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Welcome to this latest issue of the Broomfield Times. Both Chelmsford Girl Guides and Broomfield Scouts are celebrating 100 years this autumn and you can read a potted history of the latter, courtesy of Roger Cole, on page 37. Updates on the Neighbourhood Plan (page 12) and negotiations regarding the land adjacent to Broomfield Place (page 6) are also covered as well as regular contributions from our community groups.

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In Council

We have seen a lot happen in Broomfield in the last few months all of which points to an exciting future for the village. A summary of the main issues is below:

Broomfield Place

It has always been the Parish Council's position that the land behind Broomfield Place should not be developed without a new school being part of the plan: 'No New School, No New Housing.'

We were simply sticking to the original proposal in 2008. This said that a growing village needed a larger school, so the school would move to this new site (south or west of Broomfield Place); the existing school site would be redeveloped for housing, to help fund the move. However, after 10 years of discussions between the County Council and developers, nothing definite had been achieved. During the last year, the idea of moving the school was abandoned and it was agreed to extend the school on its existing site instead.

Then, about 4 months ago, just when we thought it was all over, we were all surprised to learn that ECC had agreed to sell the land south and west of Broomfield Place to a developer, who wanted to get permission to build on it. In other words, for a while it seemed that we'd get the new housing without the new school!

With the help of your County Councillor, John Aldridge, we worked hard to persuade the County Council not to proceed. We pointed out that Chelmsford City Council has removed the site from the Local Plan and there wouldn't be enough primary school places if they went ahead. We offered alternative uses to benefit the community and even tried to have the land designated as an Asset of Community Value.

Fortunately it worked, because on 4th July the County Council issued this statement:

"The Cabinet Member at County Hall responsible for property, recognises the impact that the potential planning proposal would have on the

education demand in the area. As such, she has decided not to proceed with the conditional sale of land adjacent to Broomfield Place. The use of any proposed site needs to work locally with the community and must consider the impact on surrounding services and infrastructure. Any future use of this site will be considered with this in mind."

So, thanks to the determined stand that our Planning Committee took and thanks to support from Cllr Aldridge, we got there in the end! Not only have we seen off the threat of a large development, we've also opened up the possibility of the land being used for the community instead.

The Parish Council is now forming a small team of residents and councillors to consider how the land can be used creatively for the community, now that large scale residential housing has been ruled out. If this does include some form of construction, we expect it to be something of benefit to the community; also, that some of the land will be retained as open space, for the use of the wider community. If you would like to be a part of this discussion that shapes the future of Broomfield Place, please let Parish Office know of your interest.

Adventure Cycle Way

Probably the most exciting decision made at our May meeting was to proceed with the next phase of building the Adventure Cycleway. This project started life as a recommendation from parishioners following an exhibition in the Village Hall on future projects that potentially be pursued and was seen as a facility for the young people of the village. It has taken a long time and a great deal of work to bring it to fruition. From a modest beginning as an idea at an exhibition, it has grown to include disabled access to the track itself and an additional twenty five public car parking spaces. We are particularly grateful to Councillor Trevor Jones who has put in many hours working with the office team to make this happen. We are also grateful to the Officers at Chelmsford City Council who share our enthusiasm for a project which should be valuable to Broomfield but also the City as a whole. We have now appointed a contractor and work will start this September

Defibrillator

Although the parish has a very large hospital and an ambulance station, we do not have a publicly available defibrillator and there is a clear need for one. We are very grateful to Rebecca O'Mahony, a local resident who has been generous with her time and knowledge to advise the Council on the merits of different defibrillators and mounting boxes. This life saving piece of equipment will be installed soon; I really hope you never need to use it, but it is a reassuring thought to know it is there.

Village Fun and Games Day

The Summer Fun Day was a tremendous success and huge thanks are due to the team but especially Councillor Sue Hubble who worked tirelessly to bring it all together. There is a detailed report later on in the Broomfield Times. We know that the village has all sorts of events throughout the summer and we have been wondering if these could come together and achieve an even bigger event. We will be inviting other clubs and societies around the village to join us at an open meeting to see if there are opportunities to work together.

The Barn at the allotment site

Money is tight, and like you, the council has to keep an eye on its assets to make sure that they are working hard. One of the council's main assets is the allotment barn which is currently occupied by Broomfield Cottage Gardeners (BCGS). Although this is a socially worthwhile use, some may argue it could generate a greater financial income. The Council therefore has been looking at other ways to use the barn. A structural survey confirmed that the barn is in good condition so the council investigated using the barn for commercial storage and using the rent to fund other projects in the parish. When we took into account the representations of BCGS, the history of the site, and the financial risks associated with a change of use, we decided not to pursue this idea. We did discuss whether it would be possible to make part of the building available for other community groups and these conversations will continue.

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Centenary Wood:

Many thanks to the local Cubs who helped to move a lot of the wood chippings from the lower end of the David Smith field into Centenary Wood. The chippings help to provide dry, clean areas for weary feet when visitors sit on the benches.

In spite of the hard work of local volunteers to keep Centenary Wood a safe and pleasant place for families to visit and enjoy, some among us have no community spirit at all. The volunteers have picked up numerous empty drinks cans and food wrappings and worst of all several broken beer bottles.

Village Play Area and Village Playing Field:

The hard, all-weather surface for the Kick/ Sports wall has now been completed. The Village now has the facility to practise football, cricket, basketball and netball skills, as well as a safe place to learn how to ride a bicycle. It is unfortunate that some of these facilities have already been vandalised -the basketball back board and ring were broken beyond repair and have had to be replaced.

Essex Playing Field Association.

We have also installed an all-weather concrete base, by the side of the MUGA near the teenage shelter, for the new table tennis table. This facility was in use as soon as it was available and it is pleasing to see people involved in some friendly competition as they try to stay fit and flexible. A supply of bats and balls will be made available for a short while but those wishing to develop their skills may want to bring their own.

Allotments:

Our thanks go to the 'Good Gym' volunteers from Chelmsford who not only 'jogged' out to our site but then helped dig a 'for rent' plot and cut down vegetation in one of the ditches; they then 'jogged' back to town.

Tim Tranquada



Volunteers from the "Good Gym"



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Before relinquishing the unit the subject was raised with the Parish Council to see if a way could be found to maintain the service in Broomfield.

A few people have been trained in the use of the speed gun and we have obtained clearance from the police to use this in School Lane as well as the original site on Main Road, nevertheless, there has been almost no interest in those trained taking part in a speed check session.

Compliance with the legal speed limits is not generally a problem in the village and monitoring of speeds has shown that speeds are mostly well below the legal limits (see Broomfield Times, Summer 2017, p45). This means that the speed checks do not catch many miscreants. However, they do remind drivers that there is a speed limit that should not be exceeded. Unfortunately, it does nothing to educate drivers about the “appropriate speed” which, in many instances, should be well below the posted limit.

The Parish Council would like to maintain the checks and are investigating ways to involve more village residents, of all ages, in monitoring the speeds through the village. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to be involved.

