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Broomfield TIMES

Welcome to the Winter edition of Broomfield Times.

Cold and wet days are now upon us but there are plenty of events taking place in Broomfield to keep you warm and dry and keep you in touch with fellow residents - with Warm Hubs opening every lunchtime in various locations around the Village... you have no excuse!

Many thanks must go to the many Volunteers who help to deliver Broomfield Times to every house and business in Broomfield - they go out in all weathers and do a brilliant job! Also thank you to Diane Herbert who helps me edit the articles. A very BIG WELL DONE to Donna Hance for being voted Community Champion & she got to put the Christmas lights on in Chelmsford High Street too!

Anyone who has an interesting article, photos, information relevant to Broomfield (articles are subject to editing) - please let me know either by email: Editor@broomfield-pc.gov.uk or by letter. Next copy date is 3rd March 2023.

Happy Christmas & a very Happy & Healthy New Year

Karen Hurrell, Editor

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Chairman's Chat

The days have drawn in and winter has arrived.

The Village is providing Warm Hubs every weekday around lunchtime – please see Page 25 for information - you are very welcome to all of the sessions, and we hope that you can save on your fuel bills by joining with us at those times. The less fuel we all use the better we can look after our world and our own budgets. It is a very good feeling that so many different organisations are coming together to provide warm hubs. Broomfield is a village to be proud of.

The Parish Council recently had a session on Health and Wellbeing, and we were pleased to realise that we already have many activities which improve health and wellbeing and the more we meet in small groups - the happier we seem to be – more to come soon! One idea we have is to have more benches around the Village (for people who are recuperating for instance) who can walk between the benches and then rest to gradually build up their strength.

As a Parish Council we continue to campaign for a safer village, one where pedestrians and cyclists come first. We are very pleased that the pedestrian crossing near Erick Avenue is now painted and much safer to use.

We have just joined together as a village for Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday. As sad as that day is, especially this year when we know that war is raging in Europe, it was an occasion when so many different organisations met together. The young were represented by the Scouts and by Broomfield Football Club, a new and welcome addition this time were the Blue Knights Motorcycle Club who you will remember from the Jubilee Celebration. Although a sad occasion it was good to join with so many of all ages to remember. The telephone box on Angel Green commemorated those who died from our village.

The Village Hall now has a community larder, funded by the Parish Council and Morrisons. You are very welcome to use it or make donations. We had a preloved school uniform day in the Village Hall which was very popular. A visitor to the Village Hall recently said that it was 'buzzing' which is exactly what we want.

I wish you all a peaceful and Happy Christmas and hope to see you at the Village Hall very soon.

Cllr Margaret Bleet





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Report from the Environmental Committee

The Village Attendant has been busy helping to carry out work overseen by the Committee.

A new bin has been installed in Jubilee Avenue; the phone box on Angel Green has been cleaned and will be painted again in the Spring – it has been decorated for Remembrance Sunday

Centenary wood will be having a survey to identify how we can utilise and make most of the space to provide a safe habitat for wildlife – this will be carried out by Essex Wildlife who will also survey ponds and other open spaces within the Village.

The Village Attendant has planted some new bulbs and plants in the various planters around the Village and a very successful Litter Pick Day was held recently and after all the hard work, coffee and cake were gratefully

received by all who attended. The next Litter Pick Day will be on Saturday 28th January 2023 – please come along!



Litter Picking Jack

Jack (6) has been working hard with his Dad clearing litter from the footpath between the Church and Chelmer Valley High School.

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Deputy.clerk@broomfield-pc.gov.uk



Community Speed Watch – an update

The good news for the Speed watch is that our two monitoring sites in Main Road and School Lane have finally been re-approved after a delay of 9 months.

Unfortunately, I have stood down as Community Speed Watch Coordinator. Although I am no longer part of Speed Watch, I am happy to help others informally in any way I can. **Chris Gardiner**

Thank you, Chris, for all your hard work with CSW – it is a shame that you are no longer able to volunteer – you shall be missed!

If you would like to volunteer to join this scheme – you will need to be registered with Essex Fire & Rescue - training is available by Zoom and on site – more details from the Parish Office on **01245 441660** or email clerk@broomfield-pc.gov.uk or see www.communityspeedwatch.org





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Christmas Gingerbread Biscuits

When it comes to Christmas baking, you can't go wrong with gingerbread.

