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Welcome to the Autumn edition of Broomfield Times

Life is getting back to normal in Broomfield – so lovely to see many people enjoying the new Angel Meadow Play Area, picnic benches, cycleway, MUGA (multi use games area) & open space as well as many children enjoying Play in the Park too. It was disappointing that the Village Fun Day had to be cancelled at the last minute but there is the Broomfield Christmas Fair on 27th November (1.30-4pm) to look forward to together with Stay n Play and Village Coffee Mornings all being held in Broomfield Village Hall and open to all. Enjoy the last of the light evenings and enjoy Broomfield Times!

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From the Chairman – Working Together

Since the last time I wrote we have a village full of planters.

It lifts my spirits to see them as I am sure it does yours. They were planned by the Village Amenities Committee led by Sue Hubble. Sue and Stuart Jones, the Village Attendant did most of the heavy lifting, for which we are very grateful. They were built by Liam, of Essex Youth Build, see the article on page ????. Many residents are watering the planters and they are currently looking amazing. This is a good example of Working Together, we get more done that way, we are very grateful for our team of volunteer watering squads.

We have decided as a council to make reducing the impact of Climate Change our long term objective. Much of the Neighbourhood Plan supports that aim and we are looking at various ways in which we can do this. More news later. ... In addition, we have adopted a Health and Wellbeing Strategy. In accordance with that we are starting Coffee Mornings each Wednesday from 9.30 to 11.30 and Stay'n'Play is back on Monday morning from 9.15 am to 11.15am for parents/carers and toddlers

We are carrying out an audit in the village of all activities which contribute to Health and Wellbeing, we can then plan and provide for any gaps in provision, in partnership with Essex County Council, Working Together again.

Following complaints from residents we are currently working on two projects. Firstly, to see how we can slow down the speed of cars in School Lane. This is a very complex issue, but we are working on both immediate and longer term solutions. We welcome your ideas. We may start with simply having the pedestrian crossing painted as it is very faded and plan other larger actions which we can do as money becomes available.

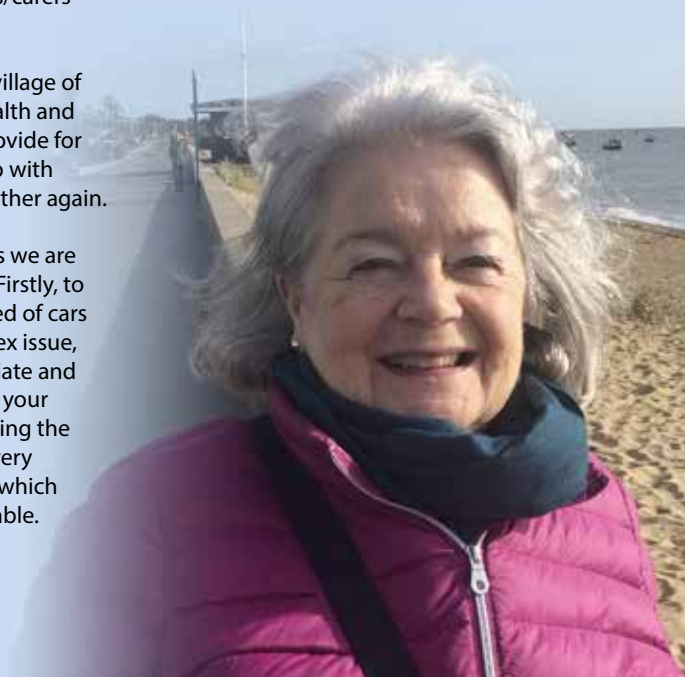
School Lane is a major artery through our village but people need to slow down to make it safer.

To accomplish this and other changes we are working with the Local Highways Panel. You will know that, as the Highways Authority, Essex County Council has less money to spend each year. We will need to decide how much we spend as a Parish Council to plug the gaps and make our roads safer. Likewise, Chelmsford City Council has less funding each year, should we use our funding to clear up litter and empty bins as Chelmsford City Council has its funding cut year on year?

The other issue is that residents are concerned about the flooding on the paths behind the church. So many of us stay healthy by walking those paths and cannot do that when they are flooded. We are negotiating so that while the new pathway is being constructed Essex Highways can clear the ditches as they work.

A lot is going on. Enjoy reading this magazine, I look forward to seeing you around the village.

Cllr Margaret Bleet Chairman





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Meet the Staff - Stuart Jones, Village Attendant

Stuart is our Village Attendant, he drives the van about tidying, cleaning and mending.