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ON BROOMFIELD'S FUTURE

The Neighbourhood Plan was the main attraction at this year's Annual Meeting for residents on 23rd May.

First, we wanted to give everyone more details about the Residents' Questionnaire from last year. The feedback gave us a huge amount of information, since nearly 500 questionnaires were returned, covering the views of 800 people. So, many of the displays brimmed with pie charts, bar charts and tables showing what local residents like about Broomfield (almost everything except the traffic!); what they want to change (particularly the impact and level of traffic); and how the inevitable changes of the next 15 – 20 years can best be managed to limit the downside of development and make the most of opportunities.

Just as important were the displays about how the Neighbourhood Plan might come together over the next few months and what it might contain. After carefully studying the Questionnaire responses, the Steering Group has produced some suggestions about the way forward. For instance, we've proposed a number of cycle paths and other traffic reduction measures (maps were on display). This picked up on the feedback that residents would cycle more if there were more and safer cycle paths.

At the Annual Meeting, we wanted to encourage the community to continue the discussion about these and other suggestions. For instance, which areas of Broomfield countryside should be most protected from development; and what sort of houses should be built if Broomfield has to accommodate more housing.



Traffic – Broomfield's Big Bugbear. Residents discuss ideas for traffic reduction and new cycle paths.



The Countryside: Broomfield's Best Bit?

The Questionnaire showed that 100% of residents value the open countryside around the village. These displays provided more detailed statistics.



All the displays can be seen on our website www.broomfieldsex.co.uk/np so don't panic if you missed the Annual Meeting. You can still comment on them by e-mailing us at broomfieldnp@btinternet.com or leaving written comments for us at the Parish Office.

Please be aware that the displays are designed to stimulate further discussion and comment – they're not the final content of the Neighbourhood Plan and are not set in tablets of stone. If there's anything that needs more explanation or background, please feel free to contact us and we'll do our best to explain (we were able to do so in person at the Annual Meeting).


So please continue to 'Have Your Say' on Broomfield's future and let us have your comments and ideas. There will be further opportunities to comment over the next few months, eventually leading to a local referendum at some point in 2019. We're grateful for your interest and support.

Broomfield Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

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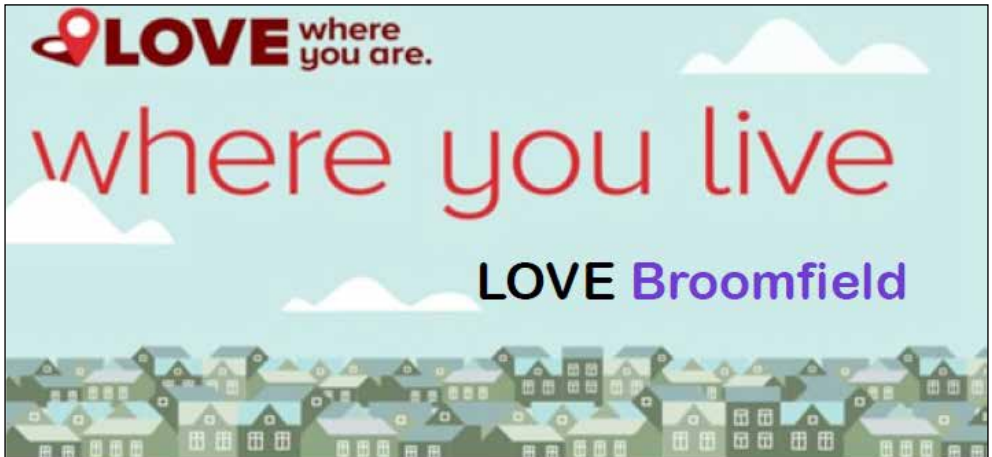
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It is a unique role that enabled me to visit a great number of amazing charities and voluntary organisations, both large and small, to witness how they make community in our County not just a word but reality. It has, on many occasions, also been a very humbling experience, where I have witnessed at first hand so many members of our community committing themselves to the support of others

My Chairmanship has also allowed me to maintain the strong bond between the County, the Unitary, District, Borough and City Councils. This role provides a very public face to all local authorities in our County and it has also meant I could represent the County Council at many civic, ceremonial and business events while acting as its ambassador and as a champion for both the Council and for Essex. In this respect, I have endeavoured to foster community identity and recognise many of those organisations that work so hard for the good of all our Essex residents. To this end I have hosted receptions for recipients and nominees for the Queens' Award for Voluntary Service, the armed services and the cadet organisations, the Order of St John for the bereaved families of organ donors and more recently the County Cricket Champions, Essex County Cricket Club and its staff. And for the past 2 years I have attended

commemoration services for the Essex Regiments and Yeomanry in France.

In addition, I have been able to work closely with the Duke of Award Edinburgh's Scheme and the National Citizenship Service to improve the life chances of our young people. I have also had the honour to support our previous Lord Lieutenant Lord Petre and new Lord Lieutenant, Mrs Jennifer Tolhurst, in many of their responsibilities including in welcoming royal visitors to the County - over which the Lord Lieutenant presides. This year I helped to organize a service at Chelmsford Cathedral marking the 100th year of the Commonwealth of Nations and hosting British Empire Medal award ceremonies in the Council Chamber.

For the past four years, as Vice Chairman and Chairman, not only have my eyes been opened to what a great place our County is to live in but also what wonderful people we live among and try serve.

For details of my term as Chairman view <http://dnn.essex.gov.uk/chairmanblog/Home.aspx>

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Village Diary

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September

- 5** Coffee morning with Mobile Information Service 10.00 - 12.00
Broomfield Village Hall
- Orchard Springs W.I. 7.30 p.m.
Broomfield Village Hall
- Property and Planning Committee 7.30 p.m. Broomfield Parish Office
- 10** 'Coffee with Cops' 10.00 a.m.
Costa Coffee, 1 Centenary Way, Springfield
- 12** U3A 1.30 p.m. Broomfield Village Hall "The Abberton Centre"
- Village Amenities 7.30 p.m. Broomfield Parish Office
- 19** Broomfield Parish Council 7.30 p.m. Broomfield Village Hall
- 23** Broomfield Cottage Gardeners Autumn Show 2.00 – 4.30 p.m.
Broomfield Village Hall

October

- 3** Coffee morning 10.00 - 12.00
Broomfield Village Hall
- Orchard Springs W.I. 7.30 p.m.
Broomfield Village Hall
- Property & Planning Committee 7.30 p.m.
Broomfield Parish Office
- 10** U3A 1.30 p.m.
Broomfield Village Hall 'Essex, A Diocese'
- Village Amenities 7.30 p.m.
Broomfield Parish Office

- 17** Finance Committee 7.30 p.m.
Broomfield Parish Office
- 24** Broomfield Cottage Gardeners 7.15 for 7.30 start
Broomfield Village Hall The Parks Department and the Work/Displays they do – Richard Whiting and David Tebby

November

- 7** Coffee morning with Mobile Information Service 10.00 - 12.00
Broomfield Village Hall
- Property and Planning Committee 7.30 p.m.
Broomfield Parish Office
- Orchard Springs W.I. 7.30pm
Broomfield Village Hall
- 14** 'U3A' 1.30 p.m.
Broomfield Village Hall
My army experiences as a bomb disposal officer
- Village Amenities 7.30 p.m.
Broomfield Parish Office
- 21** Broomfield Parish Council 7.30 p.m.
Broomfield Village Hall
- 28** Broomfield Cottage Gardeners 7.15 for 7.30 start
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Village Fun & Games Day

The sun shone brightly on yet another hugely successful Broomfield Fun and Games Day. As the children walked in they were excited to see the petting zoo with meercats, armadillos and other exotic species including a large snake.

