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Welcome to the Autumn edition of Broomfield Times

Again, thank you to all who have contributed articles, reports and information to be shared with all our Broomfield residents, businesses, shops, hospitals, clubs and all in our community and beyond.

It has been lovely to see so many people young and old making the most of the park around Broomfield Village Hall – making the most of the play facilities, MUGA (multi-use games area) having a picnic, joining Fun@Broomfield, seeking peace and quiet in Centenary Wood and the Community Garden or just enjoying the open space in the park - it's been very busy and the recent lovely weather has helped! Let's hope this lovely weather lasts well into September and beyond!

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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News from Parish Council

After so much rain this spring, it has been lovely to see the return of warm sunny days and long balmy evenings.

On July 21st we fortunately had a beautiful day to host our Summer Fayre. There was a mixture of craft, traditional and local community group stalls. Many thanks to all of those who supported the event by turning up or participating which made the day so enjoyable. I would also like to thank all those who volunteered their time to make the day a success. Included as part of the Fayre, the Broomfield Cottage Gardeners Society held their summer show in the Village Hall, showing the best of our local gardeners and allotment holders produce.

Throughout August the Parish Council have held "Fun @Broomfield" every Monday that have proved very successful and enjoyable. Each week had a theme, the Olympic Games, Animals, Disco and Bouncy Castles. We have received some very positive feedback from

parents about these sessions, particularly their affordability and the range of activities. Building on this, we intend to run these sessions again next year. I would like to thank all the staff, volunteers and Parish Councillors who made this happen.

Our Planning Committee has been very busy with our Broomfield Neighbourhood Plan. It covers the whole of the Parish, and includes planning policies on the environment, village character, development, and open space. Once adopted, it will become part of Chelmsford's Local Development Plan. The draft has been submitted to the City Council and is now ready for the examination stage. We have also written a response to the National Grid as part of the Statutory Public Consultation about the Pylons, which may potentially run from Norwich to Tilbury. In the response we set out your preferred options gathered after the open meeting held a few months ago.

I hope you all enjoy the rest of your summer.

Councillor Jo Bowman

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Planning Report

It's been a massively busy few months for the Planning Committee!

National Grid consultation on the 'Norwich to Tilbury' Pylon Line

A big 'thank you' to the many residents who came to the Open Day in May to find out more about these proposals and to express their views. Following this, we submitted a very detailed response on behalf of the Parish.

The key points we made were:

- Undergrounding the entire line (like water and gas mains) is getting more cost-effective and will soon be better value than overhead lines in the long term. This option must be fully considered.
- National Grid have not properly considered or consulted on alternative routes for pylons in the Chelmsford area. These must be thoroughly assessed before any final decision is made.

If you'd like to read the full response, just email us at the address above. Warning: it is very long, detailed and a bit teckie!

In 2015, we set up and have led an alliance of local parish councils called the '**North and West of Chelmsford Parishes Group**'. Because of the proposed pylon line, the Group has expanded to include a couple of parish councils to the South-West too. It's been enormously helpful to work together – sharing costs of research work where needed and having greater clout through working as a group.

Chelmsford Local Plan: The City Council is reviewing its Local Plan and has published its preferred options about where development should be put.

For the first time in 20 years, Broomfield is not in the frame for major new housing!!

However, we mustn't be complacent, as things can change and there will inevitably be stiff opposition from areas that are more affected. So, we submitted a carefully-considered response on behalf of the Parish (again, please email if you'd like a copy).

Broomfield Neighbourhood Plan (NP):

Although you may not have heard much about the NP recently, steady progress is being made. The City Council has carried out a further round of consultation, as required by national rules. Together with all the comments received, the NP is now being considered by an independent Examiner (or inspector). He may require some amendments to be made. The final version of the NP will then be put to a local referendum.

Meanwhile, we are starting work where we can on some of the **Community Actions** in the NP, as they all received strong support from local people when we consulted before. The only two things that residents don't like about living in Broomfield are the level of traffic and the lack of affordable housing. So, the Parish Council has set up a **Traffic and Travel Working Group** to work up a detailed plan about that important problem.

Retrospective Application for Travelling Showpeople's Winter Quarters (southeast of Roselawn Farm):

About a year ago, construction began on these dwellings without planning permission. The City Council obtained an interim High Court injunction to prevent further work. The subsequent planning application was refused and the applicant has gone to appeal with the Planning Inspectorate. We understand that a public inquiry will take place in October.

Cllr John Blake

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Environment Committee report

The Committee and volunteers have been working hard to maintain our lovely park, garden and wood. Many thanks to our volunteer waterers now the Summer has finally arrived.

