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The magazine for Elstree & Borehamwood residents



Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Letter from the Mayor...

Autumn is upon us - temperatures dropped, blustery wind and rain completed the changes. Schoolchildren are half way through the term. We did enjoy a good summer so it is time to reflect.

There are fewer Mayoral duties than at Festival time, but at least three or four a week. This is the time of Annual General Meetings and, it would seem, a time to welcome new faith leaders - Dr Hillary Nyika to the Baptist Church and Pastor Didzes Stilve to the Lutheran Church - I wish them well in their ministries. They will be an asset to the wider Town community as well as their congregations. We celebrated the 25 years that Rev Tim Warr has been a Church of England Vicar and Father Dominic will soon celebrate 20 years as Roman Catholic Priest. What is best is how the faiths groups work together.

My other visits included Brownies, a swimming Gala, the Produce Show, a Heritage walk and Elstree Productions 'A Slice of Saturday Night'. Elstree Screen Heritage continue to roll out events celebrating 100 years of Elstree Studios, including 'Borehamwood to Hollywood' at The Ark. Their exhibition at the Museum was a great success.

The Borehamwood and Elstree Twin Town Association's welcomed to 65 students from Offenburg, our German Twin, and look out for Town festive events, including Christmas Lights Switch On and a BBC Band Concert at Allum Hall.



I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all at Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council to wish you all a peaceful, joyous season and a happy new year.

Cllr Pat Strack (Mayor of Elstree & Borehamwood)

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Dr Hillary Nyika, Town Mayor Cllr Pat Strack & Hertsmere Mayor Cllr Carey Keates

What would you like from The Town Crier?

We aim to deliver the Town Crier to every address in Elstree & Borehamwood, but we would like to receive more comments from you, our readers.

What do you like to read in it? What would you like to see in the Town Crier that is not usually there? Do you find listings of 'What's On' and contact details for local organisations useful? Would you like to see more or less advertising?

Please let us know using one of the contact methods.



Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council





BBC ELSTREE CONCERT BAND



You know the festive season is about to get underway when the BBC Elstree Concert Band put on their Christmas concert. There will be a mix of traditional Christmas music, along with more modern tunes which have all become firm favourites at this time of year. And recognising Elstree's heritage, the band will be throwing in their usual mix of film music as well as themes from TV and shows to provide a terrific evening's entertainment. These concerts are a regular feature in our local arts calendar and are always packed with foot-tapping tunes and even the option to join in. It is never one to be missed!

Monday 1 December 2014 at 8pm (doors open 7.30pm)

Allum Hall, Allum Lane, Elstree WD6 3PJ

Tickets £5 each (no concessions - cash or cheque only)

Tickets available from Town Council Offices, Brook Close, WD6 5BJ

(020 8207 1382) and Allum Hall (020 8953 3415)



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Centenary of the First World War special exhibition

January 13th 2015 sees the opening of a special exhibition commemorating the Centenary of the First World War.

This exhibition will reflect the contribution and sacrifice of the people of Elstree and Borehamwood. The display also looks at what the area was like at that time and how the Great War affected the community. The exhibition runs from 20 January until 27 June.

If you have any items from this period you would be willing to loan to the museum for display, please do get in touch.

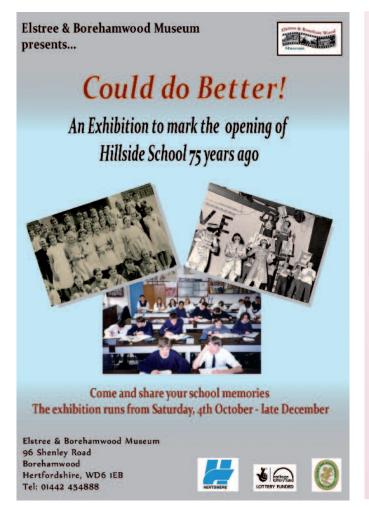
For more details, please see our website: www.ebw-museum.co.uk or email: info@ebw-museum.co.uk. Facebook: www.facebook.com/ebwmuseum, tel: 01442 454888.





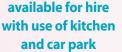
William Hannell left for the war in France at the age of 16 and died before he was 19. He worked at Mr Cambi's Bleach works (where the Borehamwood Shopping Park is today) where they made hats, one of which he is probably wearing, and lived close by in Glenhaven Avenue.

In association with the First World War exhibition we are planning a special event on 17 January which will include a private viewing. Look out in the museum for more details coming soon.



Maxwell Park CommunityCentre

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Regular activities include, baby reflexology, B'nai Maccabim Synagogue, Boot Camp, Carers Coffee Morning, church groups, Club Sandwich, Cocaine Anonymous, Elstree Productions, Fifty + art, bowls & table tennis, Hartbeeps, K's dance, keep fit, maths & english tuition, music lessons, shogun karate, table tennis, Visually Impaired Club and yoga, dynamic, pregnancy, post natal, lunch time, Zumba groups

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Elstree and Borehamwood Residents Association – the story so far...

The Elstree and Borehamwood Residents Association (EBRA) was created by Andrew Lewis, a local resident and accountant, who felt compelled to have an independent voice for the residents of Elstree and Borehamwood in view of an unprecedented 'tidal wave' of proposed new housing, business developments and other changes in the area, which would clearly change the character of Elstree and Borehamwood for good.

