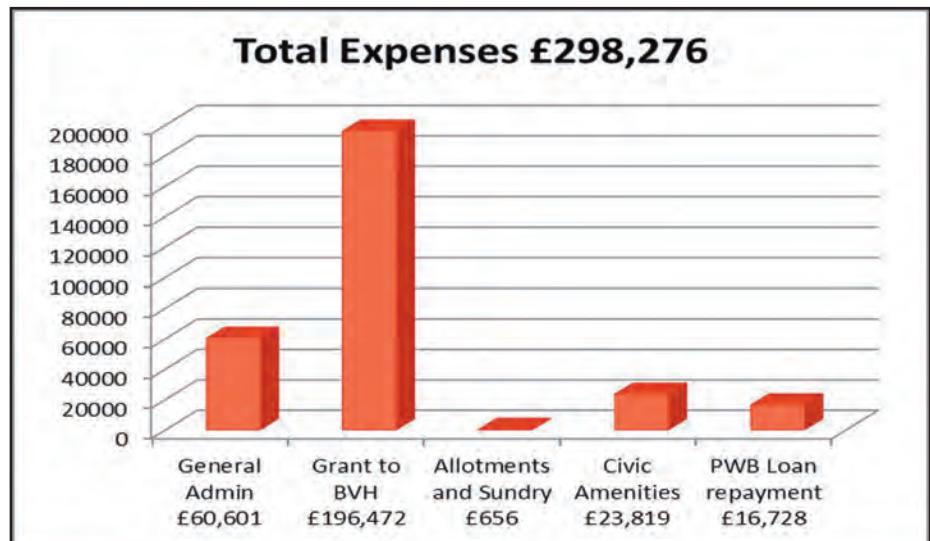
A summary of our unaudited accounts for the year ended March 31st 2014 is shown in the charts below. Our total income exceeded our expenses by £37,141 and this surplus will be added to reserves for future village developments.

Our precept for the year was set at £106,000 but we received £6,936 localised Council Tax support so the impact on Broomfield Council Tax payers was reduced to £99,064.

It is the intention of the Council to seize opportunities to enhance village facilities wherever possible but to try to ensure that costs are met by future income. We will always attempt to minimize costs to local council tax payers.

During the year the council has made donations to St Mary's Church for the flower festival, the newly started Bingo Club, and to the Centenary Cup for the outstanding school pupil of the year.

A copy of the full set of the accounts will be available by contacting the Parish Office when the audit has been completed.



# Civic Amenities Committee Report

## – Councillor Tim Tranquada

### VILLAGE GREENS:

Broomfield Parish Council are responsible for 5 Village Greens.

During the spring of 2013, a group of volunteers planted 700 snowdrops on Parsonage Green and 5 Broom shrubs on Parsonage Green as a colourful welcome to Broomfield. In the autumn ditches by Parsonage Pond and Elm Close were cleared and in May 2014 a further 500 snowdrop bulbs were added to Parsonage Green.

### VILLAGE PLAY AREA AND VILLAGE PLAYING FIELD:

The annual Play Area Equipment Inspection by Wicksteed Leisure Ltd has had its annual safety check. The Parish Council then address any 'High Risk' safety issues which have been identified immediately. In addition the play-area is checked fortnightly by the City Council and the Parish Council check for litter on a daily basis.

### OUTDOOR EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

The Civic Amenities group are working with the Village Hall Charity group to acquire the funding needed to supply and install outdoor exercise equipment in front of the MUGA by the Village Hall.

### CENTENARY WOOD

The group of volunteers have thinned out the trees in the lower section of the wood in order to let some more light into the central glade area and to allow other trees more room to grow. We have planted 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.

We have been awarded a Green Flag Community Award for Centenary Wood. We had to satisfy a number of criteria applied to the Wood, under such headings as: Healthy, safe and secure environment; Clean and well maintained; Sustainability; Biodiversity and heritage; Community involvement and Management.

### PARTNERSHIP (P3):

In the spring of 2013 the P3 volunteers cut down and removed trees from footpaths 17 and 4 and installed 2 new way-marker posts on footpaths 4 and 31.