Our care to make room for nature seems to be paying off. A pair of buzzards are seen from time to time circling above and in addition we have seen visitors such as the sparrowhawk, seen on Angel Lane where it enters the car park. This is a phenomenal bird- try looking up "How sparrowhawks catch garden birds" for a short and amazing BBC film.



In addition, we have had a range of butterflies and moths - perhaps two of the most eye-catching were the cinnabar moth, and the jersey tiger moth, which has only recently come this far north as our climate changes.

Please also remember to save your old pens, stamps and old spectacles for recycling in the Village Hall.



I hope you have noticed that the phone box has been repainted and new signs about picking up after your dog have appeared. A dog warden will be visiting from time to time to do spot checks on this.

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Broomfield's Tree For Life Update

I just wanted to send my thanks to the Parish Council for planting the trees for Broomfield Babies back in 2020.

As you can see, ours has grown substantially to the point where, yesterday we made an apple crumble! It's a lovely space that has been created and our daughter Emilia always enjoys finding her tree.

Rosalind Wright



Is your overgrowth causing a problem?
I often get complaints about hedges overhanging pavements and making it dangerous for pedestrians as they need to step out into the road.



Essex County Council are the "Highway Authority" which means that they have a statutory responsibility for the maintenance of adopted roads and footpaths. This includes dealing with overhanging or encroaching vegetation. But most hedges adjacent to the highway/pavement are privately owned and it is the responsibility of the landowner to trim them. Can I ask that landowners keep an eye on their hedges, especially those that overhang the pavement, and that they take action to trim them back. The alternative is that residents can report them here:

www.essexhighways.org/tell-us

But if it is privately owned, Highways have to take the longer, expensive and legal route of enforcement and ultimately undertaking the work and then charging the landowner. Much better if we all look at our own hedges and take action for the benefit of the community.

In terms of when hedges can be cut back - you can do this at any time but it is an offence under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981, to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built. The main bird breeding season is between March and August and the risk of committing any of the above offences is increased between these dates. That doesn't stop anyone trimming hedges during this period but if you undertake any work within these dates, you should check the hedge for any signs of breeding activity first. Please, have a look at your hedge and make sure you aren't causing pedestrians to step into the road to avoid an overhanging hedge!

ECC Cllr Mike Steel

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An Update on Pylons
By the time this article is published, we will have gone beyond the 26th of July National Grid (NG) consultation deadline.

I hope you all managed to submit objections. This is the statutory consultation, and we need to increase the response rate above the previous 2 non-statutory consultations which were just 0.1% of the population of the 3 counties affected.

There has been a lot of activity from myself and your Local Authorities, and I would like to outline what we have done to oppose the 160km of pylons between Norwich and Tilbury:

- I personally proposed a Motion to ECC at the May meeting, to object to the pylons route. This went beyond just responding to the NG consultation, and I ensured that ECC also sent their objections to Govt (Ofgem) and the Electricity Services Operators (ESO) as their requirements and timescales are influencing the solution.
- Chelmsford City Council maintained their objection and I asked for this to be presented at the July Cabinet meeting. They focused on the potential harm to residential amenity and in particular the harm to designated heritage assets along the route and the archaeological remains at Walthams' Ash Tree Corner.
- The Parish Councils in my ECC division have joined forces to produce a joint response to the consultation as well as advise the 14 Parish Councils on their individual responses. The North West Parishes Group (NWPG), regularly meet to coordinate their objections.
- All my Parish councils have logged objections as part of the NG statutory consultation.
- NWPG have jointly funded a Landscape Consultant to examine all the NG Environmental Reports to challenge any gaps in their cases.

- NWPG have met with NG to promote alternatives to the currently proposed Overhead Line (OHL) pylons, mainly looking at the East of Chelmsford as an alternative.
- I have met with NG on my own to ensure that the issues around the "Waltham Gap" are fully appreciated, and alternative routes or technologies considered, such as HVAC underground (it can be squeezed into a 60m gap!).
- I have hosted our MP, Kemi Badenoch, at various locations along the route and shown her the devastating effect of the pylons. Of course, she now acts as our representative for the opposition benches, but I expect her to be vociferous in opposing the OHL route through her constituency. I understand that once the consultation has closed, the next step will be NG submitting a Development Consent Order (DCO) which is required for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects and will be around early 2025. This will include all the consultation feedback, and any related mitigations, although if there is a significant change, such as a change of route, NG may need to re-consult first! Some of us will continue to liaise informally with NG during this period in order to continue to press our case.

You may have also noted that in the King's speech, the new Govt intends to introduce legislation to accelerate planning consents for National Infrastructure projects, which will make our task more even more challenging.

ECC Cllr Mike Steel



Essex Local Nature Recovery Strategy

More than ever, wildlife and their habitats are under threat for survival.