Example: Our recycling centre at Allum Lane was threatened with closure by the County Council. 1. We spoke to people who were using the tip and found that most were not aware of the problem. 2. We gave information and a leaflet showing how they could use the council website to make their feelings known before the consultation ended. 3 We held meetings at the Ark Theatre where councillors and residents united in the fight to keep

the tip open. 4. That massive feedback delivered to the County Council was sufficient to make them reconsider. At our meeting on Tuesday 22nd September Cllr Morris Bright, the leader of the Hertsmere Borough Council announced - to cheers and applause - that the tip would not now be closed but would operate just five days a week. Job done.

We are set up to do four things.

- 1. To help alert fellow residents to important issues
- 2.To provide information and guidance on the issues
- 3. To hold monthly meetings for all residents where these issues are discussed by residents and councillors.
- 4. To deliver the feedback of residents to the people with the power - the councils.

Our next meeting is at The Ark Theatre on Tuesday 25/11 for an 8pm start, finishing at 9.30pm. All Welcome. Free parking in the Council Offices car park. Email www.elstreeborehamwoodresidents.co.uk Secretary 0208 207 4993.







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Compost Corner

Something is buzzing in Allum Lane Allotments!

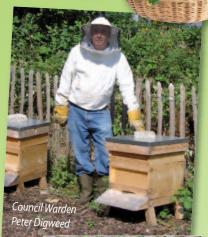
Earlier this year the Town Council launched a new bee hive area in the Allum Lane Allotments.

Many of the foods that we enjoy so much such as coffee, cocoa and many fruits wouldn't be around if it weren't for bees cross pollinating.

Honey Bee Facts!

- In each hive there is only one queen and she will produce thousands of workers.
- The honey bee colony consists of three castes of bee: the queen, workers and drones.
- 90 percent of our wild plants thrive due to cross-pollination.
- · Worker bees communicate with other bees by using a type of dancing pattern called the bee waggle dance.
- · A strong bee colony flies the equivalent of the distance to the
- The distance for a bee to fly from the hive can be as much as 6
- A typical worker bee will only live for 6-7 weeks.

- The younger worker bee's duties include building, cleaning, and guarding the
- · A queen bee can live up to 5 years and lay up to 2,000 eggs per day.
- Cross-pollination helps at least 30 percent of the world's crops.
- Seventy out of the top 100 human food crops, which supply about 90 percent of the world's nutrition, are pollinated by bees.







The vegetables were used at their family lunch events which were held

throughout August.

Foodbank Co-ordinator Kim Gray said "We have been deeply touched by the generosity of local people and businesses and we are very grateful for your support."

Borehamwood & District Garden Crafts Society

On behalf of the Borehamwood & District Garden Crafts Society I would like to wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy gardening in 2015. Join the Society for the Spring Evening Show on 10 April, Summer Show on 20 June and Autumn Show on 5 September 2015. We look forward to seeing you.

Rose Barry Chairman

Got the Plot? A Melrose Allotment Holder's View -

interviewed by a fellow plot holder

Tom Cunningham tells me that a friend of his asked him why he didn't go and get an allotment and so he did. That was in 1971, 43 years ago and he is now 80 years old

He says 'it was pretty rough to start with, but with perseverance, digging it is now easy work'. He is quick to point out that 'you don't get what you see on the gardening programmes!' though I'm assured that after the initial hard work on a mostly clay soil, there is the fresh air, exercise, camaraderie, and job satisfaction, as well as all of your vegetables, fruit and flowers.

Tom is encouraging: 'don't be afraid to ask established gardeners for their advice or opinions, and if you're not enjoying it, or can't put the time in, maybe it isn't for you'. He adds some great advice saying 'never try to do too much at one time (Rome wasn't built in a day!) and take

breaks. Show respect for your neighbours by not having an overgrown plot or rubbish left, and have respect for the houses around the boundary by not lighting poorly timed bonfires or making noise, and it will be a very happy community!'.

What he says is definitely worth considering 'with an allotment you won't need to go to the gym, and once you get your first crop you will get the true taste and value of homegrown vegetables, compared to the shop stuff'....'it's not all work on the allotment, there's a lot of good humour, especially at the 'Tall Story Tea Club', where we relax at a shed and have our cups of tea, a good laugh and a lot of banter!'. He remembers a very well respected gentleman who at 95 never moaned and cycled to his allotment, and at 97 still enthused after a particularly poor harvest:'at least I'll get a feed out of it!

Anne Nicodemus

Melrose Avenue Allotment 2014 Winners





Youth Council

Who are we?

We are a group of young people aiming to make a difference in our local area and change the stereotype associated with our generation. We are a part of our Town Council acting as a voice for the youth in our community.

Aims

To work together as a group to discuss and improve the life quality of the teenagers that live in the Borehamwood and Elstree area.

Why you should be one of us!

Joining the Youth Council gives you a say in what goes on in your area, it gives you the opportunity to make a difference.

It can prepare you for future jobs and gives you skills that you will need for the rest of your life. Just by being involved looks great on a CV, giving you that competitive advantage - employers love it.

Making new friends, working as a team will surely improve your confidence and communication skills

It's a new experience that you can't get anywhere else!

Age

13-19 years old

Sub groups:

- Publicity
- Environment
- Business and membership cards

Are you ready?

