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Welcome to the Autumn issue of Broomfield Times. We are still in a challenging, changing, uncertain times at present and quite unsure as to how COVID will continue to affect our lives in the forthcoming months. But hopefully this issue will find you well. If you need any advice or help please refer to our Contact Pages overleaf and if in doubt, please telephone the Parish Office on **(01245 441660)** which is manned on a Monday Wednesday and Friday by our Clerk Michael Letch email:

clerk@broomfieldessex.co.uk. The rest of the Office staff continue to mainly work from home for the foreseeable future but our Village Attendant Stuart Jones is often seen around the Village checking and maintaining our play areas; village greens; outside spaces and it is thanks to Stuart for recently installing the display cases outside the entrance to Broomfield Village Hall so passers-by can pick up copies of Broomfield Times and Country Stile (walks in & around Broomfield) booklets. In this issue you will find details of refurbishment plans for the Angel Meadow Play Area (next to Broomfield Village Hall) which look very exciting! The City Council's Play in the Park event was able to take place on Angel Meadow for two dates in August with 37 children in attendance – this was again funded by the Parish Council – hopefully more events will take place next year. Details of the launch of the proposed Broomfield Youth Club can also be found in this issue together with details of the Tree for Life Scheme which has been launched by the Parish Council – read on for further details. Keep safe everyone and Seasons Greeting to all!

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www.meht.nhs.uk/promotion/coronavirus-covid-19-health-advice/

Farleigh Hospice:

www.farleighhospice.org/about-us/news/coronavirus-update

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Chairman's Chat



The pandemic continues to impact all of our lives but it does seem that most of us do understand what is expected of us and are adapting to new habits that I fear will be with us for a good while.

In the meantime, we have to try and get on with our lives as best we can.

I am delighted to be able to report that your Council has approved a plan to completely refurbish the children's playground by the Village Hall including a new ship themed climbing frame that will be dedicated to the key workers in Broomfield. I want to thank Cllr Sue Hubble and everybody on the Village Amenities Committee who have worked really hard to develop an exciting plan and to select a highly recommended contractor to complete the work. There is far more information about the project on page 22.

We are also pushing ahead with plans for Broomfield Youth Club. We are not yet ready to make a final commitment to the plan we are still working on gathering prices and alternatives for the building. However, we expect it to stand behind the MUGA in the park where there will be plenty of parking and space for outdoor activities.

There is more information on page 12 including an invitation for Villagers to volunteer to help in the development of the plans and the longer term running of the club.

Our next big project you will hear more about soon is the Neighbourhood Plan, Councillor John Blake and his Committee have been hard at work for 4 years, gathering and researching the necessary information to develop a plan for Broomfield. You may remember the Residents' Questionnaire in 2017 - that was an important part of this information gathering. Neighbourhood plans are part of a Government strategy to give local communities more control over the type, location, size, pace and design of development in their area.

Work is now reaching the stage where the Committee will present a draft plan to the Parish Council, in December or January. This will then go out for consultation to the local community - so make sure you see it and have your say. Once any amendments have been made, the draft plan is sent to Chelmsford City Council. They will arrange for it to be 'examined' by an independent planning inspector.

Finally, the draft Plan is presented to the Village for a local referendum, so that local people can vote on whether it should be adopted. If it is, future planning applications that affect the Village will have to take account of the policies in our Neighbourhood Plan.

This is a very important and serious piece of work which will be a major subject for discussion over the coming months. The Council is keen to recognise the heroic efforts of a whole range of people living and working in Broomfield, referred to by many as Key Workers, who have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic to keep our society running as smoothly as possible. Many putting their own safety and health at risk.

I have written to all of the schools and healthcare providers in Broomfield asking if there is anything, we can offer to recognise their commitment. So far Chelmer Valley High School have offered to help design something which we may put up in the Village Hall or incorporate into the Youth Club building and we have agreed with Broomfield Hospital that we will donate a bench to be located in one of the gardens at the Hospital to be used by the staff.

I have also recently had the pleasure of having a look round the Copland Almshouses in School Lane with their Vice Chairman Ian Dudley. The Parish Council have recent given them a grant of £2,000 towards installing new double glazed windows. They have ambitious plans to continue to improve the properties with more insulation to the rear windows, doors and roof space. We hope that we will be able to continue to support this very valuable asset for the Village.

At our last meeting we welcomed two new Councillors, Donna Hance and Jason Need. I am sure they will be very valuable additions to the team and I look forward to working with them both.

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Over the last three years, the Parish Council has been researching possible uses for the land behind Broomfield Place which is owned by Essex County Council. The results of the work has been given to the owners and we have held meetings with them to discuss our thoughts and their plans. County Council have made it clear that they have their own plans for the development of the land some aspects of which reflect some of the suggestions that we have put to them. They have also made it clear that selling the land to anybody is not currently being considered. It is now clear that the Parish Council lacks the powers or the funds to do all the things that were envisaged by the working group, so now some volunteers have come forward and formed the Broomfield Community Consortium to take the work forward as an independent organisation that can make their own way forward free from the constraints of local government rules.

These are busy and difficult times, so take care and keep safe.

Councillor John Barnes

Broomfield Parish Council welcomes two new Councillors:

Donna Hance



I would like to introduce myself; I have 5 children and a partner who keep me busy, along with my 3 dogs who like nice countryside walks.

My career path so far has had me working within local

Nurseries within Chelmsford, at present I am taking a break and studying for my degree in Children, Youth and Family Dynamics.

I am genuinely interested in people and their lives, I always have time for a chat, People's wellbeing is a top priority for me. I have recently acquired two allotment plots on Main Road Broomfield, I love spending time chatting with my plot Neighbours and working hard to produce fruit and vegetables to help feed my large family.

The allotment has been my hideaway throughout the unprecedented times of recent months, it has really helped with my health and wellbeing.

I am very actively involved with young people within the community, I have an interest in youth development and the village amenities. I am really looking forward to being part of the Parish Council to support the Community and help to make changes for the future.



Jason Need

I became a Parish Councillor because I am keen to ensure that an appropriate balance is struck between sensible development and an enjoyable quality of life for the residents of Broomfield. It

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Broomfield Youth Club

Firstly, I would like to introduce us Shirley Hume (Founder of Springfield and Broomfield Youth Group) and myself Donna Hance the Chairperson at Broomfield Youth group.

Shirley and myself both have very clear views and aims for the young people of our parishes, we feel there is a very clear gap in society where our Young people are not considered and we alongside our youth groups provide a unique experience for our young people where they are valued as a member of the community.

So, you might ask why we need a youth provision in Broomfield... As of recent months, we in our local areas have seen an increase in vandalism and anti-social behaviour caused by boredom.

Our Youth provision can offer an alternative solution to young people sitting around in parks or outside shops, our aim is to provide a safe and secure environment where young people can relax and enjoy the company of others whilst having access to an alternative education.

Our young people will be at the heart of everything it provides, we will provide the young people an opportunity to learn new skills such as First Aid, Self Defence, and gain confidence and improve their self-esteem, whilst being in total control of their own ideas. Being part of a youth group enables young people to take ownership of their provision, it teaches them to respect their community and those who live in it, it helps with the risk of being involved in anti-social behaviour, Gangs, drugs and Alcohol.

Springfield Youth Group has been successfully running now for 4 years with over 600 members on file, we want to provide this facility in Broomfield, We have proposed to the Parish Council that a purpose built multi use Young Person's Centre is built on land near to Broomfield Village Hall, this will be home to multiple youth evenings, an evening solely for additional needs and their parents, a weekend youth café, day to day the facility will be open to other local community groups.