He put all of the planters in place, then together with Sue Hubble who is Chairman of the Village Amenities Committee, filled them and planted them; recently moved the bench on Church Green- he leads a varied working life! Here is his story:

Hello my name is Stuart Jones and I am the village attendant for Broomfield. I have lived in and around Chelmsford all my life, living in Broomfield for the last 26 years with my wife Dian.

My father was a master builder and both of my brothers are in the construction trade. I grew up helping my father and brother with their work and joined a local company as an apprentice heating engineer when I left school. In 1990 I was fortunate enough to get my dream Job as a Firefighter with the London Fire Brigade, attending many prolific incidents throughout my career. I retired after 30 years' service as an Officer.

Stuart posting notices in the telephone box, have a look inside to see upcoming events

In 2014 I was employed part time as a Village Attendant by Broomfield Parish Council. My duties include keeping the village clean and tidy, Health and Safety inspections and general maintenance. I am passionate about the village and do my utmost to keep in good condition. If you see me around, please stop to say hello - I will be very happy to chat!

Cllr Margaret Bleet Chairman





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The following figures have been extracted from the Local Councils Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2020/21 approved by the Council at its meeting on 23 June 2021.

The Precept income is the amount that residents pay to Chelmsford City Council as part of their Council Tax and is then paid to the Parish Council.

Other income includes, Community Infrastructure Levies, allotment rentals and other sundry income.

Other expenditure includes investments, grants, maintenance and other running costs of the Council other than staff costs.

Loan interest ceased during the year as the balance of the loan was settled.

Reserves consist of a General Reserves as required by good governance to ensure that we always have sufficient resources to meet unforeseen circumstances and specific reserves set aside for future projects and known contingencies.

If you want to know anything more about the detailed accounts, please direct your enquiries to the Clerk – telephone **(01245) 441660** or email: **clerk@broomfieldessex.co.uk**

	31.3.21	31.3.20
Reserves brought forward	325,324	267,184
Precept	139,316	131,034
Other receipts	109,880	150,503
	<u>574,520</u>	<u>548,721</u>
Staff costs	(68,345)	(64,369)
Loan interest	(16,728)	(33,457)
Other payments	(158,763)	(125,571)
Reserves carried forward	<u>330,684</u>	<u>325,324</u>

Cllr John Barnes Chairman Finance Committee



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Village Amenities Chairman's Report – July & August 2021

Under the scheme "Love your Parish" ECC Highway workers have carried out a great job in cutting back the hedge along Felsted Field and clearing the litter along Main Road.

Cycle Hire Scheme with new cycle routes being installed around Broomfield, an initial discussion took place regarding a cycle rent scheme via an app "splinister.com". This could coincide with a new cycle shelter being installed at the Village Hall. The committee welcomed the idea to promote more cycling - discussions will continue.

Allotment Site an inspection of the site was carried out and just a couple of plots require work. Letters will be sent out asking if help is required. There is currently a waiting list, and one plot is about to become vacant. Unfortunately, there is blight on the site and all plot holders have been informed.

Discussion took place regarding the talk given by the Secretary of the National Allotment Association regarding the benefits of becoming a member of the NAS. There was about 20 allotment holders were in attendance and a very positive outcome.

Names have been put forward of those willing to be Committee Members and a meeting will take place shortly to formalise.

ANGEL MEADOW PLAY AREA

Due to the overwhelming success of the newly refurbished play area, the grassed area has not had a chance to regrow. The committee are awaiting quotes for artificial grass to be laid, which will also deal with any tripping hazards. The Village Hall Committee are in agreement that CCTV around the Village Hall can be extended to reach all areas of the playground due to recent vandalism on the rope ladder on the Jolly Rainbow.

An independent report from CCC has been received which shows that the basket

swing cannot be put back in place as there is not adequate room. The provider of the equipment will be advised, and we will await their comments.

It was unanimously agreed that a notice board be placed behind the bench in the playground, which will include emergency contact details and events taking place on Angel Meadow.

Litter around Broomfield continues to be on the agenda. It was suggested via FB that we should install more litter bins. It was mentioned that a bin at Skerry Rise is needed. However, this does not come under Broomfield. It was also suggested the bin outside the Methodist Church be replaced & confirmation is waited from CCC for them to empty.

Trees sites for planting trees were discussed and a map of the area will be forwarded to Councillors of potential sites & then physical meetings will then take place & "Forest Initiative" have offered to supply trees.

BROOMFIELD IN BLOOM



A long time in the making - the pandemic thwarted our early plans. However, it is great to note that Broomfield in Bloom project has taken off. The first eight planters installed at Butlers Close, Post Office Road, Vellacotts, Erick Avenue, Shalford Lodge and at Madelayne Court have received some lovely comments. A big thank you was given to Essex Youth Build for working with us to get the planters made & to our Village Attendant who oiled them, lined

them, and installed them. It was unanimously agreed that further planters will now be installed. Here is Liam from Essex Build with Councillor Sue Hubble.