The Essex Local Nature Recovery Strategy provides a new vision for our natural spaces and the draft strategy is currently being prepared for public consultation.

Made mandatory in the Environment Act of 2021, the Essex Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) presents a pivotal opportunity for us all to contribute towards a sustainable future for our wildlife and the landscapes they inhabit.

Essex County Council, in collaboration with the Essex Local Nature Partnership, has created the draft Essex LNRS, alongside a range of key local stakeholders, including Supporting Authorities, farmers, landowners, environmental organisations and charities, community groups, parish and town councils and the public.

Covering the whole of Greater Essex, the document aims to identify key locations for



the creation and enhancement of habitats, focusing on areas that will provide the most significant

benefits for nature and the wider environment. By outlining key biodiversity priorities and proposed actions, the aim is to achieve a more connected, collaborative approach to nature recovery. The draft strategy is expected to go to public consultation later this summer.

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Broomfield Events

As summer is coming to a close, I wanted to share some memorable moments of our events.



We started the summer season with our **Summer Fayre** - hundreds of people enjoyed beautiful handmade crafts and gifts, homemade cakes and many tombolas.



It was the first time for many years we had collaborated with Broomfield Cottage Gardeners and have a Summer Flower and Produce Show run alongside the Fayre, for us it worked well we hope that you have been inspired to have a go for next year.



The money we raised will go back into funding our community projects, such as the Community Larder, Lunch Club, Coffee Mornings and Stay and Play.

Summer Lunch 75 people spent dancing the afternoon away at our Summer Lunch, we enjoyed a buffet and the sounds of the Fleeting Shadows, we do love to party!



Broomfield Cottage Gardeners' Society Summer Show prize winners.





Fun @Broomfield A new venture for the Parish Council this year was our own Fun @Broomfield days we have had over 200 children and their families join us for arts and crafts, animal encounters, crazy golf, a disco in the park and bouncy castle fun, we have had an amazing time - it was great to see so many happy and smiling faces.

In amongst all of this we have had our usual Wednesday Coffee Mornings and Thursday Community Lunches. It's been a busy few weeks - all of these events would not be possible without our amazing team and our Parish Councillors who volunteer their time to make so many people happy! A big thank you from me.

As the summer draws to a close we are now preparing some exciting new groups, and our Christmas plans are underway. To keep updated with the latest events for children join our **Fun@broomfield** Facebook page, or check out our website at **broomfieldvillagehall.com**, Instagram: **@broomfieldvillagehall** Facebook: **broomfield village hall charity**

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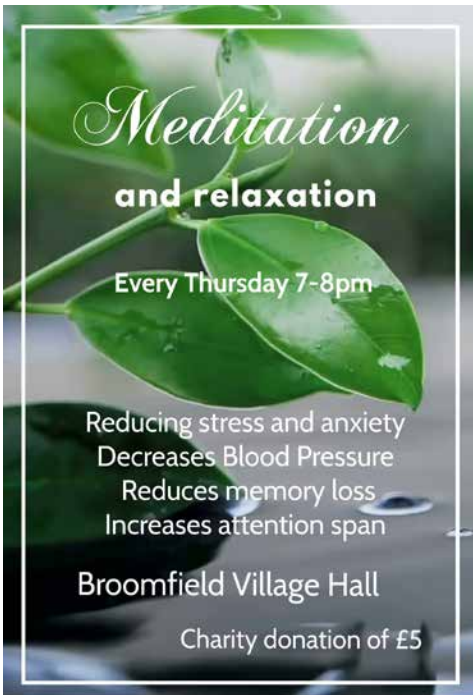
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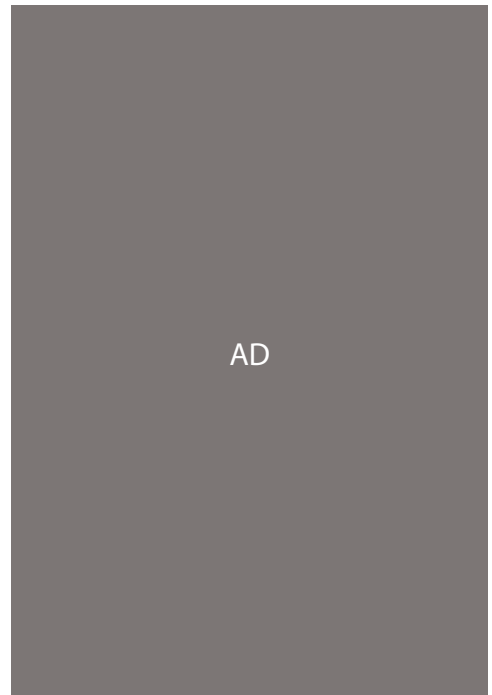
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Sunday 29th September 2024

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Visit www.essexdementiacare.org.uk for more information and to download our leaflets.