We would like to ask the people of Broomfield if any of you would like to support our project through development or sponsorship, maybe you have a skill that could be used in the building of the project or would like to volunteer your time once the project is up and running if so please contact the Parish Council who will put you in touch with us. (email clerk@broomfieldessex.co.uk).

Councillor Donna Hance

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Broomfield Youth Group

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Playing basketball with Essex Police



Tree for Life Scheme

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The delivery will probably be during the following Winter - if you are unable to accommodate the tree at your home we are hoping to establish some public space in the village where it can be planted in your child's name.



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Obviously in the present circumstances we are unable to confirm a date for our Senior Lunch (normally held in February in Broomfield Village Hall) but we will review the situation in the New Year – maybe we will be able to hold something next Summer!

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3. A legislative change to introduce a London-style pavement parking prohibition throughout England.

If it's an issue close to your heart, you can take part here (closes 22nd Nov):

www.gov.uk/government/consultations/managing-pavement-parking



From the County Council

Stop.Swap.Go!

According to the Essex Climate Action Commission set up by the County Council, a third of greenhouse gases in Essex come from transport and without action to reduce the County's carbon emissions, temperatures are set to rise to catastrophic

levels in just 25 years. The impact of such climate change in Essex would lead to water shortages, more flooding and the degradation of agricultural land.

Essex County Council's Stop.Swap.Go! campaign aims to encourage a change in long term travel habits towards walking, cycling and using the bus. To meet the need to continue social distancing, Stop.Swap.Go have created a suite of online information to support parents and young people as they journey to school and college.

The ECC Website www.stopswapgo.co.uk has a great deal of information to help families avoid traffic congestion and pollution by walking, cycling or even "scooting" to school, with helpful routes outlined for each school and 'Drive and Drop' zones highlighted to reduce congestion at the school gates. There are also updates for families using school transport provided by the Council. While buses are still running, there'll be a continued need to socially distance on them, so buses will be running at reduced capacity. To avoid long queues at the bus stop, plan your journey early – you may also be surprised how quick it can be to walk or cycle to school instead.

Green Homes Grants

There is, however, some good news as homeowners in England can apply for a voucher towards the cost of installing energy efficient and low-carbon heating improvements to homes, which could help save up to £600 a year on energy bills. The Government will provide a voucher that covers up to two thirds of the cost of qualifying improvements to your home. The maximum value of the voucher is £5,000.

You may be able to receive a higher level of subsidy if you are a homeowner and either you or a member of your household receives one of the qualifying means-tested benefits, covering 100% of the cost of the improvements. See www.gov.uk/apply-green-homes-grant for more information. Incidentally this government funding is available until 31st March 2021.

Local Authorities will also be making support available for low income households in their local area through the Green Homes Grant: Local Authority Delivery. More information will be available on www.simpleenergyadvice.org.uk/pages/green-homes-grant

However, be on your guard against any "cold call" promoting this scheme. The "caller" may be a "scammer" seeking to defraud the unwary.

If you have any problems about these and any other County Council matters, please let me know on **01245 421524** or email **cllr.john.aldridge@essex.gov.uk**.

Councillor John Aldridge





From the City Council

The policy board have responded to the Planning White Paper with objections to many reforms.

One proposal is the Treasury collects the tax on new developments with the aim to share this nationally: instead of the local authorities. Potentially Chelmsford could have more housing with less finance to deliver our needs.

It has been reported 61% adults and almost 30% children in year 6 are overweight; the City Council is upscaling local solutions to get families and individuals active together - one initiative is a City Centre Scavenger Hunt which can be found on our website. CCC Staff are training care workers to deliver routines themselves to residents, and engaging with every child everyday project- in schools; although entry is problematic.

The Parks Department are busy repairing the existing cycle and footpaths and encouraging and improving the allotment sites.

Parking revenue is increasing and the CCC are working to increase the short stay parking by reducing long stay commuting parking. The idea is to encourage more commuters to use

of the park-and-ride to enter the City Centre; thus encouraging more parking for shoppers. The City Council are working on delivering more homes; not only to address the current housing list but also in preparation for the coming crisis that is looming with pending job losses; they have purchased 20 new homes which will reduce the spend on temporary accommodation.

Air quality is being managed; incredibly not around Broomfield as the last test deemed we had good quality, but I have requested it be monitored going forward, not only to see the impact of our new developments but the Hospital greatly supports the increase in population which increases use of Main Road - Officers have said this will be monitored from the beginning of 2021.

In light of the knife being found on our playing field; I have asked Officers to look at a potential drop-in centre in the City Centre, to help tackle the issues. Which is being explored.

At this moment in time the Civic Theatre Christmas panto is planned to go ahead.

Merry Christmas to all. Please visit **www.chelmsford.gov.uk** for more information on any topic or please do contact me **wendy.daden@chelmsford.gov.uk**.

Cllr Wendy Daden



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1-2-1 Hub

The hub will provide an area to speak openly to our support team who can help with signposting you to services. The team will be on hand before and after sessions to speak confidentially over day to day worries you may have. The team provide a supportive network to make you feel at ease and enable you to explore a variety of coping strategies.

Volunteer

Feel as though you can give something back? Speak to our active co-ordinators and see if you could support peers/clients at the sessions? What better way to empower other people and develop your own skills and further support Mental health and wellbeing at our Chelmsford hub.

How to access With You in Mind

If you think you would benefit from the support to access physical activity and social interactions, then simply refer yourself onto the programme via any of the following options.

Speak to The Wellbeing Team on: **01245 606569**

To register your place email:

withyouinmind@chelmsford.gov.uk

Visit our website page at:

www.chelmsford.gov.uk/withyouinmind

Session times:

14:00pm-16:00pm, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

The sessions will be run weekly between the months of October 2020-August 2021. Venue: Chelmsford Sport & Athletics Centre, Salerno Way CM1 2EH Cost: £3.00 per person, per 2-hour session. Your first session is FREE.

Broomfield Planning Report

Another 3 months of this strange world!

The 'virtual' Planning Committee has continued its weekly slog through all the planning applications for Broomfield – making recommendations to the planners at the City Council and ensuring that our local community has its say. As well as the usual flow of planning applications, the Committee has been busy with the following:

'The North of Broomfield' Housing Development

Chelmsford's Local Plan states there will be a major new development of 450 houses north of Woodhouse Lane. In July, the City Council's Policy Board approved a master plan for the site. You can see this by going to www.chelmsford.gov.uk and typing in 'north of Broomfield masterplan' or by clicking on this link: www.chelmsford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/masterplans-for-new-developments-in-chelmsford/masterplan-submission-for-strategic-growth-site-policy-8-north-of-broomfield/

Broomfield and Little Waltham Parish Councils made an impassioned plea for the proposed new road into the Hospital to be multi-purpose, rather than restricted to staff and deliveries only. That's because we want to take as much traffic as possible off the B1008. We were unsuccessful in getting this included in the master plan, but the fight goes on!

Would anyone like a Wood?

The Parish Council's other main concern is that the new housing development is properly screened by woodland along its western edge. You can see this in Map A. This woodland would provide:

- A clear edge to development, reducing the risk of creeping development to the west in the future
- Woodland walks for residents, new and old, to enjoy
- A new wildlife corridor linking Puddings Wood with Sparrowhawk Wood
- Screening - so that the new houses are hidden from the landscape further west. This means that as residents look out over the KEGS playing fields, they would see woodland rather than buildings in the distance.



