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Welcome to the Winter edition of Broomfield Times

And as we enter the busy festive time of year here in Broomfield many Christmas events have taken place or are yet to be held, bringing the Village together at such a lovely time of year. Please read on for reports and photos of events having been held in and around Broomfield over the last couple of months.

The picture on the front cover is of the new Village Sign which has recently been erected on Angel Green. A competition for students at Chelmer Valley High School took place to design a new village sign and Alex Bennion's design won – congratulations Alex! Thanks again to everyone involved in delivering and assisting with the production of this edition and wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. Anyone who has an interesting article, photos, etc please email at editor@broomfield-pc.gov.uk

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Karen Hurrell – Editor

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Chair's View

It has been a wonderful experience to listen to your opinions on Broomfield this year and overall, you still have the same low opinions about fast traffic in the Village as people had in 2005.

Since then, various measures to improve the traffic have taken place but each time the traffic builds up and speed is still an issue. A recent snap speed watch showed that most people drive past the Village Hall at about 39mph in the 30mph zone. We will be reporting them to the Police from now on. We need more trained volunteers. If you would like to take part in our Community Speed Watch, please email Deputy Clerk at: **deputy.clerk@broomfield-pc.org.uk**.

In May, several of us talked to residents and carried out a short survey of 34 people. 26 of the 34 respondents thought that the Parish Council are doing a good job - we are pleased with that and will continue to listen to you and react positively. Here are some of the comments received:

- Broomfield has good, friendly people.
- The best things about Broomfield are the bus service and Donna Hance.
- There are too many houses.
- We need a crossing at Jubilee Avenue

Recently we did a wider survey of 90 users of the Village Hall and car park, followed by a consultation evening which received 26 responses. We have listened carefully to what you all had to say and we will be publishing the results on our website.

On the car parking survey, the following comments were made:

- Always clean.
- Dog water available.
- Like the fields and the gardens.
- Enjoy classes in the hall.
- Enjoy coming to Slimming World and using village hall.
- Enjoy coming to the hall and like the gardens at the back.
- Just keep doing what you are doing.
- BPC doing a good job.

- 102-year-old lady enjoys watching the children playing in the playground.
- The Zebra crossing desperately needs a speed sign.
- Need holiday activities, stay and play, crafts.



So many of you have responded in some detail, and we really appreciate the thought that you have given to these surveys. The decision on how we make better use of the car park will be taken at the Trustees Meeting later this month. The decision will be shared on social media and the Village Hall and Parish Council websites before it is implemented.

We really appreciate the time and trouble you took to respond to us. Some things you asked for are already in place. One was a School Crossing Patrol, sadly, the current School Crossing Patrol person is leaving this week, and we need to recruit again. Many thanks for all that she has done, and we wish her luck for her next venture.

We have just co-opted 3 new Councillors, who we warmly welcome - Peter Travis, Shirley Perera-Morris and Sharon Boreham.

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Councillor Margaret Bleet



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- Multi-pack wrappers
- Old make-up

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- Bread bags; carrier bags; batteries; face masks

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- Large electrical (non-cooling) appliances; TVs & Displays; small electrical appliances; portable batteries

John Lewis:

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Little Waltham Doctors Surgery:

- EMPTY Medication blister packs – place in blue bin

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- Duvet & cushion covers
- Towels
- Sheets & pillowcases
- Bedding protection
- Fabric tablecloths; runners & placements
- Tea towels
- Fabric aprons
- Curtains
- Throws & blankets
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Essex County Council's "Saving the Day" Campaign, which is part of its ongoing Safer, Greener, Healthier initiative, ran throughout October and November to highlight the alternatives to driving and how people can avoid the traffic.

The superhero-themed campaign promoted the benefits of walking, cycling and travelling by bus, highlighting how swapping even a few regular journeys can save people time, money and hassle.

Broomfield Road is used by approximately 17,000 vehicles a day and suffers from significant traffic congestion and delays, particularly at peak times.