CHURCH GREEN



The bench on Church Green will be moved to a suitable location due to safety concerns.

ANGEL MEADOW

Future use of Angel Meadow was discussed. Our Parish Council Chairman will contact BFC to ascertain how much use of Angel Meadow they will require over the coming year.

PP3 (PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP)

It was noted what a great job David Thomas (Parish Paths Partnership) made of clearing Sweeps Walk footpath.

CENTENARY WOOD

It was unanimously agreed to accept a quote for trees in Centenary Wood to be thinned out and coppicing of the top half to encourage ground level growth. Work will be completed by mid-winter.

CHURCH GREEN

We are very grateful to our Village Attendant for moving the bench on Church Green - we had some concerns about the bench being underneath the protected and very old tree in the churchyard - you can now stop and relax on the bench.

Cllr Sue Hubble, Chairman Village Amenities

Planning News

Since July, the Planning Committee has been meeting in person again.

So, if you want to tell us your views on any planning application or other planning matter, please come along – 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall.

There have not been any major planning applications since July – not since the application by Bloor Homes for 550 dwellings north of Woodhouse Lane. We reported on that in the last edition of Broomfield Times. As far as we know, that is still under consideration. So is the linked application for the new Hospital access road from Blasford Hill.

There have been several applications recently to convert/extend houses into HMOs or Houses of Multiple Occupation. We think it is important that at least one off-road parking space is provided for each room in an HMO.

We have objected to all HMO applications that provide less spaces than this. So far, it seems the City Council planners agree and have refused applications that try to squeeze in too many rooms/tenants without adequate parking.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We were hoping to publish the draft Neighbourhood Plan for consultation during the summer, but it's taking a bit longer than we thought to finish it off. We are working on the final draft now, so hopefully we will be able to share it with you soon.

If you'd like more information about anything in this update, or you'd like to comment, please don't hesitate to contact us. You can e-mail us at:

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Broomfield In Bloom

The final planter from stage one of our Broomfield in Bloom project has been placed at Vellacotts!

Broomfield Parish Council would like to thank all our residents who have kindly offered to maintain the planters, without them the project just would not have been able to go ahead!



BROOMFIELD IN BLOOM – STAGE II

We are now looking suitable locations for Stage II - Initially, we must apply for a Licence from Highways, to ensure that the area is suitable, i.e. they must be placed over one metre away from a footpath and not restrict vehicle vision. Permission must also be granted from landowner if the planter is to be placed on land not owned by Highways.



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Cllr Sue Hubble



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Madelayne Court – Working Together

We are very happy to say that one of the new village planters is outside Madelayne Court in School Lane.

The Manager of Madelayne Court was pleased to have the planter in her grounds. We are unable to place planters on much of our land as it could be a hazard to traffic. This way we all win! We look forward to working together with Madelayne Court and their company many times in the future.

Many thanks to Erin Rick, the Manager, and Veronica Bax the Wellbeing Manager and to Runwood Homes, Senior Living.

Here are Stuart Jones the Village Attendance and Sue Hubble, Chairman of the Village Amenities Committee working hard to set the planter up. We are very grateful to both of them for their hard work. Also to Essex Youth Build, see separate article.

Margaret Bleet, *Chairman, Broomfield Parish Council*



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Copland Almshouses, School Lane

Recently the Parish Council provided grants towards replacing old windows and doors at the Copland Almshouses in School Lane.

Those improvements have made a significant difference to the lives of the residents. The Almshouses are managed by the charity LEAP (Legacy East Almshouse Partnership) who are most grateful for our help with these projects.

I was invited to see the improvements made to the Almshouses by Ian Dudley, Vice Chairman of the Charity. It was a great pleasure to be able to see the new windows and doors at the Almshouses. I was invited to see the now warm and cosy houses and meet some of the tenants who are now very happy that they have no draughts and we are pleased that we could help them.



Margaret Bleet, Chairman of Broomfield Parish Council with David, one of the tenants.

