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Broomfield TIMES

Welcome to the Spring edition of Broomfield Times

Well Spring has certainly sprung, and the sun is bringing some lovely warm days as well as a few wet ones too! See the photos of the floods – thanks to Steve Barrett for braving the puddles with his camera!

Centenary Wood (see picture on front cover) – situated at the bottom of David Smith Field – was planted 30 years ago in March 1994 by pupils of Broomfield Primary School and Broomfield Parish Council which has created a lovely haven for wildlife and a peaceful area for all to enjoy.

Lots of events for all ages are being organised thanks to Donna (Events & Fundraising Manager) and also the many clubs that are held in Broomfield – read on for further information.

Thank you to Neil Wiffen who has provided a blast from the past – please let us have any of your memories or photos you may have of yours or relations/friends lives in Broomfield – it will be lovely to share them.

Please bring any photos or articles to Broomfield Village Hall during the week (we can copy & return any photos) or email: editor@broomfield-pc.gov.uk

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Karen Hurrell – Editor



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Chairman's news

Hello everyone, I hope that you are enjoying the early signs of spring by now - we are all looking forward to some warmth and sunshine after a long winter.

We had a very springlike day in January, and it was so good to see the playground full of parents/carers/grandparents and children. Equally both the Village Hall and Cheerful Chai were very busy - it was a joy to see. The fields were busy with dog walkers, all of us relieved to enjoy the early sunshine. Your Councillors take pride in seeing the beautiful park and amenities being so popular.

Broomfield Parish Council and the Village Hall Charity Committee work very hard to ensure your health and safety on the premises; equipment is inspected, and maintenance is scheduled regularly. In order to achieve this, we employ seven part-time staff who, amongst many other duties, work hard to ensure that this is carried out.

We will soon be installing a new information point with signage pointing to places of interest and promoting the many walks around the village and beyond. We are continually improving the Village Hall and environment including new windows, solar panels and outside planting.

You can now book the Village Hall online: **www.broomfieldvillagehall.com** and click on 'Book the Hall'.

Our Coffee Morning is held each Wednesday and is very popular, it is from 10am to 12pm and everyone is warmly welcomed. We look forward to seeing you there.

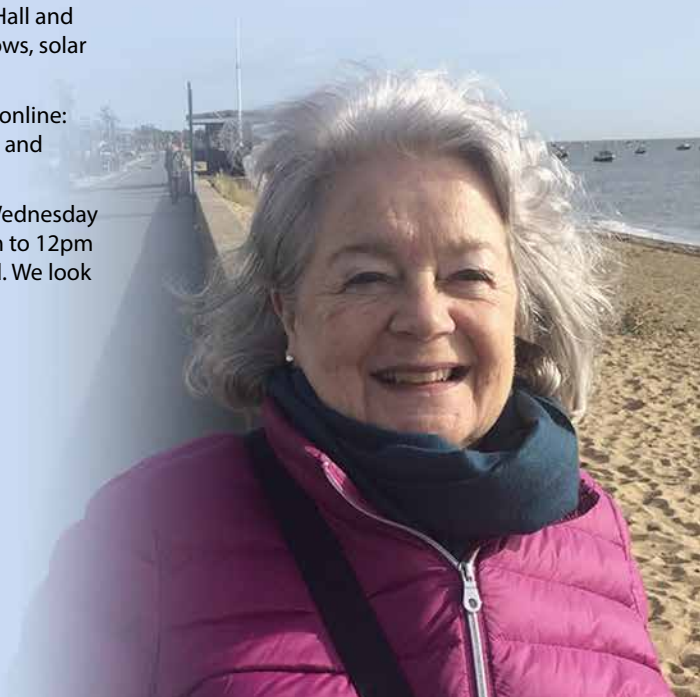


Some facts about our Village:

	Number of households: 2,166
	5,000 employed at the hospital
	Number of residents: 5,730
	13 Parish Councillors
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Enjoy Spring, looking forward to seeing you soon.

Councillor Margaret Bleet





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Environment Committee report

The Environment Committee have been very busy recently and you should see a few improvements in coming months.

We are erecting some new signage on Angel Meadow and David Smith Field soon and are working towards a Green Flag award for the whole area.