Bus Options - There are a number of good bus services in the area and, following the Government's recent announcement of an extension to a bus fare cap scheme, people

can travel for just £2 a single journey on most services until December 2024.

Cycling Options - Cycling can also offer a very cost-effective alternative to driving, especially for shorter journeys. At the busiest times of the day, it can also be quicker.

As part of the Chelmsford City Growth Package, ECC created a new flagship cycle route along Broomfield Road, providing hybrid cycle tracks between the city centre and Patching Hall Lane. The cycle lanes are segregated (separated from road traffic and people walking), giving you more space and a quicker, safer and easier cycle ride into the city centre.

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3 months ago, we were very busy with our response to National Grid's proposal for a line of 50-metre-high pylons through Broomfield and neighbouring parishes. We worked with our neighbouring parish councils to produce a very detailed, professional response. While supporting the need to transfer power from the North Sea to the South-East, we argued that National Grid have not properly considered all the relevant options for doing so in the best, most sustainable way possible. Thank you to all the residents who came to the Drop in Event. It is always great to hear your views and to talk about the important issues facing our village.

The October Planning Committee Meeting was a particularly busy one with around 75 parishioners attending – thanks again to everyone who came. The main applications considered at this meeting were:

- land southeast of Roselawn Farm – (a retrospective application for change of use of land to Showmen's Permanent Quarters)
- land at the rear of the petrol station, 48 Main Road (a proposed extension to petrol filling station forecourt and erection of single-story building to provide fast food takeaway - Greggs).

The Planning Committee was very pleased to hear the large number of well-considered views put forward at the meeting. Committee members' own views were the same, so we had no hesitation in deciding to object to both applications.

Again, we sent to the City Council a carefully-reasoned case for both objections – putting everyone's views into planning factors and 'planning speak'. We've already heard that Chelmsford City Council has turned down Greggs application. As we go to print, a decision is still pending on the Showmen's Permanent Quarters' application, but in the meantime the High Court Injunction

preventing further work at the site has been extended into the New Year.

We encourage residents to register on the Chelmsford City Council website in order to receive notifications and updates of planning applications in Broomfield – including comments made by members of the public and statutory consultees (such as the Parish Council). Please see:

www.chelmsford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/view-or-comment-on-planning-applications/

You can also sign up for our Planning Updates which we send out from time to time. And, of course, you are always welcome to come along to Planning Committee Meetings – please email me to register your attendance. The Planning Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm in the Parish Office, Broomfield Village Hall. My contact details are:

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Broomfield Parish Council

You may recall the big consultation last November to January – with leaflets, posters, drop in events etc – to highlight the consultation on the draft Plan. Thanks to everyone who responded either online, on paper or by coming to one of the events.

All the comments have been carefully considered. Residents were strongly supportive of all the proposed planning policies and community aspirations in the draft Plan. A few changes have been made where necessary in the light of the comments received.

The Parish Council has now approved the updated draft of the Neighbourhood Plan.

This is called the Submission Draft, as we submit it to the City Council. They will carry out a further round of consultation – mainly aimed at stakeholders, though residents are welcome to respond again if they want.

Next the Plan will be considered or 'examined' by an independent Examiner, who can ask for changes to be made. The final version is then put to a parish referendum and, if approved by at least 50% of residents who vote, will be adopted as part of the legal planning process for Broomfield.

For more information about any of these issues, please keep an eye on the Parish Council website: www.broomfield-pc.gov.uk and the Neighbourhood Plan website: www.broomfieldnp.org.uk or contact me (contact details above).

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Broomfield Events

I cannot believe Christmas is nearly upon us again, it only feels like a couple of months ago that I was putting away the tree!

