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Welcome to the Summer edition of Broomfield Times.

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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! Look out for more volunteering opportunities in the Village - read on! Also thank you to Diane Herbert who helps me edit the articles.

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 5th September

Karen Hurrell - Editor

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Annual Report from Chair Councillor Margaret Bleet

This has been a momentous 12 months – we had the Queen's Jubilee which we celebrated with an amazing Village Fete allowing people to be able to mix freely again after Covid with the weather being kind too! Then sadly we had the death of the Queen and many of you came to the Village Hall to add to our Book of Condolences.

Then we celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III with another opportunity to allow us all to get together at the Village Fayre and many of you came to join in the celebrations – you may have noticed the new badges worn by our Parish Councillors and many of you came to say hello.

Thanks to the team at the Village Hall and Parish Council who have helped to make these occasions very special.

Unfortunately we are currently living through a cost of living crisis and the Parish Council and Village Hall responded by providing a Warm Hub (the scheme was funded by the Government via Essex County Council) which enabled parishioners to enjoy a hot lunch and company to save their own electricity bills – this proved very popular.

Now funding has ceased but we have continued with a Lunch Club with often up to 50 people – donations are welcomed for those that can afford to contribute.

Donna Hance (Events & Fundraising Manager) and Councillor Angie Faulds do the cooking assisted by volunteers Mick Tinsley (Broomfield Football Club) as well as staff from the Parish Council and Village Hall.

We are still able to provide a Community Larder inside the foyer of the Village Hall – please make use of this if you need to.

The Lunch Club is one example of how we work in partnership with many other village organisations: Broomfield Football Club, Methodist Church, St Mary's Church, Madelayne Court, Royal British Legion,

Broomfield Coach Trips, Chelmer Valley High School and Broomfield Primary School.

Activities continue to grow with community allotments, community garden, Men's Shed Project, Stay n Play, Woodland Warriors, Tree for Life, planting of trees and hedges (project with Essex Wildlife Trust) and we recently held an ECO Day with members from RHS Hyde Hall, Broomfield Cottage Gardeners' and our Allotment Society providing ways to enhance our environment.

The Parish Council takes care of many open spaces including Angel Meadow and all the Village Greens – we are currently working with residents of Church Green to find the best way to care for that space.



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We have made grants to the Village Hall to help provide solar panel, new windows, CCTV and the repainting of the Hall.

Financially we have been hit hard during the year by the removal of 500 houses from our Parish (Beaulieu and Channels) as they are now in their own Parish and therefore precept monies received are lower and as there has been very little building of new homes – it has affected the income received from Community Infrastructure Levy. We continue to look at other areas for funding.

A great concern is highway safety and potholes which comes under the remit of Essex County Council – we have managed to have two pedestrian crossings repainted and potholes filled and a School Crossing Patrol will shortly start work outside the Primary School.

We have set up a Community Speed Watch Group and a Highways Working Group (with the support of ECC Councillor Mike Steele).

We have joined with around 40 other Parish Councils to request 20 mph on side roads to co-incide with the rest of the Country – no timeline has yet been received back in response.

These innovations and projects would not be possible without volunteers for whom we are very grateful – soon they will be known as Broomfield Buddies – watch this space.

We have said goodbye to two long serving Councillors Les Steed (47 years) and Ros Mercer (15 years) who have recently retired and we welcome two new Councillors to take their place – Adewole Adelana and Carol Taylor who will be working alongside other Parish Councillors and excellent Parish Council and Village Hall staff.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to another successful year.

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We are pleased to report that the Tree for Life Scheme will be continuing for babies born in 2023 who live in Broomfield.

