



Unlocking Broomfield

Fires at Broomfield House and Park

On April 25, 1984, a fire started in the café on the ground floor of Broomfield House. The fire mostly damaged the roof and broke the ceiling into many pieces.

Right after the fire, experts came to save and fix the house. They took apart the stairs and stored the pieces. They also cut out sections of the murals, covered them, and put them in special wooden boxes.

In 1993, another fire, possibly set on purpose, caused a lot of damage. A third fire in 1994 made things even worse.

The fires showed important parts of the old timber-framed building and some painted decorations from the 16th century. This was all recorded.

In April 2017, someone set a fire that badly damaged the roofs of the old stable yard cottages and parts of the stable block.

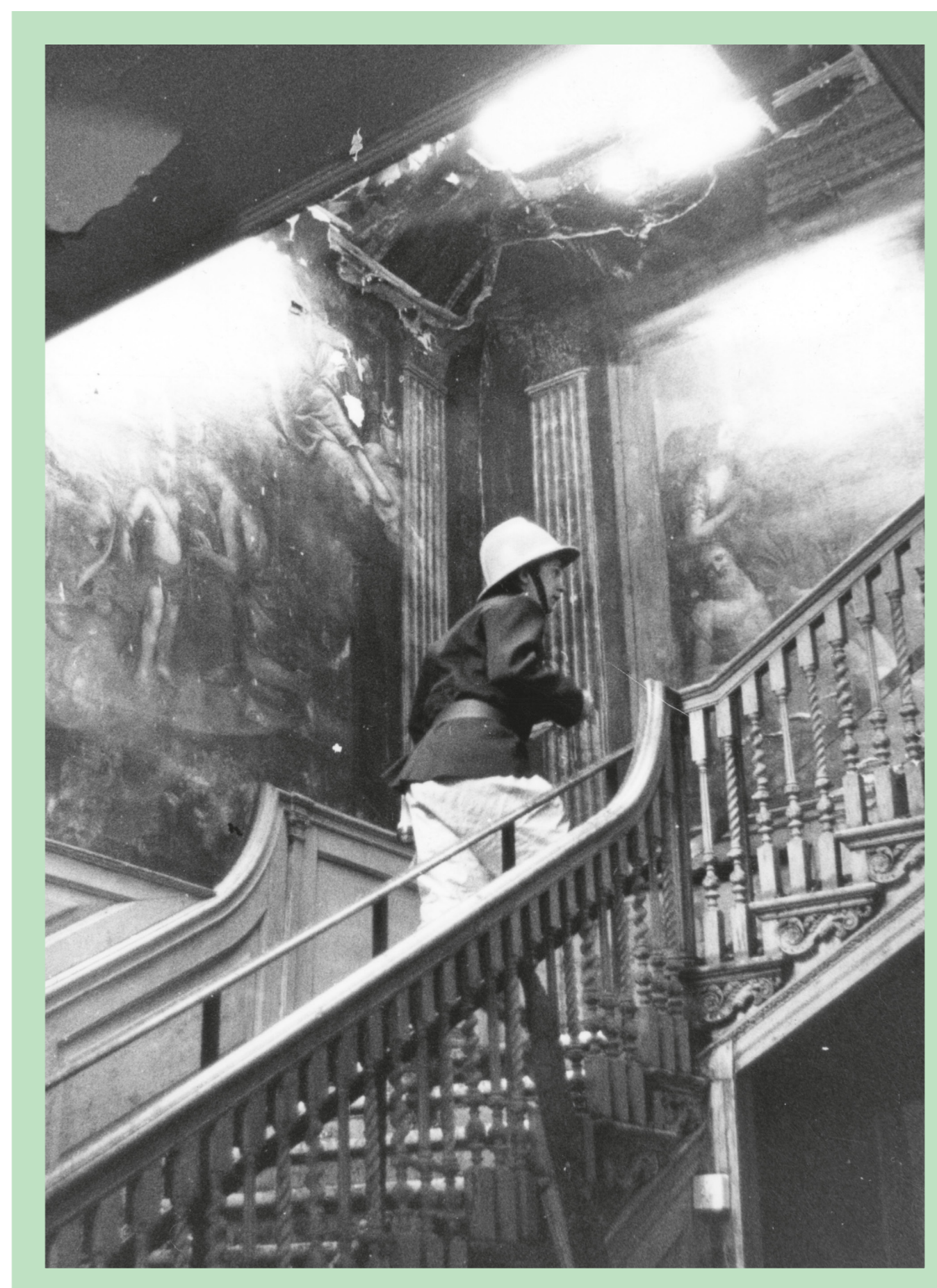
On April 9, 2019, early in the morning, people in the park saw a big fire at Broomfield House and called the Fire Brigade. The fire caused more damage.

Broomfield House has faced many fires, but each time, people worked hard to save its history!



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Minerva's face, originally in Broomfield House, before conservation.



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A fireman on the Broomfield House stairs in 1984 after the first fire.

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