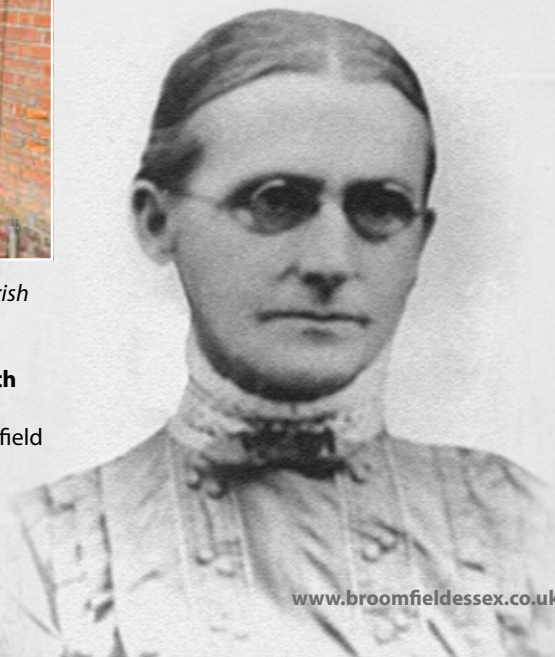
Origins of the Copland Almshouses, with thanks to Ken Searles

When Henry Copland died in 1896 Broomfield Place became the home of his daughter, Annie Florence Copland.

Annie, who was born in 1853, and who never married, become one of Broomfield's most notable residents, and many a Broomfield resident had tales to tell of her good works, her church activities, and her Temperance crusade. In Broomfield, what Miss Copland said, went. If her decisions were questioned, it was out of her hearing.



Even before her father had died Annie Copland had made her mark in Broomfield. In December 1894 she was nominated as a candidate for Broomfield's very first Parish Council. At a meeting of residents in the School Room she was one of seven declared elected.





Broomfield's first baby clinic was sponsored by Miss Copland (seated at L) at Broomfield Place in 1918

However, following an objection to the result from an unsuccessful candidate, a poll of all villagers was taken. Annie Copland was comfortably elected, coming second in the poll behind William Impey of Broomfield Hall.

Another of Annie's early acts was the founding, in 1899, of four almshouses in School Lane, on Broomfield Place land. Known as Fairhaven, they were set up to provide accommodation for poor and deserving persons of both sexes, whether widows or widowers, married or single, who had been resident in the parish of Broomfield for at least three years immediately prior to appointment. They were to be free of rent, rates and taxes. Times have changed since then. Rent is now paid.

Cllr Margaret Bleet Chairman



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Remember this? The path outside CVHS last February

In the winter, the footpath outside Chelmer Valley High School and the Nash Drive Play Area were badly flooded for some weeks.

Broomfield Parish Councillors have raised this with the County Council to see if the problem can be fixed while they are building the new cycle path. That is now the plan, so hopefully residents won't see this again next winter!



Cllr John Blake

Broomfield's Play In The Park Summer 2021

Thanks to Broomfield Parish Council funding the City Council's play events a total of 372 children enjoyed many activities over 3 days in August .



Tree for Life Scheme 2021

A reminder that the Tree for Life scheme is running again in 2021, whereby the Parish Council funds a tree for each new-born in Broomfield born this year.

This is only for babies living in Broomfield- we couldn't possibly do this for all babies born in the hospital!

We would give a fruit tree for your garden, or a British native tree for a public space. The public space is limited so we would encourage you to choose the garden if you can. Please contact Karen at the office if you would like to apply for a tree

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On the right is Maria enjoying her Tree for Life fruit tree planted in her garden (2020 Scheme)





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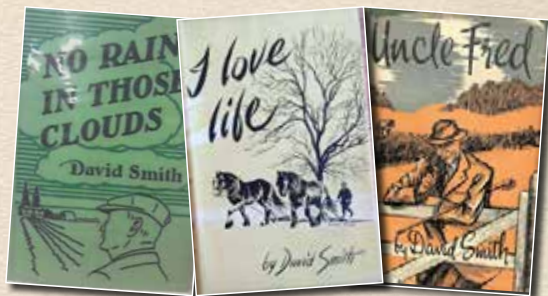
David Smith Field

In case you have wondered, as I have, who David Smith was, when standing on his field by the Village Hall, here is some information gleaned from the 1975 version of this magazine:

David Smith was born in 1913, and moved to Broomfield from West Hanningfield in 1921. His father built their new home, Hill House, at the top of Mill Lane, because the land they were farming had no farmhouse attached.



David Smith Field



From a boy David liked to study the characters he encountered on the farm and listen to stories of farming in the past. He loved to study old farming practices and consider the hardships of the time, and later wrote books about what he had found out, always with a humorous emphasis. Some of these publications can still be tracked down and describe what life was like in a bygone rural Broomfield.



During World War II David Smith often entertained locals in concerts held in the Church Hall, particularly in a demonstration of "How to poke a pike"- that is the weapon, not the fish! Images of Dad's Army spring to mind! By this time, he was married and living at

Nabbotts in Springfield, by the crossroads of Lawn Lane and White Hart Lane.