Try these traditional sweetly spiced biscuits and put your own spin on them with festive cookie cutter shapes and fun icing decorations.

Ingredients (makes 12)

For the biscuits

- 8oz plain flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 2 tsp ground ginger
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 2oz butter or margarine
- 2oz soft brown sugar
- 2 heaped tablespoons golden syrup

For the icing

- Icing sugar
- Boiling water

You will also need a sieve, cookie cutters, piping bags or a small sandwich bag, and a baking tray.

Method

1. Sift the flour, baking powder, ginger, and cinnamon into a large mixing bowl. Put the butter, brown sugar, and golden syrup into a saucepan and melt together over a low heat, stirring so the sugar doesn't burn.
2. Take the pan off the heat and pour the melted ingredients into the dry ingredients. Mix together by hand until it forms a soft smooth dough. On a floured work surface, roll out the dough to about 1cm thickness, and cut out the biscuits using whichever shape cookie cutters you like best.

3. Place the biscuits on a greased baking tray and bake in the oven at 150C for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. Once baked, let the biscuits cool on a wire rack.
5. While the biscuits are cooling, make the icing. Sift five tablespoons of icing sugar into a bowl and add a splash of boiling water. Stir until you have a smooth paste (you may need to add more sifted sugar or more water to reach the desired consistency).
6. Make sure the biscuits are fully cooled, then spoon the icing into the piping bags. If you don't have piping bags, a small sandwich bag will work well – gather the icing in one corner of the bag and snip off the very tip of the bag's corner.
7. Pipe the icing onto the biscuits in whichever pattern you fancy. This is your chance to be creative! We like decorating round biscuits like Christmas tree baubles, and star biscuits like winter snowflakes. If you've used traditional gingerbread men cookie cutters, you can use the icing to draw jolly smiles and a festive bow tie. Silver ball decorations add a shiny flourish to whichever design you pick.





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Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

It's your chance to have your say on Broomfield's future – but we need your views by 13th January.

The draft Plan is based residents' views and extensive research over the last 6 years. Please tell us if you like the result!

What you told us.

In surveys, you said that you like or love:

- The countryside around Broomfield
- In particular, the tranquillity, openness, opportunity for recreation, natural break between settlements, wildlife and views
- Living in a village that feels separate from Chelmsford, with its own sense of identity
- Broomfield's historic buildings and sense of heritage
- The current community facilities, though nearly half of you would like to see more

But you don't like or hate:

- The level of traffic and its impact on village life



- The lack of affordable housing
- 'Modernist' building styles, blocks of flats etc.

So, in the Neighbourhood Plan, we've tried to:

Protect the Best. If agreed, the Plan will protect:

- The Settlement Gap between Broomfield village and the Chelmsford urban area, keeping the village separate and distinct



- Valued Landscapes, landscape character and important views
- Special pieces of land in and around the village – 15 places are to be protected as Local Green Space
- High quality agricultural land (most of the farmland around Broomfield)
- Street scene, with new guidelines and policy to ensure that new buildings blend in well with existing settings and styles
- Three historic parts of the village, which will become Special Character Areas
- Existing woodland and hedgerows
- Public rights of way.



Improve the Rest.

The Plan proposes:

- New green spaces with public access: 1.5 hectares south of Broomfield Place and 4 hectares east of Saxon Way (with access to the Anglo-Saxon Burial site)



- New cycle paths and footpaths to the east and the west of the village, so that you can cycle safely into the City Centre



- Traffic reduction measures along Main Road and on smaller roads
- New community facilities as needed, including an affordable meeting space for residents who work at home and, if possible, a GP surgery
- New hedgerows and woodland belts, especially around the City Council's big new development north of the Hospital

- A new strategy to boost use of sustainable green energy
- A Community Land Trust to provide some genuinely affordable housing for existing Broomfield residents, in perpetuity.

To find out more and to have your say:

Go to our website: www.broomfieldnp.org.uk. You can read and comment on the Plan, as well as reading other features.

Go to Broomfield Library or the Parish Council Office in the Village Hall. There are paper copies of the Plan and response forms. Pop your completed response form in to the Parish Office.



Come to our FINAL OPEN DAY in the Village Hall on Saturday 7th January (pm – times to be confirmed). There will be displays and people to ask if you have questions or comments, plus you can complete the response form there and then if you want.