We don't think the planners have left enough land around the edge of the development for this woodland. So we're making tentative enquiries to see if a small amount of adjoining land can be planted with trees as well.

Let us know if you have any views about our plans for new woodland, especially if you live at the top (western) end of Woodhouse Lane. Just e-mail your comments to **clerk@broomfieldsex.co.uk**

Yet more Changes to the Planning System!



Another year, another fundamental change to the Planning System in England. The new Government White Paper proposes doing away with separate planning permission in 'Growth areas', meaning that local communities would only get a say on new development while a Local Plan is being drawn up. Where land is earmarked for 'Growth' in a Local Plan, a developer wouldn't need to apply for outline planning consent.

The Government's aim is to 'modernise', simplify and speed up the planning process so that new developments can be built quicker. The scope of local plans and neighbourhood plans would be reduced, in order to speed up the delivery of development.

Alongside these proposed changes, the Government is promoting a new, more objective algorithm to calculate how many new houses need to be built in each area.

This idea was proposed before the recent problems with A-level exams showed that algorithms aren't always the ideal solution

for everything - they can have unintended consequences! At this stage, the new algorithm suggests that lots more houses would need to be built in the South-East, thereby burying aspects of the 'Northern Powerhouse' in concrete!

The details are still quite murky, but they suggest that Chelmsford would have to find land for almost twice the number of houses currently planned.

The Planning Committee is drafting the Parish Council's response, to be submitted by October 29th. You can read the White Paper in full by going to:

www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future

Broomfield Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Neighbourhood Plan is now on the home straight. During lockdown earlier this year, the Steering Group took advantage of the enforced 'leisure' to start drafting the main planning policies that will form the backbone of the Neighbourhood Plan – for instance policies to protect much-loved views and the strategic gap between the Chelmsford and Broomfield settlement areas. There will also be Community Aspirations, setting out how Broomfield might continue to improve in the future.

All the draft policies and community aspirations are based on the residents' questionnaire results in 2017. Next January/February, there will be more consultation with residents to make sure that the new Neighbourhood Plan reflects their aspirations for their local community.

Councillor John Blake

Chair of Broomfield's Planning Committee and Neighbourhood Plan Group



Report from the Village Amenities Committee

Centenary Wood

Our Village Attendant has recently renewed the bridge over the stream and although a litter pick was carried out, a general tidy up is still required.



Our Grass Cutting & Tree Services Contractor JCM Services will carry out work on damaged trees in Centenary Wood, Parsonage Green and Church Green.

Allotments

Two waist-high raised beds have been created close to the car park and a water tap. Those with mobility issues will be able to enjoy all the facilities of our Allotment site including the social aspect. At the time of writing, one raised bed is still available to rent.

If anyone would like an allotment plot you will find our site between houses 149 and 151 Main Road (near to the takeaway restaurants) then please either email **deputyclerk@broomfieldessex.co.uk** or telephone **(01245) 441660**



It was agreed that two bulk containers would be purchased to enable rainwater to be collected from the barn.

Please email Wendy on **deputyclerk@broomfieldessex.co.uk** or leave a message on **(01245) 441660** for any allotment enquiries.

Parish Pathway Partnerships (P3)

David Thomas (P3 volunteer) reported that work is required on some Broomfield footpaths and he would appreciate the help of more volunteers.

Please report any fallen trees, overgrown paths etc. to the Parish Office (see details page 4).

Improvements for the Village

COVID-19 stopped our Broomfield in Bloom project from going ahead but it is hoped that 2021 be a year of hope and inspiration. An article appearing in this issue of Broomfield Times shows how you can be involved if you so wish.

Angel Meadow Playground

After much discussion and deliberation, it was agreed that Playquip Leisure's quotation and illustration for new playground surface and equipment be approved for presentation to full Parish Council. Look out for further details in this issue.

Minutes and Agendas of Village Amenities Meetings can be seen on the Broomfield Parish Council website – please visit: **www.broomfieldessex.co.uk**

Councillor Sue Hubble



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Angel Meadow Broomfield Playground

Fantastic News for the Community!

Broomfield Parish Council received a sum of money CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) for use to fund a project which will benefit the local community. With the playground on Angel Meadow looking tired and run down it seemed a logical choice to spend some of the money updating the play area.



All playground surfaces will be renewed with wetpour. Both see-saws which currently get little use will be removed to make room for a "Ship". The ship will be decorated with a rainbow flag and other rainbow coloured adaptations as an accolade to the NHS who serve us so well in these unprecedented times. The ship will have 3 levels, which will encourage imaginative role play, a scramble net, a captain's cabin containing a treasure map, a gangplank, a foredeck with look-out glasses and a slide. All fixings, posts and slide will be made of stainless steel, HDPE panels



which will never delaminate, will last for years with zero maintenance. Many children can use the item at the same time.

We are pleased to say that the rocking horse, which has been a much-loved item since 2002 will be set in new pastures on Angel Meadow.

The workings will be removed, new legs installed and can be used as a seat or climbing apparatus.

There will be an Anaconda swing in place of the horse. Several people can use at the same time, including parent and child together. We are pleased to say that the much-loved truck is going to stay. It will be refurbished with a new dashboard and two steering wheels will be installed so two drivers can have fun at the same time!

There will also a "fully inclusive" nest swing. Remaining swings will be refurbished with new flat and cradle seats, D shackles and chains will be replaced with 6mm stainless steel fittings. All remaining equipment will be rubbed down and will receive a coat of rust inhibitor primer to all bare metal areas followed by a high build primer before receiving two coats of fast air-dry high gloss topcoat.

Name the new Ship!



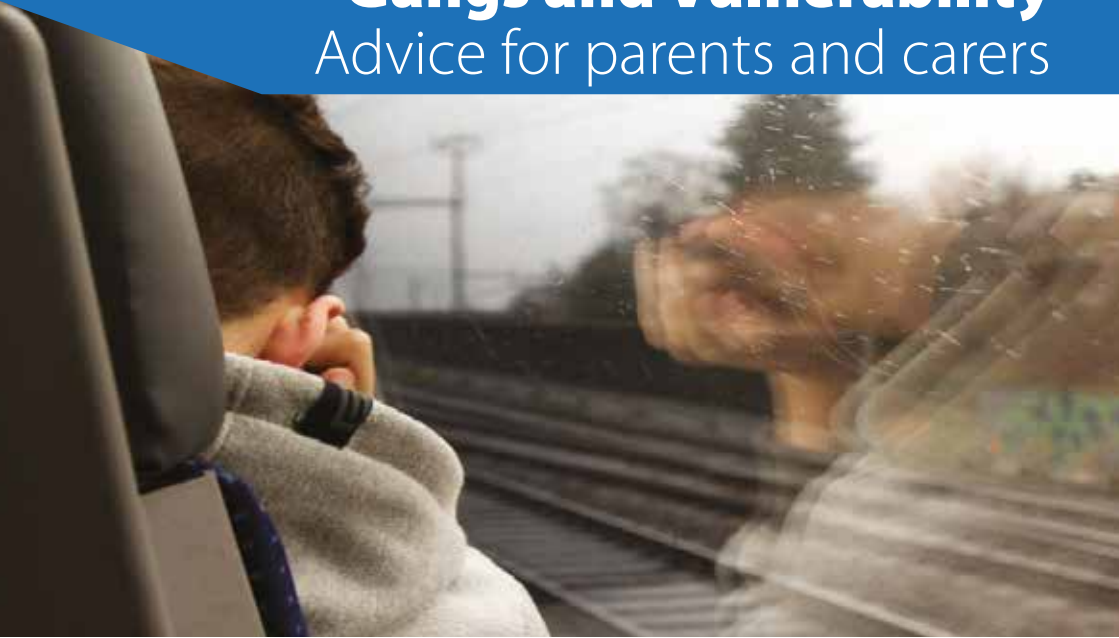
All we need to do now is choose a new name for the ship and we are asking children to suggest a name which will show the NHS staff how grateful we are for all the care they have given us during these very difficult times.