David's books brought him a measure of fame and he was often to be heard on the BBC, discussing farm matters. His early death at the age of 43 in 1957 shocked all who knew him, and a playing field was established in his memory behind The Angel Public House.

Cllr Angie Faulds





Broomfield Garden in Bloom Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered their beautiful gardens into the competition, it was extremely difficult to choose just one winner as each was so unique.

It is with great pleasure to announce that this year's winner of the Broomfield Garden in Bloom is Christina Whitby who will receive a £25 National Garden Centre voucher and a plaque for her Garden.

The Garden images for all entries will be displayed in the Phone box on Angel Green over the coming weeks.

Cllr Donna Hance

Broomfield Litter Pick

After several cancellations of litter picks throughout the pandemic, our September 2021 pick was able to go ahead.

A big thank you to the few people who turned up to help, especially the six children, who by now should have received their Certificates for Litter Picking.

The most dropped items appeared to be beer, whisky, wine bottles and cans. Fast-food cartons followed closely behind and a new kid on the block this year was of course "The Mask". Our Litter pick would not be complete if the usual, one battered traffic cone didn't make its appearance!



As some people do not hear about the litter pick until after they have happened, it has been suggested that we set up a database of those of you who would like to be contacted by email a couple of weeks beforehand. Or another suggestion was that we hold litter picks every month. If you would like to add your name to our database and would like to help, please contact Wendy at deputyclerk@broomfieldessex.co.uk.

Cllr Sue Hubble





From the County Council

eScooters – Pros & Cons



After potholes, overgrown footpaths and hedges, one of the main things people complain to me about are eScooters. There is much misunderstanding around eScooters, so here are a few facts:

- Small scale trials lasting a year are being done in 6 towns of Essex, one of which is Chelmsford. The trials will be evaluated before any expansion takes place across the county.
- The objective of eScooters is to reduce the number of short car journeys, so reducing congestion and pollution. Chelmsford roads, especially in the City, are operating at full capacity and car usage continues to grow. If someone uses an eScooter rather than a bus or bike, then it's not really achieved the objective. Of course, there are convenience factors associated with eScooters that might encourage people to use them regularly – like getting right to your destination, not worrying about locking it up!
- Only eScooters hired from SPIN (ECC's commercial partner) are legal on Essex roads. These are the bright orange ones. To hire one, you have to be 18 or over, and have at least a provisional license. The hire cost includes insurance. eScooters are classed as

motor vehicles – the highway code and rules of the road apply, including penalty points or worse if you break the law (like using a mobile, being over the legal drink limit!) They have lights, reflectors, brakes, a bell. They are regularly sanitised in line with Public Health England guidelines.

- The SPIN eScooters are limited to 12.5mph and have in-built geo-barriers using GPS, so that they don't work outside the designated area (the closest they come to us is Broomfield Hospital). They can be ridden on roads within the trial area, cycle routes and shared use cycle ways, but not on pavements – basically, the same places a bicycle can legally be ridden.
- The hire process allows for an eScooter to be left at the end of its journey. There are some set areas, but they can be left in other places as long as they do not block the pavement. There are penalties to incentivize the hirer to comply with such good practice. Other riders can then start a journey from there, or the eScooters may get picked up by SPIN.
- Cost of hire is 20p per minute or you can buy longer term passes from 1 hour (£5) up to 1 month (£60) with discounts for NHS staff.
- All other eScooters (usually black) are illegal except on private property, even though it is legal for such eScooters to be sold (on the basis of private use!). Enforcement is a police issue, whether illegal eScooter use or misuse of a legal eScooter (like it being used by anyone other than the registered user)

Lots more info on the Chelmsford trial at www.chelmsford.gov.uk/leisure-theatres-and-museums/visiting-chelmsford/chelmsford-e-scooter-trial/ including more about no-go zones, how to hire etc.

You can give your views on the trial by emailing escootertrials@essex.gov.uk
To report an incident or raise an issue with a Spin e-scooter please email: support@spin.pm or phone: **08000 488 155**.

I hope that clears up some confusion and helps you form a view of whether they are a good thing or a bad thing. One of the most common statements I hear is that the legal ones are a good thing, but how do you control the illegal ones?

Hospital Approach roundabout improvement works – 31 Aug to 19 Nov 2021:

Whilst the ECC Highways presents the worst case disruption (in order to give some flexibility), I have been informed by NHS that the contractors will try to minimise the disruption:

17 to 21 Sept – possible night time closures (8pm to 5am)

21 Oct to 5 Nov – restricted access via Hospital approach with some traffic diverted via Court road

8 to 16 Nov – night-time closures with 2-way traffic lights and all hospital and estate traffic diverted via Court Road

All timings subject to change with weather conditions etc.