Yes! We are looking for someone:

- Confident Good team member Able to solve problems
- Ambitious Hard worker

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Email: tmalton@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk Phone Number: 020 8207 1382

"The BETTA Way"

Borehamwood and Elstree Twin Town Association (BETTA) have had a busy autumn, welcoming visitors from and visiting our partner towns.

On the 22nd October, the association welcomed a group of 65 students from Ernst Kästner Real-Schüle from Offenburg, the town's German Twin Town whilst visiting the area on a four-day excursion.

Howard Berry, from The University of Hertfordshire gave a talk on the history of film making in Borehamwood. Within his short presentation, he talked the group of 15/16 year olds through the life and history of the Film studios that existed in Borehamwood over the last 100 years.

Borehamwood & Elstree
Twin Town Association
Invites you to a
Christmas Alistellany Evening
of Jestive Jayre with Alusic & Readings
On Saturday 20th December at 6.30 pm
St Paul's Lutheran Church, Cranes Way,
Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, WD6 2DB
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The Managing Director of Elstree Studios Roger Morris, welcomed the group to the studios, and talked briefly of the current activity of productions at the studios.

On 11th November, Cllr Richard Butler, Deputy Mayor, represented the town in the Armistice Day Service in our French Twin Town, Fontenay Aux



BETTA are organising a couple of events during the festive season this year.

On the 20th December, at St Paul's Lutheran Church we are holding our second Miscellany Evening. The event starts at 6.30 and will include festive carols and readings for all to enjoy. We highly recommend this as a great start to your Christmas festivities. Entrance is £7 for non-members and £5 for members.

On New Year's Day, we are organising a "New Year's Day Bash", at Fairway Hall, in Borehamwood, at 3pm. This event will include a raffle, New Year's Day Quiz and light refreshments. Admission to this function is £10.

Tickets for both events are available from BETTA either E-mail bettagroup@hotmail.com or by telephone: 0203 441 6510.

Celebrating a Century of Film-Making and Television Production

The end of 2014 is fast approaching; it's time to reflect on the past year. As announced in the Spring Edition of Town Crier, 2014 has been a very special year for Elstree & Borehamwood, marking the anniversary of 100 years of film-making in the local studios.

Elstree Screen Heritage set out to deliver an extensive programme of events and publications designed to do justice to the Centenary.

With the active support of the Town Council, as well as other councils, community groups and commercial enterprises, most of that programme has now been completed.

The bold, bright Centennial Banners still troop down Shenley Road to the doors of Elstree Studios. Meanwhile, new flags fly proudly at the Studios.



The 3-month long Centenary Exhibition is now just a memory for over 1,500 people who visited it this summer at the Museum at 96 Shenley Road. Typical of their comments were "I discovered so many things about the area" and "Love it! Oozes passion for the history we are all so proud of."

The roses at Central Place have just bloomed for the fourth time since the Youth Council lent their time to help turn a neglected eyesore into a public space for residents and visitors alike to enjoy.

At the end of the Town's Summer Festival, the BBC Elstree Concert Band played "Music from the Movies" to a packed Ark Theatre, and we all waved our flags to cheer them on at the end of an emotional evening of pride and celebration.

In October we returned to the Ark Theatre for the "world premiere" of our new Centenary Documentary, "From Borehamwood To Hollywood." Narrated by Miss Barbara Windsor and Paul Welsh, this 90-minute long film charts the story of the growth, decline and renewal of our local film and TV industry.

This extraordinary story, told by the men and women who helped create it, is based on interviews carried out during "The Elstree Project" by Elstree Screen Heritage and its partner, the University of



Hertfordshire. Howard Berry of the School of Creative Arts somehow managed to weave together still photos, extracts from interviews and clips from films.

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Elstree Studios, both screenings were free-of-charge to the community. Almost 500 people attended and told us:

"What a superb documentary! Your interviews and editing were truly excellent - it's a great homage to legendary British film studios. Elstree's roller coaster history was beautifully and captivatingly conveyed."

"There was a buzz among the audience as they left, lots of positive comments. It was also good to sit in an audience whispering among themselves as they recognised people, remembered things. Almost the opposite of a 'normal' cinema visit!"

"Great anecdotes from famous faces; fascinating chapters from past 100 years".

2014 may be drawing to a close but there's still more to come. Three panels will be added to the Film and TV Heritage Trail, bringing to 26

the total number of panels from the railway station up to Elstree Way.

You can explore them with the free guide on display at the station, at the Museum at 96 Shenley Road, and of course at the reception desk at Fairway Hall

New signs will soon be added at key gateways into the Town to remind residents and visitors that this is truly "the home of film and television".

Taken all together these

activities have, we believe, helped to raise awareness of why this Town has so many reasons to be so proud of its achievements; it seems that many local residents had no idea of the Town's amazing media history.

Looking forward to 2015, both the studios which remain are full of new productions, creating more film and TV which will take its place with the classic works of the past. Elstree Studios is set to expand its capacity, while across Shenley Road the BBC Elstree Centre has started a multi-year redevelopment programme to transform the site where local film-making started those 100 years ago.

Building on the first 100 years of film-making there will soon be new anniversaries to celebrate (EastEnders will reach its 30th year early in 2015).

For further detail please contact Elstree Screen Heritage at www.ElstreeScreenHeritage.org or simply leave us a phone message at 020 8953 2594.