So please email me suggestions or visit our Facebook page.

Councillor Sue Hubble
cllrhubble@broomfieldsex.co.uk

Gangs and Vulnerability

Advice for parents and carers



With so many stories about County Lines and gangs in the press and on social media, no one could blame any parent or carer for being concerned about it – wondering what to look out for and what they can do. This leaflet has been designed to give parents, guardians and carers the information they need.

County Lines – What are they?

'County Lines' refer to the use of telephone/mobile numbers circulated to users in a particular area for ordering drugs such as heroin and crack cocaine (although cannabis and MDMA are also used).

The telephone number is usually operated from outside the area. This is how the group builds their brand. Unlike other criminal activities where telephone numbers are changed on a regular basis, these telephone numbers are maintained and protected, often by gangs and organised crime groups which 'target' the areas, either because they have a good illegal economy (for example, a large number of drug users) or because they have decent transport links to London.

Young people will rarely say that they are running a 'County Line' or 'Country Line'. They are more likely to say that they are 'Running a Line', 'Going Cunch' or 'Going O.T.' (which stands for Over There, Out There or Outta Town).

Cuckooing is the term used to describe the practice of taking over the property of a vulnerable person or an abandoned building (sometimes referred to as a 'Bando' or a 'Spot'). The property is used as a place to run the dealers drug business. It is often taken over by force or coercion and in some instances victims have fled their homes in fear of violence. The drug dealers will target those who are vulnerable, potentially as a result of substance misuse, mental health or loneliness and befriend them or promise them drugs in exchange for being able to use their property.

How does the operation work?

The group begin by taking over premises in the target town – sometimes by coercion, by using property belonging to local addicts who are paid in drugs, or by beginning a relationship with a vulnerable female.

Once in place they use common marketing tactics to get established, including introductory offers. They then set about expanding the 'workforce', recruiting local runners to deliver drugs and money. The groups often use children because they work for little pay, are easy to control and are less likely to be detected.

A recent report found that most runners are boys aged between 11 and 17 and that grooming with gifts and money to control them via a debt was common. Where girls were used, they sometimes also became the victims of sexual violence.

The groups continually use various tactics to evade detection, including rotating gang members between locations so they are not identified by law enforcement or competitors, and using women and children to transport drugs in the belief that they are less likely to be stopped and searched.



What are the signs?

There are a number of behavioural warning signs that you should be looking out for:

- Repeatedly going missing for long periods of time
- Sudden rise in truancy/staying out unusually late
- Money, clothes or accessories which they are unable to account for
- Being stopped in relation to drugs - especially if this is outside your area
- Being involved in fights or disorder especially if this is outside your area
- Being stopped and searched with other gang members
- Changes in behaviour, becoming fearful and/or withdrawn and/or prone to unexplained outburst of anger
- Being secretive (more guarded than usual for a typical teenager)
- Real distancing from one or both parents/carers
- Carrying weapons
- Unexplained injuries (which may indicate violence from other and/or self-harming), refusing medical help
- Abusing drugs and/or alcohol
- Sudden changes to their social media profiles and/or the use of slang/derogatory language.

Please note this list is not exhaustive, you should always seek advice if you are concerned.



What can you do?

It is important to remember that you are not to blame, criminal groups exploit the young, the vulnerable and those that are within easy reach. No matter how confident or secure you may feel the child in your care is, the group will present themselves as whatever is missing, or with what the child wants or feels that they need.

However, once they have them, often their treatment of your child will change to coercion, bullying and exploitation. For these reasons it is important to remember that the child is just as much a victim and there are things you can do to help stop your child from being involved or to help them get out.

Some helpful tips

- Talk to your child and listen – you are looking for open, honest and non-judgemental communication without anger -
- Encourage them to get involved in positive activities and to think about their future and employment
- Get involved in your child's school activities
- Know your child's friends and their families
- Always know where your child is and who they are with
- Help them to cope with pressure and how to deal with conflict without the use of violence
- Speak to them about the serious consequences of violent and illegal behaviour
- Keep lines of communication open
- Be aware of what your child is doing on the internet
- Work with other parents and schools to watch their behaviour
- Contact local voluntary organisations that provide mentoring and other support for young people



If you suspect your child is already involved

Remember that they not want to talk about it or may be scared. It is important that they know you want to listen and support them. Make sure they know that they have a choice.

Stay calm

Ask questions but listen too. Don't be afraid of confrontation, but try not to approach them with anger and accusations. Try to understand the situation from their point of view and why they have joined the gang. Ask them what you can do to help. Try to agree on what they should do next. Work with them to find solutions and choices.

Seek help from local community organisations or youth services

They can offer specialist support and programmes to help them leave the gang. (See useful contacts on back page). Contact local support networks such as faith groups or neighbourhood police officers connected to your school.



Useful contacts

Essex Police - to find details of your local team and find out more about the work they are doing in your area.

Web: www.essex.police.uk

Essex Safeguarding Children's Board - a statutory multi agency organisation which brings together agencies who work to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people in Essex,

Web: www.escb.co.uk

Chelmsford City Council - find out about local specialised work with gangs, parent groups and activities for young people in your area. They can also refer you to parent-ing support programmes.

Web: www.chelmsford.gov.uk

Family Lives - gives advice on all aspects of the parenting role and is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Freephone: **0808 800 2222**

Web: www.familylives.org.uk

National Council for Voluntary Youth Services - network of over 280 organisations, and regional and local networks that work with and for young people.

Web: www.ncvys.org.uk

Crimestoppers - a free, confidential service where you can report information about a crime anonymously.

Freephone: **0800 555 111**

Web: www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Web: www.fearless.org/en - use our secure online form to provide any information about crime 100% anonymously.

NSPCC - runs a wide range of services for both children and adults, including a national helpline and local projects. Their helpline is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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Missing People - if your child goes missing for long periods of time, Missing People can help you find them.

Freephone: **116 000** or text **116 000** (you can even text this number if you have run out of credit)

Web: www.missingpeople.org.uk

BROOMFIELD IN BLOOM

Since lock down, our Broomfield in Bloom project has been left on the back-burner.

Broomfield Parish Council are committed to making Broomfield a lovely place to live and it now seems even more important that we start 2021 with new hope and inspiration.

Flowers, plants and herbs are an easy way to brighten up our village whilst attracting butterflies and pollinators.

Chelmer High School has expressed their interest in designing and constructing planters for our village and Broomfield Cottage Gardeners' Society have offered to grow some plants for us. We are delighted to accept their offers.

To make a success of the project, we need your help. Nothing looks worse than a neglected planter!

- Do you live close to a suitable area where flowers, plants or herbs could be placed and easily maintained?
- Are you in a position to water a planter on a regular basis?
- Are you able to grow plants to donate?

We would love to hear from you. We have already heard from a couple of residents but it would be great to hear from a few more. We will need to check with the Essex County Council to ensure that the area is suitable.

If you are interested and would like more information as to how you can get involved please email Sue Hubble:

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Broomfield Village Hall Report October 2020



We are pleased to report that the Village Hall is fully open for business again.

