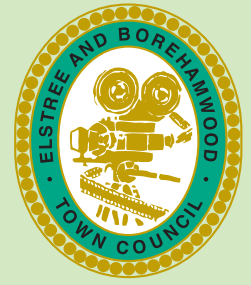


ELSTREE & BOREHAMWOOD TOWN CRIER



The magazine for Elstree & Borehamwood residents

Green light for community complex

A new £4.5 million community complex in Borehamwood housing a library, youth facility and museum has been given the green light.

The central location next to All Saints Church in Borehamwood will also include a multi-purpose community hall plus spaces for training, meetings, internet and conference use.

The development will enable the county council to replace the existing library in Elstree Way with one in the centre of the community, as part of the Libraries for the 21st Century strategy. It will also allow the council to replace the facilities formerly provided by the Lair Youth Centre on the old Lyndhurst School site – again in a central location.

"We're very pleased to have been given the go-ahead to create a modern and convenient library, youth services and other facilities in the heart of the local community," said County Councillor Keith Emsall, Executive Member for Community Safety and Culture.

"Thanks to all the partners involved in helping bring this project to life and for the individual funding contributions they have made to create this innovative community facility for all."

Planning permission was granted by Hertsmeare Borough Council on September 2 for development on the site, which is owned by two Church of England trusts. County council plans for the building include a library and museum at the front, and a community hall with meeting and activity rooms for the provision of Youth Connexions services, which

will also be available for use by the wider community, at the rear.

Older people will benefit too as the new development will provide facilities for various recreational and cultural activities including exercise classes and indoor bowls as well as offer a place for older people to meet.

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The new community complex - artist's impression



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

So here it is as promised by the flyer we sent you back in May: The first edition of the Town Crier.

The editorial team have been working with the community to put together an informative and well laid out magazine that we hope illustrates just some of things people in the local area are involved in.

We've been inundated with your stories, articles and notices and we know that there's even more happening out there so please keep on sending them in. The Town Crier hopes to publish as many as possible so if your article didn't make this edition do send us more for the next one.

The Town Crier is not only here to inform you of newsworthy local developments but to celebrate the diverse activities happening in this town and we welcome your input.

Information about local clubs and societies can be found amongst these pages along with details of how to get involved. Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council works hard to provide a great value entertainments programme for the town and this year's fireworks display at Meadow Park on 5 November promises to be no exception – we hope to see you there!



How to send articles

Email towncrier@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk as soon as you can whenever you think of something. Remember to include photos or images if you have them. You don't have to send a fully-written article but it does help! General guidelines are:

- Keep articles to 300 words or less
- Use plain text, word or email
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- Photos, logos, images etc: sent as jpg, pdf, bmp or tif file formats by attachment or CD
- To include upcoming events in the What's On guide please ensure you allow for deadline and delivery schedules. For example, the Winter edition will detail events from December to February so events falling outside those times are unlikely to be of interest!

Deadlines

Deadline for inclusion in Issue #2 (Winter Edition) is Friday 22nd October 2010.

Delivery

If you know of any residents in the Elstree and Borehamwood area that did not receive a copy of this, or if you received more than one, please contact us to let us know.

Contact

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Name that Star



You may remember that our pilot issue of the Town Crier talked of a community based project called First Impressions.

This project is focussed on celebrating the rich film and television heritage created right here on our doorstep at the studios of Elstree and Borehamwood.

You may also remember that one of the planned developments will be a Hollywood-style "walk of fame" with stars embedded in the forecourt of the station. We asked for YOUR input to decide which legendary film and television personalities should be honoured' Harrison Ford, Sean Connery, Kate Winslet, Gwyneth Paltrow and Jude Law are just some of the internationally renowned actors who have made films in Elstree and Borehamwood but have not yet been honoured.

Our 'Name that Star' opinion poll closed on 31st July with over 1,000 votes from local people, and the results are now in. The star who received the greatest number of votes was Harrison Ford. The next 10 stars who our voters chose to be honoured at the station were (in alphabetical order):

- Dame Julie Andrews ★ Sir Sean Connery ★ Sir Alec Guinness**
Jim Henson ★ Patrick Macnee ★ Patrick McGooohan ★ Jack Nicholson
Gregory Peck ★ Peter Sellers ★ Reg Varney

Work to put the stars in to the station forecourt is expected to be completed by the end of the year so keep an eye out to see your favourites take their place in the spotlight.

And in the mean time, evidence of the project is starting to appear locally - look out for the first of the film banners, which are featured along the Shenley Road.

You can keep up to date with progress of the whole First Impressions project by visiting www.ElstreeScreenHeritage.org

Showcasing the project at Families Day

A new community complex for Borehamwood

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Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council have contributed towards the provision of an improved museum facility. Other key contributors and partners include Hertsmere Borough Council, East of England Development Agency, church authorities, and the trustees of the land.

Hertfordshire County Council is providing more than £3 million for the project, partly funded by income from the sale of surplus assets. Additional contributions totalling £1.3 million have come from other sources helping to foot the bill, including a grant of £600,000 from the East of England Development Agency and money from a Section 106 planning agreement.

Once the development is open to the public and established in the local community, additional income will be generated from hiring charges.

Work is expected to start on site in the autumn 2010, with the complex scheduled to open in December 2011.



The old Village Hall

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Hats off to 125th Anniversary!