This year has gone by in a whirl of events and community engagements, we have built a community garden, had 3 seniors



Community garden

lunches, numerous coffee mornings, stay and play sessions, Bingo, introduced a community larder, Easter parties, quiz nights, art class, litter picks, summer fayre, community allotments, Woodland Warriors, Broomfield Blooms, Christmas Fayre,

tree festival and weekly Lunch Club where I regularly cook for over 50 people each week.



Seniors lunches



Seniors lunches



Litter picks



Broomfield Blooms

That's without the installation of solar panels on the Village Hall, building a Men's Shed and applying for numerous grants to help support the community.



Men's Shed

So, you might ask what is next, alongside all of our usual groups, over the coming year we will be working on Centenary Wood following our recent Ecology Report to enable habitats to form and to give the undergrowth of the wood a chance to recover.

We have our new Chill @ Broomfield opening for years 5 and 6. This will have limited spaces and must be pre-booked, I will be working alongside year 7 pupils who will help support the new group, with the eventual aim to run a Youth Project.

I am looking forward to working alongside all of the community over the coming year, if you have any ideas for local groups or events, please always share them with me, I'm always keen to act on new ideas.

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www.littlewalthamsurgery.co.uk

and click the online consultation button; fill out the form which will be sent automatically to the surgery. It will be triaged, and you will either receive a phone call or a booking link.

The phone booking system is available for urgent cases that need to be seen on that day or for people unable to access the online service.

Work continues on the new design for the website making it clearer and simpler to use.

As we enter the season of goodwill, which unfortunately coincides with an increase in ailments such as coughs and colds please, in the first place, consult the pharmacists for advice. The surgery is empathetic to peoples' need to feel listened to and understood and is aware that some of the systems and boundaries that the surgery is legally required to abide by, can seem unnecessary and frustrating, so please be patient with us and respect that we are doing our best to meet all your needs.

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Day	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
Hall	Small	Large	Small	Large	Small	Large	Small	Large	Small	Large	Small	Large	Small	Large
08:00														
08:30														
09:00														
09:30	09.00 - 12.00 Sing and Sign (term time only)	09.00-12.00 Stay & Play (term time only)	NEW HIRE 09.45-12.00 Rhythm Time toddler group			Village Coffee Morning 9.30 12.00		Tappy Toes 8.45 - 10.45				9.45-11.30 Karate		
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13:30	13.00-16.15 Carpet Bowls Group (1st of month)		13.45-16.15 Support Group (1st of month)		13.00-16.00 U3A (Complete hall) 2nd Wed	13.30-16.15 Knit & Natter 3rd Wed		12.30 - 15.00 Lunch Club		12.45-2.00 Happy Chorus Choir				
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19:30	18.45-21.30 Puppy Training	19.00-20.15 Zumba		18.45-21.15 Bingo		1st of month Broomfield Birds, 3rd PC, 4th BCGS	18.45-20.15 Yoga with Keria	18.00-19.30 Yoga						
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MUGA Timetable

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		18.30-19.30 PRIVATE HIRE					
				20.15-21.15 PRIVATE HIRE			

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Broomfield Cottage Gardeners' Society

The Society had an excellent autumn show with over 500 entries and an increased number of our members taking part.

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www.broomfieldcottagegardenerssociety.co.uk

We are now well into our winter programme of evening talks. The next one will be January 24th when the Wilderness Foundation will



Prize winners Autumn Show 2023

be speaking to us about their allotment programme. All are welcome, entry includes refreshments and is £3.50 for members and £4.50 for non-members.

For more information and for membership details see our website at www.broomfieldcottagegardenerssociety.co.uk or email bcgsshowsecretary@gmail.com

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If you're interested in topics such as natural history, geology, photography, table tennis, badminton, scrabble, ukelele, to name just a few, there are opportunities to take part in volunteer-led special interest groups covering all those. To find out more about those groups and all the others currently on offer, just google-search our website, 'Broomfield & District u3a' where you can also take a look at our regular newsletters, get contact details and obtain application forms.