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Cllr Angie Faulds





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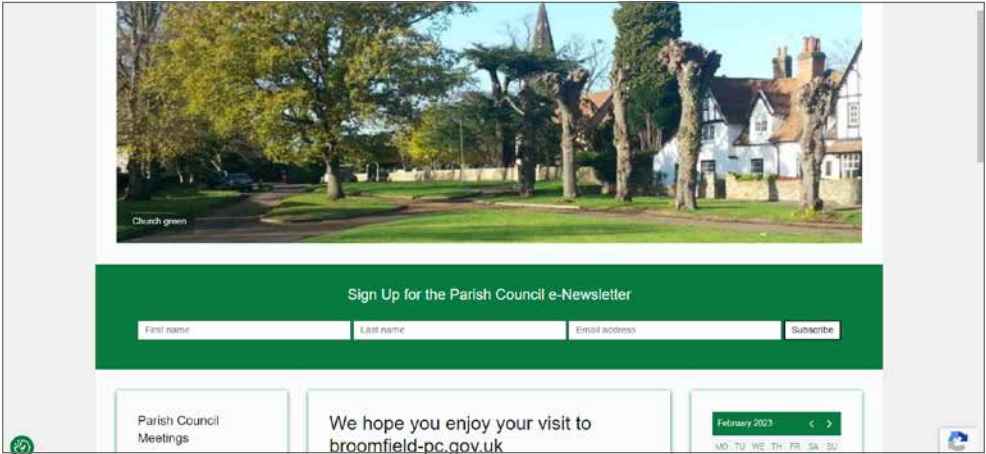


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August	2nd	9th	16th	
September	6th	13th	20th	
October	4th	11th	18th	25th
November	1st	8th	15th	22nd
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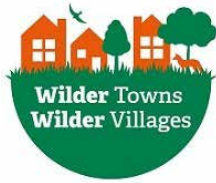


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This edition I would like to report to you on the Wilder Towns, Wilder Villages scheme the Parish Council has entered into with The Essex Wildlife Trust.

This decision was taken as the PC's response to the ecological emergency in Britain.

Those who have been watching David Attenborough's recent series will know we are one of the most nature depleted countries in the world. The State of Nature Report (2016) lists as number 189 out of 218 countries, using the biodiversity intactness index. We have lost significantly more biodiversity than the world average.



One in seven of our native species is now in danger of extinction. Since 1970, we have lost three quarters of our farmland birds. In the same period, insects as a whole have halved, moths have declined 88%, ground beetles 72%, butterflies 76%. At this rate they will disappear completely.

Conversely, Britain has the largest membership of wildlife protection organisations in Europe, but the lowest percentage of land as nature reserves in Europe. We have 10 national parks, but all are intensively grazed - not given over to nature as in other countries.

In this context, it is imperative that we give part of all open space to wildlife. We are currently receiving free advice from the Essex Wildlife Trust and have invested in more detailed ecological surveys of two assets - Parsonage Green Pond and Centenary Wood, which will be carried out shortly. We will then try to follow their advice to make these areas where we can share the benefits more with wildlife.

However, a lot of simple other improvements can be cheaply done - two of the most effective are leaving more long grass patches to be cut



and removed twice a year, and when a tree is felled keep the wood on site in wood piles. We will experiment with some areas of longer grass around the edge of David Smith Field and Angel Meadow, and small areas on Parsonage Green and Church Green.

We hope you enjoyed the wildflowers on David Smith field last summer. We hope they will come again.

This might support 40 species of pollinator. However, a patch of native wild grassland will support up to 1400 species of insects which feed on the leaves, stems, and roots. Insects of course are food for birds and animals further up the food chain.

Where the hedge had to be removed between the two fields, a new Woodland Trust hedge was planted in March, and it was decided the grass would be allowed to grow long around it, as mowing between 60 saplings would be too intricate anyway.

Thank you to those who helped plant this- see photos- especially Aniket, who still had some energy left after his football match!

- Cllr Angie Faulds



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Broomfield Village Hall

In the current energy crisis, the Village Hall had to face escalating electricity bills which led to making decisions on what community projects we could finance.