As the new Headteacher at St Nicholas I feel privileged to have started my post in the year in which the school celebrated its 125th anniversary.

To celebrate this auspicious occasion there was a church service on the 4th December 2009 at which we were honoured to have the Archdeacon of St. Albans the Venerable Jonathan Smith. In order to make the whole day more memorable the staff and children dressed in Victorian costume and the school commissioned a company to produce a special 125th medallion, which each pupil and staff member received.

The church service was followed by refreshments in the school hall and then afterwards the school's Parents and Friends Association hosted a St Nicholas Christmas Fayre.

Sadly there is very little archived information or photos of the school since 1884. However, I have been very kindly assisted by Borehamwood Museum who had some historic resources, which have been loaned to us. Apparently the original school was built in 1882-3 and opened in 1884 thanks to Henry Hucks Gibbs who lived at Aldenham House.

The original school site was on Elstree High Street and then around 1966-67 building works commenced of phase one of the new school where it stands today. The old rectory was pulled down to make way for our then new school. At that time the headteacher was Mr K.G. Shenton.

During the excavation of the site the workmen found a 14th century well which Reverend Lawrence Woods, Rector of Elstree Parish Church (1946-1973) believed was the water supply for the various rectories which stood there in 1360! An article published in The District Post in 1967 mentioned that the well would probably be incorporated into a small ornamental garden. Over 40 years later the well is still to be seen.

An old memory book dated March 1967 incorporates writing and pictures about the new school building produced by the children.

Another child wrote: '...and when we got inside we went to Mrs Knox's class and the milk did not come so we had to have cocoa and the field was covered in snow.'

An old newspaper article refers to the opening of the new school on 28th March 1967 by the Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, Major-General Sir George Burns. The Bishop of St Albans, the Rt. Reverend Edward Michael Gresford Jones also attended this special day and chatted to the children.

We are fortunate that Borehamwood Museum kindly gave us some old school photographs of the children in the old school house.

If you have any memories, information, old photos, newspaper articles etc on our school we would love to hear from you so that we can develop our archived materials for future generations.

Please contact the school by phone on 020 8953 3015 or email admin@stnicholas610.herts.sch.uk

Kate Johnston-Grant
Headteacher



Old rectory and Reverend Lawrence 1968

One child wrote: 'The first day in our new school was very snowy and the snow came up to the top of my boots.'



Old school 1927



Old school 1884



Old school 1905-1910

Celebrating 100 years

In planning our year of celebrations to mark the 100th birthday of All Saints Church, Shenley Road we thought it important to capture the community spirit on which it was built.

The records from the 1890s reveal the wave of popular support, and how people enthusiastically came together from across the community to organise concerts, events and sales of work to help make it happen. The rest is now history, which we mark this year by celebrating the achievements and experience of the past, the energy and skills within the town today, and by building for the future in the spirit our forebears built All Saints.

We opened in March on a grand scale, with an evening of music and song led by a 175 piece orchestra, wind ensemble and choir of high school students from New Jersey, USA. It was a magnificent collaborative event shared with the Town Council and Allum Hall, and one we hope to repeat.

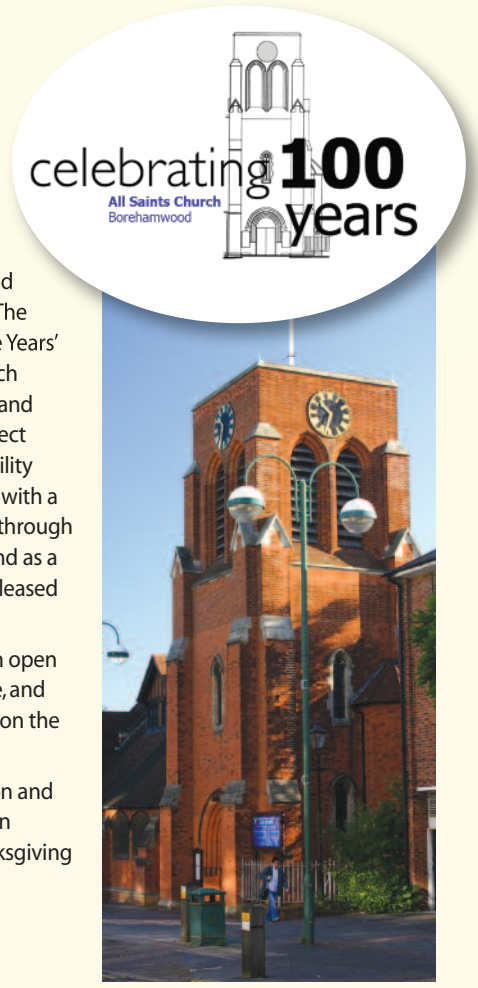
In June, we joined with the Town Council in fielding a centenary float, notable not so much for its decoration, but the opportunity for longstanding residents and representatives of some of the

nationalities now resident in Borehamwood, to lead the parade. During the festival All Saints hosted a number of additional events, which showcased some of the talented musical and performing arts group's active in the town. The Museum kindly put together a 'Through the Years' exhibition on the life of the Village Hall, which captured the story of its 84 years of service, and joined with the Library Service and our project manager to display the new community facility planned for its replacement. The hall closed with a nostalgic 'Hop' to celebrate its contribution through the music of the generations who used it, and as a parting farewell 84 helium balloons were released into the night sky.

