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Letter from the Mayor...

Mayoral duties continued during the summer months, although the pace of engagements slackened. Among the highlights were that Elaine and I once again had the opportunity to attend

concerts put on by the Herts Music Service, which encourages talented young musicians each academic holiday period by allowing them to be coached for and participate in concerts at a professional standard.

It continues to amaze me that there are so many people out there who give their time for worthwhile causes. It is always a great pleasure to meet them and I always do my best to thank them for their efforts on your behalf and to find out if there is any way that I or the Council can help.

One recent AGM brought home to me that we do not have an effective way of reaching people in Elstree & Borehamwood: the Town Crier is great, but too many recipients seem not to make the most of what it contains. It really is a wealth of information about what is going on in the area.

Elaine and I were also most happy to be able to visit our German Twin, Offenburg, as part of a Rotary trip, and I was pleased to be able to further the Town's relationship with them.



I look forward to meeting many of you at one of the exciting events we have lined up: the fireworks on November 5th and then 1st December for the Christmas Lights Switch On.

Finally, I wish all of you the very best for the approaching festive season.

Cllr Clive Butchins (Mayor of Elstree & Borehamwood)

Deadlines for 2014

Special Spring (Edition 13) commemorating 100 Years of Film in Elstree and Borehamwood in partnership with Elstree Screen Heritage.

Late Spring/ Early Summer (Edition 14) 4 April 2014 for delivery 25 April 2014.

Autumn (Edition 15) 3 September 2014 for delivery 24 September 2014

Winter (Edition 16) 17 October 2014 for delivery 14 November 2014. Subject to change.

Delivery

If you know of any residents in the Elstree and Borehamwood area who 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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Email: clerk@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk Address: Elstree & Borehamwood Town Crier

Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood, WD6 5BT

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Allotment Magic!

The Best of the Best

Congratulations to Tony Cox (Best Grown Plot) and Auxilia Nhavira (Best Produce on Plot) for winning the competition introduced by the Council this year for the Allum Lane Allotment site.

The lucky prize winners (who will judge next year's competition) were presented with trophies and a small contribution towards their gardening costs for the forthcoming growing season at the Full Council meeting on 17 September 2013 (pictured with the judges).

At the Melrose Avenue Allotments, prize-winners of the established competition organised by plot holders were Helen Stamp (Best Plot), Regina Caetano (Best Effort Prize) and Allen Bennett (Prize for Most Produce).



Tony Cox, Cllr Mrs Farida Turner, Deputy Mayor Cllr Simon Rubner, Cllr Graeme Franklin and Auxilia Nhavira

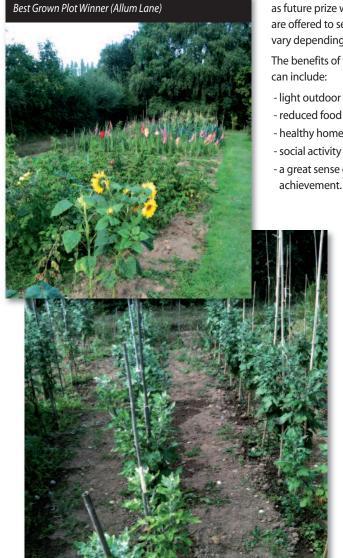
Best Produce Plot Winner (Allum Lane)

The Council is keen to hear from anyone wishing to add their names to the waiting list to lease a plot at one of these popular sites. With a bit of hard work and some luck with the weather you

could join these allotment champions as future prize winners! Concessions are offered to senior citizens and prices vary depending on the size of plot.

The benefits of working an allotment

- light outdoor exercise and stress relief
- reduced food bills
- healthy home-grown produce
- social activity
- a great sense of personal





Competition Time

For details of the winners of the Penny for the Guy Competition (Fireworks Night) and the Facebook Competition (see page 3 of Autumn 2013 edition) please visit our website: www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk

Rotary and Friends visit Offenburg: One of our Twin Towns



One of the aspirations of Rotary Club President Cynthia Barker is to form links abroad.



True to the spirit of Rotary fellowship, Cynthia, fellow Rotarians, the Town Mayor and friends and families went...made friends... and conquered Offenburg...on a visit in late September.