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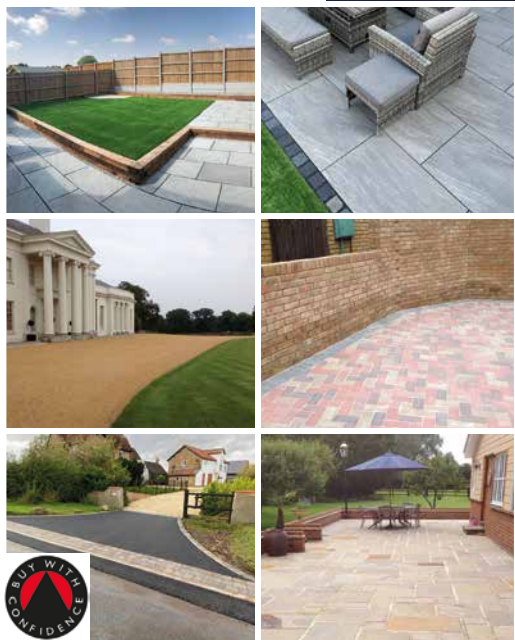
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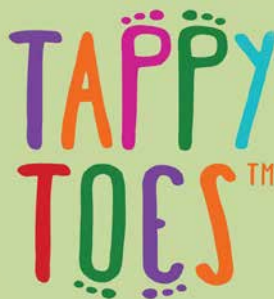
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The meetings offer an opportunity to socialise, find out what's happening in our local area and wider u3a network, followed by a presentation from a guest speaker. The range of topics covered is very diverse, and has ranged from 'interpreting Egyptian hieroglyphics', through 'chocolate' to 'Wildlife Photography' via 'Slavery' and 'Walking the Camino'!

Our interest groups are too many to list here, but you can find out what's available and see the topics we've covered in our meetings by visiting our website. Simply search online for 'Broomfield & District u3a'. You can also come along to one of our meetings to find out more directly if you wish. We meet at the Broomfield Village Hall on the second Thursday of every month except August – visit:

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A Warm Welcome to Broomfield Events

As usual we have been busy working in the community - our Warm Hub on a Thursday is now a Lunch Club where we provide a two-course lunch for a donation, it has been very well used with over 40 people attending each week.



The Community Larder (situated in the foyer of the Village Hall) is now being used regularly by members of the public; it has been a big help to some of our residents who cannot make the big

trip to the supermarket.

If you know of anyone who may need any item - please do let them know.



Eyes down for BINGO!! In April saw 62 people come along and support our fundraiser, we had a great night and raised £342 for the Village Hall and £126 for the Men's Shed project. Our Seniors Easter Lunch was a huge success, 85 people attended. We had a great time, dancing to the Fleeting Shadows and eating a delicious buffet.

If you are a regular visitor to the David Smith Field, you may have seen some clearing and

digging work happening near Centenary Wood.



This space is for our new Community Garden, rain stopped play for a couple of weeks but is now progressing with help from the 1st Broomfield Kantankye Cubs transporting and laying bark. Our raised beds are arriving soon, and we will be building them over the next few weeks.

I am working alongside RHS Hyde Hall to develop a relaxing space, with a garden that will ignite your senses and be visually pleasing. If you would like to help with the garden, then please do let me know.



1st Broomfield Cubs establishing the Community Garden





The Coronation May Fayre

We celebrated the coronation in style with a Community Fayre, there were stalls for everyone - gifts to buy and

things to win, everyone had a fantastic time.

It was lovely to stand back and see everyone in the community working together. A Big thank you goes out to Mick Tinsley and Broomfield Football Club in supporting us on the day.