This year, it is thirty years since the planting of Centenary Wood, and we are following the advice of the Essex Wildlife Trust to improve the health and biodiversity of the site, taking it forward to its next stage. This will involve some coppicing to let in more light, and removal of dead and damaged trees. We have added more wildflower bulbs to the wood over the winter.

We will ensure the Community Garden and the meadow wildflower area are as beautiful this growing season as they were last year, and we will soon plant the hanging baskets again. We try to keep up with the birds by refilling the feeders in the community garden regularly. Our nest box with a camera in it has recently had some interest from the birds.

This year's Trees for Life, for babies born in 2023, are being planted as this is being written. We anticipate there will just be space for 2024 babies to be offered a tree in a public place- from 2025 we will have to just offer the fruit tree for home option.

Our hedge planted last autumn between the two fields is thriving, with the addition of a couple of oak trees.

The Allotment site should see the addition of a wooden pallet fence and a 400-plant hedge along two sides shortly, the hedge plants being provided by the Woodland Trust.

Recently the scramble net on the playground has been repaired and we will always endeavour to keep the playground in tip top condition. The table tennis table had been vandalised but by the time you read this will have hopefully been replaced.

We will shortly be adding an information board to the Angel bus shelter.

Unfortunately, our recent Litter Picks have not been so successful- we may drop these now to one every six months. But see our A frame outside the hall containing a litter picker and bags if you ever have five minutes to spare! The provision of dog poo bags in David Smith field does seem to have improved that littering problem.

We hope to restart the Speedwatch Campaign in the near future. And if you would like to be a school crossing patrol person, please let us know!

For all our planting and gardening we would be very grateful for help- please call in the office to see if you could become one of our Broomfield Buddies.

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David Smith Field

As we are now hopefully through the worst of the winter months and long dark evenings, I thought I would write a piece for the Broomfield Times on the summer beauty of the work that has been done on the David Smith Field over the last couple of years.

The wildflower patch looked lovely the first year but in early June it really did come into its own. It was an absolute glory to see and thoroughly recommend a journey down to see it (situated in front of Centenary Wood) for this amazingly beautiful sight in Broomfield, after a lovely walk around the meadow I often go to Cheerful Chai Coffee shop which is a lively hub for the Community and is enjoyed by many, with their lovely cakes, light bites and hot drinks.

Last year saw the opening of the Community Garden which took a lot of time and thought into providing a tranquil and lovely place to relax and enjoy the beauty of the flowers and

plants in the garden. The Mayor of Chelmsford came to open the Garden and enjoyed her visit and having a chat to all those who attended. I wanted to just write a small piece on it as I feel we are lucky to have such thought put into others welfare.

These are a few pictures of our beautiful areas I hope you all enjoy them whilst we are still enduring wetter, duller and colder days.



A little hint of what is ahead of us to enjoy next Spring and onwards...

Cllr Sharon Boreham

Tuesday night eyes down

Do you enjoy a game of Bingo then why not come along to the Village Hall on a Tuesday night for a fun and friendly bingo session, a raffle and refreshments are available too.

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Broomfield Events

After what seems like a long soggy wet winter, Spring is finally on its way, the daffodils are now beginning to show their beauty around the site and the children are enjoying the lighter afternoons playing in the park.

Lunch Club has been super busy over the last few weeks, if you are free on a Thursday and would like to meet new people then why not pop in, have lunch and play games, 12.30-3pm.



Community Art Class This year we have had an influx of talent join us, we have been learning about techniques and applying them to our themed work. Our Parish Councillor Jo Bowman leads the class and shares her diverse knowledge of art. I am looking forward to learning so much more over the year.

This year will see a few changes to our events programme, the two main changes are the Summer Fayre date moving to July 21st giving plenty of space between the other fayres around the Village meaning we can all enjoy each other's days without the stress of planning our own.

The second being Play in the Park, unfortunately last year we received some negative feedback for some of the play in the park sessions that we hosted, missing games, staff not interacting, broken equipment to name a few, to hold these sessions it costs the Parish Council over £3,000, so with that in mind



this year we are going all out and we are going to run our own sessions.



We have two highly qualified staff members who will lead the sessions along with a team of volunteers, we still have funding to spend but we will charge a small fee of £2.50 for each child to come along. Drinks and snacks will also be available to purchase on the day, there will be plenty of arts and crafts and fun to be had, why not bring a picnic or pop to Cheerful Chai for lunch and spend the day with us, the choice is yours.