Cynthia exchanged banners with fellow Rotarian Mayor Edith Schreiner (pictured left).









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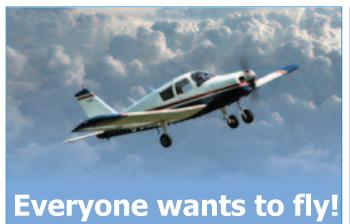
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Hertswood Academy News from Peter Gillet (Headteacher)



Welcome back! I hope you had a fantastic Summer break and that you are looking forward to achieving great things in 2013/14.

Just in case you missed the news over the holiday, I'm very pleased to report <u>our best year ever for examination results</u> at Hertswood Academy. Not only that, our best results ever were achieved in a year when results dropped across the country. Some of you may be asking how students and staff did it and the simple truth is that we aimed high, worked hard and believed in ourselves.

Let's look in some more detail at our GCSE and Sixth Form successes.

Best ever results at GCSE

Our overall figure was 76% 5+ A*-C with results in English and Mathematics rising by 10% compared to last year's figures.

Some of our top results included Navomee Ponnamperuma who achieved 6 A* and 5 A grades and Darrell Powell, Lisa Hardin and Taka Mapimhidze who all achieved 5 A* and 4 A grades. Lauren Andrews also achieved 5 A* and 3 A Grades.

There were tears of joy in the main hall as students collected their results, which will help them enormously with their further education and job prospects. Darrell Powell said "My best results were in the sciences and



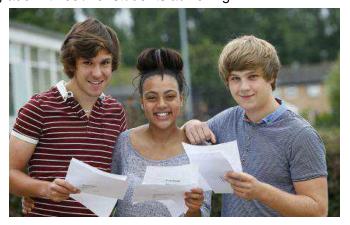
psychology and social science, which is very good as those are the ones I want to study for A level." Our top performer, Navomee said "I'm speechless, I don't know what to say. I really want to go to Cambridge University after my A-Levels."

Best ever results in the Sixth Form

50% of our year 13 students achieved an A*- B grade with 99% of students achieving A*-E

At A-Level in year 13, results included Simeon Nichols with AAA, Alfie Grace with AAB (A at AS) who will study Engineering at UCL, Annique De Beauville with ABB who will attend Manchester to study Law and Lucy Wright ABB who will attend Sheffield.

At AS level in year 12 results included Pamela Vivado AAAA, Andrew Hare AAAA, Georgia O'Brien AAAA, Paige Cunningham AAABB and Shalitha Karunarathna AABB



Annique de Beauville, 18, who studied history, sociology and English literature said "I'm really excited. I'm so happy to achieve my first choice university. "I've always wanted to be a lawyer since I was a little girl. I see myself as a barrister in a few years time."

So you can see that we've made a great start and we are aiming to do even better. Our students and staff have shown that if you aim high, work hard and believe in yourself there is no limit to what you can achieve. So best wishes to all for the year ahead - I'm looking forward to celebrating your future achievements with you.





Elstree & Borehamwood Christian Council Celebrate Christmas 2013 with us



Roman Catholic Parishes of Borehamwood St Teresa of the Child Jesus, 291 Shenley Road & SS John Fisher & Thomas More, 28 Rossington Avenue

Sat 21st Dec. 10am-1pm: Extended Confessions

Tues 24th Dec 6pm: Christmas Vigil & Children's Nativity (St Teresa's)

8pm: Christmas Vigil Mass (St Teresa's) 11.30-12pm: Carol Service (SSJFTM) 12pm: Midnight Mass (SSJFTM)

Wed 25th Dec.

NATIVITY OF THE LORD 9am: Mass (SSJFTM)

10am: Mass (St. Teresa's) Noon: Mass (SSJFTM)

Tues 31st Dec.

Noon: Mass (SSJFTM)

10pm: Mass (St Teresa's) followed by Parish party in the hall.