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Village Hall Report

We are pleased to report the Village Hall continues to be busy, full of a variety of activities for you to enjoy.

This currently includes line dancing, Slimming World, Support for Sight, Essex Dementia, puppy training, bingo, AA, tutoring, pregnancy yoga, U3A and karate amongst other things. The MUGA is regularly booked out for football training but is also now left open for casual use, which has proved popular. Many thanks to our staff for keeping it as a flourishing place during difficult times. There are still spaces for regular or one-off hires, please contact Steff in the office if you are interested email: **bookings@broomfieldessex.co.uk** or ring **(01245) 443902**.

We were pleased to note a five-star hygiene report on our kitchen recently, and regular

checks are made to ensure all our health and safety meets a very high standard.

September sees the return of Stay and Play and the Village Coffee Morning that have been missing during the pandemic. Stay and Play will have a number of new toys for your children to have fun with. There will be a new look to the coffee morning too – no need to book – just turn up.

We are currently pursuing the purchase of a cycle shelter, first seeing if grants are available for this. And we are looking into being a base for the spin scooters.

The children's cycleway will have work done in the autumn to make sure there is no drop off the side where the ground has settled.

Cllr Angie Faulds, *Chairman Village Amenities*



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We also hold a monthly coffee morning in Broomfield Village Hall.

Please note that while the Chelmsford Resource Centre is having renovations we are temporarily based at Broomfield Village Hall every Wednesday, 10am -2pm.



Broomfield Cottage Gardeners' Society



Latest news from the Society

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

We have an internet site here www.broomfieldcottagegardenerssociety.co.uk plus a Facebook page where regular updates are posted. Please search in Facebook under "Broomfield Cottage Gardeners Society" or use or type the following link into your browser: www.facebook.com/groups/355859514864259/

MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to join the Society, please contact Selina Matthews (Membership Secretary) on **01245 443108** or email BCGSshowsecretary@gmail.com.

Please also look at our website: www.broomfieldcottagegardenerssociety.co.uk for more information about the society and how to join.

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Broomfield & District - Your local U3A wants you!

By the time you read this, the Broomfield & District U3A will have had its first face-to-face social meeting in the Broomfield Village Hall since the beginning of the pandemic.

The September social meeting saw the welcome return of our popular books, puzzles and games tables, and there was also the opportunity to win a prize in our fund-raising raffle. Leaders of special interest groups were at hand to provide information about their activities and answer questions from potential new members, as well as from anyone thinking of starting a new group.

Besides giving members the welcome opportunity to physically meet up again after such a long break, that meeting was also intended to help the Committee determine demand for more such meetings. In the meantime, our forthcoming AGM is scheduled to take place via Zoom on Wednesday 13th

October at the start of our monthly speaker meeting.

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live

1st September also marked the start of the 2021-22 membership year and new members are always welcome. If you're recently retired or no longer in full time work, don't delay – visit our welcome page at <https://u3asites.org.uk/broomfield/welcome> where you will find links to our membership forms, newsletters and other information.

One thing for certain: we'd love to have more members, and we'd also love to have some additional committee members to help us run our small but successful branch of this national organisation. The 2021-22 year marks the 40th anniversary of the founding of the U3A – so what a good time to join and start reaping the benefits, for the modest sum of £13 per year.

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Wear comfy clothes, trainers, your water bottle and your smile.

Classes are blocks of 6 weeks, just £5 per class, so £30 for the block booking.

In the crazy COVID times we have also transitioned online too, so if you're not ready to return to the hall, you can access the full timetable live at home or via prerecord. These ad hoc online sessions are £5 pay as you go.

In addition to group exercise, I run personal training sessions at my home gym in Old Beaulieu. Various options; Small groups of 4-6

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Lindsey Abbott

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Weekly Timetable for

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Yoga For Pregnant Mums

Broomfield Village Hall Thursdays 6pm

Local yoga teacher, Kierra Barnard from www.yogawithkierra.co.uk has launched a new yoga class for pregnant mums here in Broomfield.

As both a fully qualified pre and post-natal yoga specialist, and Nutritional Therapist, Kierra is excited about offering this new service to expectant mums in and around Broomfield.

Pregnancy Yoga sessions are specifically designed to support mum both physically and mentally during this huge period of change. In classes Kierra aims to help students maintain, and even improve their overall health, stretch out achy muscles, relieve tension, gain strength and also practice breathing and movement techniques that may be useful during labour.

For most, yoga is perfectly safe to practice during pregnancy when guided and supported by a specifically trained teacher.