Advance warning: the Plan is quite long and there are plenty of things for you to comment on! But you don't need to answer all the questions if you're only interested in certain parts. And if you get stuck, please e-mail us at info@broomfieldnp.org.uk or come to the Open Day on 7th January. We'll be glad to help.

Don't forget the deadline - Friday 13th January.

Join our residents' panel

Our residents' panel is an opportunity for you to have your voice heard at a senior level within the council.

You can tell us your views about the services and issues that matter to you, and we'll listen to your feedback and look for ways to improve. We'll give you regular updates on what changes have been made as a result of that feedback.

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It has been a pleasure to welcome several new members over recent months as a result of taking part in Broomfield Village Hall's Queen's jubiliations celebrations and various advertising.

After COVID we have started getting back to playing friendly matches against other clubs. We have played both home and away at Chignall, Mayland, Great Waltham and Boreham - although we didn't win all the matches, we had an enjoyable time and we hope to play one or two more next year.

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Broomfield Cottage Gardeners' Society

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Our winter programme of evening talks is now well underway. Please check out our website www.broomfieldcottagegardenerssociety.co.uk/ for more details or contact bcgsshowsecretary@gmail.com for more information or to join the Society.

Selina Matthews



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Broomfield u3a is part of a nationwide collection of independent charitable 'branches' totalling 430,000 members.

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To find out more about our range of activities,

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(2nd Wednesday in the month from 1.30)



October's Walking Group en route to Gosbecks

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Knit n Natter at Broomfield Village Hall

Dates (TBC) - 15th February; 15th March; 19th April; 17th May 2023

Knit and Natter and Craft afternoons celebrated their 1st birthday recently. These monthly afternoons are very well supported (averaging 35-45 ladies each time) many new friendships have been formed and Jan Spiller says she is delighted these get-togethers are bringing people to the Village Hall, we have lots of fun and laughter and definitely more nattering than knitting!!

Recently Jan/Ray Spiller provided one of their coach trips to take 53 people to Alexandra Palace for the Knit and Stitch show which everybody thoroughly enjoyed. The coach left Broomfield Village Hall at 8am and arrived just before the doors opened, leaving at 5pm and arrived back at the Village Hall at 6.20. Jan

says, 'It was such a thoroughly enjoyable day that we will be running a coach next year on Saturday October 7 to do it all again!'

Broomfield Coach Trips, run by residents Ray and Jan Spiller, bookings are going through the roof! What started in May 2022 with one coach booking (to Windsor) has escalated to over 50 coach trips taking in many locations. We have a further 60 trips planned for 2023 for the people of Broomfield – a newsletter every two weeks gives details of their trips – its circulation is over 1,500.

And that's not all Broomfield Coaches will be holding Social Nights at Broomfield Village Hall and occasional Sunday lunches at The County Hotel also giving Broomfield Church a donation towards their restoration funds. For further details on the Knit and Natter Afternoons and the coach trip they provide email [ray: rayspiller@aol.com](mailto:ray:rayspiller@aol.com) or phone **01245 512997** for a printed list of the trips.



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Essex Dementia Care

Local charity plays it's part in a challenging economic climate.

Essex based charity, Essex Dementia Care has once again frozen prices charged for services in their annual review.



Senior Manager, Kelly Bleasdale says "It has been a very tough time for everyone over the past two years. Individuals, businesses, and charities have all struggled to survive covid.

Having successfully navigated these challenges, we are now facing the fastest growing rate of inflation for 20 years. Against this backdrop, our clients might have been expecting a price increase, but our board of trustees have decided not to implement one at this time. We want to continue our mission to help as many people as possible by keeping prices for our activity-based dementia care as affordable as possible. Obviously, our own overheads will be affected by price increases, however, as an extremely well-run charity we will continue to put exceptional effort into fundraising. This will be the third consecutive year that we have held our prices and we are happy to be able to play a small part in helping people in this challenging economic climate. We will continue to offer a high standard of service at prices that clients and loved ones can afford."

Essex Dementia Care is a small charity helping people with dementia continue to live active and fulfilling lives. Activity based care is offered either in a group setting or on a One2One basis and loved ones and families are also offered support through the different stages of the journey.