CHRISTMAS SWITCH ON EVENT

To mark the festive season Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council are bringing some festive cheer to the Town with the annual Christmas Lights Switch On event on Sunday 30th November. The family fun event takes place from 2pm-6pm behind All Saints Church on Shenley Road.

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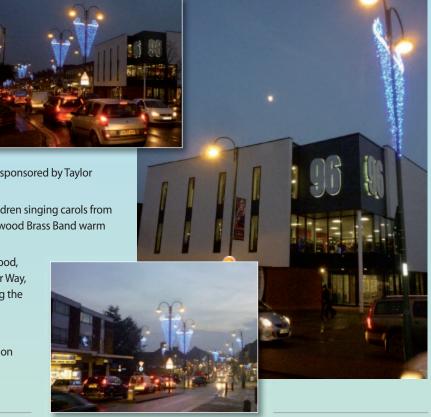
Free entertainments include the ever-popular Ice Rink, sponsored by Taylor Wimpey & Tesco, a vintage carousel and more.

All Saints Church plays host to local primary school children singing carols from 3pm before mulled wine, mince pies and the Borehamwood Brass Band warm up the crowd for the main event.

At 4pm Cllr Pat Strack, Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood, will turn on the lights illuminating Shenley Road, Manor Way, Leeming Road and Elstree High Street, formally marking the start of the season.

Collections will be made for the Poppy Appeal.

For more information please contact the Town Council on 020 8207 1382.



Woodcock Hill Village Green Chairman's report 2013-2014

The WHVG Committee worked hard throughout the year ensuring that Woodcock Hill is managed to best advantage for residents, flora and fauna.

Activities throughout the year.

Although it was too wet for clearance before the nesting season this year, the Hertfordshire County Council Rights of Way Officer arranged for Countryside Management Services and Groundworks volunteers to clear footpath nine and other Rights of Way. Their rolling programme of clearance can be checked on the hertsdirect website.

Dog owners have been reminded to be more responsible and to clear up after their pets - this is the biggest health hazard on the hill.

The Committee submitted a response regarding the Elstree way Corridor and also a Report protesting at the overdevelopment of the area and its impact on the infrastructure and environment.

WHVG Committee members had stands at the Town Pre-Festival event and the Town Festival Families Day. Thanks go to Yvonne Harris for her excellent arrangement and

interpretation of 'The King's Speech' in the Town Flower Festival at All Saints Church.

Stands at various other events throughout the year included St Teresa's Parish Autumn Fayre, Aldenham Country Park and Community Action Hertsmere Awards - all attracted interest.

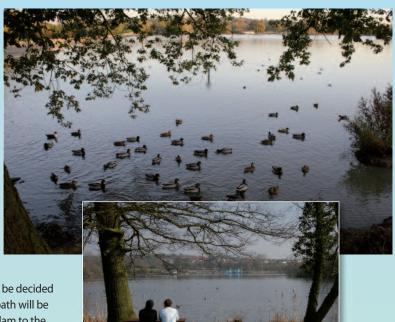


Aldenham Country Park Trust Limited

The Aldenham Country Park Trust continued with its objectives.

An ACPT Subcommittee holds regular meetings with the agent of the Reservoir owners to discuss the future after the Herts County Council lease expires in December 2015. The owners are keen to replace the water retaining wall and set up a trust to administer the Reservoir and its curtilage - but only in exchange for planning permission to develop Green Belt land behind Centennial Park. The majority of the trustees agree with the Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society that, if the owners can demonstrate they will have a watertight legal handover of the reservoir and its curtilage, this would be a good exchange for residents as they would have the Reservoir as of right in perpetuity.

The ACTP has made a submission to register the entire walk around the reservoir as a Public Right Of Way and this will be decided by an enquiry at a later stage. In the meantime, the entire footpath will be open for public use - at present only a small stretch along the dam to the stile near The Fishery is public Right Of Way.



Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society

Our aim is to preserve as much as possible of the peaceful green and pleasant countryside which has been left to us after the ravages of road and building developments.

We live in an exceptionally fragile habitat. Major motorways radiate out from London through Hertsmere and the urban creep of London is always a danger. The proposed construction of a huge Rail Freight Interchange Station at Park Street is the current greatest threat. If it goes ahead it will undoubtedly blight the whole area and cause endless road and rail problems.

We are opposed to it together with every other local conservation organisation and the local councils.

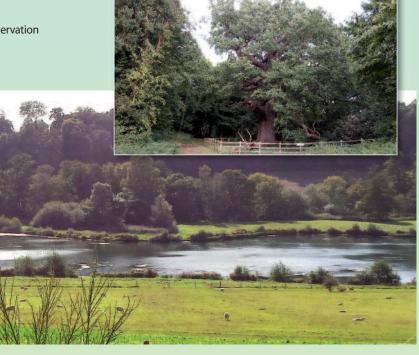
Sadly the Green Belt though protected in Law from 1947 is not immune to Central Government edict and we await the outcome of ongoing challenges to the decision of the Secretary of State.

It is not our policy to interfere with reasonable improvements to private property and we are in favour of brownfield development. We accept that a community has changing needs and cannot be preserved as in a museum. Playing fields, community centres, libraries and some new housing have to be provided. Our quality of life depends on careful planning especially in the control of traffic. We try to retain those buildings with interest, history or architectural merit.