As an experienced pre and post-natal practitioner Kierra is able to adjust and/or offer alternative postures so that students with a range of pregnancy related issues can still practice safely and enjoy all the benefits this amazing practice has to offer.

Kierra is teaching Pregnancy Yoga every Thursday evening from 6pm at Broomfield Village Hall. The class is suitable for pregnant women after their 12 week scan. Please bring a mat with you. Use the code FREETRIAL to attend your first session for free.

Other services being added later this year include birth partner yoga and massage sessions, pre- and postnatal nutrition, and yoga and nutrition of menopausal transition.

For more information please visit **www.yogawithkierra.co.uk** or call **07971 349932**
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A year to remember

What an unprecedented year this has been.

The worldwide COVID-19 pandemic has touched everyone's life in so many ways not least the work of our incredible volunteers from the Friends at Broomfield Hospital who have supported the hospital for over 70 years. Trading in the Friends shops and refreshment trollies came to an abrupt stop on the announcement of the first lockdown yet our volunteers stepped up to support the hospital supplying sandwiches to nurses, doctors and other staff on the COVID wards, all free of charge, and allowed the shops to be used as much needed storage space for the vast number of donated goods offered by the public.

During the second lockdown the shops have remained open. These areas are COVID secure and offer a vital service providing refreshments to hospital staff and a friendly face during these challenging and stressful times.

Although the Friends shop has been working at a reduced capacity we have been able to continue supporting the hospital with funding requests, most recently purchasing chairs for the newly refurbished chemotherapy day unit and outdoor seating for the garden area by the south entrance where staff can sit and relax.



As life slowly returns to some normality we look forward to opening up once again to visitors and to continue with our role in supporting and enhancing the hospital environment.



If you would like to know more about the Friends at Broomfield Hospital, please visit our website at **www.fabh.org** or call **01245 443285**.

Broomfield Birds

Ladies of Broomfield, are you looking for an exciting and fun way to meet new friends and try new things?

If so then Broomfield Birds is for you. We are a group of women who meet the second Wednesday of each month at Broomfield Village Hall (behind the Angel pub) from 8pm until 10pm. Please Note: We have had to change from usual date for October when we will be meeting on THURSDAY 7th OCTOBER. The events we have already hosted vary from star gazing to glass painting, bingo to Bollywood dancing. If this sounds like something which you would enjoy, drop us a line at **BroomfieldBirds1@gmail.com** or visit our facebook page. Looking forward to hearing from you



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However, it is not a good picture for our hedgehogs; since 2000 their populations have halved and are now listed as vulnerable to extinction. Traffic collisions, habitat fragmentation, poisoning and dwindling food sources are all contributing factors, but there is hope and you can play a part.

By making a few minor changes, we can help this lovely species, and what's good for hedgehogs is good for many other species:

- Habitat loss – in urban areas our enclosed gardens mean hedgehogs cannot access habitat or food. A solution is Hedgehog Highways. A 13x13cm gap in a fence will allow hedgehogs through without anything else. Talk to your neighbours and establish your own Highway.

- Nesting and feeding – hedgehogs need a variety of habitats to nest and forage in. Shrubs, leaf and log piles, dead wood are important so why not leave a slightly wilder area so they can thrive.
- Indirect poisoning – pesticides and herbicides can poison other species and reduce food sources. Avoid chemicals, hedgehogs are natural predators of pests. Try wool pellets, salt, seaweed, broken egg shells or coffee grounds for slugs.
- Injuries – remove litter and check for hedgehogs before strimming rough areas and especially at bonfire night.
- Ponds – hedgehogs can swim but put in wooden ramps so they can easy leave.

Check out the Hedgehog Preservation Society for more information and if you do spot one remembers to log it on the Big Hedgehog Map! <https://bighedgehogmap.org/>.

With your help, together, we can bring these cute and important mammals back to being a common sight again. Hedgehogs are a biological indicator species, so if you have them, it shows your area is functioning well in its ecosystem.

Written by **David Jackson** – Sustainability
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Befriending service launches in mid-Essex

A Chelmsford hospice is set to launch a volunteer-led service that offers friendship and a listening ear to anyone who needs it in mid-Essex.

Launching on the 13 September, Farleigh Helpers is an online and telephone befriending service. Run by Farleigh Hospice volunteers, the service will assist those who are ill, bereaved, feeling lonely, isolated or in need of someone to talk to. Offering non-medical support, Farleigh Helpers will listen, converse with people, and signpost them to relevant information or professional services where appropriate.

The service will initially run from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday and will be extended to cover weekends dependant on demand. People wishing to speak with a Farleigh Helper can schedule a regular chat or simply get in touch as the need arises.