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Broomfield Cycle Event – Sunday 28th May:

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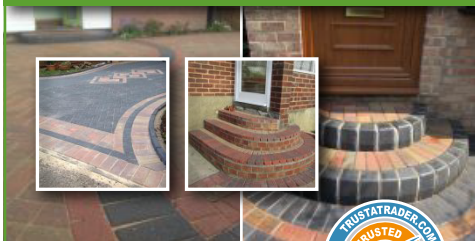
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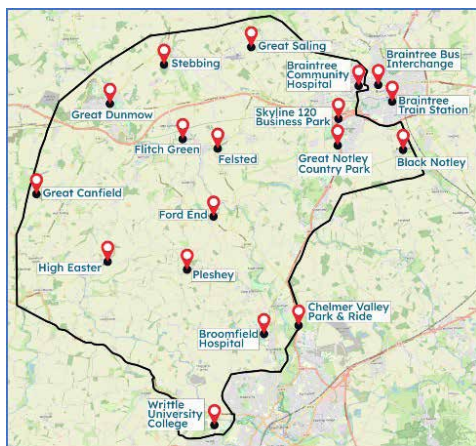
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Report from Kemi Badenoch



I know that the current pressure on the NHS is a worry to many of my constituents. Demand on the NHS is rising, driven by a number of factors including the pandemic and an ageing population with increasingly complex needs. I am committed to ensuring our local hospitals receive the investment to deliver world-class healthcare for residents.

I sent a letter to my colleague, the Health Secretary Steve Baker, recently pushing for the pre-approved £118 million funding for Mid and South Essex Hospitals.

With this funding, Broomfield Hospital is set to become a specialist centre of surgical excellence with Urology, General Surgery, Trauma & Orthopaedics complex procedures.

Furthermore, an agreed Outline Business Case sets hopes to release an investment of £35m into the Broomfield hospital estate for upgrading the emergency department, new ward capacity, improved urgent care centre and wider essential site infrastructure improvements.

I'm also looking forward to seeing the positive impact that the Government's Urgent and Emergency Care Recovery Plan, backed by record investment, will have in cutting waiting lists and improving ambulance response times at Broomfield.

I met with the team from East of England Ambulance stationed at their newly refurbished operations centre by the hospital.

They are doing a remarkable job during challenging times.

The Government's plan is about looking forward and adapting to the population's changing needs by expanding care outside of hospitals, with tailored support for the elderly and vulnerable.

Our health and care services are facing significant pressures and, while there is no quick fix, we are taking action to relieve the short and long-term challenges.

I will continue to work with our local healthcare providers, raising concerns from residents in Broomfield and across the constituency, to ensure we have a health service to be proud of.

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John Latham (1937-2023)

My friend and neighbour John Latham who died earlier this year was quite a character around Broomfield, having been almost a life-long member of Broomfield Cricket Club (since 1949; recent years saw him become the longest serving Club President) a member of the Broomfield YMCA serving on Broomfield Parish Council (including being Chairman) as well as our local lock smith, lawnmower repair man and skilled metal worker.

Perhaps for many reading this they will have met John more recently when he was the in-store baker at the Co-Op on Main Road, his last job, only retiring a few years ago at the age of 81.

John was the only son of John James Latham and Agnes Phillips and was born in St John's Hospital in 1937, when the family were living in Chelmsford. His father had moved to the town to work at the Marconi Company, later moving to Jubilee Avenue. Following early schooling at Our Lady Immaculate Catholic school on New London Road John then attended the Chelmsford Mid-Essex Technical College (or 'the Tech' as it was more commonly known).

He followed this with an apprenticeship at Crompton and Marconi before joining his father in the family firm, then located in the Angel Yard, Broomfield.

The main business was agricultural engineering, farming still in the 1940s being a vital part of the local economy. It was here that John got to know and hear about so much of the local Broomfield gossip and folklore which, in later life, he was always very happy to talk about. It was here also that John honed his own metal-working skills that he was to deploy for the rest of his working life.

John and his father eventually moved to a purpose-built workshop on land provided by the Marriage family which is now the site of Broomfield Tyres. Finally, John had another workshop built at the end of his garden at 28 Main Road in the late 1970s and it was from here that he operated his business for the rest of his life.

As mentioned above John was a member and great supporter of Broomfield Cricket Club from an early age.