BROOMFIELD FUN IN THE PARK

Summer dates are 29th July, 5th August, 12th August and the 26th August all 10am-12pm

Places are limited to 50 so you must be registered with us to attend.

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Events & Fundraising Manager



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Work has been happening at the front of the shed leveling and preparing for stones to be laid.

Lots of tools and safety equipment have been delivered and are being set up ready for use.

We just need our first aid and health and safety training to be completed and we are ready to go.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank MKM Builders for donating timber, MT Electricals for their donation of time and materials installing our electrics and to S A Electrics and Renovations for donating two large pieces of equipment, it really is appreciated.



If you would like to become part of the Broomfield



shed or have tools or wood you wish to donate please do make contact either at the Village Hall or via email on

eventsandfunding@broomfieldessex.co.uk

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Sarah is passionate about teaching young people and offers workshops to provide young people with a range of creative skills and the opportunity to gain real insight into the training offered by drama schools.

The next production is DNA, and rehearsal begins next term; books are now open if any young people would like the opportunity to be part of their latest show. Sarah says 'our sessions are aimed at young people aged 11-18 years with ongoing confidence, self-esteem, and skills in verbal communication through drama techniques.

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Join now and be in our summer production of DNA!

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News from Broomfield Village Hall

We have launched a new booking system – here is the link:

www.broomfieldvillagehall.com

- click on 'Booking the Hall' where you can access the Village Hall and Multi Use Games Area diary for availability, view all the facilities and book your event.

The Village Hall has recently had the floors refurbished and a new welcome area has been added to the foyer.



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KNIT AND NATTER – Broomfield Village Hall

Although only meeting once a month the Knit and Natter group continues to draw many ladies for the afternoon and the final meeting of 2023 drew a big gathering!

The first meeting for 2024 was on February 21st with the next two on March 20th and April 17th, starting at 1:30pm and ending at 4pm, why not come along to the Village Hall and enjoy the company of like-minded ladies, a cup of tea and biscuits will be provided and it's just £3. Further details are available from Jan Spiller on **01245 512997**



BROOMFIELD COACH TRIPS

In 2023, 96 coach excursions (many sold out!) and three holidays were arranged - and every coach trip that's organised leaves the bus stop by The Angel and goes directly to their destinations - no other pickups or drop offs! In 2024 well over 100 coach trips will take place plus holidays to Scotland, Wales, Newcastle and New Year Celebrations at Weymouth.

Some of the exciting coach trips this year include excursions to Buckingham Palace, RHS Chelsea Flower Show, Andre Rieu, three coaches to Thursford, two coaches to Hampton Court, two coaches to Kew and day trips to Bath, Chichester, Norwich, Canterbury, Portsmouth, Stratford Upon Avon plus over 30 West End Shows plus many other day trips... the list is endless!



Broomfield Coach Trips continues to support the Village Hall with monthly donations for the use of the car-park which enables our passengers to park free of charge and recently made a donation to St Mary's Church. Many social events are taking place, in December 2023 almost 100 people attended our Christmas Lunch at The County Hotel - recently a special 'Drag Queen Night' held in the Village Hall in February (completely sold out) a lunch time meal at The Angel coming in May (sold out) and watch out for "Broomfield Traitors" taking place in April and in November a special "60s, 70s, 80s" (adults only) disco - both these social events are almost sold out! For further details and a complete list of all the trips that Broomfield Coach Trips are running simply email rayspiller@aol.com or phone Ray for a list and he will pop a copy through your letter box - **01245 512997**.

Broomfield Coach Trips are organised by local residents (Ray and Jan Spiller) and on every coach trip passengers are well looked after with sweets, crisps (all free!) and where possible local maps of places the coaches are going to... and Ray and Jan are on every trip to make sure you have a great time!

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So what can we do to reduce stress?

- Reach out - Speak to family, friends, therapists - anyone that you feel safe to share your issues with.
- Try to limit or balance out your stressors.

- Practice gratitude. Try to think of or write down three things that you are grateful for each day or each morning and evening if you prefer.
- Be active - For me, movement is medicine. Exercising can help to release endorphins - our happy hormones - which can help our body to de-stress. Take a walk, hit the gym or maybe join my gentle yoga class on a Thursday evenings at Broomfield Village Hall. Check out the links below for more information/booking and contact details.