The destruction over the years of many landmark houses has robbed Elstree and Borehamwood of much of its visual amenity. I include the razing of the

old cottages on Elstree High Street, the loss of the timber framed house at the Shenley Road / Theobald Street junction and the current demise of Little Organ Hall Farm. We must preserve what is left. It could be said we are on Greenwatch!

We always need more members. The token subscription is £5 per household yearly and FREE membership for the first year so do join and give our voice more decibels. We are trying to serve the community and speak for you all.



Local people feed local people

The Borehamwood Foodbank has now fed over 2,600 local people giving each 3 days balanced diet - that's an amazing 23,400 meals. This has only been possible because of the generosity of local people like yourself.

Food has been received from local schools, synagogues, churches, businesses and individuals. Every donation not only fills the stomach but gives hope to someone who has reached the end of their tether.

One man who needed our help said 'This time last year I was donating to you.' In our uncertain world none of us are above the possibility of needing a little help now and then.

As well as our day to day work we run family lunches in the school holidays using our Lloyds Bank grant and these have been very successful. Some parents find it hard to feed the children without school lunches especially in the long summer break. We provide not only a hot meal but crafts and activities and a chance for the whole family to sit down for a meal together. This has made a real difference to the family unit.





Support the Foodbank

We have our Christmas Tesco collection on November 27/28/29 and are always looking for volunteers to give an hour of their time to collect for us.

We are also seeking to raise funds in two ways.

If you would like to donate £1, £3, £5 or £10 to the Borehamwood Foodbank please text BWFB01 £3 (or the amount you wish to donate) to 70070.

By Standing Order you can give £2 a month and where possible Gift Aid it.

These extra funds enable us to buy items needed for the projects above and replenish stocks when certain items run low. We make every effort to keep costs as low as we can but they cannot be avoided altogether.

If you could help us with the above please contact us at info@borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk or phone 020 3583 1109.

Your ongoing support is much appreciated and may we wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Mencap Aldenham Country Park Fun Run Sunday 14th September

Continuing their year of 50th Anniversary celebrations, Hertsmere Mencap hosted a Family Fun Run in Aldenham Country Park.

Children as young as three and a half took part in running 1.5km and other children and adult runners ran 5km around the lake. There were many Mencap members in the Park - two members, Guy Lewin and Chloe Osborne enthusiastically took part in the run and completed it to great cheers as they reached the Finishing Line! Others took the opportunity to walk around the lake in the most picturesque of settings after the runners had finished.

Organiser, Richard Summers, along with his team from Hertsmere Mencap as well as helpers from Radlett Rotary and Elstree and Borehamwood Rotary all pulled together to create a happy atmosphere in the park with the Borehamwood Brass Band kicking off the event by heralding the runners arrival.

The sun shone as a juggler and a fairy mingled with the happy families and altogether a delightful community event was held. Elstree Town Council Mayor, Cllr Pat Strack was present at the event and was helping as a volunteer, and Hertsmere Mayor, Cllr Carey Keates (Hertsmere Mencap being one of the Mayor's charities) and the Deputy Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, Stuart Nagler fired the starting guns for the races. Cllrs Strack, Keates and Mr Nagler gave out prizes to all the winners having graced what was a superb late summer outdoor event."





Strictly fans unplanned bonus for Macmillan Tea Party

On the afternoon of Friday 26th September fans were queuing up on the footpath alongside Maxwell Park; they were waiting to go into the nearby Elstree Studios to be the audience for Strictly Come Dancing. Purely by coincidence in Maxwell Park Community Centre members of the Visually Impaired Club were hosting their Macmillan Tea Party.

Quick thinking by Sasha Capocci capitalised on this concurrence; she with other helpers went out from the centre to the waiting audience and offered cakes etc. to them. They were very receptive and in turn very generous, thereby swelling the collection from the tea party to ± 656 .

Before tea and cakes were served at the tea party, members of the Visually Impaired Club had invited guests to join in their regular Friday afternoon activities. The most

popular game is New Age Kurling and Hertsmere's Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, Martin and Pam Worster, joined in enthusiastically. The tea party was also attended by Cllr Pat Strack, Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood.

David Clout, the Chairman of the Visually Impaired Club and its sister organisation, the Radlett, Elstree, Borehamwood and Shenley Talking Newspaper, said others have raised funds for the visually impaired but they wanted to do something for Macmillan Cancer Care. It was a bonus that 'Strictly' fans helped them.'

Sasha Capocci is the leader of the Visually Impaired Club and conveniently well known for her excellent cakes; nobody was surprised that the 'Strictly' fans and guests at the tea party enjoyed them and donated generously.



Hertsmere Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, Martin and Pam Worster

Cllr Sandra Parnell, Town Mayor Cllr Pat Strack, Hertsmere Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, Martin and Pam Worster, and Councillor Ann Harrison,

Cornerstone House Garden Party

I was delighted to be invited to Cornerstone House - an independent adult rehabilitation centre in Elstree, to take part in their Garden Party. Luckily the weather was kind and a whole range of circus skills were provided before the BBO.

It was great to see how the staff empathise and interact with those in their care. It is good to know that there is such provision for vulnerable people in our community. The grounds and buildings create a calm environment and the work and activities programme encourages people to get back into the community with additional skills to cope with everyday independent living. Visits are arranged to places of interest, both locally and further afield such as Southend and Broxbourne Zoo, to stimulate interests.