Essex Dementia Care run an 'Everyday Counts' activity group at Broomfield Village Hall on Fridays from 11am to 5pm. To arrange a free 'Taster Day' please call **01245 363 789** or visit Essexdementiacare.org.uk for more information on all available services



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Tuesday - St Mary's Church Free hot drinks, soup and roll 12-2

Wednesday - The Methodist Church Free hot drinks, soup and roll-12-3

Thursday - Broomfield Village Hall Free hot drinks and lunch 12.30-3

Friday - Broomfield Football Club Free hot drinks, soup and toast 12-3

Broomfield Events



We have been busy working with other community groups within the Village and are pleased to say we are now a Warm Welcome Hub, we are offering a hot lunch on Thursdays between 12.30 - 3pm, the groups are here to reduce social isolation and keep warm over the colder months, we have a range of games, puzzles, and books to keep us busy and plenty of chatter to go round.

The Village Hall now has a Community Larder where people can access tinned and nonperishable foods without any questions being asked.

If you know of anyone who may need these please do let them know.

Whilst all of our usual groups such as Stay and Play and Coffee Mornings are still running, we are also busy with some new groups, one being our Men's Shed project which has become the Co-ops Community Group for next year, if you have a Co-op card, we would be most grateful if you would add us as your Community Group of the year, for every £1 spent we receive 2p.

Our Seniors Lunch sold out in a record time of 48 Minutes! 95 people from the Village joined us on the 30th of November for a festive 2 course meal and dancing.

Our Christmas Fayre was on the 4th December, all the craft tables were sold and I had a quiet word with Santa who was happy to visit our Grotto, we hope you paid us a visit.

Our Christmas Trees places are all taken, and the competition is set for the 10th December - we open to the public at 3pm who will be welcomed to the Hall to Judge the trees, share a mince pie and a cuppa whilst listening to the Methodist Church Choir.

All that's left for me to say is have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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News from Broomfield Hospital

Charity funded Bereavement Garden opens during Babyloss Awareness Week

A garden, which is a safe and welcoming sanctuary for families who have lost their babies, has opened for the first time at Broomfield Hospital as part of Babyloss Awareness Week (9-15 October).

The Blossom Garden cost £25,000, funded by Mid and South Essex Hospitals Charity, and is a quiet location where families impacted can take their baby, away from the ward, to make lasting memories. The garden also gives somewhere families can return to, after they had gone home, to feel connected to their baby.

Stacey Alliston, from Basildon who suffered her own babyloss, said: "This is such a lovely space and it's quiet so we can reflect. It's somewhere I can come with my blossom friends, our rainbow babies can play and we can feel close to all our babies."

Families who visit the garden, are also able to bring along a pebble showing the name of their baby and place it on the path leading into the garden. Tabitha Stuthridge, Senior Specialist Bereavement Midwife, said: "The Blossom Garden was thoughtfully planned and designed by the Grounds and Gardens team, with support and input from the Blossom Suite team at the Hospital. The garden is an extension of that bereavement suite for families affected by babyloss. It started as an idea five years ago after a father spoke about how he wished he had thought about taking his baby outside to feel the sun on its face. The Blossom Suite is a lovely space, having a change of scenery away from the ward gives parents a chance to spend precious time together. Benches and a butterfly screen offer individual areas for people to use, and the location in the woods led to the opportunity to plant bluebells and incorporate the woods into the garden, giving the impression that the garden continues on, like the never-ending love parents have for their babies".



Friends

at Broomfield Hospital

AS BUSY AS EVER....

Friends at Broomfield Hospital have once again stepped up to help Mid & South Essex Hospitals Trust purchase a variety of specialised medical equipment and amenities to ensure the people of Essex receive the best care and treatment possible at Broomfield Hospital.

During the year the Friends are particularly proud to have donated well over £100,000 and Alison Douglas, Chair of Friends at Broomfield Hospital, said: "It gives us a real boost to think that our volunteers' efforts can have such important results particularly after experiencing some challenging times."

The Friends run two shops located in the hospital manned entirely by Friends volunteers. Both shops are surprisingly busy and with the increase in sales, it has proved a bumper year for supporting hospital requests.

Barbara Coupe, shop manager was delighted to report at the Friends charity trustees monthly meeting that business was steadily picking up as pandemic restrictions at the hospital are being eased. Sales of refreshments of all kinds are on the increase and as the Christmas season fast approaches, festive goodies and treats will be on sale too.