A number of concerns have been identified by P3 walkers and other village residents, concerning the state of public footpaths in the Parish and these have been shared with the County Council. Areas such as: the very muddy section at the bottom of Angel Meadow (the Football Club are also actively pursuing the County Council on this matter); the waterlogged areas under the gateway between the Church and Chelmer Valley High School and the broken stile by Mill Lane have all been reported and are 'in the County's system' to be addressed.

The P3 group have installed a new way-marker post by Newland Grove Nature Reserve to help identify the altered public footpath which has been moved so that walkers and 4x4 drivers do not meet!

### ALLOTMENTS:

Tim Tranquada and Les Steed continue to monitor the site. The vast majority of tenants keep their plots well maintained. If you wish to put your name on the waiting list then please contact the Parish Office. If you feel a whole plot would be too much but would be interested in sharing a plot please also register your interest as we may be able to accommodate you. The small group of allotment volunteers have helped 5 allotment tenants who, through temporary health problems, have not been able to give their plot the attention they would wish. The volunteers have helped by digging, weeding, grass cutting and harvesting crops.

### LITTER PICK

On a Saturday in April 2013 we had a 'Litter Pick activity'. Only a small group turned up consisting of Tim and Margaret Tranquada, Geof Garwood and Lyn Collins. We had hoped for more of the Village to be involved in this activity.

The litter pick for 2014 will be on Thursday 19th June and will be by Chelmer Valley High School. The pick will start at 10:00am and if you are able to help please contact the Parish Office.

### DOG FOULING

Dog fouling continues to be something of a problem in and around the Village creating a very unpleasant and unhealthy environment for all, particularly in the areas where children play. I would welcome any suggestions as to how we can persuade/educate those irresponsible and ignorant dog owners who are creating these problems. Writtle Parish Council for example, insist on all dog owners having their dogs on a lead at all times whenever they are on the Parish fields; this is to encourage dog owners to pick up their dog's mess straight away - what do you think?



The style of equipment we wish to install is shown in this photo of the equipment installed at Abridge.



Photo shows: John Milsom, Andrew Lilley, Margaret Tranquada, Tim Tranquada, Lesley Milsom and Roger Hardy.

# Planning and Property Committee Report

## – Councillor John Blake

RISING house prices have certainly breathed new life into the development industry over the last year. Twelve months ago, the new housing site between Patching Hall Lane and Berwick Avenue was just some lone machinery in a field. Now many of the 135 houses are built and some are even occupied. Even some of the landscaping (which will hopefully mitigate the impact of the development on the 'Broomfield gap') has started to take shape.

A year ago, another significant development site (178 dwellings and a 90 bed care home north of Hospital Approach) had just reached the application stage. The ensuing campaigning has formed the biggest part of the Committee's workload this year. Broomfield's Village Design Statement had identified this development as a great opportunity to neatly achieve a new access into the Hospital site, to take the pressure off Hospital Approach. This seemed an excellent idea to almost everyone, with the important exceptions of the developers Countryside and the Highways Authority Essex County Council.

So, despite our objections, last December planning approval was given to this scheme with the access directly onto Hospital Approach itself. The only significant concession we achieved was the widening of Main Road northbound just before the roundabout with Hospital Approach. This will mean that more cars turning left into Hospital Approach can queue without blocking the road for other northbound traffic. However, it was a disappointing result overall that underlined the short-sightedness of the classic 1980s decision to build an 'out-of town' general hospital on the site of an isolation hospital. It also illustrates the difficulties for communities to seize opportunities for local benefit when the Government's new National Planning Policy Framework pulls in the opposite direction. Nonetheless, I would like to thank our Parish Council Chairman Ros Smith, County Councillor John Aldridge and City Councillor Graham Pooley for devoting an enormous amount of time (albeit unsuccessfully) to finding a better way.