KNIT AND NATTER

It's hard to believe that Knit and Natter has been going for almost three years and is still as popular as ever with almost 40 ladies attending the last meeting in August!



The ladies meet once a month on a Wednesday afternoon 1:30pm to 4pm and it's always a great afternoon with many obviously doing knitting but a good number do other projects like sewing, lace making, diamond dots etc. Only £3 and for that you get a cup of tea, biscuits and the chance to meet and make new friends - the next two meetings are September 25th and October 23rd. Phone Jan Spiller on **01245 512997**.

BROOMFIELD COACH TRIPS

We have reached the 200 mark - the 200th coach excursion left Broomfield Village Hall for a visit to The London Museums. We started the coach trips in May 2022 (a visit to Windsor) and thought at the time we would try and arrange maybe six or year - we are averaging TWELVE a month now! And most are sold out!

Everybody likes the idea that we pick up just the once (Broomfield Village Hall) and drop off just the once... combined with excellent prices and couriers on each trip giving away free sweets, crisps and making sure everyone is comfortable to enjoy the day or evening ahead. We also hold social nights at Broomfield Village Hall - and that's not all - Broomfield Coach Trips recently returned from their 5th holiday - and we set off again and head for Scotland for a 10 day holiday along with over 40 people.



Already planned for 2025 are over 50 excursions and holidays to Isle of Man, Blackpool (for the illuminations), and three Warners Holidays. For a full list of their coach

trips/holidays send an email to rayspiller@aol.com or phone **01245 512997** for a printed list that Ray can pop through your letterbox.

And finally their National Lottery Syndicates recently made national news when their story was featured in The Daily Mail - now TEN national lottery syndicates (10 people in each) chase the dream every Wednesday and Saturday looking for the line that wins them life-changing money...

Ray and Jan Spiller

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Broomfield & District U3A

For people who are no longer working and who want to keep mind and/or body active in relaxed, sociable company.

We are your local branch and are a charity, part of a national network, run entirely by volunteer members. Members meet up on the second Wednesday of the month, at Broomfield Village Hall (1:30pm-4pm) where we socialise over refreshments, share relevant news and information, then have a presentation from a visiting speaker.

June's meeting was an enjoyable and entertaining one on 'Pets as Therapy', and, as an example of the diversity of topics we cover, a very informative study of the history and management of the Chelmer and Blackwater navigation.

Topics for the remainder of 2024 are:

September -The first Essex witch trials

October - The story of the Tiptree Preserves Co. (by the Company Archivist)

November - How to avoid being scammed/ data security (a Police presentation)

December - The origins of English.

Besides coming along to our monthly meetings, you can join a wide range of member-led interest and activity groups (or if you wish, start new ones!)

To find out more about the branch, and the various groups and activities, just google-search our website, 'Broomfield & District u3a'.

You are welcome to come along to a monthly meeting, where our Membership Secretary will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. You can obtain a membership form via the website or in person if you attend a monthly meeting. Annual Membership is only £15.

For information on u3a at a national level, go to u3a.org.uk

Orchard Springs Women's Institute

We recently held a Beetle Drive and Strawberry Tea and Cakes for Breast Cancer Awareness.

The Beetle Drive, apart from being noisy, was hilarious and everyone was so competitive. After the hilarity of the Beetle Drive, we were in need of a cuppa, we all enjoyed the afternoon tea. Breast Cancer awareness supplied lots of ideas and supporting materials, including bunting, a charity box for donations and 2 games.

There was also a raffle with all prizes donated. The event raised almost £300 for our chosen charity.

Many other events have also been held over the summer including creating a beautiful floral display at St Mary's Church to "Celebrate Nature". Along with the flowers were bees and butterflies made by our Craft Group.



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INSPIRING WOMEN

The Craft Group also made a card in the beautiful sunshine at our craft lunch held annually at the home of Kate Clarke.

The Lunch Group had been to Rose of India and Il Palazzo and the Darts team had enjoyed their season. Not all our meetings are light-hearted, we welcomed Penny and Tish from Daniel Robinson and family, Funeral Directors to speak, which was interesting. They were also very generous bringing cakes and a raffle prize. Our last meeting was strawberries and cream along with shortbread biscuits and Prosecco. Finally, we ran a Biscuit Tombola at Broomfield Village Fayre, bringing in some interest from potential members, as well as increasing our funds.

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Broomfield Cottage Gardeners Society Open Gardens



Each year some of our members kindly open their gardens for the Society and each year the Society chooses a charity and this year it has been the Broomfield Men's Shed.