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Address: Springfield Parish Centre St.
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Braintree Tuesday - Meeting time:
20:00 - 21:30

Address: Braintree Community Centre 19-21
Bocking End Braintree CM7 9AE

The minimum age requirement for attending Al-Anon meetings is 18.

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For information about Alateen meetings in England, contact the General Service Office on – **0207 593 2070** (10am-5pm Mon-Fri)



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March

'The Battle of Assandun'. (modern-day Ashenden) : Relations between Saxons and Vikings and the significant role of the little-known Queen Emma)

April

'The Magic of the Theatre

May

'Body Language'

June

'Pets as therapy'

July

'A Beginning, a muddle and an end' - the process of writing a novel

A broad range of member-led interest and activity groups.

Currently we have approximately nineteen functioning groups. Full details are on our website, but here are some illustrative examples:

Walking -country walks of around 4-5 miles;
Book Group; Canasta; Health Matters; Geology;
Natural History; Photography; Table-tennis;
Bus Pass (visits to places of interest); Lace-Making; Scrabble; Beer Appreciation; Ten-Pin Bowling.

A monthly newsletter, and option to receive the national u3a magazine, Third Age Matters

Last but certainly not least, opportunities to learn, pursue interests, have fun and make friends.



*For more information, or to obtain membership forms just google our website, 'Broomfield & District u3a'. You are also welcome to come along to a monthly meeting, (second Wednesday of the month – Broomfield Village Hall) where any member of committee will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Annual Membership is only £15.00.

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June '52 Fete at the Parsonage

Following on from the death of John Latham last year, his son Andrew has been undertaking the rather depressing task of sorting out various papers and photographs that John had collected over the years.

Anything of real 'Broomfield interest' Andrew has been passing to me and, in due course these will end up in the Essex Record Office. In the meantime, it gives me the opportunity of sharing them with a wider audience.

One of the photos, pictured here, has written on the back 'June '52. Fete at the Parsonage'. As you can see, it's a typical village scene of a group of smiling, predominantly, youngsters. The only two people I initially could recognise was a very young John Latham (sitting cross-legged at bottom right) along with my aunty Muriel who is behind John's right shoulder.

With a bit of guess work, I reckoned that Delmas and Joyce Ashford were at bottom left but, other than that, I had no idea. Who to ask? Well Joyce still lives opposite me so on a very hot day last summer, I dropped a copy of this photo with her and waited to hear back. Thanks also to historian Cathy Pearson who showed it to Molly Hilton and to my son Thomas who assisted by texting a copy to Broomfield Cricket Club coach Gary Copeman who showed it to his mum Pam. The results (so far) are thus:

As you can see, there are some unknowns and some multiple names given, but as Joyce wrote to me, 'I think these are correct but it was a long time ago!' If any of you out there have any further clarifications to make then please let me know. If you would like me to email a copy of the photo to you, so you can examine it in more detail, then get in contact: neilwiffen@hotmail.com



*Back row: Charles Barnes (Joyce's dad who helped to set the fete up); Peter Copeman; Ron Beales, Dennis Clarke
Second row: Mrs Wilkinson; Molly Hilton (née Gladwin); Mrs Nunn; Mrs Fisher; Mr Wells/Mr Faith/Mr Primmer?
Third row: Joyce Ashford (née Barnes); Joan Barber; Muriel Palmer (née Wiffen)
Front row: Delmas Ashford; Pete Orrin/John Amie?; ? Wilkinson/Gordon Watts?; Les Sayer/Derek Evans; John Latham*

As to the occasion? A Broomfield YMCA fête, possibly just to celebrate the summer and maybe to raise some funds. It is thought that those photographed are the YMCA members (and family supporters) who had arranged and were setting up the event – there always has to be the 'heavy lifters'! And, Mrs Marriage, of the Parsonage, sent Mr Marriage up to London for the day so that he'd be out the way!

And why is it important? Well it reminds us of family and friends who have made Broomfield their home and, hopefully enjoyed their lives here. It reminds of us people we have loved who are no longer with us and that's no bad thing – let us shout out their names! And it puts a face to a name long known but never seen. My late father, Michael Wiffen, loved his time at the YMCA and one of his memories was of getting a plate of chips for a penny of an evening through the late 1940s when, as a hard-working teenager in the time of rationing, he was always hungry.