As they left the animals enclosure, their eyes could see the fairground rides, huge inflatable slides and donkeys waiting to take children on a walk around the fields.

There was also a huge selection of stalls offering the traditional games such as coconut shies, tombola and guess the weight of the cake hosted by the many local organisations within Broomfield.

To provide for all age ranges, there was a bar serving soft drinks, Pimms and beers which did a roaring trade. Hot dogs, burgers and other refreshments were also available with a brisk trade at the ice cream van. For those preferring tea and cake, a large selection were available from the kitchen area of the village hall.

In the central arena there were many activities which showcased all of the interest groups that use the village hall such as Tai Chi, Line Dancing, Shimmy N Groove, Dodgeball and more. Awards were presented to Will and Erin, pupils from Broomfield Primary for designing the programme cover, and to the winners of guess the weight of the cake, the number of sweets in a jar and guess the name of the meercat. All of these added to the sense that Broomfield really is a community of which residents can be a part of.

Running such an event requires a huge effort for all those involved with a 12 month planning cycle. The warmest of thanks goes to Councillor Sue Hubble and the Village Hall committee and in particular to Carol Jones, Barbara Thomas and our master of ceremonies for the day, DJ Dazzer, from Chelmsford Community Radio. We would also like to thank everyone who

sponsored us, especially Adrians estate agents who donated £150, to Clare who created a beautiful flowerpot cake for "Guess the Weight of the Cake" those who gave prizes for our raffle and tombola and to the volunteers who helped on stalls and to set up.

I will finish this article by asking you, the people of Broomfield, what sort of event you would you like to see in the future? It is after all run for the community so if you would like to see something different and can offer ideas, suggestions and of course your help, please do get in touch with the Parish Office.

Trevor Jones
Chairman



Gary Ketley of Adrians Estate Agents presenting a cheque to Sue Hubble and Trevor Jones



Tai chi students with Taoist.org instructors Cheryl and Terry in the centre

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Broomfield couple make it to semi-finals after losing 9st 5.5lb between them



A super-slimming couple from Broomfield are seeing a lot less of each other after losing 9st 5.5lb between them and making it to the semi-finals of Slimming World's Couple of the Year 2018 competition.

As one of just 28 couples to make it to the semi-finals, Neill and Rachel Wiltshire, who attend the Broomfield Slimming World group, believe the secret of their success was getting support from one another at home as well as in group every week.

Neill, who lost 3st 9lbs and Rachel, who lost 5st 11lbs, were voted as their Slimming World group's Couple of the Year 2018 by their fellow members. Following their selection they were invited to represent Broomfield at the national semi-finals at Slimming World's head office in Derbyshire on Sunday 20th May.

Rachel, 37, says: "Joining Slimming World was one of the best decisions we have ever made – we're making healthy changes together to give our family a brighter future, and that's an amazing feeling."

"We've also become much more active, half way through our journey we started running. We've now both completed half marathons and are hoping to tackle a marathon in 2019."

Victoria Darnell, who runs the Broomfield Slimming World group that Neill and Rachel attend, says: "I'm so proud of them both. They've really taken it upon themselves to motivate not only each other, but the rest of the group, too. I'd encourage any couples who are struggling with their weight to tackle the issue together – it honestly does make the world of difference to have someone you love and trust by your side. However, if not, there's still a roomful of people in the same boat waiting to welcome you at Slimming World!"

"Anyone who's interested in finding out more about Slimming World is welcome at the Broomfield Village Hall or call me on 07823441198 for more information."

While Neill and Rachel were one of the top 8 couples in the competition, unfortunately they were not the overall winners. Slimming World's Couple of the Year 2018 will be announced in due course.



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Sing & Sign

Sing and Sign has had a fabulous Summer term at Broomfield Village Hall this Summer and we can't wait to return in September to welcome yet more babies and toddlers to our classes. It is so lovely now to be an established group in the Broomfield community and can't thank you enough for your support and enthusiasm.

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The National Federation of Women's Institutes have joined forces with England Netball in a bid to get WI members interested in Walking Netball. Orchard Springs WI in Broomfield and a number of local WIs have met at Melbourne Sports & Athletics Centre, with an England Netball coach, to show us how to play. After 2 sessions and 18 to go we have found it very enjoyable whilst keeping us fit at the same time. The photo shows the 10 WI members and coach which has now appeared on the National and Essex Federation website.

Sheena Ager



Orchard Springs

Broomfield & District U3A

Over the last few months we have had an eclectic mix of speakers at our monthly meetings, starting with an interesting talk on how transit maps have been designed over the years with a particular emphasis on the London Underground, and how it is difficult to graphically describe distance between different lines, stations and areas.

"Fools Gold" a musical duo entertained us with English folksongs and soon had us tapping our toes and singing along! A vivacious lady from Colchester Zoo provided an insight into the history of the zoo, plus their specialist breeding programmes here and abroad, to conserve species threatened with extinction. Finally we were given a lively discussion about the "Talking Newspaper in Essex", how it started and the important work carried out by enthusiastic volunteers.

The wonderful weather has meant that many groups could get out and about without taking an umbrella! The History Group visited Halstead and learnt of the town's association with funeral crepe, the subsequent rise of Courtauld's and the company's inextricable link with the town. After a pleasant lunch and walking tour, visits were made to the town's museum and the nearby postal museum.

The Garden Group have recommenced their visits to gardens and nurseries in the area including Horkesley Hall, part of the National Garden Scheme where we had a guided tour from the Gardener. Naturally the Walkers have been out and about enjoying the sunshine and countryside as well as the various hostleries providing refreshment on their rambles.

Broomfield & District U3A's Ukulele Group (BUGS for short) have been entertaining the folk of Alexander Court with a sing-along and selection of 'Golden Oldies'. Not to be outdone, the Natural History Group, Geology and Photography Groups have also started their outdoor explorations and projects.

We have seen two new groups spring up in the last few months. The “Bus Pass Group” have taken advantage of a free bus ride to visit interesting towns and villages, and the “Beer Group” have been visiting different hostellers and sampling their wares.

So if you are active, enjoy life, are semi-retired or retired why not give us a go – details and further information can be found on our website or come and visit us at our monthly meeting on the second Wednesday of each month (excluding August) in Broomfield Village Hall, behind The Angel, at 1.30pm.