Another significant development site, around Broomfield Place and the current Primary School site, has remained dormant for another year while the developers and the Education Authority continue to negotiate about a new 2 form entry primary school for Broomfield. We had understood this important improvement

to village facilities was essential to allow the new developments around Broomfield to take place, so we very much hope that it will indeed see the light of day.

The fourth site, 220 - 270 houses north of Copperfield Road (between Hollow Lane and existing Newlands Spring houses) has also come a step closer with an exhibition and consultation about the plans, prior to a formal application. Whilst seeing the sense of optimising the existing facilities at Newlands Spring, the Parish Council is very concerned about the proposed access which we think will cause Hollow Lane to become even more of a rat-run. Following a meeting with Hollow Lane residents in February, the Parish Council decided to support their view that Hollow Lane should be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic at the western end. As with Hospital Approach, the technicalities of the planning system and highways regulations will make this fiendishly difficult to achieve, but we are determined to give it our very best shot and are lobbying the relevant authorities (who must by now be getting very fed up with us!).

In closing, although all these developments remain controversial and will have some significant adverse effects, it is important to remember that it could have been a whole lot worse if we had not been able to engage so positively with the planning authorities over the last few years. We would probably now be looking at a huge greenfield estate of 1,000+ houses in the countryside around the village, clogging up the roads into Chelmsford even more and ending Broomfield's identity as a (at least partially) separate village.

To end on a more upbeat note, we have just been told that our bids to get funding for 'village gateways' on Main Road at both the northern and southern parish boundaries have been successful. We hope these will help to emphasise the identity of Broomfield as a community in its own right and maybe influence some through traffic to drive slower through our village (or better still use the bypass).

Inevitably, this report can't include everything that's been happening on the planning front over the last year. But if you have any questions or comments, please let us know at the Parish Office. And you're very welcome to come to our meetings on the first Wednesday of each month when we continue to scrutinise all the planning applications affecting Broomfield.



## Out to Africa Summer Fun Day and Hospital Open Day Saturday 9th August 2014

ON SATURDAY 9th August, Mid Essex Hospital Services NHS Trust will be opening its doors to the public and holding a Trust Open Day at Broomfield Hospital to showcase its services. On the same day, the 'Out to Africa' Project will be holding their second 'Summer Fun Day', which will take place on the grounds behind Broomfield Court.

We are extremely proud of the services we provide to our patients and their families and this is an important opportunity for the local community to see first hand how the hospital is run.

We plan to have a wide range of information and awareness stands available in the atrium on the day, as well as having organised tours of the hospital and woodland areas

Please contact [communications@meht.nhs.uk](mailto:communications@meht.nhs.uk) for further information.

# Chelmer Valley High School Head Teacher to Retire

AFTER 22-and-a-half years in the job David Franklin is stepping down as Head Teacher at Chelmer Valley High Schools. When he took over in the early 1990s it was not most people's first choice of secondary school but it now has 1200 pupils, up from 900, and is vastly oversubscribed.

Mr Franklin attributes this success to investing heavily in teaching and support staff as well as finding the balance between academic achievements and the need to be creative and inventive.

Under Mr Franklin's guidance the school was one of the first in the country to open its own teacher training scheme, taking on graduates and training them to teach in local secondary schools.

Mr Franklin, who is married with two grown-up daughters, will shortly become a grandfather for the first time. He is looking forward to spending time with his new grandchild and travelling to various cities in the UK and abroad.



## Procession of Witness

**THE METHODIST and Anglican churches in Broomfield joined together in a procession of witness between the two Churches on Good Friday. A short service was held at St Mary's Church and the cross was carried to Angel Green where one of the gospel descriptions of the crucifixion was read. The procession then proceeded to the Methodist Church where Rev Tony Shrimpton delivered a message for Good Friday. Refreshments then followed.**



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# Save the Date for the Chelmsford Marathon!

COULD Chelmsford be hosting the most scenic marathon in the South East? The J's Hospice are delighted to announce the date of the very first Chelmsford Marathon - to be held on Sunday 19th October 2014!

Essex boasts some of the flattest and most beautiful scenery in the UK, attracting runners of all levels, and the Chelmsford Marathon promises to establish itself as a unique race not to miss in the running calendar.