When he lay dying in Broomfield hospital, and we were talking over his memories, the YMCA got a good mention, including those chips. And who served them up – Mrs Nunn. So now I know what she looks like. I wonder if she knew what high regard she was held in? It reminds me of the lines from Eliot's *Middlemarch*:

"for the growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts; and that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been, is half owing to the number who lived faithfully a hidden life, and rest in unvisited tombs"

So, when the weather is wet and horrible, and the news on the telly depressing, let us take heart from looking at this photo and think about what we can do to make our Broomfield a better place.

With thanks to Joyce Ashford, Pam Copeman (née Rolph) and Molly Hilton.

Neil Wiffen

St George's Day Parish Dinner

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Our Charity for 2024 is The Men's Shed

www.broomfieldcottagegardenerssociety.co.uk

Friends at Broomfield Hospital

News from Broomfield Hospital

Pink Tilt chairs for Therapy Services:



The Friends are pleased to have provided funding of £4,344 for two more tilt chairs for Therapy Services. We asked Louise Panella, Lead Therapist, her opinion... she said... "The 2 adjustable Milano chairs gifted by the Friends at Broomfield hospital in March 2023 are being used throughout the hospital under the care of Therapy Services. The provision of the 2 additional 'pink' Tilt Chairs has been amazing and well received by the therapy staff, patients and wards alike. Not only do these chairs provide the initial stepping stones in supporting patients' recovery and transitioning them from being in bed to sitting out, but they allow support to recovery." As you can see, just a 'chair' can make such a difference to patient recovery. This is a particularly special donation by the Friends... as the pink chairs are in memory of our longest serving Friend... Barbara Coupe. She was a ray of sunshine and loved everything pink!

Care of the elderly wards - Toiletries:

We have 4 wards specifically relating to 'care of the elderly' at Broomfield Hospital.



The Friends are pleased to have committed to funding toiletries for each of these wards throughout 2024. We have already delivered the first two months... which have been gratefully received by staff and patients. Each month's supply contains a large range of branded toiletries (ladies and gents), which we sincerely hope will make a difference to our patients' hospital experience. Just the smell of some familiar toiletries that may remind them of home may make their day more comfortable. Primarily these toiletries are to support patients that come into hospital with no toiletries of their own... they may be care home residents or simply have no family... many of them will be dementia patients who aren't able to fend for themselves... or... it could simply be a patient who has forgotten one item in their own toilet bag, which we are happy to provide, to enhance their stay.

We are always keen to support our patients and nursing staff, so hopefully this will put a smile on some patients' faces and be beneficial to their wellbeing. Our grateful thanks to the Housekeeping staff who are managing this stock within the wards and making sure it is being distributed to those patients that are in need. The Friends donation for the full year will total approximately £6,400.

Book Sale & Tombola:

Our book sale and Tombola will be held in the Broomfield Hospital Atrium on 19th & 20th March 2024 (10am to 4pm). Come and see us!

You may even win an Easter prize!

Little Waltham & Great Notley Surgeries Patient Participation Group

Spring Update:

The surgery has implemented a new phone system across both sites and now offer a call back service. The phone lines are still extremely busy, but we aim to have three receptionists at site, especially during the morning rush at 8am.

The surgery is pleased to announce that the E-consult booking system seems to be working well for making routine appointments. To access the E-consult system go to the surgery website - 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 with the new design for the website making it clearer and simpler to use.

LW&GN PPG, other PPGs and representatives from local Parish Councils have met to discuss the level of local development alongside proposed healthcare provision and are collectively in contact with the Integrated Care Board to clarify the situation. We will keep you updated.

For any concerns, questions or suggestions on issues relating to the running of the surgeries then please contact the PPG on lw.gn.ppg@hotmail.com and we will get back to you.



News from Broomfield Library

As we moved from winter to spring, we said farewell to the Winter Reading Challenge.

More than thirty children took up the challenge and over a third won their certificates and books. Well done!



With the start of the new term, we have again been welcoming classes from Broomfield Primary School who come to read and enjoy books on a variety of topics.

Mother's Day was celebrated with a crafting event; children enjoyed decorating a pot each, and then planting a flower in that pot.