Steff and Fitz have worked very hard on our risk assessments and cleaning to ensure we are "Covid Secure" and a pleasing number of activities are now taking place. The hall now offers sing and sign, karate, zumba, puppy training, line dancing, yoga, slimming world, dementia care, tutoring, many football sessions on the MUGA and other sessions; new bookings are coming in all the time. All groups have carried out risk assessments and are following Government guidelines and complying with restrictions. There are still spaces available for new hirers, particularly on Wednesday and Thursday.

Our capacities have had to be reduced to maintain social distancing, and we are not able to open toilet facilities to the public at this time so please do not enter the Village Hall unless attending a booked group. Please also email any messages to us or the Parish Council rather than calling in to the office.

bookings@broomfieldessex.co.uk or **clerk@broomfieldessex.co.uk** or ring **01245 441660**.

One group that has not yet returned is Stay 'n' Play because Sue now cannot do Mondays and Carol now has other commitments. Sue may be able to restart on a Thursday once it is safe to do so, if the hall isn't taken for other bookings by then.

We are very grateful to them for their dedicated work with this activity in the past four years. If anyone would like to volunteer to help to run this in future, please contact the Office.

The car park is now fully renewed; we found some problems with the foundation layer which required remedial work but we are pleased to say it is now complete. While the car park team were here we got them to seal the cycleway, and it looks more rural and attractive now, but we are keeping an eye on the surface to see if it beds in better or whether we need them to return to remove the loose gravel.

Centenary Wood is looking good in its autumn colours (see pictures) and we work hard to keep it clear of litter and safe to visit- please go and take a look. The bridge has recently been widened and repaired.

At time of writing it looks like we may have another lockdown this winter- who knows. In these troubled times please be assured that we will continue to try to serve the community whilst putting your safety first at all times.

Councillor Angie Faulds



Red clover

Line Dancing in Broomfield Village Hall

If you are interested in learning Beginners Line Dancing and would like some exercise to some great music, please come along to one of our friendly sociable classes.

It's just for fun, we walk through the dance until we are all happy then we dance it - it's as simple as that plus a few laughs and a couple of drink breaks in between. If you would like to try it come along and watch or join in. For more details, contact Susan on **07514 086 805**.

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Broomfield & District U3A – ways forward

In early September the Broomfield & District branch of the U3A successfully held its postponed AGM using Zoom, with over 40 members taking part.

It was lovely to see so many members at one time, albeit virtually. At the AGM it was agreed to change the membership year to September – August, and your committee was re-elected. By the time you read this, we will have met to agree roles for the year and discuss future plans.

With autumn here and winter approaching, and with restrictions continuing to change and tighten in various parts of the country, the 'old normal' ways of getting together and meeting each other seem more like distant memories. We need to consider ways that will enable our special interest groups to continue meeting in safety, as well as how (and when) we can resume our monthly meetings with guest speakers.

u3a learn,
laugh,
live

In the face of so much uncertainty, it's becoming increasingly likely that Zoom and other communication technologies will be the way forward, and some of our speakers planned for 2021 have already expressed their willingness to participate in this way. The monthly newsletter will continue to keep members informed about developments.

You can also access these via the website, by visiting <https://u3asites.org.uk/broomfield/welcome> and clicking the 'News' tab.

Slimming World

I'm really excited to be taking over the Broomfield Slimming World Group on a Tuesday Afternoon and Evening at the Community Centre.

I'm really excited to be taking over the Broomfield Slimming World Group on a Tuesday Afternoon and Evening at the Community Centre. Victoria has done an amazing job for the last 8 years and despite being sad to see a colleague leave I am happy at the chance to look after the members at Broomfield. I lost 4 stone last year for my wedding and can't wait to share ideas on what to eat as I know how fantastic it feels to achieve your goals while eating healthy family meals like roast dinners, chips and curry. We are a Covid safe business with precautions in place to ensure everyone's safety and I'd love to welcome you to take the first step towards being the person you would love to be with us. Call or Text Heidi on **07557331671** to book a slot.



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Message from Sing and Sign Club

Hello Sing and Signers,

We have loved returning to Broomfield this Autumn with our COVID-Secure programme and have been thrilled with the level of support from all of our families. We also continue to deliver our fabulous **@Home programme** into your living rooms, which has meant that no one is missing out on Sing and Sign.

The Sing and Sign love is still very much alive and kicking with new babies joining us regardless of the uncertain times. We can assure you that every precaution is being taken to work with our venues to ensure safe and secure classes whilst still staying true to the essence of Sing and Sign and helping you to enjoy those early months and years with your little ones.

Sing and Sign is the original baby signing programme still going strong in its' 21st year and won multiple "Essex Mums" awards this year in baby and toddler categories. It is simple in its' approach, drawing on the value of music to establish the building blocks of speech and language development, whilst nurturing a quite incredible connection between parent and baby. With tunes and words that are easy to learn, you will soon be singing our songs



in your sleep. What's more, you will be having so much fun with your little one, building on those natural gestures that they already have, to teach them a language that you can both understand.

We have classes from 0-30 months at Broomfield Village Hall and across Chelmsford and the surrounding areas, every day of the week. Classes are strictly limited in size to ensure a comfortable environment for you and your baby to learn and have fun together.

If you would like more information please email me at martinebrockman@singandsign.co.uk or you can find us online at www.sasessex.co.uk. We are on Facebook too at www.facebook.com/singandsignessex. The new term will begin on Monday 11th January 2021. Wishing you a healthy and happy festive period.

Broomfield Now & Then...



Thanks to Stuart Jones our Village Attendant for producing this image –Angel Green to School Lane



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Message from Broomfield Library

We have been very pleased to welcome old and new faces to the Library since reopening in July.

Our services are slowly returning to normal, and we can now offer reservations from the online catalogue and printing again. At Broomfield Library we are currently limited to one public computer; therefore, if you would like to use the internet please be sure to book a session before coming into the Library, in case the computer is already in use.

We are using the NHS COVID-19 app for Track and Trace, so if you have the app on a smartphone you will be able to scan the QR code upon entry. Alternatively, we will still be taking names and numbers at the door. Please be sure to wear a mask when visiting us!

You may have seen a Halloween display in the windows towards the end of October, and look

out for something Christmassy as we move into December! Sadly, we still cannot hold any regular or special events in house but will still have all the seasonal books available to borrow.

Michelle and Adrian
Broomfield Library



1st Broomfield Scouts and Kraken Explorer Scout Unit

Well 2020 appears to be turning into a funny old year! However, 1st Broomfield Scouts have not been resting on their laurels.



At the start of the year we started a new Beaver Colony (6-8yr old's) on a Thursday afternoon, we have been running through 'lockdown' on zoom, learning campfire songs, making dens and having lots of virtual camps and learning to cook both with parents and on zoom, we have crafted some window cling rainbows to show our support for the NHS, some of our Beavers got very ambitious and one created a window cling Unicorn!

We have helped the bugs in our gardens by making bug hotels for them and then we went investigating lots of bugs in our gardens, and there were lots! We are now starting to meet up face to face and learning to socially distance, so we've done some fun activities like this from a Mini Olympics evening to learning to Fence – think French Musketeers!

We've more ideas lined up and hope we are able to continue to meet up and have fun, we're still looking for more leaders and with the new Colony have some spaces. Would you like to join us and have some fun? then email us 1stbroomfieldbeavers2@gmail.com.

The Scout Group have recently held their AGM via Zoom, where we were able to congratulate one of our two new District Commissioners.