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Broomfield Football Club

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Broomfield FC fared well with teams reaching the Semi Finals and our Under 7s were worthy winners at the last final to take place on Sunday - so a great prospect for the future. Our Catering and Refreshments team delivered once more with high quality BBQ fayre and service with a smile on a balmy hot June weekend. Our range of stalls included an array of beautiful fresh fruit donated by Walden Fruits, alongside the main stay stalls of Tombola, Cakes and Pimms, Splat the Rat, Hook a Bottle, Bouncy Castle and Penalty competitions. Our thanks go to Ascend Broking Group which provided a "guess the number of balloons in the car" competition with some fantastic donated prizes.

This year the BFC Fun Day committee embraced our social responsibility to reduce the use of disposable plastics during the weekend and commissioned a BFC reusable cup in both half pint and pint glass size for all bar drinks. The cups were paid for through sponsorship with all customers receiving a refund on their deposit when they returned their cup after use. Most, however, kept their cups as a Fun Weekend souvenir and therefore contributed towards our fundraising - all of which is reinvested in the Club and grassroots football for our community. Another first was our electronic scoreboards in our Clubhouse developed by Lizard Design as a pilot - another success with positive feedback. Over the weekend

Girls Football Section

Over this summer and the coming season we will be launching our first BFC girls teams for the Under 7s, 8s and 9s age groups (see picture below). Our huge thanks go to Lee Sterland, Niamh Gamble and team of volunteer youth coaches who have assisted with training sessions on Sunday mornings along with the continued support of Emma at Essex County FA to help grow the girls game at BFC. We are also pleased to confirm that local Estate and Lettings Agent, Martin & Co have agreed to sponsor our girls section providing new kits for all three teams displaying their logo. We are always looking for both team sponsorship and wider sponsorship as a football club so if there are any local companies interested in partnering with BFC, please contact our Chairman Andy Sears - andysears66@hotmail.com



Broomfield FC Petanque Team

On a blistering hot Sunday 1st July, the BFC Petanque team, led by Trevor Blows organised and took part in a very well attended Petanque competition at the Club. If anyone is interesting in giving Petanque a try please do contact trevorblows@btinternet.com as the team are always happy to welcome new participants.
Joanna Sears

Cricket Club News

It's been a good cricket season weather wise and a good one too for our two Saturday Senior Teams both of whom are vying for promotion from their respective divisions.

For the 1st XI, captain Aaron Eglin has led the way with two 5 wicket hauls in the matches against High Easter and Goresbrook. Rob Lynn has been in top form with the bat, scoring two half centuries and a magnificent 171 not out at Willow Herbs.

The 2nd XI meanwhile have been going great guns winning 10 of their first 11 matches. Captain, John O'Riordan has made 4 centuries and featured in 3 opening stands of over 150. Andy Pyne and Scott Reilley have been taking plenty of wickets so fingers crossed my next report confirms promotion!

The Juniors have been enjoying their summer too with league matches to compliment the Friday evening coaching sessions.

Notable performances have come from Abhinav who scored 42 not out in an U13 fixture and from Henry Brennan who is an U13 but scored 38 not out against Springfield in an U15 game! Well done to both and to all that have taken part.

The Under 11's at their first match here at Brooklands earlier this season.

It's never too late to get involved with events, both on and off the field, which will be going on beyond the season's end. Our next fund-raising event will be the Sponsored walk on Saturday 6th October.

It's a gentle meander around the village so suitable for all. Either let myself know at the email address below or contact Neil and Jackie Atkins on neilatkins162@gmail.com if you would like to join us.

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Broomfield Cottage Gardeners' Society



Summer Flower & Produce Show

The Summer Show took place on 15 July in the Village Hall and despite it being extremely hot and also competing with both the Wimbledon tennis and the Football World Cup finals, proved to be very successful with over 400 entries and a steady flow of visitors throughout the afternoon.

There was a wide range of entries with floral exhibits, potted plants, selections of fruit and vegetables, items of baking, preserves and cooking, craft, photography, as well as specific classes for children.

Refreshments were once again very popular offering teas, coffees and a wide choice of cakes. There was also a general raffle and a cake raffle with many prizes won. The plant stall was very busy with a wide selection of plants available at bargain prices plus a variety of home grown produce available for sale.



2018 Summer Show prize winners

Julie Hardy, Curate at St. Mary's Church, Broomfield presented the Trophies to the various winners. These were:

Malcolm Deacon, who received a £5 Trading Centre Voucher for his Sweet Peas, The Burrell Webber Silver Challenge Cup for his Floral

exhibits; The Inglis Silver Challenge Cup for his Fruit and Vegetables exhibits; The G.V. Stains Trophy for his Fruit exhibits; and he was awarded the RHS Banksian Medal for receiving the highest aggregate in the Flowers, Fruit and Vegetables Sections 1 & 2 of the Show.

Ron Marlow received a £10 King's voucher for winning the Sweet Pea Challenge Class.

Christine Welch received The Society Silver Challenge Cup for the best exhibit in Section 1, (other than Sweet Peas and Fuchsias).

Margaret Deacon received The Iris Haslam Memorial Cup for the best exhibit in Fuchsias.

Andrew Lilley received The Chairman's Challenge Plate for his Fuchsia – grown from a cutting provided.

Angela Wild received The M. H. Drake Trophy for the best floral or vegetable arrangement in class 301

Lylia Searles received The Delmas Ashford Cup for the highest aggregate in Cookery Classes 401-411

Neville Walker received The Trading Centre Cup for the highest aggregate in Preserves Classes 412 -418

David Bark received £5 for winning the Home-made Loaf Competition with flour and recipe provided by Marriages.

Malcolm Taylor received The Society Challenge Trophy for the highest aggregate in photography classes 501-505.

Terri Bousfield received The W. J. Day Challenge Cup for the highest aggregate in Handicrafts Classes 506-521.

Eileen Chapman received The Margaret Reeve Cup for the best exhibit in the Handicraft Classes.

In the Children's Classes

Isabelle Hooper received The Eric Young Challenge Cup for the highest aggregate in the Children's Classes.

Winners and runners up in the Children's Classes were

A Photograph of a Flower – 1st: Isabelle Hooper; 2nd: Jessica Hooper

A Picture of a Flower any medium – 1st: Jessie Layzell; 2nd: Daniel Samouilhan

Make a Paper Plate Mask – 1st: Freya Matthews; 2nd: Evie Lee Matthews

A Pebble Bug – 1st: William Faver; 2nd: Emilla Webb

A Lego Model of a Gardening Theme - 1st: Isabelle Hooper

We are now planning and looking forward to our Autumn Show on 23 September. It's not all about growing flowers, fruit and vegetables, there are opportunities to show your hard work and skills in baking, cooking, preserving, card making, needlecraft, knitting, photography and other crafts.

Why not come along and have a look at the entries – you may be inspired to enter something in our Shows next year! If anyone is interested in finding out more or able to offer their help and support please contact the Show Secretaries at bcgsshowsecretary@gmail.com, visit our website at www.broomfieldcottagegardenersociety.co.uk or find us on facebook. See you at the Show.