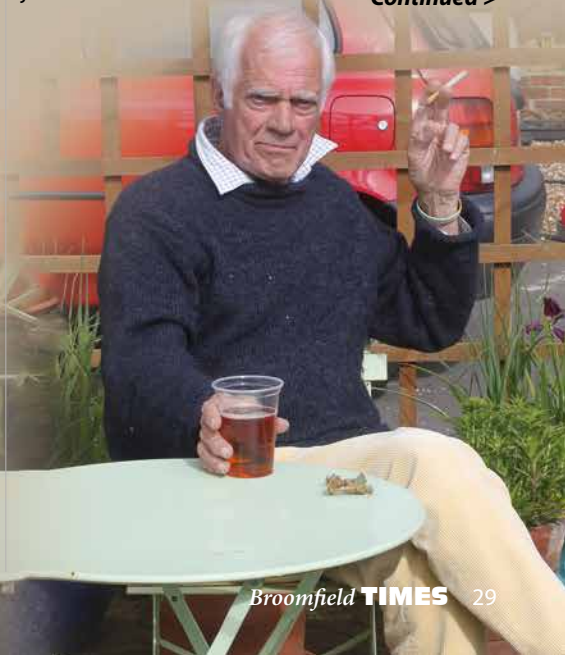
He had a whole host of stories about his cricketing life but also of the generation or two who had preceded him – various Ridleys and Marriages. This encyclopaedic knowledge of the Club went back to the early years of the 20th century and will be sorely missed.

He was presented with a national Lifetime Achievement Award in 2014 as reported in this publication. Along with cricket John also played football for the parish leading the first tour to Germany in 1957, again reported in a past issue of Broomfield Times.

John also joined the Essex Yeomanry; I think partly inspired by his father's service in both World War One and Two.

He was offered the opportunity to stay on in the regular army but turned it down, happy to remain working in Broomfield. I am not sure how many times I heard the tale from John about how when on exercise with his unit in Germany, he inadvertently had breakfast sitting next to and talking to the Duke of Kent who was in an armoured regiment on the same exercise. Mind you that was not the only tale I heard several times! Interestingly, John's passion for talking almost led him to a career in journalism.

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Something which he pondered on in later life as to why he didn't pursue it. I'm sure he would have loved the talking side of the job, finding out the story but I'm not sure the deadline side would have suited him!

Apart from the last couple of weeks, John lived an independent life in his own house where he had lived for the previous 45 years. He was still managing his daily trip to the Co-Op up until the day before he was admitted to Broomfield Hospital. Talking until the last and with a memory still so sharp, it was an honour to visit him in hospital.

The esteem in which John was held was demonstrated at his very English inspired funeral service at Broomfield Church. Members of the Cricket Club did John proud with a guard of honour, bats raised, as he left the church. John leaves a son Andrew and a daughter Kate and so many memories and stories.

- Neil Wiffen



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Broomfield Library

Broomfield Library has enjoyed a busy May. On Saturday 6 May, we celebrated the Coronation by offering children the chance to make their own crowns, or to follow the Coronation trail around the library.

Saturday 27th May was another in the series of successful Love Your Library Days. This time the theme was Local History and we were pleased to welcome local historian Ros Mercer. And on the last day of the month, parents of children about to start school met for a Big School Meet Up, enjoying the chance to mingle with the like-minded and take up the Ready ... Steady ... Go To School Challenge.

This years Summer Reading Challenge is: Ready, Set, Read! Children across Essex are being challenged to read six books to help a superstar team and their animal mascots make their way through a summer obstacle course, collecting golden books along the way.

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We had stalls including an amazing Raffle with a TOP PRIZE of a free holiday caravan, children's games, toys, cakes, plants, ECO, fairtrade, Scouts, crafts, wine & water, refreshments, a bar, candyfloss, slush, popcorn and lots more!

We had classic cars, blood bike, bell ringing, our Rutherford display was on view in the church. We had entertainment including a 'Matilda' display from Chelmer Valley High School, a karate display from Shinjitsu Martial Arts and Line Dancing from the local Broomfield group.

All in all it was a lovely occasion and it was lovely 'TO BE BACK'. We had fun and raised funds for our church and grounds. If anyone would like to get involved with any future events including next years May Fayre please get in touch. Details below.