Throughout the summer All Saints has been open on the first Saturday of the month for coffee, and we can now look forward for work to begin on the new community facility.

In the autumn we have a historical exhibition and floral display planned for the last weekend in October, and the Centenary Service of thanksgiving and rededication on Sunday 31st October.

Tim Warr
Team Rector



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In September Home-Start Borehamwood & District will have been supporting families with young children in the local area for ten years.

Families receive support for various reasons including post natal illness, coping with multiple births, isolation, bereavement, health related issues and family breakdown.

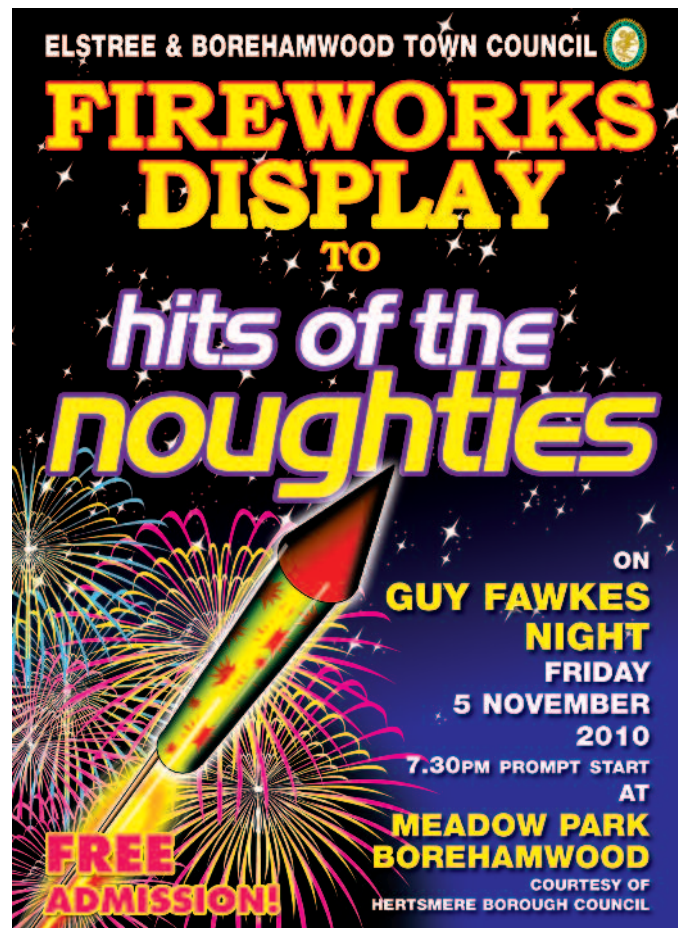
Volunteers visit one family for a couple of hours each week offering them support, encouragement and friendship. In return volunteers benefit by gaining experience, confidence and making new friends.

The charity is run by a group of trustees who oversee all aspects including; finance, fundraising, personnel, policies & procedures and quality assurance.

If you would like to find out more about getting involved, either by supporting a family or joining the committee please contact them using the details below. They welcome all ages, background and gender, but must have some parenting experience (if supporting a family). All volunteers will be CRB checked.

The next volunteer preparation course starts on Tuesday 21st September (one day a week for ten weeks excluding half term 9.45 am - 2.30 pm).

Home-Start has been based in The Borehamwood & Elstree Children Centre since December 2008. Tel: 020 8953 5082, email: enquiries@home-startbw.org.uk, web: www.home-startbw.org.uk



Bench of hope

Over half term a group of local children and adults worked in schools, parks, churches and open spaces to improve the environment as part of the HOPE project organised locally by Elstree and Borehamwood Christian Council.

There was much fun had by all and everyone worked very hard. Even less-glamorous jobs, like litter clearing, were carried out with maximum energy and enthusiasm.

In the afternoons there were sports, swimming, games and crafts. The team became good friends and we hope that this will carry on, help young people build their self esteem and encourage them to volunteer in the future.

The highlight for many was the building of a bench on Woodcock Hill – called the Bench of Hope and we are very excited to think that our handiwork will be enjoyed by many people in the months ahead, also the visit of the new mayor, Linda Silver to our BBQ was a highlight and made a fitting end to our week where she presented certificates to all the young people who had taken part.



Clive Burchins at Elstree-Photo

Neighbourhood Watch



Neighbourhood Watch is a growing band of concerned residents who really care about their neighbourhood.

The main purpose is to create friendly and safe communities and to help the police by providing information that could possibly be the last piece of the puzzle which enables them to make an arrest. Hertsmere covers Borehamwood, Elstree, Bushey, Radlett, Shenley and Potters Bar.

During the Summer of 2009 we launched Dog Watch at a Dog Show in Bushey Park where we signed up 56 dog owners as members. The idea being that dog walkers walk at different times of the day to most residents and in areas where other residents don't visit. In this way they should be able to spot unusual happenings and dumped refuse and report them to the police. This launch was so successful that we decided to do it again in Borehamwood at Meadow Park on the 3rd July, Family Day. Unfortunately it was a very hot day and there were few dogs around but still we managed to sign up another 22 members. In Potters Bar on Fun Day which took place on the 10th July, another boiling hot day, we managed to sign up a further 10 Members. And it hasn't stopped there as many residents from all areas are phoning in to join up.