International Christian Fellowship

Manor Way, Borehamwood WD6 1QY Patrick Bateman (Pastor) 020 8207 1837 www.icfellowship.org

Sun 22nd Dec. 10.00 am 'Snow White' and Celebration

Wed 25th Dec. 10.00 am Tues 31st Dec. 10.30 pm Watchnight Celebration

Church of England

Team Parish of Elstree & Borehamwood Parish Office (020) 8905 1365 Weekdays a.m. www.borehamwoodchurches.org.uk

All Saints Church

Shenley Road, WD6 1EB Revd Tim Warr (020) 8207 6603

Sunday 22nd Dec. 11.00am

Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve 6.00pm

Crib Service

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 10.00am

Family Communion

Holy Cross Church

Revd Christine Hina (020) 8953 2183

Christmas Eve 4.30pm

Crib & Christingle Service

St Nicholas Church

Elstree High Street. WD6 3EW Revd Karen Gardiner (020) 8953 1411

Sunday 22nd Dec. 6.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve 4.00pm

Crib Service

Christmas Day 9.30am

Christmas Family Communion

St Michael & All Angels Church www.achurchnearyou.com Revd Richard Leslie (020) 8953 2362 Brook Road, WD6 5EQ

Sunday 1st Dec. 9.30am Sunday 22nd Dec. 9.30am

Advent Carol Service Carols & Communion

Christmas Eve 5.00pm

Christmas Story and Christingle

11.30pm

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 10.00am Sunday 29th Dec. 10.00am

Family Communion Parish Communion

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

St. Paul's Close, corner of Cranes Way & Furzehill Rd. Borehamwood, WD6 2DB www.stpaulslutheran.co.uk (020) 8953 3308



St. Andrews U.R.C Church Aycliffe Road, Borehamwood

Wed 18th Dec 7:45pm

Carols by candlelight

Sun 22nd Dec. 10:15 am

Wed 25th Dec. 10.15 am

Nativity play Christmas Day service



Borehamwood Baptist Church 12 Furzehill Rd., Borehamwood http://www.borehamwoodbapch.org

Carol Service

Sun 22nd Dec. 6.30pm

Wed 25th Dec. 10 00am Family Service



King's Grace Chapel (Redeemed Christian Church of God) Holy Cross Church Hall, Balmoral Drive, WD6 2QU

Services as usual with watch night service on Tuesday 31st December at 10pm

Borehamwood Seniors Music Workshop

For the past 5 months the members of the Borehamwood Seniors club (run by Crossroads Care Hertfordshire South and held on weekdays at Fountain Court, Brook Road, Borehamwood) have enjoyed a weekly activity called "Music for a Generation".

This new innovative idea was run every Monday from 1.30pm - 3pm and became a popular inclusion to the many activities provided during the day at Borehamwood Seniors.

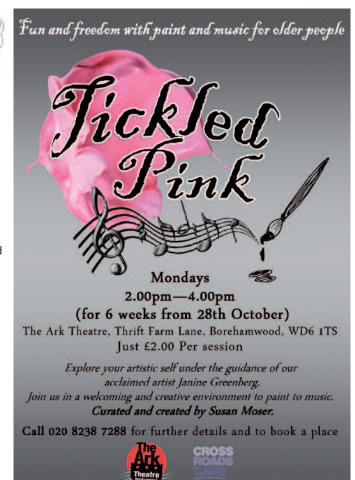
The project has been centred around the memories of all the members from their early childhood through to their adult years, which has then been incorporated and expressed in music. Each week Sharon Ekleman the facilitator would gather information from the seniors, then the following week would make a song from all the information gathered. Musical instruments were also introduced and members were encouraged to join in with or without any musical skills.

On a couple of occasions the group was joined by pupils from Hertswood School who came to join in with the singing and brought with them musical instruments that were played beautifully. The pupils also made up their own song from the information they had gathered and returned the next week to perform it to the seniors which was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by all.

Tina Muchmore who works for Crossroads Care and is the Manager of Borehamwood Seniors has been delighted with the success of this project and encouraged by the interest shown by all the members of the club who have enjoyed the whole "Music for a Generation"

CROSS ROADS CARE Hertfordshire South experience, which was enhanced by the wonderful voice of Sharon and her constant and continual enthusiasm throughout the weeks.

The whole project culminated in a performance celebration held at the end of October and attended by all participants.



Three Acre Site in North Borehamwood



The Council has available for lease a three acre piece of land in the North of Borehamwood to a tenant for the purpose of cultivation.