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BCGS at local events:

Broomfield School Fete on 23 June was a very hot day and we hosted activities for the children planting salad pots and/or grass heads in yoghurt pots to take home and grow on. Paper plates were provided to enable them to make a mask for the Children's Class 603 in the Summer Show and pumpkin plants were available for children to grow on for the Autumn Show. There was a lucky dip of 'pull a carrot' and surprisingly many children chose a potted flower rather than sweets as a prize. Herb plants were also on sale.

Broomfield Fun Day on Sunday 08 July was similar in content to the above. In addition we offered herb and fruit infused waters, had cucumbers for sale and a lucky dip of 'flowers on sticks' embedded in real grass (green grass being a rarity caused many comments!). Lots of interest and questions were asked and some who attended the School Fete came to let us know how their pumpkins were doing.

Both events were deemed a success and generated interest in both the society and the Summer Show. If we can develop these young people into gardeners, the Society will be able to look forward to 2079 and a 200th anniversary.

Facebook site

We now have a Facebook page where regular updates are issued. Please search in Facebook under "Broomfield Cottage Gardeners Society" or use/ type the following link into your browser: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/355859514864259/>

Website

Our website has now been in operation for over three years. The site was designed and is maintained and updated in-house and we welcome your ideas and suggestions. The URL or address is www.broomfieldcottagegardenerssociety.co.uk. If you would like to contribute any

articles or original horticultural-based photographs please send to our website administrator, Philip Richards, at admin@broomfieldcottagegardenerssociety.co.uk.

A mobile version of the website was added at the end of 2016 which is automatically accessed from mobile phones or tablets. However, the main site may still be accessed from mobile devices by clicking on "Desktop".

Committee vacancies

There are currently two vacancies on the Committee which need to be filled from the next AGM in February 2019 - Treasurer and Talks Manager. If you are interested or know of anyone who might be interested in one or more of these roles, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Committee. Please note that we will need a new Treasurer from September this year in order to have an effective handover.

Membership

If you would like to join the Society, please contact Angela Wild (Membership Secretary) on 01245 441412 or look at our website: www.broomfieldcottagegardenerssociety.co.uk for more information.

Christine Welch



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Farleigh working in the Community

Julie Green is Farleigh Hospice's new Admiral Nurse. Julie will play a key role in providing vital support to people living with dementia and their families.

Julie will also help with:

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- Facilitating relations and family centred care (including advice and emotional support)
- Identifying last year of life and support care planning accordingly (including conversations around what to expect when someone is dying)
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The role will also provide clinical leadership and consultancy to other staff and professionals, education and training for staff in dementia and end of life care to improve knowledge, skills, confidence and provide advice on best



practice in dementia.

Julie is an experienced Registered General Nurse who has worked as a Ward Sister on Acute Medicine for Elderly ward for many years, before becoming a Community Specialist Nurse for Older People and Adult Safeguarding. Over the last five years Julie has enjoyed the role of Dementia Specialist at Broomfield Hospital.

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Broomfield Royal British Legion Autumn 2018

Broomfield Royal British Legion is happy to report we are still fully functional and operating from our HQ in Saxon Way. Perhaps the World Cup gave us some impetus or the hot weather but membership is steady, working parties are refurbishing the fabric of the building and Karen is our new Social Club Bar manager. The search for a Poppy Appeal Organiser continues and if you feel you can help please contact us.

At a recent committee meeting Major David Swann of HQ RBL presented David Parry BA Vice Chairman of the Branch with the RBL Gold Badge in recognition of all the work he has done for the Branch and his continuing support. His many years as Branch Standard bearer are particularly noteworthy so well done David!

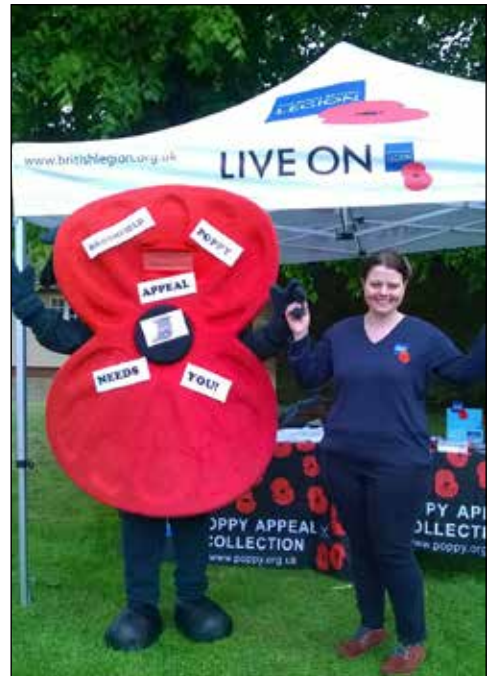


Major David Swann (left) and David Parry

The mobile Pop Up Poppy stand made an appearance at the Village Fun & Games day. A steady flow of people through the day had to guess the number of poppies in a tub to win a bottle of very rare Poppy wine. I've forgotten the number of poppy petals, oh no, start counting again! Thanks to all for your donations.

By the time you read this our RBL representatives will have made the pilgrimage to Ypres parading the Branch standard along with a 1000 others to remember the fallen, 100 years after cessation of hostilities in the First World War. Broomfield's proposals for the Remembrance Day and Poppy collections are under discussion but could involve a Nationwide Beacon lighting ceremony, ringing of the church bells, an art exhibition and pipers' lament. Information will be on the notice board at the RBL Saxon Way. Remember there will always be a welcome at the RBL, see you there.

Dougal Clifford



British Legion Poppy Man with Angela Tillet, Royal British Legion County Fundraiser for Essex

Brumfelda News

Brumfelda is Broomfield's Local History Group and is named after the Domesday Book's name for Broomfield.

The inspiration for the group was the late Ken Searles, who published "*Buildings of Broomfield*", but said there was at least one more building that was not in his book. He suggested it would be interesting to investigate fields where there have been significant Roman finds over the years. You may have noticed Roman brick and tile in the construction of nearby St Mary's Church.

Councillor John Blake and Neil Wiffen gathered together a score or so of interested people in the summer of 2012. They negotiated with the farmer who generously agreed to allow field walking at specified times and they organised the first field walk in autumn 2012. Subsequent field walking



has taken place in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. The field walking has yielded many kilos of Roman brick and tile fragments, hypocaust, a variety of pottery sherds (greyware, terracotta,

Samian ware), oyster shell, animal bone and coins.

To inform the group, a series of talks were delivered between 2012 and 2015 from local experts including archaeologists, historians, metal detectorists and geologists. Geophysicists were employed in 2015, 2016 and 2017 to conduct resistivity and magnetometry surveys of the field that have intriguingly indicated the presence of a 15x15 metre square building.

Chelmsford Museum are supporting this project and will store the interesting finds for us but hopefully there will be an opportunity to display some in Broomfield.

Tim & Lyndall Collin, Robin & Faith Marchal

1st Broomfield (Kantankye) Cub Pack

2018 has been, as ever, a busy year so far for the Cub Pack.