Horse Watch was launched on 13th July for farms, stables and private individuals and so far we have managed to recruit 17 members and this is still ongoing.

Neighbourhood Watch, Dog Watch and Horse Watch, really do work if you work at them. If you are interested in joining, or just want to know more, please contact Derrick Sweeney on 01707 806650.

Award to Borehamwood & Elstree U3A



We were very pleased to learn in early July that Borehamwood & Elstree U3A had been identified as having outstanding commitment in its development of the management team and its valuing of the many volunteers who run the study groups. We were awarded the certificate by Community Action Hertsmere at a lunch held on July 6th at the Pavilion in Shenley Cricket Club.

The group leaders in our U3A are very much appreciated. They very generously give their time and share their expertise, often holding study group meetings in their own homes. Without them we would not have the successful U3A that we have. The achievement awards were given to volunteer organisations in Hertsmere and as well as Borehamwood & Elstree and also Bushey U3A, awards were given to the following groups: Home Start; The Community Shop Leeming Road; Hertsmere Voluntary Community Transport; Partnership Working, Age Concern (now Age UK); Friends of Merryfield and Take Part (joint award) and Rolling Base.



U3A Chair, Jane Dunn, receiving the Community Action Award from Chris Watts, Chairman of Trustees

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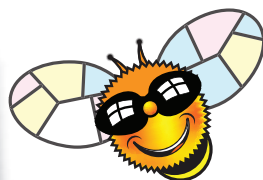
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Thank you to everybody that took part, supported and enjoyed the Festival fortnight in 2010.

Despite fierce competition from the underwhelming FIFA World Cup, Wimbledon and the stunning weather the majority of events were very well attended and good fun. In particular we had lots of positive comments from you all to say that the Parade was a vast improvement and had the most representation we have seen for many years. Hundreds of town residents and shoppers turned out on route to cheer over 25 entrants. Our heartfelt thanks to all who took part as the floats and walking entries were full of joy, colour and song. In particular, congratulations to all our winners. The overall Carnival Parade winner was Woodlands School with their vibrant float.

Other events of note included a new entry in the calendar - Elstree and Borehamwood's Got Talent. The Ark theatre hosted a sell out audience who all came along to see if there really is talent in this town. We can categorically say "YES!" as 12 local acts took to the stage and proved to everybody that we have much to be proud of. The winners, K's School of Dance with their "Circus of Disturbia" dance piece were the popular pick of a very strong programme. We look forward to seeing what they return with next year as reigning champions and who

can challenge them for the title. Maybe the host will show a little more talent too!

Our thanks must go to the England team for falling on the sword prior to the Quarter Finals as Families Day inherited top-billing on Saturday 3rd July. An estimated 5000 of you came along and enjoyed a fantastic Summer afternoon, supporting many community stalls as well as seeing some excellent live arena acts.

The programme contained over 40 events this year, making it one of the largest ever Festivals that Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council has organised. We hope you had a chance to attend at least one of them. However, we are always open to new ideas and welcome your feedback at any time. Please do contact the Events Office at Fairway Hall and help us make it even better next year.

If you want to get involved and shape the way the Festival and other events in Elstree and Borehamwood are organised why not come to the Entertainments Forum where all future events are planned.

For further information and details, please contact us. See our address on page 2.



WIZO mums leave their children behind to help the children of Israel

20 British women traveled to Israel to participate in a six-day challenge to transform the lives of vulnerable women and children across Israel.

Eight participants from Elstree and Borehamwood were part of the sponsored venture, 'The Aviv Challenge' who worked hands on for WIZO, the Women's international Zionist Organisation. The UK's flagship project, The Rebecca Sieff Centre in the heart of Jerusalem, encompasses Europe's largest day care centre for children, a vocational centre and also provides a refuge for women suffering from domestic violence.

The UK team were taken completely out of their comfort zone with a variety of different projects, including creating a garden in the refuge, developing an outside eating and play areas, and creating paintings and murals. They also spent time working with youngsters teaching them traditional English recipes and running arts and crafts.

The team have already raised in excess of £35,000 and are planning to raise much more since returning home to help WIZO provide essential social welfare services throughout Israel.

Elstree resident, Nicky Miller, Chairman of WIZO AVIV commented: "We are delighted to be able to take part in the Aviv Challenge and raise such vital funds for WIZO's work in Israel. This is the first time we have hosted a charity challenge and we are grateful to all of our participants who have left their children in the capable hands of husbands and loved ones and set off to help those women and children less fortunate than themselves. As Israel enjoys being a modern day country, it also needs to endure the complexities of modern day life and we hope that the Aviv Challenge will help them become a small step closer to meeting these needs."

Elstree and Borehamwood participants included: Emma Yantin, Nicky Miller, Danielle Shane, Amanda Forman, Melissa Redbart, Elisa Ziff, Juliette Stone and Darcie Richman.

WIZO is a non-party international movement dedicated to the advancement of the status of women, the welfare of all sectors of Israeli society, and encouragement of Jewish education in Israel and the Diaspora.

For further information, please contact Laura Ellman on 020 7284 6969 or lellman@theproffice.com

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Hertswood School and Yavneh College join forces for the Affinity Project

The Affinity Project draws together gifted writers and talented artists from Hertswood School and Yavneh College.