Between July and August, we have visited 7 very different but equally as beautiful gardens, we have shared tips, ideas, conversation and even a few glasses of wine! Joining the Society is easy and we are always welcoming new members, for just £4 a year you can have access to evening talks, open gardens and access to the Barn Shop, where you can purchase a range of garden materials at reasonable prices right here in your Village.

If you would like to open your garden, please do get in touch with Donna **07729239613** for more details.





Farleigh Hospice

News from Farleigh Hospice

Farleigh Hospice has many exciting events for you to enjoy over the next few months.
www.farleighhospice.org/events

HERE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS



Halloween Dog Walk

Take your Halloween hounds on a 5km sponsored walk in Little Waltham on Sunday 27th October.

Fancy dress is optional - the best-dressed dog wins a prize.



Shopping

Extravaganza

Join Farleigh at the Channels Estate, Chelmsford on Wednesday 6 November, 10am-3pm. Browse the

exciting pop-up shops and enjoy a relaxing mini pampering treatment. The Channels Bar and Brasserie and the Belsteads Coffee Shop will also be open. Entry is £4 in advance or £5 on the door which includes an entry into a prize draw. Parking is free.

www.farleighhospice.org/shopping

Reindeer Run

Nurseries, schools and youth groups can hold a Reindeer Run this Christmas to raise money for Farleigh. Everyone can take part by walking, jogging, running or propelling themselves. You decide the date, distance and location, so start planning your Reindeer Run now!

Farleigh will provide a free pack including reindeer antlers for every child and an adult Santa suit.

www.farleighhospice.org/reindeer-run

Santa Fun Run

Run, jog, walk or propel yourself around the 5km Santa Fun Run course in Central Park, Chelmsford on Sunday 1 December. It is suitable for all ages and accessible for pushchairs and wheelchairs. Entry fee includes a Santa suit for adults and a hat for children!

www.farleighhospice.org/santa

Christmas Tree Recycling

Will you be enjoying the beauty of a real Christmas tree this year? Register for Farleigh's Christmas tree recycling service and the charity will collect it from your doorstep on 10-12 January to save you a trip to the recycling centre and a car boot full of pine needles!

Register your interest now at

www.farleighhospice.org/trees

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Al-Anon Family Groups UK & Eire is there for anyone whose life is or has been affected by someone else's drinking.

Helpline: 0800 0086 811

Web: www.al-anonuk.org.uk

Local meetings Held at:

Chelmsford Monday - Meeting time:

19:30 - 21:00

Address: Springfield Parish Centre St. Augustine's Way Springfield CM1 6GX

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-year-olds.

Alateen is for teenage relatives and friends of alcoholics. Alateen is part of Al-Anon. We believe alcoholism is a family disease that affects everyone in the family.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS UK & EIRE

Alateen meetings are for 12-17-year-olds. They meet to share their experiences of having, or having had, a problem drinker in their lives. They help and support each other.

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



Friends at Broomfield Hospital

South Woodham Ferrers United Football Club presented us with a cheque for £1,000. They held a tournament which ran through Friday night, Saturday and Sunday on the



weekend of the 20th July. It involved children from under 6-year-olds. They have kindly supported us for a couple of years now and the funds were raised from this event.

The photo shows Carol Haensel and Sally Cansdale of the Friends at Broomfield Hospital accepting the cheque on our behalf.

Thank you SWUFC!!



Broomfield Church Flower Festival was held recently at St Mary with St Leonard Parish Church Broomfield. The beautiful arrangement

displayed on our behalf was created by FABH volunteer, Chrissy Miller. It represented the rain forest where over 50% of the world's most exotic plants grow – many of which are used in life saving medicines. Chrissy generously donated the cost of the flowers out of her own funds. The vicar, Carolyn Tibbott joins the Friends in thanking Chrissy for creating a lovely display.

Helen Rollason Cancer Charity News & Events

What's happening in September?



A special 15 miles cycle ride will set off from The Crix in Hatfield Peverel on Sunday 15th September. This is to remember Ed Knight, one of the greatest supporters of our annual Ride for Helen cycle event, who sadly passed away in May.

On Sunday 22nd September our rural ramble and trail run will return to Hatfield Place. You can choose from a 1, 4, 6 or 10 miles ramble, or you can do a 4, 6 or 10-miles trail run. At the end, you will return to Hatfield Place for a cream tea with coffee or tea.

Helen Rollason
Cancer Charity



We also have a donation day at our centre in Hatfield Peverel on Saturday 14th September. Drop off your pre-loved items between 9am and 12pm. Items should be in good condition and preferably e-bay saleable. Parking is available.

OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Helen Rollason Cancer Charity is 25 years old this year. To celebrate this we are holding an exquisite evening at the impressive Hatfield Place on Friday 18th October. This will include a welcome reception, dinner plus dancing into the night. Details and tickets can be found on our www.helenrollason.org.uk website. Why not get a group of friends together and book a table? Our Services If you would like to know more about the service we provide for those living with cancer, you can call us on **01245 382888** or pop in to speak to the support team in the centre on The Street, Hatfield Peverel.

DATES OF UPCOMING HELEN ROLLASON CANCER CHARITY EVENTS:

14th September

Donation Day, 9am to 12pm at our centre in Hatfield Peverel. Bring along your pre-loved items. Parking is available at the front and rear of the centre.

15th September

Ed's memorial ride starting at The Crix in Hatfield Peverel

21st September

Coffee morning at our centre in Hatfield Peverel 10am to 12pm. £3 per person for tea/coffee and cake.

22nd September

Rural Ramble and Trail Run starting at Hatfield Place

18th October

25th anniversary celebration at Hatfield Place.

24th November

Christmas Gift Fair at Chelmsford City Racecourse



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Fri: 15:00 - 23:30 | Sat: 12:00 - 23:30

Sun: 12:00 - 22:30

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News from Broomfield Library

Summer Reading Challenge is in full swing here at the library.

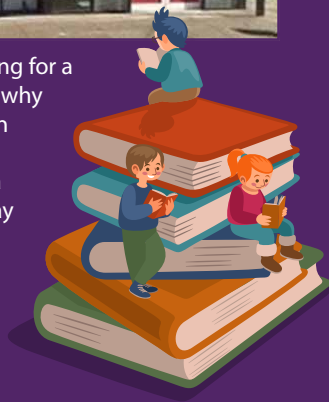
So far, more than 150 children have joined up to 'Marvellous Makers' and are busily collecting stickers for each book that they read. The challenge runs until Saturday 7th September, so there is still plenty of time to join in.

On Saturday 10th August we welcomed several parents and children about to start school next term to our 'Big School Meet Up' giving parents the chance to meet up informally and pick up tips about starting school. There was also the opportunity to join the "Ready, Steady, Go To School" challenge, which runs until Saturday 7th September.

Challenges aside, the library still offers its usual services. For example, our popular rhyme time for pre-school children runs throughout the year every Wednesday at 10am. No need to book, just turn up on the day ready for plenty of rhymes and singing.



And if you are looking for a book group to join, why not try the Common Readers who meet in the library once a month on a Saturday morning? They are a small and friendly group who like to discuss a different book – chosen by each member in turn – every month.



News from Broomfield Hospital

When Amie and Aaron lost their baby at 37 weeks their world was turned upside down.

With the support of the Blossom suite maternity bereavement team at Broomfield Hospital, the couple were guided through their first three days following their daughter's birth.

Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust hospitals' maternity bereavement suites at Basildon, Broomfield and Southend provide bereaved parents with a place to spend precious time with their baby, create special memories and receive crucial support at the most tragic of times. The suites are supported by charitable funds which allow our specialist teams the space to provide as much support as is needed in the first days.

To help ensure others can access the same levels of support, Amie and Aaron hosted a golf day which raised over £10,000 in memory of their baby Havana. We cannot thank them enough for their touching generosity.





Little Waltham & Great Notley Surgeries Patient Participation Group

Autumn:

Tuesday 24th September 18.30 – 20.30 at Great Notley Surgery – This is an open forum workshop, with the Integrated Care Board, to address and discuss the concerns we all have about the provision of medical support in our growing community. Representatives from healthcare providers, Parish Council, PPGs, and any interested patients, are invited to attend. We hope that this opportunity will enable us to have a clearer understanding of our concerns, and hopefully discuss measures that could be available to address them.

The practice has appointed an additional prescribing Pharmacist, who will give on-call assistance to the on-call Doctors. A new Care Co-ordinator has recently joined the practice team.

The introduction of NO WALK-INS for appointments before 9am has enabled the receptionists to cope with the 150 or so early morning call during our busy period, and the call back facility on the telephone has had good feedback. However, there has been an increase in patients' rudeness to receptionists, a situation the surgery will not tolerate; patients will be cautioned.

We are hoping to address the often-expressed frustration with the on-line consultations, accessed via the website, this is a nationwide scheme and out of the surgeries control.

Efforts are being made to produce a step-by-step guide which we hope will be available for everyone soon.

Date for Autumn Covid and Flu clinics will be released soon, so please keep a watch out for them.

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.





New Care Home opening in Broomfield:

Principle Care Homes has appointed born-and-bred Chelmsford woman Laura Mansfield as its Customer Relationship Manager, to welcome residents to its new luxury care home for older people.

Laura is delighted to return to her hometown for a dream job in healthcare just five minutes away from St John Payne Catholic School, where she was a pupil.