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Richard Jarvis, NHW Ward Co-ordinator for Hertsmere and Vice Chair of Hertsmere Borough Watch is currently visiting Sheltered Housing, over 50's clubs, Drop in Centres, Housebound Residents and in fact any Group that feels it would benefit from being shown two Police DVDs regarding Distraction Burglaries, Rogue Traders and Pickpockets. (TV and DVD player can be provided).

The DVDs run for a total of 35 minutes and demonstrate how easily people, especially the elderly or vulnerable, can be distracted or duped by unsavoury characters.

Richard is willing to attend any Meeting to show these very important DVDs and answer any questions you might have at the Meeting.

At these Meetings he will also have some inexpensive Security Equipment that is being sold on behalf of Hertsmere Borough Watch, which he will demonstrate if requested.

There is no obligation whatsoever to buy this equipment but it is there if required.

Any group interested in inviting Richard to their meeting please telephone him on 020 8953 9530 or email: richard@hbwa.org.uk

Herts Urgent Care

Herts Urgent Care offers extended hours at Out of Hours GP Service, Elstree Clinic, Borehamwood - access via NHS 111 from 5 October 2013.

Since 5 October a new weekend service has been in operation with a GP available at the clinic from 8am - 11pm. Access to this service is through calling 111 and all calls from both landlines and mobiles are FREE – so please 'Phone before you Go'.

Dialling 111 will get you straight through to a highly trained advisor within Herts Urgent Care who will assess your symptoms and direct you to the right place to get help. NHS 111 has been running in Hertfordshire for over a year now and is one of the top NHS 111 providers in the country; we have helped over 260,000 Hertfordshire residents since our launch on 25 September 2012.

For local residents this new weekend service will result in an easier and more accessible health service outside of GP opening times; calling NHS 111 before you go will

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Youth Council

At the Youth Council meeting on 9 October 2013, Shriya Samani stepped down as Chairman after a very productive year at the helm.



Shriya's hard work and dedication has resulted in the growth of the Youth Council in terms of both membership and achievements.

Darcy Elliman has been elected as the new Chairman and Xiaoyi Sun the new vice Chairman and both are excited and enthusiastic about the future, hoping that the Council will continue to grow from strength to strength in helping not only the youth but all of the community in Elstree and Borehamwood.



The Youth Council is particularly proud of:

- the attention given to the local area (especially in environmental work including tree planting and maintaining the shrubs at the Railway Station);
- seeking to release a discount card for teenagers in Borehamwood to help make life that little bit easier; and
- representing the young people in the community at Town Council events, including the Parade (pictured),

Families Day, the Annual Parish meeting, Remembrance Sunday and the Christmas Lights switch on (where this year, Youth Councillors will be running a stall to support Hertsmere MENCAP).

Speaking in her new role as Chairman, Darcy Elliman said, "There is much to look forward to and get done. Hopefully, we will continue to make a meaningful difference and influence positive changes in our local community".





Kenilworth Primary School



Kenilworth Primary School has a great community of pupils, staff, parents and governors who work closely with each other.

In July we celebrated our Diamond Jubilee marking this auspicious time with a unique play written in conjunction with staff from Hertswood Academy and performed by our Year 6 and 5 pupils.

Our dedicated PTA organised a wonderful traditional fete which included pony rides, splash the teacher and face painting.

To end a fantastic year we all went on a whole school trip to the seaside enjoying sandcastles, dips in the sea and ice lollies for tea!

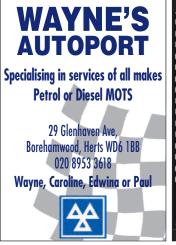
To start this year we have been turning our thoughts to those less fortunate in our local community and beyond. The PTA organised a fantastic Macmillan Coffee morning which raised £400. This total was matched funded by BAM Construction. Our parents, carers and children baked and donated enough cakes to feed a very long line of children at break time. Mrs Betts baked a cake in the shape of a coffee cup to celebrate the event.

As it is Harvest time our children have been bringing in gifts of tea, coffee and biscuits to share with elderly neighbours and dry goods for the Borehamwood food bank. These will be given out in early October.

House captains in Year 6 have been working hard with their own teams to choose a charity to support this year. The children had to make an informed choice from many charities outlined by their captains. Our children are a group of animal lovers, and have chosen to support Battersea Dogs and Cats home, The Dog Trust and the RSPCA this year.