The project has involved Year 7 pupils from both schools working together to write and illustrate short stories on the theme of 'bullying'. Over the course of the project, each group of pupils has visited the other group's school and spent time getting to know each other a little better. The project recently culminated in an event performance in the ARK theatre at Hertswood School, where the pupils read extracts from their stories to an audience of parents, teachers and local guests of honour and reflected upon the impact that the project had had upon their understanding of each other's school. Typical of these comments was one from a Year 7 pupil who said, 'I came into this project wanting to get writing experience but left it with new friends who, if I had seen them in the street, I never would have spoken to.' Further joint projects are now underway.



Farewell to Mary

On 19th August, over a hundred friends and family gathered to pay their last respects to Mary MacKay.



They bid a fond farewell to a dear lady, who had died the previous week, aged 86. Tributes were made recalling her devotion to her family, and her involvement in so many aspects of community life, which had made her such a well-loved figure.

Mary grew up in Harrogate, where she trained to be a teacher. Soon after qualifying, she moved to Borehamwood, where she began her life-long association with Parkside School. Following her marriage to Alec, Mary stayed at home to raise the family, Roderick, Peter, and Helen, before returning to teaching. Eventually she became the well-respected Head of Parkside School and, later, a devoted grandmother and great-grandmother.

Mary's hand seemed to be everywhere in the community. She had a great interest in craft and sewing, and was involved in the setting up of the Well End Craft Group, as well as being an active member of Elsworth Embroiderers. She was also a member of the Borehamwood Garden Society and the Shenley Horticultural Society, and a stalwart of the local Women's Institute, where she was secretary for many years.

Barbara Norman, who knew Mary as a dear friend for more than 30 years, recalls: "Mary was a very hard working, loyal and diligent member of any organisation that she joined, and could always be relied on to 'help out'. She lived for her family, craft and sewing. I will miss her a lot."

Mary may have passed on, but she will be remembered with warmth and affection by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

New vehicle for Hertsmere Community Transport

A new wheelchair accessible car is available to Hertsmere residents who are also wheelchair users and unable to transfer into an ordinary car. Although it may be possible for Hertsmere Community Transport to provide a volunteer driver it is more usual for relatives or friends to take on this role. 'We show people how to use the wheelchair restraints and then they have a short drive to familiarise themselves with the car' says Ann Donato, Chief Officer of Hertsmere Community Transport.'

Hertsmere Community Transport also has two low floor wheelchair accessible minibuses used to deliver a door to door Shopper Scheme for those with poor mobility. This is well used in Elstree and Borehamwood where 2,708 passenger journeys were undertaken last year. These take place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

Other service run by Hertsmere Community Transport is the Community Car Scheme which has been in operation since 2001. It matches volunteers who use their own cars with people who request transport because of poor mobility or other special needs. Priority is given to attending medical appointments but trips can be made to Support Groups, Care Homes and other leisure destinations.

'We are always in need of volunteer drivers' says Ann Donato 'and because we pay expenses no-one should be out of pocket.' For more information about Hertsmere Community Transport, please contact Ann on 020 8207 5055.



Watford Rape Crisis & Sexual Abuse Helpline

Watford Rape Crisis & Sexual Abuse Helpline is run by a dedicated team of volunteers, we support and work with women over 16 who have been raped or sexually abused, no matter when or how it happened. In every case we offer non-judgmental telephone support, sensitive to the individual's needs, as well as links to relevant information or organisations. Watford Rape Crisis is a woman-centred organisation, a charity run by and for women. We also act as a referral centre for survivors of satanic and ritualistic abuse. Our financial support is raised from donations.

Too many women suffer sexual violence in their lives. At Watford Rape Crisis the helpline is open to answer calls concerning rape and sexual assault, sexual domestic violence, forced marriage, sexual harassment and stalking, sexual trafficking and exploitation, crimes in the name of honour, female genital mutilation and childhood sexual abuse. Sexual violence is recognised as both a consequence and cause of gender inequality and it cuts across age, race, class, ethnicity, faith and disability.

We are always looking for new volunteers. Please contact us for relevant information.

If you need to contact us our telephone helpline 0845 3011165 is open at the following times with an answer phone at all other times: Monday 10am - 12pm, Wednesday 7pm - 9.30pm and Saturday 10am - 12pm, email: wrcinfo@btinternet.com, or write to us at: Watford Rape Crisis and Sexual Abuse Line, PO Box 2356, Watford WD18 1QD.

Local temple's annual charity walk with the cows

The Lotus Trust, the charity wing of Bhaktivedanta Manor in Aldenham, raised thousands for local charities, including the Great Ormond Street Hospital during a charity walk on Sunday 18th July. This year's walk was themed 'walking with the cows' as there were over fifty walkers dressed as cows! Walkers included a grandmother aged 93 and Himani Patel, aged 9, who were dressed in furry black and white costumes!

"This is an annual event which benefits local charities. This year we supported the Great Ormond Street Hospital," explained Sheila Chauhan, the organiser of the walk.

The walk was also to promote a new milk quality marked as 'Ahimsa'. Those milk products with the Ahimsa mark will represent milk which comes from cows which will be kept free from slaughter.