This additional income is reflected in the impressive donations that can be made to the

hospital. Only recently another four requests from the hospital were unanimously approved by the Friends Committee, and this includes support for Pulse Art whose trained musicians provide engaging music therapy to both young and older patients.



Photo: Marion, Volunteer Coordinator with new volunteer, Barbara

Look out for our feature in the next edition of the Broomfield Times, where we will be letting you know more about how Friends donations are already making a difference.

If you would like to volunteer for the Friends, donate or raise funds there are so many ways you can help, you can simply visit our website at **fabh.org** for much more information.

Chelmsford Silver Band

Get into the Christmas spirit and join the Band for a free evening of festive music and carol singing (song sheets provided!) at the Broomfield Road Methodist Church (124 Main Road Broomfield, CM1 7AG) on Wednesday 21st December at 8pm.

There will be refreshments available too (donation welcome).

A warm welcome to everyone! Loud singing encouraged! The Methodist Church has disabled access and facilities. You can email us for more information on **chelmsfordsilverband@gmail.com** or phone our chair Satoko Brook on **07946 674 011**

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Broomfield Royal British Legion

On 11th November at 11am, Broomfield Royal British legion held a service at Church Green War Memorial to commemorate Armistice Day, it was attended by members of the local community and the British legion.

On Sunday 13th November we held our Remembrance Sunday Church Parade. The Blue Knights formed a guard of honour for our members and were joined on the parade by Broomfield Scouts and Broomfield Football Club.

The Church service was well attended, and this years' service was based on the 40th anniversary of the Falklands conflict. A poem "Ode to Tumbledown" by Lt Mark Mathewson of the Scot's Guards was read by Branch Secretary Karen Denmark and wreaths were laid in the church.

After the service the congregation proceeded to the church yard for the act of remembrance and laying of wreaths on the war graves.

Afterwards everyone was welcomed back to our Club for refreshments and a light buffet, along with singer Denyse Donnell for a very enjoyable afternoon.



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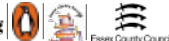
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Broomfield Primary School Updates

The Autumn Term at Broomfield Primary School has been as busy and as fun as ever!



Each year, Broomfield Primary School raises money for Farleigh Hospice - this year, the School collected over 200 boxes teabags and 50 jars of coffee for Farleigh and St Mary's Church.

We marked Remembrance Sunday this year by making poppies from bottle bases which we have displayed along the front of the school.

Several classes across the school made scarecrows as part of the Broomfield Primary School PTA 'Scarecrow Trail'.

This year's Year 6 pupils have now completed their training and are now busy with lunchtime and playtime duties across the school.

Our Team and Vice Captains have been interviewed and selected by our Head Teacher and Deputy Head Teacher Mrs Shelley and Miss Few and have already been involved in creating and delivering Assemblies based around the theme of friendship to every class in the school as part of 'Anti-Bullying' week.

We are looking forward to the rest of this term, especially the Christmas Carol Concert at St Mary's church, and the Christmas Performance by our youngest classes.

Broomfield Primary School Council

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1st Broomfield Scout Group

The new term saw the start of outdoor activities for many of the young people of 1st Broomfield Scout Group – from the youngest Beaver to the oldest Scout.

BEAVERS: Both Beaver colonies attended the first Essex Jamboree – a weekend under canvas for all the Beaver Scouts in Essex. Never a dull moment they went on low ropes, did bushcraft, minibeast hunting, played games, tried the inflatable assault course and sung songs around a massive campfire. Needless to say they went to bed exhausted – but ready for the next day's activities. As if sleeping in tents was not enough another adventure was to Braintree Museum where they slept overnight with dinosaurs.....



Badges worked on by the Beavers included Health & Fitness, Global Issues (learning about such things as endangered species & fair trade), Safety (stranger danger, fire safety & the emergency services). Sports activities included a visit to Broomfield Cricket Club and crab football (a favourite!)

In addition to their badges three Beavers gained their Chief Scout Bronze Award (the highest award a Beaver can gain).

CUBS: The Kantankye and Dinizulu Cub Packs were not be outdone – they attended the County's Cub Megacamp in June, another action packed weekend. In addition to a variety of camps Kantankye Cubs entered both Broomfield Cottage Gardeners' Shows, with two winners.