Along with the interest groups, we hold monthly meetings at Broomfield Village Hall (second Wednesday of the month 1:30pm-4:00pm) which provide an opportunity for members to come together to share information, socialise, and enjoy presentations by invited guest speakers on a very wide range of topics.

You're welcome to come along to one of these as a 'taster' where any member of the Committee will be happy to answer any questions you may have or ring Vice Chair Glynn Wadeson on **07906 887950**.

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The unveiling of the marker for Broomfield Airfield

Readers of Broomfield Times will be familiar with past articles (BT Winter 2020) on this subject.

In brief a loose consortium of Broomfield Branch Royal British Legion, Broomfield Parish Council, Broomfield Hospital & Brumfelda (Broomfield's local history society) had sought to provide a plaque to recognise the past existence of Broomfield's WW1 airfield.

At last, following setbacks as a consequence of COVID, in early October a plaque was unveiled by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Wing Commander Glenn Mayes, in the presence of the Deputy Mayor of Chelmsford, Councillor Jude Deakin, the Chairman of Broomfield Parish Council, Councillor Margaret Bleet, the County President & County Chairman of Royal British Legion (RBL) Essex, Lt.Col Ed Rankin, Commander Colchester Garrison, Senior Hospital Managers and representatives of Broomfield Branch RBL, Chelmsford Branch Royal Airforce Association (RAFA), Brumfelda in addition to hospital staff & local residents.

In his speech of welcome Broomfield RBL's project lead, Malcolm Taylor, thanked the Hospital Grounds Staff under Richard Hughes for their work in providing the plinth upon which the granite slab sat and the Hospital for hosting the event. He explained that whilst the local consortium had provided the detail it was the generosity of the Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust which had sourced, engraved and provided the slab.



He went on, that it was fitting that the plaque to the airfield, and the brave young men who flew from it, should be sited adjacent to Broomfield Court where so many of them were entertained by Colonel & Mrs Llewellyn Nash.

Pictures copyright MSE NHS Foundation Trust – Deputy Mayor Councillor Jude Deakin; Wing Commander Glenn Mayes DL; Dr David Walker, Chief Medical Officer; Malcolm Taylor, County Chairman Essex RBL

Following the unveiling refreshments were served in the Hospital's Healthcare Library where the staff had prepared a display on the airfield.

The plaque can be found adjacent to the sunken and memorial gardens next to Broomfield Court within the hospital grounds.

Friends at Broomfield Hospital

News from Broomfield Hospital

150 Pairs of Slippers Falls Team

One hundred and fifty pairs of supportive slippers have made their way to Broomfield's Falls team for distribution to wards where patient falls are more prevalent. The ever loyal and supportive Friends at Broomfield group has funded the latest supply of slippers.



Carrie Tyler, Falls Improvement Specialist Practitioner, said "The support of the Friends is appreciated by us all. These slippers will benefit many of our older patients by providing them with supportive footwear whilst on the ward and for their recovery at home, especially for those who do not have any family or friends to buy new ones for them.

"The patients we have provided the slippers for already have been delighted, enabling them to begin to mobilise."

Mobile Phone charging station for A&E

Volunteers from the Friends at Broomfield are pictured here taking a look at the Mobile Phone charging station that has been installed in A&E.



The charging station was presented to A&E and allows patients, visitors, and staff to charge their mobile phones 'free of charge' whilst they are visiting the department.

We received a generous donation of £1,000 from South Woodham Ferrers Utd football club which went towards the total cost of £1,836 ... the shortfall being donated by the Friends. We hope that the charging station will relieve a small level of patients' stress whilst in A&E in helping them to stay in urgent contact with their family and friends.

Book Sale & Tombola



The Friends recently held a Book Sale & Tombola in the main atrium at Broomfield Hospital. Pictured here are some the Friends' eager to find some winners for our lovely tombola prizes and to sell a book or two!!