We started the year with our winter indoor camp at Belchamps Scout Activity Centre. Cubs had a go at crate stacking, traversing, outdoor games in the dark, and even practised First Aid on the leaders. Best of all was the infamous Belchamps assault course, nice and muddy again this year, Cubs took it on with great enthusiasm!

Over the Spring term Cubs helped deliver book sale leaflets, went swimming, tasted Chinese food, played in the snow, had an Easter egg hike and practised firefighting. We entered a



Cubs in their Megacamp Costumes

team in the District Swimming Gala and came third with every swimmer making it through to the finals - well done to all who took part. Some of our Cubs also took part in a District organised Easter activity day which was great fun.

We held a "back to basics" camp in May for our Sixers and Seconders. They hiked most of the way to Riffhams in Danbury, put up and took down their own tents and prepared some of their own meals - cooked over the campfire - all valuable skills they will need when they move on to Scouts.



After a session in the stocks!

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In June we attended Megacamp - a huge event organised by Essex Scouts. Over 1600 Cubs and their leaders spent the weekend at Skreens Park for this medieval themed camp. It was brilliant! There was so much to do from the "It's a Knockout" competition to inflatables, kayaking, pop up observatory, air rifles, petrol go karts, fake wounds, circus skills, craft, archery, tomahawk throwing, climbing, abseiling and also wonderful displays from the re-enactors. Some of our Cubs were even knighted by King Arthur! What a wonderful weekend!

The Summer Term was action packed, in addition to the camps we have also been kayaking, cooked dough twists on campfires lit by the Cubs, and made "severed heads" - out of papier mache - for our Megacamp boundary. - very gruesome! We helped move wood chippings into Centenary Wood, visited Essex County Cricket Ground and took part in some training, did tracking and hiking, archery, air rifles, catapults and tomahawk throwing. We also went bug hunting and then made some pebble bugs which were entered into the Cottage Gardener's Summer Show, achieving 1st and 2nd place - well done! We visited Skyropes again and finished the term with water games ending in a massive water fight.

We are still looking for more adults to join us as volunteers. We do have a great time and it is wonderful to see the Cubs develop confidence and skills. Please contact us on broomfieldcubs@live.co.uk if you would like to come along for a visit to see what we do.

We have recently started a new activity with the young people in the group - tomahawk throwing - all done under very close supervision and with a number of safety rules of course. But to do this we do need targets - these we make out of "rounds" or slices of tree trunk - any softwood will do. We are having great difficulties in getting hold of these - can anyone help us out? Please do spread the word, thanks. Again, contact us on the email above.

Steff Smith (Akela) 1st Broomfield Cubs

1st Chelmsford Guides - 100 Years of Guiding

This term 1st Chelmsford Guides will be celebrating their 100th birthday on Wednesday 10th October 2018.

To celebrate this massive achievement of 100 years' service as a unit, our Girl Guides can earn their unique 1st Chelmsford Guides 100th Birthday Challenge badge. The badge has been designed exclusively for 1st Chelmsford Guides and can only be awarded once a guide completes 100 challenges from our list. These challenges must be completed during 1st Chelmsford's 100th year and include things as simple as making a cup of tea to as complex as each patrol organising an evening's activities for the entire unit.

Each 1st Chelmsford Girl Guide will also receive a commemorative badge celebrating this historic milestone.

We are also excited to announce the unit's 100th and final challenge for the badge will be incorporating the Girl Guiding new programme, released at the end of July this year.

The unit plans to hold a birthday celebration event in summer 2019, inviting local Girl Guide and Brownie units to celebrate this once-in-a-life-time achievement.

Please can I send out a big thank you to everyone who, over the years, has been part of this wonderful unit and made so many memories over the generations.

If you have ever considered joining the Girl Guiding movement and starting another brand new 100 year adventure, please register your interest at <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/register-your-interest/>

Happy 100th Birthday Chelmsford Guides

Leah Powell

1st Broomfield Scout Group celebrates its Centenary

It was on 11th September 1918 that an entry in the Chelmsford Scouts minute book reads - "A scout troop has been started at Broomfield and is doing well."

Wilfred Hall started with a troop of 17 scouts and meetings were held in "The Garage; Broomfield Hall". This ran successfully for a number of years then, following a break, in 1938 "Timber" Mundy became the scoutmaster and Ivan Gladwin the cubmaster with "Skipper" Goodley the Group Scoutmaster. During WW2, the group was kept going by the senior scouts in the Church Hall. They helped the war effort by recycling wastepaper and jam jars and in the clear-up of St Mary's Church after a German plane dropped a bomb that blew-in a stained glass window. In 1949 Derek Cox, a Broomfield scout since 1942, became an assistant scoutmaster (aged 20).



1939 Broomfield wins District Marathon challenge



1940s Broomfield Wolf Cubs

In 1955 Broomfield entered the annual London & Home Counties Scout Soap Box Derby at Crystal Palace winning the Cub Shield in their car Red Flash built by Fred Buck. In 1958 meetings moved to a "new" hut which was erected on the edge of the allotments off School Lane. Fred Buck ran the senior scouts as a Sea Scout patrol and in 1963 seven of these lads achieved the Queen Scout award and one, Roger Watts, attended the World Scout Jamboree in Greece.



1950s Broomfield Scout camp

1967 saw big changes in Scouting with new uniforms; section names and programmes. In 1969 the scout troop went to Holland for the Haarlem Jamboree and the cost was £9 each. In 1971 a second cub pack was started called Dinizulu with the other pack named Kantanky. Roger Cole joined the group as assistant Cub Scout leader in 1972. Fundraising for a new HQ had been running for several years under chairman Vernon Hilton and in 1974 a new HQ was finally opened.

In 1977 an Air Venture Scout Unit was started

at Broomfield called Pegasus. In 1978 the group purchased their first minibus and started collecting wastepaper around the village whilst our annual fundraising book sales started shortly after.

1980 the horse chestnut tree on Angel Green



1956 Red Flash car

had to be felled so the scouts planted a new one (though this too was felled in 2015 due to disease). In 1983 Stuart Penn attended the World Scout Jamboree in Canada and the scout troop made another visit to Haarlem travelling in their newly acquired 32 seater bus. Furniture and household auctions were started in the 1980s with Delmas Ashford as auctioneer whilst in 1984 Broomfield started the first Beaver Colony in Chelmsford District.

In 1985 Dinizulu Cubs won the "Take Time for Tea" competition having interviewed two Broomfield ladies who were the granddaughters of the judge who tried the Zulu chief Dinizulu captured by Baden-Powell



1960s Broomfield Sea Scout patrol

1974 Old hut and building new scout HQ



in 1890. The prize for the pack was a day at Colchester Zoo with a celebrity visit from Sarah Hardcastle the 1984 Olympic swimmer.

1986 was the 70th anniversary of cub scouting and the cub packs took part in a national event at Gilwell Park narrated jointly by 1st Broomfield father and son – Roger and Cub Scout Simon Cole.