To arrange a call back from a Farleigh Helper please call **01245 933800** or email **farleigh.helpers@farleighhospice.org**.

The hospice is also looking to expand its team of Farleigh Helpers. It is looking for kind, caring volunteers who are good listeners, IT savvy and who want to make a positive difference to people's lives in the local community. The roles are home-based, so if you would like to help from the comfort of your living room or home office, please visit **www.farleighhospice.org/farleighhelpers** for more information and to complete an application form.



CARPET BOWLS

We are back bowling after the long Covid-19 pandemic break. Sadly we have lost a further two members over the lockdown: Bill Brown & most recently Dawn Carter. We have shelved our Thursday evening session for the time being as numbers are too low to cover the hall hire cost. If you are interested in Thursday evenings, let us know via Facebook Broomfield Carpet Bowls Club or e-mail broomfieldcbc@gmail.com

Fortunately we are playing on Monday afternoons 1.30 to 4.15 for £3 per session. We are still taking precautions by wearing masks and keeping our hands sanitised (being reviewed at the upcoming AGM).

New or experienced, come along and give us a try. We do not play in the league but like most clubs, we play amongst ourselves and when times were normal, we did play the occasional friendly match against others clubs, both home and away and look forward to being able to do this again in the future.



Knit & Natter! (& Craft Afternoon)

Come and join me on Wednesday October 20 between 2.30pm and 4.30pm for a fun afternoon here at Broomfield Village Hall!

If you cannot make Oct 20 then why not come along on **NOVEMBER 17, DECEMBER 15.**



PLEASE NOTE: To cover expenses there will be a small entrance fee of £2.50 per person. (Note: Guide Dogs only please)

BUT FREE TEA/COFFEE and BISCUITS! FREE RAFFLE.....

Please let me know if you can come along by phoning or emailing me. **JAN SPILLER (01245 512997)**

Knitandnatterbroomfield@aol.com
Looking forward to seeing you soon !!

1st Broomfield (Kantankye) Cub Pack

We were very pleased, if a little anxious, to return to face to face scouting at the end of May.



It was so great to see the Cubs again and we managed to come up with lots of games and activities even while social distancing as this was required for the first few months. We are lucky in that we are allowed to use the school field and also our HQ car park as all our meetings have been held outside.



Cubs have taken part in lots of team challenges and games, they've learnt a bit of semaphore and they've helped clear up the HQ car park, they've practised fire lighting and of course, cooked marshmallows on their fires, they've made their own footgolf course and achieved their athletics badge. We had an evening of water games and were lucky this was one of the few hot days of the summer!





We decided that as they had missed out on so much we would carry on scouting through the summer break and we've been out and about for most of July and August.



We have visited Riffhams campsite in Danbury on a couple of evenings and started working on the naturalist badge, and we've also had three trips to Skreens Park in Roxwell for kayaking, paddleboarding and a go on the high ropes course. We've also done a bit more fire lighting at the HQ and archery on the field. It's been a great summer!



We are currently planning an activity weekend in September for the Cubs and will also return to more "normal" meetings in the Autumn, although will still try to get outside as much as possible! Depending on the covid situation, we may have places available for new cubs later this year or after Christmas, please contact broomfieldcubs@live.co.uk to add your child's name to the waiting list.



Broomfield Fc Community Committee

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our customers that visited the football club during the recent UEFA Euro 2020 tournament.

It was great to see football bringing the community together, we value your custom and all profits made go back into the club to maintain our fantastic facilities and football pitches for all to enjoy. Please bring your families and friends along to meet our friendly staff, we also welcome dogs.

Open weekends and also available for private hire for all your function needs.

Please visit our website www.broomfieldfc.com for more information.

Mick Tinsley, on behalf of the Community Committee.

Green Tomato Chutney

Tomatoes not ripe! Make a delicious Chutney!

Makes about 1.4 kg (3 lbs)

Prep time: 20 mins | Cooking time: 2 hrs

Ingredients:

450 cooking apples | 450 ml malt vinegar
2 onions peeled | 4 small pieces root ginger
1.4 kg green tomatoes | ½ tsp cayenne pepper
225g sultanas | 1 tsp mustard powder
225g demerara sugar | 2 tsp salt

1. Peel, quarter, and core apples. Finely grate the apples and onions. Thinly slice tomatoes.
2. Place all ingredients in a large saucepan. Bring to the boil, reduce heat and simmer gently for 2 hrs, stirring occasionally, until ingredients are tender and reduced to a thick consistency, and no excess liquid remains. Discard ginger.
3. Once cool, spoon the chutney into jars and seal.

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