Our event was a fabulous success. Our grateful thanks to everyone that donates books to our shops throughout the year ... and to our trusty volunteers for making it such an enjoyable and successful event!

Look out for our next Book Sale & Tombola in February 2024.

Broomfield Hospital Reconfirms its commitment to the Armed Forces

On October 5th, the Mid & South Essex NHS Foundation Trust reconfirmed its commitment to armed forces colleagues, and their family members, by signing the Armed Forces Covenant.

This was the first time the covenant had been signed by the merged Trust and in doing so the Hospital was promising to support colleagues and their families who serve, or have served, in the Armed Forces. Making sure they are treated with the utmost respect and fairness.

David Walker, Chief Medical Officer and Executive Lead for the Armed Forces signed the Armed Forces covenant on behalf of the Trust alongside Lieutenant Colonel Ed Rankin, the Commander of Colchester Garrison.

David said: "We first signed the Armed Forces

Covenant in 2018 as Mid Essex Hospital Services and I'm incredibly proud to re-sign it today on behalf of Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust."

"We recognise the contribution our service personnel and their families make, not only to our organisation but to the community and the country and we are committed to promoting the Trust as an armed forces friendly organisation, working together with the Armed Forces strengthening the bond and supporting those who have dedicated their lives to protecting our country and those who are part of the wider Armed Forces Family."



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IMG_5326 – Lt.Col Ed Rankin, Commander
Colchester Garrison; Dr. David Walker, Chief
Medical Officer*

Santa's Sleigh Route 2023 (near to Broomfield)

Once more this Christmas, Chelmsford Mildmay Rotary Club has included our local routes in Santa's worldwide journey.

Santa will tour the following areas with his troupe of elves accompanying the Sleigh's jolly music and lights on its merry journey. They all hope to bring good cheer and the Christmas spirit to all the families and children along the way and ensure all money raised will be donated to local charities. Come and see Santa here:

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Tuesday 12th

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Friday 15th

Channels Area: Belsteads Farm Lane, Albatross Way, Belfrey Crescent, St Andrews Drive



Saturday 16th

8am to 8pm Morrisons Superstore, Regiment Business Park, Eagle Way

Monday 18th

Great Waltham & Little Waltham

Wednesday 20th

Beaulieu Centenary Way, Wilfred Waterman Way, Robert Finch Crescent, Minns Avenue

Thursday 21st

Beaulieu Centenary Way, Linge Avenue, Regiment Gate

Brumfelda – relaunching Broomfield's local history group

Brumfelda, Broomfield's informal local history group, was first set up over ten years ago.

Its focus at that time was to find out as much as possible about the remains of an ancient Roman building in the field known locally as Dragonsfoot. After ten years of systematic field walking and geophysical surveys, and with the invaluable assistance of landscape archaeologist Simon Coxall, we have concluded that the kind of building in Dragonsfoot was not a Roman villa, as had long been presumed, but almost certainly a Romano-British temple.

That work has now come to an end and, at the time of writing (November 2023), we are in the finishing stages of producing a publication about that project.

So – what next for Brumfelda?

We are proposing to relaunch Brumfelda, in hopes of taking on some other projects illuminating Broomfield's long history. There is no shortage of ideas, which include tracing the origins of Broomfield's street names; locating the sites of its wells and its gravel pits; digging test pits to see what emerges in other areas of the village; and various other projects. You may have other suggestions, and if so, we'd love to hear about them.

The intention is to call a meeting of interested people, hopefully in the early spring of 2024, to discuss such ideas further.

The date, time and venue have not yet been set, but if you would like to be contacted with further details, please email **brumfeldahistory@gmail.com** with your full name and contact details.

Thank you!

Christmas Tree Recycling 2024

Following the success of last year's tree collection and recycling, Helen Rollason Cancer Charity will again be offering to collect, take away and recycle your Christmas trees.