Kraken ESU

Meanwhile we finally have an Explorer Scout Unit opened in Broomfield, Kraken ESU, for young people aged 14-18yrs, we officially opened in January and managed to get one camp in before lockdown, we took part in a national pedal car event and won Third place!



We have worked out our Explorers LOVE food and LOVE cooking! Anything from stir-fry's to fudge, fruit cake to curry, obviously sausages on the fire or BBQ will go down well. The Explorers have also done zoom meetings over lockdown, with more cooking, virtual escape rooms – they all escaped and left a leader locked in!

They have done Archery, Fencing, Kayaking and a Ready, Steady Cook night since we've started meeting face to face again. The Explorers come up with ideas for what they want to do – we enjoy a brainstorming session – usually over food – it gets the idea's flowing.



We are having to wait for our next camp but we're making the most of being outside together and having fun. Contact us on Krakenesu@gmail.com to find out more.

Ruth Reed

Acting Group Scout Leader

1st Broomfield Scouts - Preparing for the next Scout Book Sale in 2021!

In spite of Covid restrictions – or perhaps because of them – we are already preparing for the next Broomfield Scout Book Sale – whenever this might be!

As the Scout Association Covid guidelines do not permit us to hold indoor meetings with our young people at present, we have been taking the opportunity to use the Scout headquarters to sort out all our camping equipment – and those books which have been in storage since the last book sale. In addition, over the past few months, Broomfield residents have continued to deliver books to us as they too sort out their bookshelves at home.

Whilst it remains uncertain as to exactly when our next book sale might happen – in good Scout tradition we will BE PREPARED



for whenever this might be. And please be assured – happen it will!

Thank you for your continued support in donating your books; DVDs and CDs to Broomfield Scouts.

Roger Cole

Volunteer Manager (Group Scout Leader)

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Broomfield Airfield

In the dark days of the Great War Broomfield did it's bit! In late 1914, after a brief period in Chelmsford, the Berkshire Territorial Regiment was billeted in the village – their behaviour apparently impeccable.

But it was later in that war that the sound of aircraft engines was heard over Broomfield.

An airfield had been established to the north of the village, at Partridge Green, during April 1916 to provide a defence against the bombing attacks on London by the Zeppelins and Germany's mighty Gotha bombers.

The airfield held a variety of names, Chelmsford, Broomfield Court, RFC (Royal Flying Corps) Broomfield – subsequently RAF Broomfield, and at one time RNAS (Royal Naval Air Service) Broomfield as naval aircraft were called to join the defence of the nation's capital.

Broomfield was home to No.37 Home Defence Squadron. The airfield formed part of the 'ring' of local home defence airfields around Chelmsford – Boreham, Springfield, Widford* and Writtle*. Flares were used at night to guide the aircraft home and there are reports of Zeppelins attempting to bomb the flare path on occasion.

Formal military use seemed to end in 1919 but the airfield continued in use as the Chelmsford & District Flying Club. It was here that the future George VI, as Duke of Kent, landed to open the 'new' Chelmsford Bypass (Chelmer Road) in May 1932.

The Flying Club was a partnership between Mr. G W Higgs & Mr. H M Talbot-Lehmann – one of many instituted by the pair. The airfield was formally opened on 18th May 1932 by the Lord Lieutenant of Essex, Brigadier General Richard Colvin with Sir Alan Cobham in attendance. Whilst Cobham's Flying Circus entertained the crowds he was entertained by Colonel & Mrs Nash at Broomfield Court.

Unfortunately, in 1933, a fire in the aircraft hangar got out of control and spread to adjoining buildings and all was lost. The land eventually returning to farmland.

A grouping comprising Royal British Legion Broomfield, Broomfield Parish Council, Brumfilda & Broomfield Hospital applied to the Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust (ABCT) for the airfield to be recognised.

ABCT were more than willing to do so and commissioned a granite slab detailing the operational dates for Broomfield Airfield. As it is suspected that many of the officers would have been entertained at Broomfield Court the Hospital Trust very kindly agreed to erect the slab in the Hospital grounds. It now stands proudly near Broomfield Court and the adjacent sunken garden.

It was hoped that the memorial would be formally unveiled in the early part of this year but unfortunately, the current pandemic has delayed this. In due course, once things return to normal, the monument will be unveiled.

[* Memorial slabs from ABCT have also been placed at sites for the Writtle & Widford airfields]

For more information visit www.abct.org.uk/airfields/airfield-finder/broomfield-chelmsford-essex

Malcolm Taylor



BROOMFIELD AIRFIELD
One of the men and his magnificent flying machine that flew from Broomfield Airfield between the wars.



Another First Word War soldier in Broomfield

Back in the Winter 2020 issue of Broomfield Times I wrote about one of the postcards that I had purchased which related to the billeting of soldiers in the village during the First World War.

Here we have another example.

What's really nice is that this view of houses on School Lane (which I'm sure many of you will recognise) is not one that I know of at the Essex Record Office and it doesn't appear in Ken Searle's Broomfield in old picture postcards so it's nice to be able to share it with you all now.

The message on the back reads:

Broomfield, Essex,
Marched here 31 miles yesterday. Note new address.

Harry

My billet is the one on the left



It is addressed to:
Mrs/Miss[?] Chamber [I think]
Wellington Rd,
Cambourne

Who was Harry? Was he writing to his mother? What regiment was he with? I haven't got the time to conduct any further research on this at the moment but surely there must be

some budding historians out there and reading this who have some free time and want to find out more?

If so I'm more than happy to suggest some avenues of further research either at the Essex Record

Office or The National Archives at Kew.

Between us we must be able to find out more about 'our' First Word War soldiers and share what is found in future issues of this magazine – no excuses now, the gauntlet is down!

Neil Wiffen

neilwiffen@hotmail.com

Broomfield Now & Then...



Thanks to Stuart Jones our Village Attendant for producing this image – From Brooklands to King's Arms.

Thanks to Farmers

Over the past months, there are many more of them. They are well worn. They've got wider – some by more than two meters – well, distance is crucial!

What have? Footpaths – around Broomfield!



It's been glorious, for so many of us, on foot, bikes, horses, edging new fields, following deer tracks through ditches, viewing the yellow of rapeseed, the purple of borage, the blue of linseed... trees ... becoming acquainted with people from our village, from around Chelmsford and this during months of sunshine, sunsets, in what is ours, one of the driest climates in the U.K.



Thought? Who might be the losers? Farmers? I wonder what proportion of their field growing area has been silently 'appropriated'? I imagine the vast majority of us have respected their land – during ploughing, sowing, reaping, harvesting – but the opportunity for us to escape the mental and physical closures of these difficult times, in wandering, 'creating' countryside paths, has been invaluable! Loads of thanks Farmers, for your understanding.

Robin Marchal
Broomfield Footpath Society



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News from Broomfield Parish Church

Your Parish Church has worked hard during the COVID-19 lockdown to continue to provide spiritual support and pastoral care to all those who have asked for it.

In recent months we have completed umpteen Risk Assessments and followed all the guidelines to keep us Covid safe. We have been able to open for worship on Sunday mornings and during the week for private prayer, although we do ask that people book before they attend as we are very limited on the number of people that we can accommodate in one go.

Moving forward the Church, whilst still working within the guidelines set by the Government, is planning to return to a more normal pattern of worship. We are, however, taking this opportunity to reflect on what we do and what people need in the 21st Century.

Online worship has been a wonderful way to reach out to people with the message of God's love for all people in this time of crisis and uncertainty and we want to continue to offer online worship, even though the technology sometimes lets us down.