With a route that takes runners through five of Chelmsford's most beautiful parks; Central Park - where the Marathon begins - through Admirals Park, Tower Gardens, Bellmead Park and the award-winning grounds of Hylands Park, via the picturesque village of Writtle, the route showcases some of the best of Essex countryside.

The idea for a Chelmsford Marathon was generated from some very keen interest and demand from local running enthusiasts who could see the need for The J's Hospice to showcase Chelmsford's new 'city' status and our beautiful parkland.

Over six months of planning, discussions and consultation have brought us to the point of launching the Marathon with the enthusiastic approval and backing of local authorities.

Dominique Brunning, Fundraising Manager at The J's Hospice had the following to say:

"We wouldn't have got to this point without the support of the local community - everyone has recognised this as a unique opportunity; not just runners but the general public have taken the idea - and run with it!"

Potential Marathon runners can register online or using dedicated leaflets from Tuesday 25th February - keep the date in your diary! Entry costs just £28 per person, but of course we're hoping that runners will raise their own sponsorship for a very worthy cause.

This event will raise much-needed funds for The J's Hospice as well as creating a lasting legacy for the City of Chelmsford of a successful marathon that can grow year on year, bringing visitors to the city and highlighting all that the city has to offer.

You can register to take part in the Chelmsford Marathon online by visiting [www.thejshospice.org.uk](http://www.thejshospice.org.uk) from 25th February or call The J's on 01245 475474 to request a registration form to be sent to you.



## Brumfelda



BRUMFELDA members and guests have been travelling: to Chelmsford Museum where Dr Mark Curteis, Curator of Local History, talked of Early Coins and showed ancient artefacts (including the silver dolphin brooch) recently discovered in the Broomfield area - the latter are now housed in the Museum ; and a visit to Hill Farm, Gestingthorpe where Ashley Cooper, farmer, historian and writer, invited us to tea and biscuits, let us walk the earthworks of his nearby Roman 'mansio' (perhaps a roadside pub) where ancient travellers once paused for food and drink and gave us access to his Museum of finds. On home territory members have some catching-up to do. Data from past Walks across Dragon's Foot needs to be collated and recorded before preparation for future Walks this coming July and August. If the opportunity presents itself then a geophysics team might render it worthwhile that test pits be considered and dug. For both amateur and professional archaeologists the future bodes well. We always welcome new members. For further information please email: member@1priors.freeserve.co.uk



Brumfelda founders, members and guests browse and chat over Gestingthorpe 'finds', and books published by Ashley Cooper (front left), after his 'Talk' in our Village Hall. 2013.

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# Broomfield Cottage Gardeners' Society



## ANNUAL SUMMER FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW

**Sunday 13th July from 2.00pm to 4.30pm  
in Broomfield Village Hall**

**COME along** and support our Annual Summer Flower & Produce Show either by exhibiting or by seeing for yourself the flowers, flower arrangements, pot plants, vegetables, fruit, cookery, preserves, photography and handicrafts on display. You can also stop by for a cup of tea, coffee or squash and a piece of cake and of course have a great chat amongst friends and colleagues. Children are most welcome and there is a dedicated section for children's exhibits.

If you would like to exhibit at the Show please contact David Jay on 01245 440563 or drop in to the Trading Centre (see below) to collect a Show Schedule.

**Plant Sale:** This took place on Sunday 18th May from 10am to 1pm in the Barn area on the Broomfield allotment site and the Society's members helped tremendously by producing lots of seedlings and plants for sale. There was a good turnout on the day and this was helped by some fine weather. Proceeds from the sale will go towards our selected Charity for 2014, Breathe Easy (Chelmsford & District British Lung Foundation Support Group). If you would like to purchase any of the items remaining from our Plant Sale or given to us by members throughout the year you are welcome to come along to the Barn compound (access between 149 & 151 Main Road) on Fridays between 2pm & 3pm and on Sundays between 10am & 12noon. You will also be able to see what we sell in our Trading Centre, but you will need to join the Society (£4pa or £3pa for senior citizens) to take advantage of the great prices.