They will be collecting trees in many CM and CO postcode areas between Friday 5th and Tuesday 9th January 2024. You can book your tree collection on Helen Rollason Cancer Charity's website (www.helenrollason.org.uk/event/christmas-tree-recycling/). Donations would be gratefully received, and every penny raised will go towards providing services for local people living with cancer.

Many businesses have already pledged to support the charity by providing vans, drivers and tree shredders. However, more help would be welcomed. If you are a local business and you can help then, the charity would be pleased to hear from you on **01245 380719**.

They are also looking for volunteers to assist with tree collections. If you would like some fresh air for a day and have a pair of gardening gloves, give the fundraising team a call on **01245 380719**.





Farleigh Hospice

News from Farleigh Hospice

Farleigh Hospice is a charity providing care, free of charge, to people affected by life-limiting illnesses and bereavement at its hospice building in Broomfield and in homes across mid Essex.

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SPRING BALL: 16th MARCH 2024

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www.farleighhospice.org/spring-ball



News from Broomfield Library

Winter has come once again to Broomfield, and for the library the season marks the start of the Winter Reading Challenge.

Starting on 25th November and running until 3rd February, the WRC encourages children to take up six challenges related to reading. A sticker is awarded for each challenge completed; complete all six challenges and the lucky child receives a certificate and, while stocks last, one of a selection of books, and a packet of seeds all ready for Spring.



But, of course, the usual library life continues; we have two reading groups that meet once



a month to discuss a book of their choosing; why not come along to the Common Readers Group, for example, which meets in the library on the last Saturday at 11am.

And did you know that Broomfield Library has a meeting room for hire at an hourly rate, ideal for groups of up to eight.

The library is also part of the county-wide Warm Welcomes Initiative which offers tea and coffee to sip while you browse the shelves or sit and read your book. All this, and Saturday Lego and Crafting, and Wednesday Rhymetimes too - so why not pop along?

Blue Plaque for Rosemary Rutherford Unveiled at Broomfield Parish Church

On Saturday 11th November a blue plaque to commemorate Rosemary Rutherford, our amazing local artist, was unveiled by the Mayor of Chelmsford, Councillor Linda Mascot.

The church was full for the occasion, including members of Rosemary's family, among them her great-niece, Naomi Courtenay-Luck, who gave a talk. In addition, the guests heard from Kathy Rouse about Rosemary's work as a nurse and war artist during the Second World War, a fitting tribute on Armistice Day to Rosemary and those who served with her.

The ceremony took place inside the Church, but the plaque will be placed on the outside of St Leonard's Hall overlooking the Rutherford family graves. The plaque was provided by Chelmsford City Council and matches the

others around the City commemorating nine women and twenty-nine men, distinguished in their various fields, who have helped shape Chelmsford's history.



There is an exhibition of Rosemary's life and works at the back of the Church, which is open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings 10:30am – 12:30pm and by appointment. A booklet illustrating the life and works of Rosemary Rutherford is available along with other booklets from the series of People and Stone talks that have been held at the church. A further set of talks in the series are planned for 2024 including Rosemary Rutherford at Benton End and Roman Broomfield. We would be pleased to provide a talk for your organisation or a tour of the exhibition.

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Scouts

1st Broomfield Scout Group

Kantankye Cub Pack

We had an exciting start to the Autumn term with our fourth camp of the year, on a medieval theme. Cubs made shields, swords, helmets and horses, built castles, did some axe throwing, orienteering and enjoyed a medieval banquet, with Cubs helping out with the cooking.



The weekend finished with a Grand Tournament, to include jousting and sword fighting – points being earned for the most dramatic performance, sound effects provided by Leaders with coconut shells.... It was a great weekend enjoyed by us all.

Our weekly meetings have also been packed with activities; fencing, working on the science badge, teaching a new skill (a very diverse range including stop frame animation, completing a Rubik's cube, making a woggle, origami, ironing and the very useful skill of making a cup of tea!), floor collages, games, posters and Mexican cooking for the international badge.