After working in a range of environments, from retail to banking, to recruitment and education, she is now relishing her career in healthcare following six years in the sector.

Laura brings her valuable experience to Broomfield as she recently completed a role in the commissioning team of a new home in Wickford, Essex. "Coming back to Chelmsford after six years away for work is so special for me, as I feel like I'm coming home, and supporting

my local community in the way I enjoy the most. Laura seeks out challenges in her life outside work too. "I've completed six marathons across the country, the most recent being the London Marathon in 2021, and have raised money for wonderful charities such as MIND, Macmillan Cancer Support, The Meningitis Trust and Blood Cancer UK," she said.

"My 'roots' are in Chelmsford, with my family and most of my friends living here. You can usually find me at the local parkrun on a Saturday morning or enjoying a latte in one of the independent coffee shops".

Broomfield Village Care Home, a ground-breaking residential home for older people is due to open in Puddings Wood Drive this autumn. Principle Care Homes' approach is bright, inclusive, hopeful, and exceptional, with a vision to create a world where everyone feels special. For more information, please contact Laura by email at laura.mansfield@principle-carehomes.co.uk or visit the website: www.principle-carehomes.co.uk

Brumfelda

Brumfelda, the local history and archaeology society for Broomfield and district, has had two informal meetings this year to discuss putting the organisation on a more formal footing with regular meeting and talks.

We are pleased to announce that we will be launching in January 2025 and would welcome anyone interested in the history of the area to join the society. Meetings will take place quarterly in St Leonard's Hall and will consist of talks and presentations of various aspects of our past along with the chance to get-together over a drink and a snack. It is hoped that a newsletter will be produced and maybe other publications if there is research to highlight, along with the possibility of conducting

archaeological surveys and Broomfield based research on areas of interest to different members of the group. There will be a small subscription payable by members but FREE for students. For further information please contact Faith Marchal at: brumfeldahistory@gmail.com



Santa Sleigh Routes 2024 (Near Broomfield)



Once again, this Christmas, Chelmsford Mildmay Rotary Club has included our local

Chelmsford and villages routes in Santa's Sleigh worldwide journey.

Santa will tour the following areas with his troupe of elves accompanying the Sleigh's festive 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 on these dates and locations:

December:

01 Sun: Beaulieu Community Centre
Christmas Fayre 10.30 - 4pm

03 Tues: Armistice Avenue - Wright Crescent - Ben Wilson Link

05 Thurs: Centenary Way - Linge Avenue - Regiment Gate

12 Thurs: Boreham: Butterfield Road Shops - Butterfield Road area including St Andrews Road and Fitzwalter Road - Orchard Way - Orchard Plaza (static)

13 Fri: Channels Albatross Way - Lower Wimbush Rd - Belfrey Crescent - St Andrews Drive - Channels Drive - Brassie Wood - Mashie Link - Fairway Drive

14 Sat: Sainsbury's Superstore White Hart Lane 8.00am - 8.00pm

15 Sun: Ford End

16 Mon: Great Waltham - Little Waltham

18 Wed: Centenary Way - Wilfred Waterman Way - Robert Finch Crescent - Minns Avenue

19 Thurs: Goldenacres - Stablecroft - Paddock Drive - Trenchard Crescent - Mountbatten Way - Daffodil Way - Hunters Way - Martingale

21 Sat: Morrisons Superstore, Regiment Business Park, Eagle Way 8.00am - 6.00pm

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1ST BROOMFIELD KANTANKYE CUB PACK (WEDNESDAY)

Cubs have been very busy since our last report at the end of April. They created fantastic machines from junk, we held a mystery evening on International Sherlock Holmes Day, Cubs achieved their First Aid level 2, learned some map skills and enjoyed doing archery. We visited Skreens Park Scout Activity Centre for climbing, paddleboarding and campfires. Cubs also litter picked around the site.



We held two camps in the summer term, starting with a great Viking themed camp at Riffhams in May. Cubs made Viking axes, helmets, shields and longships. Some of them even made their own beards! They took part in tomahawk throwing, wide games and exploration of the site, fire lighting and campfire games and songs.



At the end of June, we were back to Thriftwood for a weekend of activities. Cubs enjoyed a session on the demolition inflatables, conquered the assault course, and splashed around on the pedlarz (little paddle boats). The big site campfire in the evening was great! Cubs found their way through the cave bus and finished up with the cresta run, Leaders too!

With no-one now available to tow the Scout group trailer, we've been very grateful to a Cub parent, Jerome, who has helped us out transporting our equipment to camp.



We have a busy and exciting term planned, we're back to Riffhams for another camp in September, planning is already underway!



We can be seen out in the community delivering the Broomfield Times and this term are linking up with the Railway Station to help improve an area of their site.