The Society held "Social Sunday" mornings in May at the Barn compound from 10.30am to 11.30am which provided an opportunity for members to meet up informally for a chat and a cup of coffee or tea at the very modest price of 50p. Members also kindly brought along nibbles which helped make the mornings very enjoyable.

**Coach Trip:** This year our coach trip will be to Lullingstone Roman Villa & Lullingstone Castle & The World Gardens in Kent on Saturday 6th September. For more details please contact David Jay on 01245 440563.

A bouquet of flowers was recently presented to outgoing Secretary Val Jordan by Society Chairman Philip Richards and Deputy Chairman/Membership Secretary Margaret Tanquada in appreciation of Val's 7-year tenure in the role.



## Broomfield and District U3A

The Broomfield & District U3A held their second Annual General Meeting on

Wednesday, 14th May - the same day as the monthly meeting. The Chairman, Mrs Barbara Thomas welcomed everybody and thanked all involved for their hard work in offering a very diverse programme of activities throughout the year.

The Broomfield & District U3A has come a long way since their first meeting in June 2012 with the membership growing month on month. The U3A or University of the Third Age is an organisation for people no longer in full time employment, and therefore provides educational, creative and leisure opportunities in a friendly environment. As you will see from our newsletter and website, we have



sixteen activity groups covering a diverse range of subjects. Added to this, we invite a speaker to our monthly meetings again covering various areas of interest. For this reason the Chairman is confident that with this busy programme we are fulfilling the aims and values of the National U3A.

The Group Leaders regularly give a report at the Monthly Meeting of the activities undertaken. These reports plus details of leaders and future meeting dates are also included in the Monthly Newsletter. The activity groups include a Book Group, Canasta, Cookery, Gardening, Geology, History, Lacemaking, Luncheon Club, Mini Bridge, Natural History, Needlework, Scrabble, Swimming, Table Games and the Sunday+ Group. A Beginners Photography Day was attended and enjoyed by six people but until we can find someone willing to lead this group, no future meetings are planned.

To accommodate the planning and

organisation of the Branch it is vital that we have a full committee membership and due to resignations we have three vacancies. The current Committee has matured and gelled, having gone through a steep learning curve in establishing the group.

We recently set up a stall at the St. Mary w. St. Leonard Church Fair and it was a pleasure to work alongside so many other Organisations from the village. Several visitors expressed interest in our activities and we hope to see them at one of our future meetings.

The meetings are held every second Wednesday of each month, except August, from 1.30-3.30 pm in the Broomfield Village Hall. The next meeting will be on the 9th July 2014 when Amanda Read will be speaking on "Macular Society". New Members are always made welcome. Full details of all activities can be found on our website at [www.u3asites.org.uk/broomfield](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/broomfield).

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|         |                                     |                        |
|---------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| July 2  | Square and Compasses, Fuller Street | Cars to Fuller Street  |
| July 9  | Leather Bottle, Pleshey             | Cars to Pleshey        |
| July 16 | Windmill, Chatham Green             | Cars to Windmill       |
| July 23 | The Three Elms circular             | Cars to The Three Elms |
| July 30 | The Walnut Tree, Broads Green.      |                        |

### Sunday afternoons meet at 2.30pm

|         |  |                        |
|---------|--|------------------------|
| Aug 31  | Chignal - Mashbury Church - The Fox        | Cars to Chignal Smealy |
| Sept 14 | Stock circular                             | Cars to Stock          |
| Sept 28 | Bards Hall - Honeypot Lane-Pleshey         | Cars to Beadles Cross  |
| Oct 12  | Paper Mill Lock - River Ter(tea and cakes) | Cars to Bumfords Lane  |
| Oct 26  | Staceys - Priors - Scravels                |                        |

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## Little Waltham Gardening Club

THE MAY meeting of the Little Waltham Gardening Club was well attended with many new faces. Our Secretary, Maggie Williams mentioned that the next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th June at 'Foxtons' in the Street, Little Waltham. The house at one time belonged to Col. Cramphorn and this horticultural heritage has continued with the current owners, Mr & Mrs Malton who open their garden each year for the Lt Waltham Open Gardens Day.