For the next few months we will be offering a morning service on a Sunday at 9.30am, this will usually be Eucharistic. Unfortunately, we are still unable to sing in church, but we are very fortunate to have an organist play at most of our services.

Then of course there are the festivals, which we usually embrace so warmly in the Autumn and Winter months, but are likely to prove tricky this year. Do please check on our website www.stmarybroomfield.org or check the Broomfield and Waltham's Facebook pages for details of these acts of remembrance the day before they are due to take place. We will try our best to keep everyone informed.

Christmas is going to be very different for everyone this year, but the church would still like to help you celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Christmas season is a magical time for us all, and I know that lots of you enjoy attending church at Christmas. We have been looking at the present restrictions and pondering how we

can ensure that everyone has an opportunity to attend this beautiful parish church. The best we can offer is a variety of services where the Christmas story will be told, through scripture readings, poems and stories, with Christmas music being played. We will need everyone to book their seats and ask that you only attend one Christmas service in order that everyone who wants to celebrate Christmas in Church is able to do so. Our planned services are in the calendar.

We continue to pray daily for the people of Broomfield. We know that we are living through strange and unpredictable times, but God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. He will provide for us and the church seeks to care for all in need and share the love of Christ with you all. Please do not hesitate to call either Rev'd. Diana or I if you fancy a chat, need a prayer or just want to find out more about the way the Church is seeking to support people at this time.

Keep safe, stay well, and I hope to see you sometime over the Autumn and winter, even if it is just a quick wave and a smile behind a mask.

With every blessing
Rev'd. Carolyn, Vicar of Broomfield

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2020 Christmas Worship at Broomfield Parish Church

Village Christmas Services, "Story, Poetry and Music.

Saturday 19th December 2pm
Sunday 20th December 2pm

Christmas Eve: Thursday 24th December
Our Crib services will not be able to take place in church this year. However, we are planning to offer some way to tell the Christmas story in the Churchyard during Christmas week!

We will put up a Christmas Prayer Tree outside the church on 29th November. You are invited to write a prayer and tie it to the tree, which will be lit on Christmas Eve.

There will also be an opportunity for you to make a donation which will go to Chess (a charity for the homeless) or a donation of food which we will pass onto the Foodbank.

Please check our website for more details which will be available at the beginning of December.

Christmas Eve: Thursday 24th December
11.30pm Midnight Mass.

Christmas Day: Friday 25th December
9.30am Christmas worship with Eucharist.

Christmas Sunday: 27th December
9.30am Christmas worship with Eucharist
2pm Christmas worship "Story, Poetry and Music".

Bookings will open on 29th November
To book any of these services please contact
Rev. Carolyn Tibbott on **01245 440318**
or email **stmarybroomfield@gmail.com**.

All of our plans are subject to change as we adhere to the COVID-19 safety guidance of the Church of England.

To keep up to date to check our website:
www.stmarybroomfield.org

Royal British Legion September 2020

The Royal British Legion Broomfield Branch was placed in lockdown in April this year following Government guidelines.

We have not held our Branch monthly meetings and the Standard Bearer has not attended funerals, however, we have still tried to support veterans and their families wherever possible. There will be no Branch AGM this year but all Branch officers and committee members are carrying on their duties for a further year to maintain continuity in these difficult times. We have used the lockdown period to refurbish and improve both internal and external features of our Branch HQ building.

The Social Club reopened in July with COVID-19 procedures in place and limited opening hours. Membership has expanded and currently stands at 316, one of the best in Essex.

Unfortunately, this year it is not possible to hold a Remembrance Sunday Parade due to Coves restrictions with limited numbers gaining entry to the Church.

We hope that wreath laying at the village War Memorial on Armistice Day will go ahead even with socially distancing guidelines in place.

We are currently awaiting guidelines from RBL on the conduct and processes for the Poppy Appeal collection in Broomfield and we continue to be available to veterans and their families in the local community who may need our help.





Broomfield RBL Social Club

At Broomfield RBL Social Club we are a welcoming family friendly social club based in the heart of Broomfield providing a place for local people of all ages to enjoy themselves and meet new friends, we are always on the lookout for new members - young and old.

All non-members are welcome to try us out and if you like what you see you can become a member for a small fee.

When I wrote our first article for the Broomfield Times we were in full lockdown and the club had been shut for a few weeks.

We used this time effectively to paint the main clubhouse and undertake a lot of upgrades for our members.

We finally reopened in line with, and following all the guidelines provided by our local authority and central government to ensure staff and members safety. This has meant we now have a reduced capacity of 70 members at any one time and as I write this, we are still not allowed to have live performances inside the clubhouse, this has kerbed our ambitions and the great ideas we had for providing the local community with a destination club which provides entertainment with an enjoyable atmosphere catering for all our members across our community.

As soon as restrictions are lifted, we will be rebooking these events and look forward to welcoming members old and new to the club.

With the current COVID-19 restrictions in place the club is currently open on the following days:

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| • Wednesday | 6.00pm – 10.00pm |
| • Friday | 3.00pm – 10.00pm |
| • Saturday | 12.00pm – 10.00pm |
| • Sunday | 12.00pm – 10.00pm |

We have commenced our extremely popular Bingo nights with cash prizes on Sunday Evenings with eyes down at 7.30pm. Please arrive early to avoid disappointment whilst our numbers are restricted.

We are actively looking for Darts players to join the teams we currently have, it does not matter how good you are, come along and have a go. Darts meet on a Wednesday evening from 7.00pm.

With our new look bar we offer a wider range of beverages all at incredibly competitive prices, with a selection of lagers and real ales starting at just £3.00 for a pint and Birra Moretti is just £3.60 for a pint, we often put on specials for popular Gin & Tonics or wine too.

With our split screens we offer all the live sports including Football, F1, Rugby & Cricket on the Big 120" Mega screen or on our extra-large TV's.

To keep up to date with news, events and opening times please visit our Facebook Page **Broomfield RBL Social Club**, or website: **www.broomfieldrblsocialclub.com**



NHS Charities Together award extra £50,000 to Trust's COVID-19 Appeal

Staff and volunteers at Basildon, Southend and Mid Essex hospitals will be provided with mental health and wellbeing support thanks to a £50,000 donation to the Mid and South Essex Hospital Charity COVID-19 Appeal.

The money will also be used to support Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) staff who have been heavily affected during the pandemic. This £50,000 takes the total donated through NHS Charities Together to £228,000.

In total, the COVID-19 Appeal at the Trust has raised over £565,000, and has been making a real impact for NHS staff in Mid and South Essex. The money raised is being used to rapidly fund projects which can make a difference during lockdown and give continued mental health and wellbeing support for NHS staff in the longer term.

The projects these kind donations have already help make a reality for staff and patients, include wellbeing resources to help alleviate staff stress while working under constant pressure; creating fully equipped staff rest areas as places for people to take a break during periods of intensive work and providing alternative transport to work if public transport is not available.

It's also helped provide care packages for patients including toiletries, puzzle/colouring books and dignity clothing; as well as specialist communication devices in high risk areas to limit face-to-face contact.

To see how your donations are making an impact through our COVID-19 Appeal visit <https://msehospitalscharity.co.uk/template>.

To learn more about NHS Charities Together's national appeal, please visit: www.nhscharitiestogether.co.uk

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NHS Foundation Trust

Trust's Chief Nurse awarded MBE in Queen's Birthday Honours

Diane Sarkar, the Chief Nursing Officer for Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust, has been awarded an MBE in The Queen's Birthday Honours for her 36 years' dedication to nursing.