Our two book groups that use the library continue with their regular meetings. Remember, if you'd like to join the Common Readers group, then you would be most welcome as they are always on the lookout for new members. The group meets once a month on a Saturday morning.

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Recently, another local resident has left a legacy to be spent to help needy people and which is also administered by Broomfield United Charities. Applications can be made by people living in the CM1 postcode district.

We look at all cases on an individual bases, this year we have supported people with a new cooker, a washing machine and 5 children within the Village to attend their school trips.

If you, or someone you know, is in need of some financial assistance please call into the Village Hall where we can pass your name on, or look online at:

<https://e-voice.org.uk/woollards-trust>



Helen Rollason Cancer Charity Donation Days

Helen Rollason Cancer Charity will be opening its centre in Hatfield Peverel on certain days throughout 2024 so that you can drop-off your pre-loved items.

Figures show that waste from households in the UK was over 27 million tonnes in 2021. By donating good quality items to the charity, you will be reducing waste, helping the environment, and raising funds to support local people living with cancer.

The charity will accept clothing and accessories, toys, books, kitchen and homeware, ornaments, collectables, and any other valuable items. New or in good condition and preferably eBay saleable. They cannot take electrical items.

Helen Rollason Cancer Charity

You can drop-off your items at their Mid Essex Support Centre at: The Street, Hatfield Peverel, Essex, CM3 2EH (carparking at the rear of the building) between 9am and 12pm on the following Saturdays. For more information you can contact the fundraising team on **01245 380719**.

9th March | 11th May | 8th June
13th July | 14th September



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.

For more information, go to www.farleighhospice.org

Pilot project to enhance overnight care

Farleigh Hospice is working with Marie Curie and Provide Community on a project to enhance the existing overnight care that people living with a terminal illness receive at home across mid Essex.

From 1st January to 31st March 2024, 8pm to 8am, calls to the Overnight District Nursing Service on **07580 912 693** will be assessed by Provide Community's team. They will then be triaged to a specialist team of Registered

Nurses and Healthcare Assistants from Marie Curie, with additional staff from Farleigh Hospice, who will provide responsive palliative and end of life care and support to these people in their homes.

This project is funded by Marie Curie. Farleigh will use outcomes and lessons learnt to further develop its care in the future.

www.farleighhospice.org/news

Walk for Life – Sunday 12th May

Register now for this popular family-friendly walk through one of the most beautiful parts of Essex along the towpath of the Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation. Choose

between the 12km ramble that begins at Paper Mill Lock, Little Baddow or the more demanding 24km route that starts at Heybridge Basin. Both walks finish in Chelmsford. To find out more and book your place, visit www.farleighhospice.org/walk



Midsummer Mudness - Wednesday 19th June

Join Farleigh in the Wild Forest in Kelvedon Hatch near Brentwood (home to the renowned Nuclear Races) for an adventurous obstacle

course of around 2km through woodland and bogs, finishing with zipwires into water and the famous death slide! Book by 2nd April for early bird prices at

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Photo - Sarah Green (Farleigh Hospice), Nic Radovic (Provide Community), Sharon Guyver (Provide Community), Alison Hurst (Marie Curie) and Maggie Reeves (Marie Curie) with Farleigh Hospice's memory tree.



British Legion Fete 1949

Fancy dress competition entrants Gillian Ketley (witch) Angela Littlechild (bridesmaid) Mary Follett (baby in carrycot) Keith Follett (seated) Janet Holmes (schoolmaster) Hilary Homes (Indian) – were you there? Do you recognise any other competitors (not mentioned)? – we'd love to know!

Here are the competition winners – the prize was a professional photograph taken at Bonds. A very reluctant groom (apparently) – Molly Dunn and her bride Rosemary Toye.