1985 Colchester Zoo with Sarah Hardcastle



In 1988 the cubs joined the Broomfield Players in their production of Toad of Toad Hall acting as the numerous rabbits; stoats and weasels. Derek retired as Group Scout Leader after more than 40 years with the group and his wife Joan

1990s Group picture



1988 Scouts past and present bid farewell to Derek Joan Cox

retired as secretary after 23 years' service. Derek had been awarded both the BEM and the Scout Silver Acorn in recognition of his dedication to youth work. The Cox family had been one of the mainstays of the group supported by many loyal friends. Roger became Group Scout Leader.

1991 campfire singing



In 1991 the World Jamboree in South Korea was attended by Broomfield scout Martin Chapman. To celebrate 75 years of the scout movement the group had a campfire singsong, performing 75 songs in 75 minutes.

When the Church Hall was demolished in the mid-90s, the scout HQ was offered as a meeting





2006 Euroadventure Paris

place to the local Guides, the Brownies and the Rainbows. In 1999 Broomfield scouts Richard Plummer and Richard Butler went to the World Jamboree in Chile.



2012 Beavers outing

The millennium was marked with a large District Camp at Skreens Park. Things started fine – but on Saturday the rain started and didn't stop. The site became flooded and a "civil emergency" was declared. Campers had to be evacuated, though 1st Broomfield was OK in our sturdy marquee. In 2005 several Broomfield scouts attended the EUROJAM Jamboree at Hylands Park with 10,000 participants.

The group won the Chelmsford Borough Council Environmental Award for their wastepaper recycling efforts. In 2006 the scouts went to both Kandersteg scout chalet in Switzerland and to Paris. 2007 was Scouting's centenary and the World Scout Jamboree at Hylands Park with 40,000 scouts and guides from over 200 countries in camp. In 2008 we ceased collecting wastepaper door-to-door in Broomfield. But the skip remains



2016 Scout hike

at the HQ and we continue to recycle paper and cardboard as this is our main fundraising activity. In 2010 we were pleased to welcome back former cub leader Malcolm Taylor as the Group Chairman.



2018 St Georges Day church parade

In 2012 Ruth Reed became deputy Group Scout Leader to work alongside Roger, who finally "retired" in 2013 after 40 years' service with the Group. In the 2014 St George's Day scout honours Roger received the highest award – the Silver Wolf for "exceptional service to Scouting". In 2015 funds were successfully sourced to buy the lease on our land. In 2016 all three sections were running at full capacity and our cubs won District hiking; swimming and football events. And so to 2018 - the 1st Broomfield Scout Group continues to thrive with an enthusiastic leader team serving almost 100 young people from the village including a second scout troop for pupils of Columbus School.

In writing this history, it is quite humbling to realise that the success of the Group over its 100 years has been down to the dedication and commitment of so many local people – not only as leaders but also volunteers, families; friends and supporters of the group. Long may this continue!

Roger Cole

NB A book with a more detailed history of the group will shortly be available from Broomfield Scouts.

Broomfield Library

New in the library – our café corner gives you the chance to have a drink while you browse the library or just hang around for a chat.



Calling all crime book lovers - our brand new Coffee and Crime book group is for anyone wanting to share the crime authors they love and hear recommendations for intriguing new authors. Join us the first Thursday of the month at 3.30pm in the library.

Your surplus produce, plants or seeds are welcomed at our Plant and Produce swaps in May and September – just bring along your produce, seeds and plants and collect something you haven't tried before.

Lots going on over the last few months - a few new breeds of farm animals were created at our

Fun on the Farm morning. Cows, sheep and ducks were made and decorated with brilliant imagination and everyone had lots of gluey fun.

Our Garden Party during May half term continued the creative theme - this time with flowers and animal masks and the opportunity for children to get started with some gardening and make their entries for the Cottage Garden Society Flower Show. Many thanks to the Broomfield Cottage Garden Society for their gardening skills to help us plant our sunflowers and cress. Wonderful homemade cakes were also enjoyed in our refreshments tent.

Children enjoyed being Mischief Makers during our Summer Reading Challenge, having exciting adventures in the world of Dennis, Gnasher, Pieface and other Beano Town residents, while they collected their stickers and solved puzzles along the way to getting their medal and certificate

Our Board Games participants have so much fun they lose track of the time - if you enjoy board games, join them the second Monday of the month at 2pm.

Pippa Cranshaw

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St Mary's Church, Broomfield

St Mary's has many special events happening over the next few months, as well as our weekly and monthly clubs.

Heritage Weekend – Thursday 6th September – Sunday 9th September from 10am – noon and 2pm – 4pm. There will be displays about the Church's history, Geology tours (times to be confirmed), as well as cream teas.

Pet Service – Sunday 9th September at 3pm – (outside on the green if dry, inside if wet) bring along your pet for a blessing. All creatures great and small welcome, along with their owners, or bring a photo of pets, past and present.

Harvest Festival – Sunday 7th October at 10.30 am. Everyone welcome.

People & Stone – The Life of Broomfield Church – 27th October 2-5pm costs £5. A series of talks and tours to raise funds to restore the Church spire. The first talk is by Neil Wiffen, from the Essex Records Office about the Ancient Newness of Broomfield Church.

Bereavement Service – Sunday 4th November at 3pm. – Suitable for anyone who is grieving.

Remembrance Sunday – 11th November – Service at 10.30 am. We are working with the schools in Broomfield to create a display of children's work as part of the Royal British Legion's 'Thank you' Campaign. More details will be advertised nearer the time.

Sunday Afternoon Concert – 25th November at 3pm – the Anglia Singers. Tickets cost £5 can be bought on the door. No interval.

Please check our website www.stmarybroomfield.org for more information about these and other regular clubs or contact **01245 443565**.

St Mary's Church Fayre

The May Fayre this year was a wonderful success! We have raised over £2000 (with money still coming in at time of printing). It was a lovely village occasion which everyone enjoyed. Broomfield's Got Talent proved again to be a great event, the participation of young talented people was so rewarding and it is truly amazing how much hidden talent we have in our village.



Lily Oakley, aged 10(above), was one of the solo singers performing the hit from Pitch Perfect "Cups".

The highlight this year was the special surprise act! Our Vicar, Carolyn, and our Curate, Julie showed that they too are very talented with their interpretation of Sister Act, choreographed by Lorna Cotton. A wonderful way to show how we can all come together to celebrate.

A big thank you to everyone who ran a stall, donated items for sale. An even bigger thank you must go to all the local businesses who most generously donated vouchers for raffle prizes and food.

Thanks also must go to Rachel, Sarah and Sue of the organising committee.

Sarah Clark

Broomfield Methodist Church

Messy Church - Please look out for the banner at the front of the church and local notices for dates on Messy church. All are welcome for a time of refreshments, stories, songs and crafts on Mondays, about every 4-6 weeks from 3.30-5 p.m.

The June Messy Church had the theme of Team Jesus to tie in with the Football world Cup. At the Messy church in July children and their carers were delighted to find the Church set out for God's Wonderful World with interactive activities for snow and ice, desert, beach, flowers and fruit. Most exciting of all was the opportunity to stroke and handle a real life dog, rabbit, budgie and geckos. As a follow up theme in September it is planned to look at

ways we can better care for God's wonderful world.