Thank you to those who came along to support and help on the day and to those who helped plan the event.

God Bless. X



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Kings Coronation Celebration

Broomfield RBL joined with the Broomfield Parish Council and the local community in celebrating the King's Coronation where we supplied homemade cakes, tea and coffee, with all proceeds going towards this year's Poppy Appeal.

We also had the opportunity to meet potential new members and explained our objectives and the benefits of being a member of Broomfield RBL, as new members are always welcome, and you do not need to have served in the military to join.



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- District Beavers Get Busy Competition – they won!
- Watched the Jupiter Rocket Launch (we worked out most of the Beavers (hopefully) will be Explorers by the time it gets to Jupiter!)
- Problem solving, gardening, pond dipping, going to Riffhams, Cyclist Badge, mini-Olympic skills, as well as playing cricket and a Hike.
- Both Beaver Colonies are planning on entering the Broomfield Cottage Gardeners Summer Show & attending the Funday at Gilwell

CUBS have also been having lots of fun and have many activities planned:

- Both Packs have completed the Astronomer badge, making breadstick rafts, fire lighting and campfire cooking, putting

up tents and using the bouldering wall at the HQ. They've also been practising their archery skills and trying out zip lining, climbing and abseiling.

Kantankye Cub Pack

- Entered two teams in the District Scouts Swimming Gala & won the Cub Section!
- Been on a Coronation weekend at Riffhams with a Secret Agent Camp enjoying many activities including cracking codes, made disguises, and produced passports, hiked into Danbury, found their way through the "laser" maze, did target shooting with nerf guns and catapults, and the whole weekend had to look after the Crown Jewels.
- Helped in the community – delivering Broomfield Times, move bark chippings to the new Community Garden next to Centenary Wood and litter picked at Skreens Park Scout Activity Centre.
- To come - archery session, more visits to Skreens for paddleboarding and zip lining - campfire cooking planned and another camp to look forward to.

Dinizulu Cub Pack

- Learning about all things International, flags, food, games, fact finding and what our promise is from another country.
- Attended the St George's Day Parade, and met LOADS of other Cubs and Scouts,
- To come - learn some Makaton (an international sign language), work on our target practice for a themed evening & work out what badges they will work towards so the Cubs can ultimately achieve their Chief Scout Silver Award at Cubs.
- Go pond dipping and investigate the underwater world of mini aquatic wrigglers, have a Quiz Night, celebrate 'Rainforest Day' & work on several badges, brush up on some map reading skills, a hike & cricket!

Cubs on the high wall



All of this would not be possible without our Volunteer Leaders, who do a great job but on some nights more assistance is needed; as they are all juggle work and home commitments. If you think you have something to offer, even if it's only a couple of hours a month why not join us?



Winning the Swimming Gala!



Litter picking at Screens Park



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Broomfield In World War Two

Roughly a year ago Sharon's granddaughter was facing anxieties.

I am sure that many of you will have been to the various fund-raising talks given at Broomfield Church on different historical subjects or seen the publications that have arisen out of those talks.

Well, the Project Rutherford Team will soon be turning their attention to the Second World War with, again, a talk and a booklet being the end result.

This is where readers to the Broomfield Times come in! Do you have any family photos or documents that relate to the Second World War and Broomfield? Did any family members serve in the Home Guard or Air Raid Precautions? Were any bits of shrapnel or spent cartridge cases picked up and kept as treasured possessions?

Is there still a ration book kicking about in a drawer or cupboard. Or do you have something similar to my Dad's 'warship week' badge that he kept?

If there is anything out there, I'd love to hear from you so please drop me an email:

neilwiffen@hotmail.com

Neil Wiffen



News from Broomfield Cricket Club



U9s shaking hands with the opposition after a match May traditionally brings the start of the cricket season but this year it also brought the inclement weather as the first couple of games for both our adult teams were washed out.