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The Copperfield Trail and Public Art Scheme

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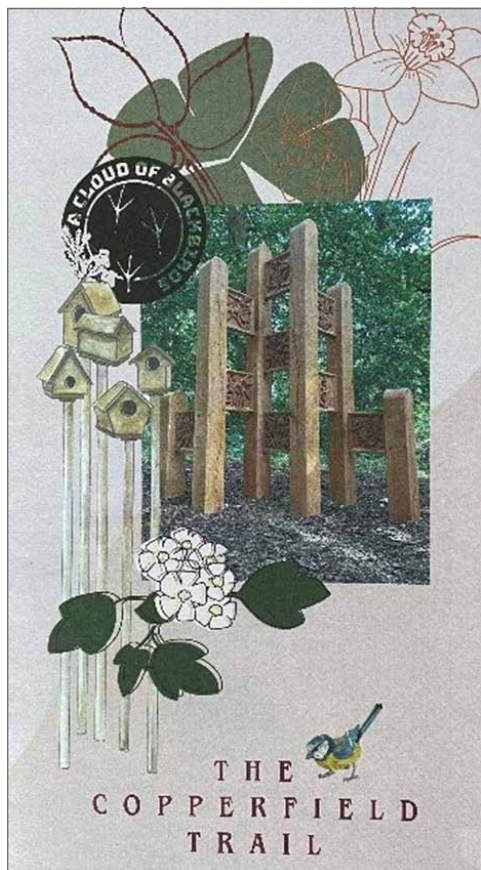
The developer, Persimmon Homes, funded a project to create artworks for the estate and its surrounds, with funds also provided to research the history and natural history of the area. This project, now complete, was managed by local artist Elaine Tribley, who as well as commissioning professional artists and sculptors, enlisted the help of children from the local primary school at Newlands Spring.

The children created some of the artwork and constructed bird-boxes for the adjacent Daffy



Wood, an ancient wood where wild daffodils grow in the spring. Also involved in the project were members of Essex Wildlife Trust and the Essex Birdwatching Society. The history aspect of the project proved quite fruitful and culminated in the 'Copperfield Trail', a walk of about two miles taking in historic landscape features such as ancient hedgerows, boundary markers and of course Daffy Wood. Some fine old houses are passed along the way, two of which were lived-in by the famous antiquarian and ornithologist Miller Christy, who was active during the late 19th to early 20th centuries. The route also tours the art installations. The Copperfield Trail has been published as an illustrated leaflet, complete with route map, and copies have been delivered to the residents of the new housing estate. As the leaflet might also be of interest to readers of the Broomfield Times, a PDF of the trail has been placed on the Broomfield Parish website Places of Interest - Broomfield Parish Council (broomfield-pc.gov.uk). In addition, a couple of paper copies are pinned to the notice board at Broomfield Village Hall.

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Our Soccability squad are looking for more participants to train at Chelmer Valley High School at 6 - 7pm (see attached advert). These sessions are free of charge and run by qualified coaches. Please scan the QR code for more information.

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Scouts

1st Broomfield (Kantankye) Cubs

Since our last report Cubs have attended two "nights away" events, we held a fun Christmas Sleepover at the Scout HQ with lots of party games, pizza and a late-night DVD, and then in January we visited Belchamps Scout Activity Centre for a weekend of Ancient Egyptian themed activities.

On arrival Cubs translated their names into hieroglyphics to find out which team they were in, then played a wide game outside in the dark to try to win artefact cards and avoid the "mark of the mummy"... and then back inside to create canopic jars. Next day Cubs entered the pyramid (the caving simulator) looking for more artefact cards, they made mummy hot dogs for lunch, and then tackled the assault course, with the additional challenge of leading blindfolded members of the team through it. Not quite as much mud as we like, but still great fun. Pyramid pioneering in the evening and wrapping the smallest member of each team up in toilet roll, followed by a Pharaoh game.

A campfire on Sunday of course, to toast some marshmallows and then the highlight of the leaders' weekend... the mummification challenge, leaders had been very busy and creative to set this up for the Cubs, who responded with great enthusiasm, and a few screams.

A great camp as ever, and we all picked up some Ancient Egyptian facts along the way.

Pack nights have also been busy, we ended the year with a hike and quiz around the town centre (and chips of course!) and also even managed to deliver the Broomfield Times, residents of Longshots may have heard us... We welcomed some new members to the pack at the start of the year and made a start on the Essex Challenge by designing a badge. We also had a very exciting evening with a visit from the London Fire Brigade's search and rescue drones, Cubs even got to search for each other in the dark by looking at the infra-red images, it was amazing! Many thanks to John and Simon from LFB for coming along and running the evening for us!

Looking ahead to the rest of the term, we hope to put in some entries to the District handicraft competition, make a giant marble run, practice pitching tents and learn some money skills.

The Kantankye Cub Pack Team

We would like to also thank those who supported the Book Sale and a special thank you to those who helped with it.



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