Harvest Festival

On Sunday September 30th the harvest Festival will be led by Rev Stephanie Hibberd and will be followed by a ploughman's lunch to which all are warmly welcome.

There is a change of church service times in September with coffee and fellowship at 10.30am followed by a church service at 11am.

The church has a website www.broomfieldmethodistchurch.com which details all church activities and all organisations using the church premises. A warm welcome awaits you.

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Saturday 27th October Church Building - "The Ancient Newness of Broomfield Church" by Neil Wiffen.

Saturday 16th February Church People - "Stories in Monuments" by Ros Mercer & Alun Powell with Dr. Ruth Siddall, UCL.

Saturday 27th April Church Material - "A Deep History in Walls" by Ian & Ros Mercer, GeoEssex.

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Obituaries

Brian Talley,
11th August 1946 - 31st May 2018



Brian was born in Buckhurst Hill, one of three brothers. On leaving school, he went into Freight Forwarding which he continued in until his retirement, working variously in London, Maldon, Basildon and Thurrock. He married Wendy in 1969 and they moved to Broomfield where they remained for the next 48 years. They both enjoyed camping holidays and later switched to a caravan, visiting most parts of the UK.

Having had an interest in politics all his adult life (he and Wendy met in the Young Liberals), Brian was elected to Chelmsford Borough Council in 1979 and represented Patching Hall Ward for twelve years.

In 2012, Brian became one of the founder members of Broomfield U3A, serving as Membership Secretary for two years. As a member, he took part in the bridge, geology, cookery and book groups and he also played table tennis.

Brian did not enjoy good health throughout his life. At the age of ten he contracted meningitis which left him needing to learn to walk and to write again. Then, in his thirties, he developed rheumatoid arthritis which he never allowed to prevent him from working or pursuing his other interests.

Finally in January 2017, he was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease, following the loss of his voice during the autumn of the previous year. He coped with it in his usual stoical manner, using a notepad, a tablet and sign language to communicate. Many of his friends will remember the thumbs up which meant that something had particularly pleased him.

When he was no longer able to get about, he enjoyed watching TV, particularly sport, and reading. He sent his last review to the U3A book group only weeks before his death. He had to tell them, "I could not recommend this book".

At the end of May, Brian was admitted to hospital with a chest infection from which he didn't recover.

He was always cheerful and outgoing and enjoyed helping people. He is greatly missed by his family and many friends.

Wendy Talley

Ian Hughes**15 January 1940 – 11 July 2018**

Ian Hughes was born and brought up in Hereford. On leaving school he joined British Rail and stayed with them in a variety of roles for some thirty years latterly as area manager for their catering facilities. His career involved him relocating on a number of occasions and he and his family moved to Chelmsford in 1969.

Ian moved to Broomfield with his Wife and two daughters in May 1979 and for almost forty years immersed himself in Broomfield village life, becoming a well known and respected member of the community.

He served as a Broomfield Parish Councillor for some thirty years and for the majority of that time he acted as Chairman of the Civic Amenities Committee overseeing the management of the Village's assets and open spaces.

This role covered the village allotments, trees and children's play areas and he was instrumental in the creation of Centenary Wood where he ensured the children of the Primary School were involved in the initial planting of many trees.

He was also involved in the construction of the barn and lean-to on the allotment site. He continued to give advice to the Parish Council long after his retirement and his wealth of knowledge and experience was always welcomed.

Ian had a wonderful feel for the countryside and his knowledge of trees, plants and birds and the pattern of wildlife was second to none.

He was Tree Warden for the Village and for the Churchyard and planted many trees in the Village including the native Black Poplars at the bottom of David Smith field, the Hornbeams on Angel Green and the American Elms on Parsonage Green.

He was a regular attendee at the Parish Church where he was a bell ringer for a period of time. He also organised a "programme" for management of the Church grounds, introducing a regular volunteer working party.

Ian was a true "all rounder". In addition to his Parish Council responsibilities he was recognised in the Village as the ultimate "do it yourself specialist". He was constantly changing the size and shape of his house and was greatly admired for his ability to "demolish and restore" using his self-taught building skills.

In 2003 Ian was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. He fought his illness with great courage and tenacity and, quite remarkably, despite his illness, continued to achieve a great deal.

Ian leaves his Wife Morag, two daughters, Lorna and Rhona, his son-in-law and two grandchildren.

Geof Garwood

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Michael Wiffen**14th December 1929 – 4th June 2018**

Market Gardener of
Broomfield

Michael Wiffen was Broomfield through and through. He was born on 14th December 1929 in the Lodge of the Orchards, a large house which was located where Vellacotts is now, and where his father was the gardener. Michael and his father filled

their days with digging and planting, weeding and hoeing, potting on and harvesting. They were renowned for their tomatoes although lettuces, spring onions, dahlias, chrysanthemums and wallflowers were also grown. Their good neighbours, the Manns, ran the greengrocers on Broomfield parade, which is where a lot of Michael's produce found a market. Tomatoes were sold as 'local' toms' or if you were in the know you could ask for Michael's tomatoes. Once a confused customer asked for 'St Michaels tomatoes' – never did he have a higher accolade!

Michael married Greta at Broomfield church in October 1963 and Keith was born the following year while I came along in 1972. A lot of our time was spent mooching around the market garden, occasionally helping with jobs. In the growing season when the lettuces were in full flow the whole family, including cousins and neighbours would be brought in to help with the bagging and boxing. Often we would sit in the shade of the big Early Rivers plum tree and as a treat a bottle of cherryade would be brought from the Co-Op.

The 1980s were tough for small growers, supermarkets were coming on stream and local greengrocers were losing out so it was

a great relief to Michael that he was able to sell some of his beloved 'Ground' in the late 1980s. However, he did keep a good sized garden so for over 25 years he was able to enjoy carrying on gardening on quite a scale. Later on he was "assisted" in the garden by his grandchildren, Thomas and Chloe.

On Thursday 28th June 2018 Broomfield St Mary's was the setting for Michael's funeral. The church, where he had in turn been baptized and married, was filled with his family and friends and the first hymn was appropriately 'We plough the fields and scatter'. Afterwards Michael was laid to rest in the churchyard, overlooking the fields of Broomfield Hall, just up from his best friend Colin Middleditch and opposite his parents. During the service I recounted some words from Broomfield farmer David Smith's 1948 book *The Same Sky Over All*:

'A man gets his roots in the soil and the soil holds him.

As Kipling put it:

God gave all men all earth to love
But, since our hearts are small,
Ordnained for each one spot should prove
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For Michael that spot was Broomfield and his beloved garden.

Neil Wiffen

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Service 352

Halstead - Chelmsford. As from 30 July 2018 this service will no longer be operated by First Essex Buses, on Monday – Saturday. Instead it will be operated by **Hedingham Omnibus**. There will be no changes to the service number, however there will be adjustments to timings and the last bus from Chelmsford station will be at 22:45 rather than 23.10.

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