We also had a visit to the Fire Station, to find out about fire engines, fire safety, slide down the pole and best of all have a go with a fire hose!



We've got lots planned for the rest of the term, including a Christmas hike and a sleepover, and are also looking forward to our next weekend event, an "indoor camp" at Belchamps Scout Activity Centre in January.

Beaver Colony 2

Beavers started the term with a games night outside, we welcomed new Beavers into the Colony, giving them chance to enjoy the fun of scouting. We run alongside the Wednesday



Colony and have joint planning meetings to work out our terms activities after the Beavers get together at a 'Log chew' to tell us the things they would like to do at Beavers.

The Beavers enjoyed fencing and went on the Boulderling Wall and learnt some skills.

We went on a Magical Sleepover at Thriftwood (with Beaver Colony 1) joining the Cubs who were on a Magical Camp. With lots of adventures, on the secret tunnels of the cave bus, the runaway Gringotts bank carts, and being tested for our resilience on the forbidden forest assault course, luckily, we all survived, we had a campfire with songs and marshmallow smores, we had a fabulous time!

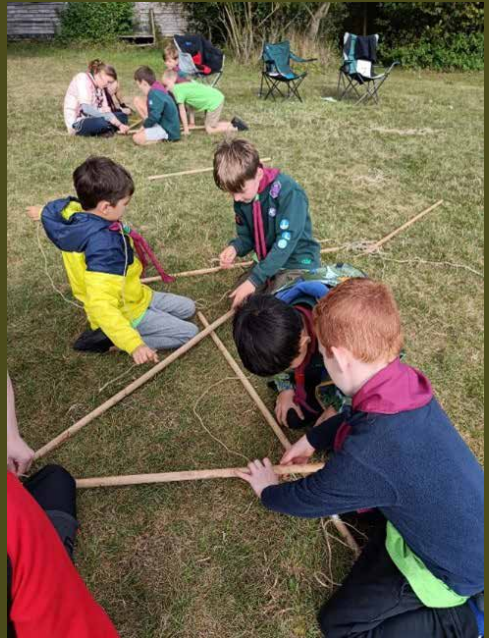
We had a great evening at Riffhams, seeing all the new tree seedlings and seeing how some of the trees had been cut down to make them shoot anew for another year, we found a very special tree that we were all able to climb into.

We had a visit from the local Policing Team, they told us about lots of things they do and let us try on their uniform and see if we could all fit in the police car!

Dinizulu Cub Pack

This term Cubs have been building on their knot knowledge with becoming a human knot and practising basic knots and showing our newest Cubs how to tie knots.

The Cubs participated in the Broomfield Cottage Gardeners Autumn Show, putting in photos of things in their gardens, Cubs made suncatchers, and gingerbread biscuits, the Cubs did well and came away with some fabulous winning entries.



We've been to Riffhams for wide games in the dark and marshmallows; we've used our fabulous boulderling wall; discovered what we all like to collect and our hobbies; we had a visit from the local Police Team – tried on the uniform and sat in the police car.

We also had another camp, this time at Thriftwood on a magical theme... they were sorted into magical houses, a heap of Gringotts runaway bank carts, journeys through the forbidden forest, trying their luck in the Goblet of Fire, amongst other fun activities and we had the Beavers join us for the Saturday and a sleepover, we all had a fabulous weekend.

All of this would not be possible without our fantastic Volunteer Leaders, who do a great job. However, on some nights more assistance would be gratefully received, so if you have a spare few hours even if it's only a couple of hours a month and it's something you may be interested in why not come and join us?

A reminder our massive annual Book Sale will be on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th February at the Scout HQ, contact broomfieldcubs@live.co.uk for further information.



BROOMFIELD APPLAUDS FOOTBALL'S FINEST.....



ANDY RUTTER

Broomfield FC was sad to report that its longest serving manager stepped down after 25 years of continuous team management at the end of October.