Well done to all who made me feel so welcome.

Cllr Pat Strack



Locals win medals at games on Sunday

On Sunday 12 October people with a diverse range of disabilities gathered at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital Aspire Centre in Stanmore and showed disability does not prevent them taking part in sports.

Ten Rotary Clubs from North London, including the Elstree and Borehamwood and the Radlett clubs, joined together to organise this festival of sports. Chief organiser was Rotarian Scott Maclachlan who lives in Radlett but belongs to the Rotary Club of Barnet.

Our local team was the Visually Impaired Club who include sports such as Boccia and New Age Kurling in their regular Friday afternoon meetings at Maxwell Park Community Centre.

Everyone attending had the opportunity to participate in indoor bowls, boccia, New Age kurling, table tennis, stick ball, darts and bagatelle. Winners were awarded medals for either individual or team performances. Medals were presented by Mayors from the various boroughs that are home to the Rotary Clubs and this included the Deputy Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood, Cllr Richard Butler.

Former Headteacher of Monksmead School and now chairman of governors of Meryfield School, John Cooper, and Syd Padfield won silver medals in the team Boccia competition. John had joked to his family that he was off to the Olympics and was thrilled to be returning home with a medal.

All of the members of the Visually Impaired Club said they had had a wonderful afternoon and the event had been a great experience.

Rotarian David Clout, secretary of the Rotary Club of Elstree and Borehamwood, said 'We Rotarians got a thrill out of seeing the people enjoying themselves and helpers and competitors had a great afternoon. We hope we might have additional teams of disabled people from our patch taking part in 2015.'



Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Richard Butler

Last year the final activity that caused great excitement was the wheelchair slalom; this didn't happen this year because there was only one wheelchair bound person present; it seems there were problems with helpers and transport. Can we make sure local people in wheelchairs get to the Aspire Centre next October?

Support for Carers

A Carer is someone of any age who provides unpaid support to family or friends whose health or well-being could suffer without this help. This could be caring for a relative, a partner, child or friend who is ill, frail, disabled or has mental health or substance misuse problems.

We provide support groups for Carers held in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. The groups meet on various days during the week and in a range of locations. The meetings are always very social and a time to make friends with people in similar situations. They are held at:

- Fountain Court 1st Wednesday of every month 2pm - 4pm
- Niland Conference Centre
 3rd Wednesday of every month 2pm 4pm
- Maxwell Community Centre alternate Mondays 10am - 12noon
- St Michaels & All Angels Church Hall Fridays weekly 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Why not come along and join us or call 0208 905 1158 for more information or see our website: www.hertfordshirecrossroads-south.org.uk









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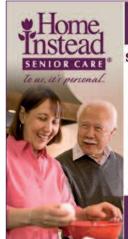
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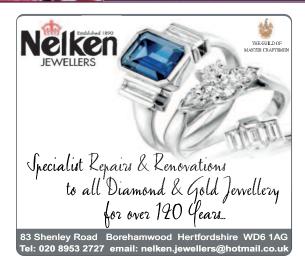
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Fairway Hall

Located in Brook Close, off Brook Road, Borehamwood, Fairway Hall is available for hire at competitive rates.



This attractive and modern facility has a fully equipped kitchen, cloakroom, toilets and a stage - making it ideal for weddings, barmitzvahs and batmitzvahs, children's parties, celebrations, social occasions, lectures, meetings and amateur dramatics.



For more information, please call 020 8207 1382.

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Harpenden's inaugural gala meets with **Olympic success**

Harpenden Swimming Club (HSC) held its inaugural swimming gala at The Venue Swimming Pool, Borehamwood on the 4th and 5th of October, 336 swimmers swam 1618 races over 30 events. Swimming clubs from across the region were represented. Bushey, CoStA, Ealing, Hemel Hempstead, Hoddesdon, Hitchin, Stevenage, Thame, Watford, Broomfield Park and Welwyn Garden all entered swimmers.

HSC were delighted that not one but two Mayors were able to officially open the event, as The Town Mayor of Harpenden, Councillor Mary Maynard and The Town Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood, Councillor Pat Strack both cut the purple ribbon to officially open the Gala. On Sunday 5th October Hertfordshire ASA President Ann Quinn visited the gala. All the invited VIP's enjoyed watching the swimming and handing out medals to the event winners.

The gala was themed 'The Legacy Meet' to build on the success of the 2012 London Olympics. There were several items around poolside that came directly from London 2012. The blue pace clocks used during warm up were from the swim down pool at the Aquatic Centre, one of which was signed by Ruta Meilutyte (2012 Olympic Gold Medallist). The clothes boxes which were available for swimmers at the start end were also from the Aquatic Centre – who knows which one was used by Michael Phelps? The club also acquired a number of Olympic banners which were hung around the pool.

We are fortunate that HSC has a very good relationship with the Bath National Training Centre, Team GB staff and GB swimmers. The Olympians based in Bath signed individual certificates and these were given out to the age group winners in each event. The main raffle prize was a Team GB Hoodie signed by Michael Jamieson.

HSC also held a competition to design the Open Meet medal. Children, parents and coaches all entered. Amy Thompson an HSC coach drew the winning design, which combines the HSC Dolphin logo with an Olympic torch.