Badges being undertaken included Safety & Global Issues; the latter introducing the Cubs to the lack of water in some regions of the world. They learnt how to make a simple water filter – "be cautious if Bagheera offers you a glass of water"!!!

SCOUTS: The Scouts also headed outdoors; two activities worthy of mention were competitive adventurous ultimate challenges - the Plainsmans' & Wanderers' Hikes. These take place over full weekends with teams hiking & camping over unknown territory (usually hilly). The young ladies in the Plainsman Team fought through a strenuous weekend, broken but not bowed, soldiering on to the finish. The young people entering the Wanderers did some fantastic map reading, really boosting their confidence, and overtaking other teams in the process – well done to them all.



Camps also featured; the County weekend (Epic) camp introduced the Scouts to some new activities. Disappointment was apparently expressed by the early risers who found the Tuck Shop did not open at 6.30am... Summer Camp took place in Dorset with a host of activities including archery, paddle-boarding,



canoeing, swimming, day visits to the Beaulieu Motor Museum, Swanage (by steam train) and Brownsea Island amongst

others. A great time was had by all.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

We are only able to provide these activities as a consequence of the time given by our fantastic team of volunteer leaders – but we can always do with more assistance. If you think you have some spare time to offer to help us why not come and have a chat?

Volunteering can be a brilliant way to boost your mental wellbeing. It's a great feeling knowing you're helping young people get skills for life, and you might even learn a lot about yourself along the way.

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If you can only occasionally help, that's OK. Whether you'd like to be an activity planner, tea-maker or craft creator, we appreciate any time you can spare.

Email for more information at:

1stbroomfieldchairman@gmail.com

As we all know costs are rising for all of us. Providing a wide range of activities for our young people has a distinct cost. YOU can help us and it won't cost you a penny! Please take all your waste paper and cardboard (please fold/collapse all boxes) to our skip next to the Scout Hut in School Lane. All funds received from the waste paper and card goes directly to help Scouting in Broomfield. Many thanks

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BROOMFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB

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Broomfield Football Club (BFC)

Broomfield FC was very keen this year to get the players (both boys and girls) all ages involved in this year's remembrance service.

A number of coaches and players attended the church service at St. Mary's Broomfield on the Sunday morning and then Broomfield FC, along with many other players and coaches, paid their own respect at 2pm before a 2:15 Kick Off. We were joined by Andy Mussell from St. Mary's Church and three representatives from the Royal British Legion to say a few words before all coming together for a two-minute silence, after our Broomfield Bugler played the Last Post. It was a lovely mark of respect and Broomfield FC enjoyed showing our young players the importance of this time and will look forward to collaborating again with the community next year on this event.

BROOMFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB is open for business Fridays, Saturdays and Sunday offering refreshments and bar, Sky sports TV, and our BOOT STORE is open on Saturday morning selling second hand football boots, kits and BFC Merchandise. We are also available for hire for events and run a monthly lottery. We are also open on New Year's Eve and will have a DJ and disco.

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From Broomfield Cricket Club...

Like our own 1st and U15 teams last season, it was good to see England enjoy success by winning the T20 World Cup and shows that cricket can be a year round pursuit.

This is certainly the case here at Broomfield where our indoor team is going great guns, already surpassing our points total for the whole of last season despite only playing half as many games so far. The U15s form the backbone of the team and are now starting to beat local opposition who unsportingly play with adult line ups; it just makes the victories all the sweeter.

The Club recently held a Bonfire Night Quiz which attracted over 60 people. A bonfire-themed bake off ran in parallel, with the judges choosing the cake with a Guy based on recent political events as the controversial winner; who says sport and politics don't mix?

With World Cup Football taking centre stage we are showing games at the Pavilion, which keeps our community in touch, and also serves as a good way to clear the bar of any stock.

Looking ahead, Colt Winter nets start in January, and with numbers still high we'll probably split into two sessions with the younger ones on a Wednesday evening and the older groups on a Friday. The pre-season prep is very important, it's no coincidence that the colts that hit the ground running in May are often the ones that attend over Winter.

Our off-field activities continue and plans to improve our facilities will be presented at the upcoming AGM, so hopefully over the next couple of seasons we'll be able to build on the success of local cricket, again if you would like to support these initiatives in any way please contact the club. In the meantime, we look forward to the season starting and the warm weather returning, new members are always welcome.

Robin Baker

U15 Colt Manager and 2s Captain





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