'Summer Baskets & Containers' was the title of the practical demonstration provided by ex international banker John Mead, who is a very keen gardener, tending his and his mother's garden, having an allotment and also helping in the trade hut of the Hutton Horticultural Society.

John warned that despite the onset of warmer weather we should not consider putting out our hanging baskets until the beginning of June. This wasn't just the possibility of frost but also wind damage. Fuchsia, verbena, bacopa and ivy-leaved geraniums were all mentioned as being excellent plants for hanging baskets. Petunias look good but do need daily dead heading to be kept at their best.

John made up a hanging basket using compost and vermiculite and adding slow release fertiliser. He planted from one side and worked his way across stating that you should be putting in as many plants as will fit & then hang in the greenhouse until the weather is kinder.

John's talk was both interesting and informative and I'm sure all those present (both experienced and novice gardeners) were able to learn something from the meeting.

Looking further ahead, in July we have an afternoon visit to the garden of Apple Tree Cottage, Chatham Green, by kind invitation of Peter & Marion Lawson. Open to members and non-members from 2pm with Stalls and home made cakes available. Contact julie.yates11@btinternet.com

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# From the County Council

## ESSEX TRAIN SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PLEDGE WELCOMED

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## PRIMARY SCHOOL PREFERENCE FIGURES ANNOUNCED

Despite increased pressure on primary school places I am pleased that Essex County Council has offered 93.55% of parents their first or second choice of primary school. This high percentage highlights the County Council's work to create additional places and respond to the challenge of population increases. The County Council have commissioned almost 600 more reception places for September 2014 and are committed to delivering another 300 primary places by September 2015. It is my hope that this commitment to primary places will ensure that most parents continue to secure places at their preferred schools.

## BILLS SLASHED WITH ESSEX ENERGY SWITCH

The first Essex Energy Switch has secured total savings on gas and electricity bills of over £250,000 for Essex residents. Some 1,202 residents accepted offers to switch energy providers with the collective savings scheme, with average savings per household of £209. The Essex Energy Switch works by bringing together residents who want to switch providers and pay less for their gas and electricity bills. The scheme is run by Essex County Council, in partnership with District, Borough and City Councils, and delivered by iChoosr, an independent provider which specialises in collective energy switching. The scheme that has proved such a success will be re-run a second phase this summer and you may wish to take the opportunity to register and save money by changing your energy suppliers.

The winning suppliers in the February auction were Ovo Energy for all online billing contracts, British Gas for dual fuel paper billing contracts, Green Star Energy for Electricity Only paper billing contracts and Scottish Power for prepayment contracts.

For further details on the schemes home savings visit [www.essex.gov.uk/energyswitch](http://www.essex.gov.uk/energyswitch).

If you have any problems concerning County Council matters please let me know on 01245 421524 or email [cllr.john.aldrige@essex.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.john.aldrige@essex.gov.uk)  
John Aldridge CC – May 2014

## Art Classes

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### JULY

- 2nd** ORCHARD SPRINGS W.I. 7.45 p.m. Broomfield Village Hall  
**2nd** BROOMFIELD VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING, 10.45 to 12.30  
**6th** SONGS OF PRAISE, Church Green, Broomfield  
**9th** U3A MONTHLY MEETING 1.30 p.m. Broomfield Village Hall  
**16th** PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7.30 p.m. Broomfield Village Hall. Public Question Time at the beginning of the meeting  
**20th** FIVE GREENS WALK, meet at Village Hall Car Park at 2.30pm.