Bryan Thompson, Legacy Meet Promoter said, 'Thank you to all the swimmers, coaches, officials and volunteers who helped make our first ever gala, The Harpenden Legacy Meet, a tremendous success! The swimming was of a particularly high standard. We saw lots of great races, personal bests and county qualifying times. We also received some fabulous feedback from officials, participating clubs and parents. The certificates and medals were appreciated by all the winners. We hope the gala builds on the Olympic theme to Inspire a Generation and the children continue swimming and that they come back to compete again next year!'



The Town Mayor of Harpenden and Town Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood opening the event



The Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion Services Club held a Pensioners party on Wednesday 8th October which was attended by 85 club members and

Music was provided by Paul Mann throughout the afternoon with all present enjoying the opportunity to dance to a wide and varied presentation of music.

During the afternoon the club supplied an excellent buffet with a variety of cakes to follow for all present.

The afternoon was rounded off with several individual members giving renditions of their own popular songs, the oldest being our very own popular war veteran Bill Davies singing My Way at the tender age of 95!







Elstree & Borehamwood Christian Council Celebrate Christmas 2014 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 20th Dec. 10am-1pm: Extended Confessions

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)

Thur 25th Dec.

NATIVITY OF THE LORD 10am: Mass (St. Teresa's) Noon: Mass (SSJFTM)

Wed 31st Dec. Noon: Mass (SSJFTM)

9:30pm: Mass (St Teresa's) followed by Parish

party in the hall.

King's Grace Chapel (Redeemed Christian Church of God) Holy Cross Church Hall, Balmoral Drive, WD6 2QU tel: 07943 558 386

Services as usual with watch night service on Wed



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

Sun 21 st Dec. 10.00 am Meet Jesus Thur 25th Dec. 10.00 am A King is born Wed 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

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

Sunday 21st Dec. 10.00am Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve 6.00pm Crib Service Midnight Mass

Family Communion Christmas Day 10.00am

Holy Cross Church

ral Drive, WD6 2QU Revd Christine Hina (020) 8953 2183 Crib & Christingle Service Christmas Eve 4.30pm

St Nicholas Church

Elstree High Street, WD6 3EW Revd Karen Gardiner (020) 8953 8374 Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 14th Dec. 6.00pm

Christmas Eve 4.00pm Crib Service Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 9.30am Christmas Family Communion

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

Sunday 7th Dec. 9.30am Advent Carol Service Sunday 21st Dec. 9.30am Carols & Communion

Christmas Eve 5.00pm Christmas Story and Christingle Midnight Mass

11,30pm Christmas Day 10.00am Family Communion

Sunday 28th Dec. 10.00am 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

Please see website for service details



Borehamwood Baptist Church 12 Furzehill Rd., Borehamw

http://www.borehamwoodbapch.org Sun 21st Dec. 10.30am

Christmas Communion Service Candlelight Carol Service 6.30pm

Thur 25th Dec. 10.00am Christmas Morning Service Wed 31st Dec. 10.00pm New Year's Eve Celebration

New Life Assembly (Redeemed Christian Church of God) info@nlaborehamwood.co.uk Tel: 07931784966

Thur 25th Dec. 10.00am Christmas Day Service Venue: International Christian Fellowship Manor way WD6 1QY

Wed 31St Dec. 10.00 pm Watchnight Service Venue: St Michaels & All Angels church Hall Brook Road WD6 5EQ

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

Wed 17th Dec 7:45pm Carols by candlelight Sun 21st Dec. 10:15 am Nativity play Thur 25th Dec. 10.15 am Christmas Day service



Upcoming Events and Meetings in Elstree & Borehamwood

Thursday 20 November

Wartime Women - The Khaki Cabaret

96 Shenley Rd, 2pm

Box Office - 01442 454 001 £13 (Includes tea & cake)

Saturday 22 November

Christmas Charity Fair

St Michaels, 10am -1pm

Lots of stalls, tombola, raffle, refreshments

Saturday 22 November

They Came With Outer Script

The Ark Theatre, 7.30pm

Box Office - 020 8238 7288 £10 / £8 Concessions

Tuesday 25 November

Environment and Planning Meeting

Fairway Hall, 7.30pm

Thursday 27 November

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (12A)

96 Shenley Rd, 1.15pm

Box Office - 01442 454 001

£5 (Includes tea & cake)

Sunday 30 November

Christmas Lights Switch on

All Saints, 4pm

Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

Craft and Gift Fair on Sunday 30 November 2014 at Allum Hall

Opening by the Mayor of Hertsmere Cllr Carey Keates at 10:30

Presentation of Schools Art Prizes

by MP for Hertsmere James Clappison **Live Music from Borehamwood Brass** Jim Phillips Jazz Band

and Paul Lomax Jazz Guitar

All day catering **Entry and Parking Free**

Monday 1 December

BBC Concert Band

Allum Hall, 8pm

Box Office - 020 8953 3415 £5 no concessions

Thursday 4 December

Philomena (15)

96 Shenley Rd, 1.15pm Box Office - 01442 454 001

£5 (Includes tea & cake)