You can learn more about Ahimsa milk on the website: www.lotustrust.org/ahimsa



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www.aldenhamsco.uk

Borehamwood Athletics Club

Hertswood School, Cowley Hill
New members welcome 7yrs +
Pauline Poole 020 8207 2852

Borehamwood Bowling Club

Meadow Park, Brook Rd WD6
New member welcome 18+
Tony Parker 020 8953 2823

Borehamwood Swimming Club

The Venue, Borehamwood
New members welcome 4 - 16yrs
Christine Gray 01923 670 372

Borehamwood Youth Football Club

Aycliffe Rd WD 6 4JW
Under 8s to 18yrs
Lorraine Clements 07958 773525

Brookside Boys Club

Brookside Club, 1A Buckton Rd WD6
New members welcome 10 - 18yrs
Richard Clark 020 8386 5935

Elstree Cricket Club

Elstree Cricket Club, Aldenham Rd, Elstree
New members welcome
John Grace 07885 380 961

Pennilwells Riding Centre

Riding for the disabled
Pennilwells RDA Centre, Edgewarebury Lane
WD6 3RD
Sarah Healing 020 8207 4525
s.healing@hotmail.com

Elstree & Borehamwood Table Tennis Club

Maxwell Rd, Borehamwood
New members welcome 18+
Chris Anderson 020 8953 0997

Elstree Lawn Tennis Club

Aldenham Rd, Elstree
Courses for children, new members welcome
Joanna Wulwick 01923 852273
or 07956 528 411

Hertswood Centre

Potters Lane, Borehamwood 020 8386 6768

Hertsmere Flyers Swimming Club

The Venue, Borehamwood
Fiona Brown 020 8953 8138

Kick Boxing

Three Ways Community Centre, Manor Way
8 - 18 yrs girls and boys welcome
Graham Thomson 01707 806 614
graham.thomson@herts.pnn.uk

The Otters Swimming Club

The Venue, Borehamwood
Pat Brown 020 8207 6521

Jubilee Club

Aberford Hall
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Brian Barfoot 020 8200 1103

Com.unity Choir

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Chel Revens 07958 371119 or 01442 480031

EBLOS

Fairway Hall, Brook Close
Light operatic society
New members welcome 18+
Jan Davies 020 8954 1942

Elstree Productions

Farriers Way Community Centre, Borehamwood
New members welcome 18+
Josie Shingles 020 8953 6560

Borehamwood Brass Band

All Saints Hall
New members welcome
Samantha Rice 01923 857643 or 01727 852 684

Hertsmere Acoustic music Club

Nick Male 020 8953 5231

Junior Choir of St. Paul's Lutheran Church

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, corner of Cranes Way
and Furzehill Rd, WD6 2DB
Adria Jackson 020 8953 3308
adriajackson@yahoo.co.uk

Shenley Singers

New members welcome 18+
Paul Findlay pafadral@live.co.uk

Elstree Screen Heritage

85 Deacons Hill Rd, WD6 3HZ
Bob Redman 020 8953 2594
www.ElstreeScreenHeritage.org

Elstree and Borehamwood Museum

Drayton Rd, WD6
office@elstree-museum.co.uk

Girl Guiding

District Commissioner Jo Todd 020 8386 3406
joilto40@hotmail.com

1st Elstree & Borehamwood Scout Group

Everett Lodge, Manor Way
All open to both boys and girls
Group Scout Leader 0754 383 0102
or GSL@1EBScouts.org.uk

7th Borehamwood Scout Group

Berwick Rd
Open to boys and girls
Carol Denbigh 020 8953 1360

Radlett Elstree and Borehamwood District Explorers (scouts)

Well End Scout Activity Centre, Well End
Boys and girls welcome 14 - 18yrs
Julie Lloyd juliellloyd@herts.pnn.uk

ATC

020 8207 0121

Borehamwood Detachment No 1 Company

Borehamwood Cadet Centre
Rossington Avenue (inside road) WD6 4LD
Age range 12 to 18 but must be in school year 8
or above
Stefano Ostacchini Lieutenant 07956 921 161

Edgware, Mill Hill & Borehamwood Sea Cadet Unit

Daws Lane, Mill Hill NW7 4SD 020 8959 0711
edgware.unit@hotmail.com
units.ms-sc.org/Edgware and Mill Hill

Youth Council

Hertsmere Borough Council Civic Offices
Town Council 0208 207 1382

Red Cross

The BECC, Furzehill Rd
New members welcome
Ruth Hardy 020 8207 1629
or Peter Cowley 020 8386 7371

E & B/wood Green Belt Society

New members welcome
Ann Goddard 020 8953 1436

Woodcock Hill Village Green

New members welcome
Pat Strack 020 8386 3151

Gardening Club

Allum Hall, Elstree
New members welcome
Len Anderson 020 8446 8454

Footpath Association BADA

Chris Beney 01923 211113
chris@badfa.org.uk

Borehamwood Four Parks Friends Association

c/o Rob Burley, Area Parks Officer
email: parks@hertsmere.gov.uk

U3A (University of the third Age)

St Teresa's Church Hall, Shenley Rd
New members welcome 50+
Jane Dunn 01923 85 7921

Twin Town BETTA

New members welcome
Jane Strongman 020 8381 5222
or 07717 176869
bettagroup@hotmail.com

Club Escargot Learn French the fun way

Lutheran Church, Cranes Way
New members welcome 6 - 12yrs
Martine Eni 020 8381 5222

WI (Women Institute)

The Manor House, Allum Hall
Elsie Roberts 020 8386 7371

Friends of All Saints Church

BECC
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Florrie Cowley 020 8386 7371