Kantankye Cub Pack - Steff, Andrea, Cerian and Megan

DINIZULU CUBS – SUMMER 24 (THURSDAY)

We have had a busy year, it's hard to appreciate that this Pack has only been opened since Summer 2021, and we're now full with a waiting list! When we go back in September this year, there will be approx. 35 Cubs in the Pack!



What have we been up to recently? This last term we have been trying to get out and about most weeks, to enjoy the nice weather – when it finally arrived!



To start with we looked at the Road Safety Badge – most important around Broomfield and we considered how today we must look out for the electric vehicles and scooters as you can't always hear them approaching.



Fortunately, as we waited by the pedestrian crossing all the vehicles stopped for us this time.



Cubs have practiced their ironing skills and worked out a route for a summer hike, Cubs camp planned activities and meals for our Summer Camp. Cubs planned a cooking night in their sixes, then the following week cooked what they had planned, Pizza, pasta, stir fry and sausage, mash and veg, all very tasty.

We were lucky to have a visit from a fellow Scouter with his Guide dog puppy-in-training, who gave us lots of things to think about when we're out and about and meet a Working Guide dog with their owner. We were pleased to be able to support this worthwhile cause and raised some money for them. And in true Scouting style even the most scared Cubs were able to pet Valiant – another challenge successfully achieved. Well done Cubs!

Some Cubs had an exciting day out at the home of Scouting – Gilwell Park in Chingford at the Funday, meeting other Cubs from around the Country, and taking part in loads of activities, from rafting to climbing to axe throwing, a woodland assault course, grass sledging, circus skills and pedal cars, it was a hot day with so much to do! Cubs practiced their fire lighting skills at Riffhams campsite – after they had found some wood!



The marshmallows and s'mores were worth it though. Cubs hiked over to Writtle and got a treat at the Chip Shop there, before hiking home – it was an excellent evening – we even saw a Muntjac deer on our travels.

Cubs had a blast at Broomfield Cricket Club thanks to Coach Simon who put them all through their paces, finishing with a quick game. Just in time for Athletics night, clearly the leaders got carried away with the relay! It involved hoops, beanbags, welly boots, helmets, and buoyancy jackets!

We had our Summer Camp at Skreens Park, where we packed in a load more activities and tried out some authentic African foods – that went down very well, we need to practice our fire skills as the alter fire we used didn't do the food justice! The weekend went so quickly!

Cubs love a challenge, and they've certainly had a few this last term, we have some fantastic support from parents and our Young Leaders from Kraken ESU, sadly we had to say Goodbye and Good Luck to YL Ewan who is leaving us to move abroad, we're all going to miss him! And wish him and his family lots of luck in their move.

Dinizulu Leader Team - Ruth, Leo, Sarah, Ewan and Libby

If you fancy joining in the fun with the Group, we would very much welcome new volunteers to our team, adults and also Young Leaders aged 14 to 18, email broomfieldcubs@live.co.uk for further information. No special skills needed, just a sense of adventure. By now the car park at the scout hut should be finished and the paper collections up and running again – many thanks for your continued support in this.

News from Broomfield Cricket Club

You spend all winter waiting for it to start, then before you know it the cricket season's almost over.

That's where we find ourselves here at BCC. Our newly promoted 1st team have been punching above their weight, beating higher placed opponents as they look set for a mid-table finish in Div 1; they can try for the Prem next season. Our 2nd team haven't fared quite so well but remain in the mix to keep their heads above water in Div 7. Whatever happens, our greatest achievement this year has been the completion of dual lane outdoor nets, opened by Nick Browne of Essex cricket, seen in the photo with our President, Gary Copeman and Head of Youth Development Nick Cowell. A massive thanks to Nick for giving up his time, and also to the Woodland Group, for their support in getting Nick involved in the opening through their partnership with Essex County Cricket.



The nets are used 7 days a week, but especially on Wednesdays and Fridays during our colt training; even our seniors have started to net on a Thursday night, who knows what we could have achieved if we'd been able to practice for the last few years!

The nets wouldn't have been possible without generous donations from our members and local charities, so thanks to all involved in making them happen.



Nick Browne pictured with the Club's youngest group, the Under 9's

Outside of Saturday cricket our youth sections have continued to shine in their respective competitions; we now cater for U9s, 10s, 11s, 13s and 15s, the club's never been so busy. We have also launched a Sunday team, playing in the local Warsop league acting as a developmental squad, bridging the gap between U15s and senior cricket. We remain unbeaten in the Sunday league, testament to the strength of our youth policy, which will only get better as we improve our facilities.

As the season comes to a close and the nights draw in, we can reflect on a successful year, but there's always room for more so feel free to come and join the fun, new members always welcome!



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