Regarding her MBE, Diane said: "We all know how challenging a year 2020 has been, not just for nursing, but for everyone, so to receive an MBE this year for my dedication to nursing and supporting others means an awful lot to me, both on a professional and personal level".

"I am extremely proud of all the nurses and midwives in Mid and South Essex - not only in my Trust, but across the system - for their hard work, care and dedication. Back when I started my training in 1986 I'd never even dreamt that something like this would be a possibility, so I hope it acts as an inspiration not just to nurses starting out today, but also to those that are still developing their careers.

"Nursing it isn't just a job, it is a vocation, and it continues to be a large and hugely rewarding part of my life. I am very proud to be a nurse."

Clare Panniker, Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust Chief Executive, said: "This honour is really well deserved, Diane has done a phenomenal amount to support and develop nursing in mid and south Essex over the last 19 years. It is also great for nursing in general to see its leaders being recognised in this way. Huge congratulations to Diane and her family."



NHS drone trial set to take flight

A healthcare drone trial that could revolutionise the way the NHS transports samples is being tested at Broomfield Hospital.

The three-metre wingspan drone is set to begin test flights later this month, in a six-month trial backed by the UK Space Agency. If phase one of the test flights are successful over the next few months, it's hoped the drone will then fly non-medical items, such as PPE, and could eventually even carry COVID-19 samples and blood tests.

A purpose-built landing pad is being built on the hospital site in Chelmsford for the flights. The hybrid-drone lands and takes off vertically, like a helicopter, but also has wings like a plane. It's a fitting a location for the trial, as Broomfield was once a WW1 Royal Flying Corp Airfield.

The drone, which is almost silent when cruising in forward-flight, will be flying at 300 feet (90 metres) above ground level, ensuring that the drone and any manned aircraft – which fly above 500 feet (150 metres) - are kept separate.

The drone is also quiet, and will not be able to be heard indoors once it reaches 250 feet. Flights will eventually be taking place over farmland and empty spaces, avoiding homes and residential areas.



Annual social distance friendly Ride for Helen cycle event hailed a success!

Almost 600 cyclists from around the county and beyond, gathered at Crix in Hatfield Peverel to take part in the long awaited Ride for Helen 2020, raising in the region of £32,000 for the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity!

After COVID-19 restrictions were put in place, the annual cycle event had to be postponed but it finally took place on Sunday 20th September. Strict social distancing measures were adhered to to ensure riders could take part with confidence and guidelines set out by British Cycling were followed. The annual bike ride now in its seventh year, has become a firm favourite on the Essex cycling calendar. The Charity welcomed riders of all ages and abilities, with a choice of cycling routes; 6 miles, 15 miles, 30 miles and 65 miles. Those enjoying the beautiful countryside routes included families with small children, seasoned road cyclists and even a Unicyclist and Vintage cycles! Back at Crix the team from Spokes in Chelmsford were also on-hand to offer complimentary bike checks, advice and repairs.

Helen Rollason Cancer Charity CEO Kate Alden said: "As we stand, Helen Rollason Cancer Charity is looking at a loss in the region of £150,000 for this financial year, this is just over 15% of our income for last year and this is assuming our budgeted income is achieved.

Therefore, we really needed to make this event a success and raise as much money as possible to keep our vital charity operational. This money will enable us to provide complementary therapy treatments to over 1280 local people living with cancer."

The Helen Rollason Cancer Charity is dedicated to championing quality of life for everyone living with or affected by Cancer through the provision of support centres, complementary therapies, information and advice and supporting clinical trials. The Charity receives no Government funding but there is no charge for the services provided.

Launch of new website!

Helen Rollason Cancer Charity are proud to announce the launch of their newly designed website at www.helenrollason.org.uk. The new site features a modern design, improved functionality and easy access to essential information to help people access our cancer support.

The Helen Rollason Cancer Charity is dedicated to championing quality of life for everyone living with or affected by Cancer through the provision of support centres, complementary therapies, information and advice and supporting clinical trials. The Charity receives no Government funding but there is no charge for the services provided.

For more information, please visit our new website or call **01245 380719**.

Holly Butler,

Marketing & Communications Co-Ordinator

Helen Rollason Cancer Charity



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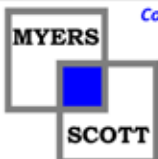
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Broomfield Cricket Club News

Cricket made a belated return to Brooklands in July following an easing of restrictions and thanks to the efforts of members in making the Ground and Clubhouse fit for purpose following Government and ECB guidelines.

No league matches this season but the Saturday senior teams enjoyed a number of friendly fixtures through until September. The focus for the 2nd XI was to give opportunity to our group of young players, so much so that they recorded a win against a Burnham XI with 7 aged between 14 and 16 in the team and a respectable loss in the last match with 8. Matty Mansfield, Henry Brannan, Liam Atkins and 14-year-old Noah Pyne amongst others all made significant contributions. All of which bodes well for the future.

The Juniors meanwhile enjoyed their matches and coaching sessions, split over two evenings to manage numbers. Pictured is the Under 13 squad with their end of season awards. Special mentions to Jamie Tweed, who was batsman of the season and impressed with his captaincy, Dara Gleeson for his bowling but who also had a top score of 39, Ben Baines with a 31 and 8 catches no less, Dan Knight with a best bowling of 3 for 11 and Edward Baker who took a 4 for 37. Well done to them and all of the squad.

Watch this space for details, if permitted, of our winter indoor net coaching sessions or contact me on the email address below. New players of all ages welcome.

Tony Cowell

Chairman

tony.cowell1@btinternet.com



BROOMFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB

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CHARTERED STANDARD CLUB

Broomfield Football Club

Despite the pandemic, the new season started on time at the beginning of September in accordance with FA and government related guidelines.

This season will see the club running 30 teams from Under 7s up to Under 18s, plus seniors and Over 45 Super Vets. The junior teams include several girl's teams and we also have a new ladies team in the seniors' category. We are pleased to welcome a few new coaches who will soon be taking their Level 1 coaching qualifications, many of these courses will be hosted at the clubhouse by Essex FA. New players and coaches are always welcome at the club so please get in touch if you are interested in joining the club in any capacity.

Our clubhouse is open for business on match days in accordance with social distancing guidelines and the rule of 6 although tables are only available for drinks indoors and must be booked in advance.

We have invested in new modern, portable goals for our junior 11 aside and 9 aside pitches complete with nets in club colours - these look really impressive on match days and the players are enjoying using them. Our club boot and kit store is also open for business selling donated very good quality second hand football boots at £8 and sports T-shirts for just a few pounds.

The shop is open most Saturday mornings in the clubhouse and some stock can now be viewed online at www.broomfieldfc.com/bootstore.aspx.

We are very grateful to Lesley Temple who has raised nearly £2000 for the club through her efforts with the boot store. At the same time, Lesley and the parents who have donated stock have saved many other families a small fortune as they have not needed to buy brand new boots for fast growing feet every 6-12 months!

Broomfield Football Club has now become a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the charity commission. The old members club structure was no longer appropriate for our needs and has been dissolved. Given our new charitable status, we were proud to have helped a fellow charity by hosting our annual (socially distanced) Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning on 26th September which raised over £500 for the charity. We are very grateful to all those who donated cakes and helped at the event.

Stuart Paterson

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Baycroft Great Baddow is our second luxury care home, providing expert 24-hour residential, nursing and dementia care.

We are creating homes that feel like home, where you can truly feel at ease. As much thought has been invested into the dining experience, the engaging social activities, the innovative technologies and the high quality facilities as the exemplary standards of care. These elements combined create the comfortable and fulfilling lifestyle you deserve.

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