The Royal British Legion

Shenley Rd
All ex-service personnel welcome
020 8386 2900

Radlett Elstree Borehamwood and Shenley Talking Newspaper

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David Clout 01923 85 4403

Royal Naval Association

British Legion, Shenley Rd
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Nick Male 020 8953 5231

Rotary Club Elstree & Borehamwood

Premier Inn, just off A1 on A5135, Borehamwood, WD6 1US.
Chris Watts District 1130

Lions Club International

www.lions105.org.uk 0845 833 4964

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Cranes Way / Furzehill Rd, Borehamwood, WD6 2DB
Reverend David Jackson 020 8953 3308
pastordavidjackson@yahoo.co.uk
www.stpaulslutheran.co.uk

International Christian Fellowship

Manor Way, Borehamwood WD6 1QY
www.icfellowship.org or 020 8207 1837

Charities local branches

Alzheimers Society

nfo@alzheimers.org.uk

Arthritis Research

Pauline Poole 020 8207 2852

Mencap

Sandra Lewis 0208 953 6066 ebrmencap@

NSPCC

Ann Goddard 020 8953 1436

Hertfordshire County Council Services

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Education benefits	0300 123 4048
Fire Safety enquiries	0300 123 4046
Environment and roads	0300 123 4047
Libraries	0300 123 4049
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BOREHAMWOOD IS MAGIC!

Or so says John Hathway of magicbox creative, a design agency based in Theobald Street:

"We should be proud of Borehamwood, considering all the great places around - like the Venue, the fantastic Ark theatre, a nice library, a street market twice a week, superb restaurants and shops, the BBC and Elstree studios, a cinema, loads of hotels and pubs, Elstree airfield nearby, good road and rail links, lovely parks and countryside, not to mention the fantastic people... Borehamwood is a magical place to live and work - I love it!

For the last five years we at magicbox have been designing literature and exhibitions for some of the UK's top companies - including the organisers of the best magic show in the country!

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Email your answer and postal address to: johnh@magicboxcreative.com ~ all correct answers will be put into a magician's hat to be drawn on 15 October the winner will be informed instantly.

For more details about the show just email the words "More Magic Info" to: johnh@magicboxcreative.com

We are also planning a close-up magic event in 'the village' very soon - so if you are magical, interested, or run a suitable local venue... drop me a line.

Want to see some tricks? Visit www.peteismagic.moonfruit.com or www.magicboxcreative.com



Film heritage

Elstree and Borehamwood has an unrivaled film and television heritage in Europe and was once known as the 'Hollywood of England' with some justification.

The dream factories once employed over 2,000 people at any given time and have produced thousands of films and countless television programmes. Even stars who did not work here have visited from Charlie Chaplin in the 1930s to Michael Jackson in the 1980s.

Over the decades Shenley Road became accustomed to seeing the screen greats whether it was Sophia Loren dining at the local Italian restaurant to Harrison Ford buying a newspaper in the newsagents across from Elstree studios.

The Beatles came in 1963 to appear on The Morecambe and Wise TV show and in 1966 the England world cup squad called in at the old ATV studio complete with the newly won World Cup trophy.

Local streets and parks have provided locations for everybody from East Enders to the 'On The Buses' movies and MacDonalds, when it was the Red Lion pub, included amongst it's customers Errol Flynn, Robert Mitchum, Tony Hancock and Trevor Howard.

At one time Elstree studios had been responsible for the six top grossing films of all time in the shape of the original Star Wars and Indiana Jones trilogies and many legendary directors have worked in the town including John Ford, Alfred Hitchcock, Steven Spielberg, Stanley Kubrick and George Lucas.

Today the BBC Elstree Centre is home to the highly successful 'EastEnders' and 'Holby City' whilst Elstree Studios continues to play host to many famous names recording pop videos, television programmes and making films.

This rich heritage stretching back nearly 100 years will be the subject of future articles in Town Crier so until then happy cinemagoing.

Sing out!

The Junior Choir of St. Paul's Lutheran Church is seeking new choristers!

Junior Choir is a fun after school music programme for boys and girls age 6+. Founded in 2008, Junior Choir offers choristers musical tuition under the direction of a qualified singing teacher. The choir sings everything from Sacred music to silly songs and are given frequent performance opportunities - singing for special services and concerts and this November will be performing the musical, "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe." The choir is directed by accomplished singing teacher and singer, Adria Jackson, and is an affiliate member of the Royal School of Church Music and Sing Up.

The cost is £30 per child per full school term (3 terms). For more information please contact Adria Jackson at adriajackson@yahoo.co.uk, tel 020 8953 3308, www.stpaulslutheran.co.uk/choir.html



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An introduction to Aldenham Sailing Club

Many a visitor to Aldenham Country Park will have walked around the reservoir and been curious about the buildings and boats on the eastern side of the water.

These belong to Aldenham Sailing Club which was founded in 1937. Since then some of the British pioneers of dinghy sailing have sailed here.

Although a wide range of boats is sailed on the lake, Lasers, RS300s and Illusions are the principal singlehanded boats, with Enterprises the most popular two-person boat.

Racing is normally organised between boats of the same type or class. Although the main races are held on Sunday mornings, others are held midweek. The Club also hosts open days where visiting sailors can compete with the home fleets.

Although racing is the focus of the club's activities, many members prefer non-competitive sailing at other times when they can take time to appreciate the beauty of this scenic stretch of water. This is when families can take children on to the water to enjoy the fun of sailing.