The stuttered start hasn't put off the 1st team, however, as they picked up from where they left off last season with a debut win in Div 2, our 2nd team also recorded their first win recently, with the usual mix of young talent and those that should have retired years ago.

After the conclusion of the Winter nets, outdoor Colt training is underway and is well attended every Wednesday and Friday evenings.

The parents refer to each session as either 'wobbly Wednesday' or 'fall down Friday', indeed a recent American visitor commented that he couldn't believe youth sport and a glass of wine go together, apparently you couldn't get away with it in the good old US of A; enough to make the Mayflower turnaround, surely! Both parents and children enjoy themselves, which is the main thing.

Back to the serious business of cricket, the U15s have their league title to defend this season and both adult teams are looking to get promoted to further raise the status of the club. New sponsorship has come in, as can be seen by the shiny new signs on the gates; infinitely better than the Private, Access only on Match Days sign that has hung there for the last 50 years. Testament to the friendly and inclusive club we strive to be, new members always welcome so come on down.

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Can't get through on the phones?

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Participate and share your ideas as to how we can solve the problem

Can't see the GP?

We are offering more Face-to-Face appointments, pre-bookable appointments and on the day appointments.

We have a variety of clinicians including Nurse Practitioners, Paramedic, Physio, Practice Nurse, HCA, Clinical Pharmacist.

We are now able to offer early morning blood tests and some evening appointments.

Participate and help research other possibilities and solutions!

Why should you join the Patient Participation Group?

To have your say as a valued patient of the surgery.

To help liaise and communicate between the patients and the surgery.

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BROOMFIELD FC PAST EVENTS...

German Exchange



Back in April we welcomed our friends back from SV Sparta Wertle, Germany, to Broomfield FC for the 41st exchange between our clubs.

We had a packed itinerary for our guests as well as our extended BFC family to come and get involved.

This included a race night, a trip to Tottenham stadium, shopping trip and of course the World Cup tournament followed by the annual leaving party bash including a live band.

It was refreshing and a pleasure to have the German Exchange back in operation after COVID and we look forward to visiting them next year. Details will be available in due course if you're interested in partaking next year. See pies....



Kings Coronation

It was a pleasure being part of the community event in Broomfield celebrating the Kings Coronation on Sunday 7th May.

BFC ran the BBQ and Bar on field alongside the stalls and entertainment that was organised by the Community Centre.



BFC then provided a DJ and live music back at the club in the evening. Fun celebrations were enjoyed by all and this was a memorable occasion.

BROOMFIELD FC FUTURE EVENTS...

2nd July - Girls End of season presentation - BBQ/BAR

28th Oct - Fright Night Halloween Disco

31st Dec - New Years Eve Party DJ Disco.

Check out our website and FB page for any changes to future events and to contact us Boot Store is open 2 Saturdays a month for any queries regarding event Hire etc. any purchases.

www.broomfield.fc.com

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Broomfield Football Club often opens for Premier League games and cup games with Sky Sports.

BROOMFIELD WOMEN & GIRLS - BIGGER THAN EVER!

Broomfield FC now partner with Broomfield Primary School to coach and introduce football to 30 Girls, every Monday after school. We also offer the girls the opportunity to come along and continue their football experience every Saturday morning at our Wildcats Centre.

BROOMFIELD FC WILDCATS

Come along and join over 200 girls & Women already enjoying football! Want to try football, aged 5-8. Saturday Mornings 9am- 10am Broomfield FC, Mill Lane, Broomfield CM1 7BQ Contact : Lee Sterland

Broomfieldgirlsfc@btinternet.com



With our sister club, WH Women, we get offered training days, free game tickets and support for our girls.



Thank you to those attended the Bingo night, this was SOLD OUT and raised funds for BFC Women & Girls.

BROOMFIELD WOMEN & GIRLS FCI U18S SEASON 2023/24

If you are looking to play at u18 next season, we offer a pathway through to our womens team training on 3g Wednesday evening, Matches Sundays. Come and try us OUT.... looking towards next season? Free training sessions.

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