Saturday 6 December

I've Seen Santa

96 Shenley Rd, 2.30pm

Box Office - 01442 454 001

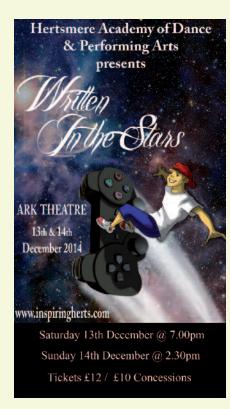
Thursday 11 December

The Duncan Galloway Rhythmic Six **Christmas Show**

96 Shenley Rd, 2pm

Box Office - 01442 454 001

£13 (Includes tea & cake)



Wednesday 17 December - Sunday 21

The Twelve Days of Christmas

The Ark Theatre, times vary

Box Office - 020 8238 7288 £12 / £9 children & concessions

Thursday 18 December

ABBA Forever

96 Shenley Rd, 2pm

Box Office - 01442 454 001 £13 (Includes tea & cake)

Tuesday 13 January

Entertainments Committee*

Fairway Hall, 7.30pm

Wednesday 14 January

Full Council*

Civic Offices, 7.30pm

Saturday 17 January

Impressions of the 1st World War Event

Elstree & Borehamwood Museum, 5pm

£6 (includes refreshments)

Tuesday 20 January

Environment & Planning Committee*

Fairway Hall, 7.30pm

Sunday 25 January

The Magic Porridge Pot & Other Tasty

96 Shenley Rd, 2.30pm

Box Office - 01442 454 001

Thursday 29 January Les Miserables (12A)

96 Shenley Rd, 1.15pm

Box Office - 01442 454 001 £5 (Includes tea & cake)

Tuesday 10 February

Entertainments Committee*

Fairway Hall, 7.30pm

Thursday 12 February

An Afternoon with Anita Harris

96 Shenley Rd, 2pm

Box Office - 01442 454 001 £13 (Includes tea & cake)

Thursday 12 February

General Management Committee*

Fairway Hall, 7.30pm

Tuesday 17 February

Environment & Planning Committee*

Fairway Hall, 7.30pm

Sunday 22 February

Captain Calamity's Mega Party

96 Shenley Rd, 3pm

Box Office - 01442 454 001

Thursday 26 February Pride (12A)

96 Shenley Rd, 1.15pm

Box Office - 01442 454 001 £5 (Includes tea & cake)

Thursday 26 February

Transport & Road Safety Forum*

Civic Offices, 7pm

Friday 20 February - Sunday 22 February **Adventure in Pantoland**

St Michael & All Angels Church Hall

Friday - 7pm, Saturday - 1.30pm & 6pm,

Sunday - 6pm

0208 953 6560

Adult £6 /Child £4



*Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council meetings open to the public.

Community Contact Numbers

Useful Contact Numbers

Noise complaints

020 8207 7435

(out of hours) - 0845 300 0021

Missed waste/recycling collection

020 8207 7480

Litter

020 8207 7480

Blocked drain gullies and broken

manhole covers

0300 123 4047

Blocked Sewers

08459 200800

Anti-social behaviour

101

Drug related items (needles etc)

020 8207 7480

Pot holes and broken pavements

0300 123 4047

Vandalism/criminal damage

101

Grass cutting and grounds maintenance

020 8207 7543

Graffiti and fly-posting

020 8207 7480

Broken street lights

0300 123 4047

Bulky item removal

020 8207 7480

Rubbish on private property

020 8207 7435

Arson

020 8207 2277

Untaxed and abandoned vehicles

020 8207 7495

Dead animals (road kill)

020 8207 7480

Stray dogs and dog fouling

020 8207 7435

Overhanging branches

0300 123 4047

Land drainage and watercourses

020 8207 7492

Broken traffic lights

0300 123 4047

Clinical waste collection

020 8207 7480

Fly-tipping

020 8207 7480

Empty properties

020 8207 2277

Pest control (rats)

020 8207 7435

Citizens' Advice Bureau

08444 111 444

Community Action Hertsmere

020 8207 4504

Herts Domestic Violence Helpline

08088 088088

National Debt Line

08088 084000

Childline

0800 1111

Police

Hertfordshire Police Non-emergency

101 (national number) or 01707 354000

Crime Stoppers Anonymous Line

0800 555 111

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020 8953 7666

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0844 477 8942

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020 8953 3355

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0845 111 4000

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020 8953 2218

Hertswood

020 8238 7200

Kenilworth 020 8953 3459

Meryfield

020 8953 2106

Monksmead

020 8953 3328

Parkside

020 8387 3000

Saffron Green

020 8953 3801

St Nicholas

020 8953 3015

St Teresa's

020 8953 3753

Summerswood 020 8953 3139

Woodlands

020 8953 2717

Yavneh

020 8736 5580

Museum

96 Shenley Rd

01442 454888

Library

96 Shenley Rd

0300 123 4049

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The Venue

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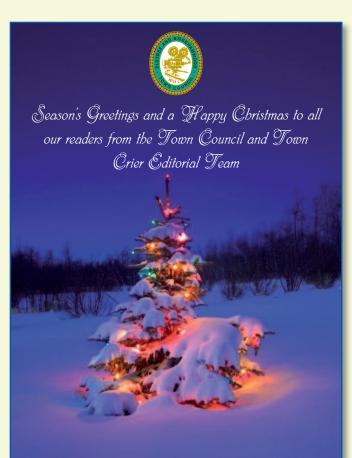




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