Andy Rutter started coaching his son's team in 1999 at Chelmsford City. Andy and his son moved to Broomfield FC in 2003 as his son started playing 11 aside football. He coached this junior team for 3 seasons from Under 11 during which they won the treble in the Blackwater & Dengie League and were unbeaten. In search of a challenge, the team moved to the Colchester and District Youth League at Under 14 and over the next 5 seasons Andy coached the team to 3 league titles and 4 cups. Andy's team are still the only team in the Colchester League history to win the treble of A Division title, League Cup and Colchester Open Cup at U18!

As several of the U18 team left to go to university, Andy took on a managerless Broomfield U13 team which had been relegated the previous season. With Andy as manager, they were promoted the following season and reached the Blackwater and Dengie League Cup final. Once again, Andy moved the team to the Colchester League to give the lads a tougher test. By the time they reached U18, they had won 3 cups and 2 league titles! The squad asked Andy to take them into senior football and they enjoyed another successful period in the Braintree and North Essex League, moving from Division 3 to the Premier Division and winning yet another 4 cups and 2 titles plus a Team of the Year award. The team then moved to Chelmsford Sunday League and Sparta Broomfield FC was created, named after the club's longstanding footballing exchange connection with S.V Sparta Werlte in Germany. No surprise, Sparta quickly rose from Division 2 to the top division of this league.



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Andy has managed several hundreds of players over the last 25 years and he is well known and respected by players, opposition managers, league officials and (most!) referees across the local area. Although the Sparta Broomfield team has sadly folded for various reasons, the team name will always be closely connected with Andy and the club will now respect Andy's wish and retire the team name in his honour.



Everyone connected with the Club owes Andy a huge debt of gratitude for his 25 years of service as a manager and coach. But the story doesn't end there! All while coaching, winning titles and holding down a full time day job, Andy was Club Chairman for a period and has recently started to help coach a group of Soccability (disabled) youngsters on a Friday evening. For many years, Andy has also organised all the referees for Club home games, arranged pitch allocations and continues to act as Fixture Secretary for various leagues. Some of these are often thankless tasks but it was pleasing that Essex FA also recognised Andy's efforts in 2013 with a well deserved Volunteer of the Year Award. Andy continues in these roles which have only got bigger as Broomfield FC continues to grow.

Every football club needs an Andy Rutter and this one is hugely grateful to Andy for everything he has done, and continues to do in support of footballers of all ages in the local community. THANK YOU ANDY. X 

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Wellness Yoga

Did you know that there are considered to be seven types of rest

- 1. Physical rest** - this can be passive or active and obviously includes sleep but also restorative activities such as yoga, stretching or message therapy.
- 2. Mental rest** - allowing our brain to have a break so this could look like scheduling in breaks during our work day or keeping to do lists in order to reduce mental load.
- 3. Sensory rest** - giving our senses a chance to reset. Some examples of this could be reducing your screen time, unplugging your electronics at the end of the day or taking a moment to close your eyes if spending a long period of time reading or on a computer.
- 4. Creative rest** - letting your creative side loose by spending time outdoors, enjoying the arts or taking part in creative activities

5. Emotional rest - allowing yourself to express your emotions freely, setting boundaries or cutting back on people pleasing

6. Social rest - this is activated when you surround yourself with positive and supportive people

7. Spiritual rest - allowing yourself to feel a deep sense of belonging, love, acceptance and purpose.

Take a moment to reflect - do you actually get the time to rest in each of these areas? If not, how can you carve out some time to introduce more into your life?

As well as in person yoga classes (Thursday in Broomfield Village Hall), why not try an online yoga nidra class - a form of deep rest that you can practice seated or lying down. Have a look on my website to find out more/book: www.the-wellnessplace.com or contact Chantelle at info@the-wellnessplace.com if you have any questions.

Classes in Broomfield Village Hall – Thursday evening.



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