Thinking about others and making an effort to make our community a better place is an essential cornerstone of how Kenilworth Primary School works. We do have a vacancy for a Community Governor. If you think you could support our school, please contact the Clerk to the Governors via the school office.

Samanatha Jayasuriya, Headteacher





Robin Hood

and His Merry Men

coming to Borehamwood in February 2014

Elstree Productions Theatre Company will be putting on their annual pantomime at St Michael & all Angels Church Hall, Brook Road, in Borehamwood on 21/22/23 February 2014.

This year's fabulous pantomime is Robin Hood and His Merry men (and women!) and promises to be great fun for all the family. There will be two evening performance on Friday

21 February and Saturday 22 February, plus matinees on Saturday 22 February and Sunday 23 February.

Directors are Matt Shaw and Georgia Dove with choreography by Joanna Butt. Tickets will be very reasonably priced as usual and on sale in January from our box office 020 8953 6560. We rehearse at Maxwell Park Hall on Tuesday evenings and anyone interested in helping with production please contact me. Keep an eye out for our publicity in the New Year and book early as this is always a popular show with local people. Please ring me on the above number for further details.

Josie Shingles Secretary EPTC

N. D. B.

Michele Kleinman



Mondays 7.45pm-8.45pm Tuesdays 10.15am-11.15am Thursdays 7.45pm - 8.45pm Aberford Community Centre Aberford Road Borehamwood WD6 1EH

Sundays 10.30am - 11.30am Cockfosters & Southgate Synagogue Old Farm Avenue, N14 5QR

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Email: m.kleinman@tiscali.co.uk

Call Michele on 07973 383 591

St Michael's Christmas Charity Fair

St Michael's Christmas Charity Fair is Saturday 30th November in St Michael's Hall, Brook Road, Borehamwood, WD6 SEQ, from 10am - 1pm.

Lots of stalls, Christmas goods, tombola, raffle, refreshments etc. Proceeds to local and other well known charities.



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There is no need to feel embarrassed when coming to the centre. The team are very welcoming and offer free refreshments and a chat as well as sign posting people to other help.

It is never easy to admit our needs but with all the benefit issues, redundancies, low wages and debt many are in need of help.

The Foodbank is situated in St Teresa's Church Hall behind the Civic Centre and is open on Mondays from 1pm - 3.30pm and Thursdays from 10am - 12.30pm.



Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council meetings

For a full list of our forthcoming meetings, please see the website.

| 26 November | Environment & Planning | Fairway Hall | 7.30pm |
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| 11 December | Youth Council | Civic Offices | 6.30pm |
| 8 January | Youth Council | Civic Offices | 6.30pm |
| 14 January | Entertainments | Fairway Hall | 7.30pm |
| 15 January | COUNCIL | Civic Offices | 7.30pm |
| 16 January | Environment & Planning | Fairway Hall | 7.30pm |
| 5 February | Youth Council | Civic Offices | 6.30pm |
| 11 February | Entertainments | Fairway Hall | 7.30pm |
| 12 February | General Management | Fairway Hall | 7.30pm |
| 18 February | Environment & Planning | Fairway Hall | 7.30pm |
| 27 February | Transport Forum | Civic Offices | 7.00pm |
| 4 March | Entertainments | Fairway Hall | 7.30pm |
| 5 March | Youth Council | Civic Offices | 6.30pm |
| 12 March | ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL | Fairway Hall | 7.30pm |

Note: Times and venues of meetings may be changed at short notice. Meetings listed are open to the press and public.

Community Calendar and Local Organisations

Keeping abreast of the various meetings, activities and events taking place in the Community can be difficult.

In addition to Town Council engagements listed here, we have launched a Community Calendar for you to look at on line. Simply follow the link on our website:

www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk



This facility is in its early stages and we want it to be more user friendly and packed with even more information in the future. If you know of any listings that could be included in the Calendar, please contact the Council Offices with the details for consideration. Readers can also view a list of local community organisations on line with the most up to date contact details (with any suitable additions and updates received with thanks).

Contacting the Council

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Peter Digweed - Council Warden

Email: caretaker@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk



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