### AUGUST

- 4th** LIGHTING OF THE REMEMBRANCE CANDLE, Broomfield War Memorial, Church Green, 7.00pm.  
**6th** BROOMFIELD VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING, 10.45 to 12.30  
**9th** OUT OF AFRICA SUMMER FUN DAY & HOSPITAL OPEN DAY, Broomfield Hospital

### SEPTEMBER

- 3rd** ORCHARD SPRINGS W.I. 7.45 p.m. Broomfield Village Hall  
**3rd** BROOMFIELD VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING, 10.45 to 12.30  
**10th** U3A MONTHLY MEETING 1.30 p.m. Broomfield Village Hall  
**13th** GIFT WEEKEND AND RIDE AND STRIDE, St Mary's Church  
**17th** PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7.30 p.m. Broomfield Village Hall. Public Question Time at the beginning of the meeting  
**20th** VILLAGE FETE, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**26-28th** CENTENARY ARTS FESTIVAL AND FILM PREMIER, St Mary's Church

## OBITUARY – Kathleen Cook

KATHLEEN was a farmer's daughter and lived much of her life in a medieval farmhouse on Blasford Hill, Little Waltham. I remember visiting her there and being warned about the hazards of low doorways for tall people! She and her mother moved to Butlers Close when the farmhouse became too much, and Kathleen looked after her mother there until her death. I have memories of Kathleen attending Church with her mother when she was a schoolgirl, but it was not until much later when we were both teaching at the John Bunyan School in Braintree that I really got to know her well. We often travelled to school together. Kathleen loved teaching and was an excellent teacher. Before going to Braintree she taught at Kings Road in Chelmsford and was a much loved teacher there. My girls remember her taking them for netball and maypole dancing.

At Church Kathleen was for many years a Sunday School teacher and she usually ran the second hand toy stall at the bazaar. Many Broomfield children must have learned their faith from her. She was a very clever, artistic person and had many interests. As well as her painting and artwork, Kathleen belonged to the Old Girls Association at the High School and she was a keen Scrabble player, playing both socially and in competitions. She loved cats and always had a cat as a pet.

Kathleen was someone who always liked to do things properly. She was an upright and honest person, good company and a good friend. I was very fond of her.  
Daphne Gilbert

# Sporting BROOMFIELD

## Cricket Report

THE SEASON is now well underway at the Cricket Club with youth very much at the forefront. The young Saturday adult 2nd XI, led by 19 year old Jack Copeman, have made a very promising start by winning 4 of their first 5 games with 1 rained off. They currently occupy 2nd place in the T Rippion Mid Essex League Division 9. The 1st XI meanwhile, captained by 20 year old Aaron Eglin, who play in Division 3 have won 2, lost 2 and had 1 rained off.

The youth section itself is now in full swing with coaching for Under 9's and Under 11's taking place on Friday evenings ( see picture ) and for the Under 15's on Wednesday evenings. In addition a number of matches have been arranged during June and July for the Under 11's and League matches for the Under 15's, also during June and July, are already underway. It's not too late to get involved so should anyone like to "try it out" please get in touch.

**Tony Cowell**

Chairman

Broomfield Cricket Club

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## BROOMFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB REPORT SEASON 13/14

### YOUTH TEAMS

This season was one of consolidation following a number of promotions and league changes at the end of 2012/13

The Junior teams have played well with some encouraging results. Most of the teams have finished mid-table or above in their respective leagues, with several also progressing to the latter stages of the cup competitions.

The U18 Reds ended the season a creditable 4th in Colchester B division and reached the Colchester Open cup Semi-final. Injuries and work commitments hindered their season.

The U18 Blues found it a tough season following their double promotion to the A division. Like the Reds, they suffered from injuries and players missing due to work commitments but ended the season mid table.

### SENIOR TEAMS

The Saturday Olympian 1st team had a poor season with major injuries throughout. However they showed great spirit and kept battling all season. Several players from Broomfield U18 teams were called in and performed very well.

The Saturday Olympian Reserves also struggled for players and at times found their first season very difficult. However the Sunday Pope and Smiths 1st team finished 4th in the premier league, progressing to the later stages in the cup competitions and reaching the semi-final of the Coward Cup.

The Sunday Pope and Smiths Reserves also had a very good season finishing 4th in division 3. They also had good cup runs and should be very happy with their season.

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