In addition to holding a number of Social events during the year, the Club is an RYA-accredited training establishment and takes members from beginner stage through to racing. Membership currently ranges in age from 5 to over 80 years old, and the Club is always keen to welcome new members.

The Club exists to encourage dinghy sailing for people of all ages. Whether you are a youngster wanting to enjoy some fun on the water, or an adult who wants to learn how to sail or to return to sailing after an absence, we will be pleased to hear from you.

Much more information is available via the website www.aldenhamsc.co.uk. Alternatively, telephone and leave a message on 020 8207 3782 for us to call you back.

Swimming Club

Borehamwood Swimming Club, based at The Venue, has been running for over 50 years and has a team of friendly qualified teachers.

The club's main aim is to get children of all ages in to swimming regardless of age, gender and ethnicity. They offer swimming lessons and training sessions for all standards from 4 for beginners up to competitive swimmers. As well as swimming sessions the club have end of term fun sessions; an annual club championship, club competitions; badge nights; presentation evenings; discos and quiz nights but most of all lots of FUN!!

The club has regular training sessions at The Venue swimming pool in Borehamwood. Monday evening from 7.15pm to 8pm for beginners and 8pm to 9pm for seniors. Friday evening 7pm to 8pm for beginners and 8pm to 9pm for seniors. Sundays from 5pm to 6pm for all swimmers.

The club takes part in competitions in and around Hertfordshire, including the Welwyn Garden City Annual Fun Gala and advanced swimmers have the opportunity to compete in the Herts League, Peanuts League and Open Galas.

Prices per session are as follows; teaching pool - £3.00 and main pool - £3.50, yearly membership payable in February.

If you are interested in becoming part of this extraordinary club please contact Chris Gray – 01923 670372 or visit our website: www.borehamwoodswimmingclub.webs.com

Anyone for tennis?

Tennis, in the winter...are you mad? Well, not quite, but just as dogs are not just for Christmas, tennis is certainly not just for the summer either.

Despite the very predictable annual interest in the sport during Wimbledon fortnight, it may surprise some people to learn that Elstree Lawn Tennis Club is open and fully active all 52 weeks of the year.

Elstree Lawn Tennis Club has been a part of the local community for 35 years. In some ways it is still rather unknown by most Hertsmere residents, tucked away behind Elstree village and located on the edge of Aldenham Park. Now fully floodlit across all six courts, it is possible to play well into the dark evenings all year round. In the manner of Scott of the Antarctic (but hopefully slightly less tragic) hardy souls wrap up warm on the coldest of days and get some much needed fresh air, fun and exercise instead of hibernating in their houses in front of the T.V until the spring arrives.

Our annual Club Tournament Finals Day and BBQ was held at the beginning of September. This was an opportunity for everyone to sit out on the club patio, enjoy watching good tennis together with a slap up lunch provided by our coveted cooking crew whilst watching players defending last year's title.

Elstree Lawn Tennis Club is a very friendly, sociable club with a relaxed atmosphere. We welcome players of all age groups and abilities. There are regular social tennis sessions, high quality coaching, rusty racquets and a full programme of events with a variety of packages available to suit all pockets and all ages.

Contact us on 020 8207 3837 (24 hour answer phone) or see our website www.elstreetennis.com



Sports activities at The Hertswood Centre

The Hertswood Centre, in Borehamwood, offers a wide range of sports activities for everybody.

Indoor 5-a-Side Football

The Hertswood Centre runs annual competitive league and cup competitions. The league runs on Sunday evenings throughout the year with fully qualified referees and match balls are provided. The league also offers monthly newsletters, team photo's, team statistics, presentation evening and more.

Squash

Hertswood offers cheap squash courts throughout the week and cheaper courts at weekends. Social squash runs every Friday between 7:30pm and 10:00pm, all abilities welcome. We also run our own competitive squash leagues with prizes to be one. Hawks squash team also play their home matches here.

Badminton

Badminton courts are available throughout the week and at weekends. Hawks badminton club runs every Wednesday from 8:00pm until 10:30pm.

Gymnastics

Gymnastics runs every Saturday from 10:00am until 5:30 aged from 3yrs to adult. First taster session free.

Junior squash

Junior squash runs each and every Saturday during term time with ex England captain and Coach Derek Thorpe. Aged 7+. Personal coaching available.

Table tennis

Table tennis is available throughout the week and weekends.

Basketball

Basketball runs each and every Friday evening from 7:30pm until 11:00pm for both children and adults.

For more information on 5-a-side football, squash and badminton please contact Lee Peters on 020 8387 5604 or email lee.peters@hertsmereleisure.co.uk. For information on gymnastics, junior squash, table tennis and basketball please call reception on 020 8387 5600.



A Hertswood 5-a-side football team

Walkers website

Walking in Herts www.walkinginherts.co.uk is a website packed with useful information for walkers.

With more than 150 walks to download and print, free, and details of around 100 guided walks every month, it also has books of walks, contact details for all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

Now, after three years hard work local man John Harris has taken the concept countrywide. Walking in England www.walkinginengland.co.uk has thousands of walks to download and print – and all free of charge!

John said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in England has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home or away on holiday you will be able to find a walk suitable for you.'

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

Did you know that walking for just 30 minutes a day can help you to:

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