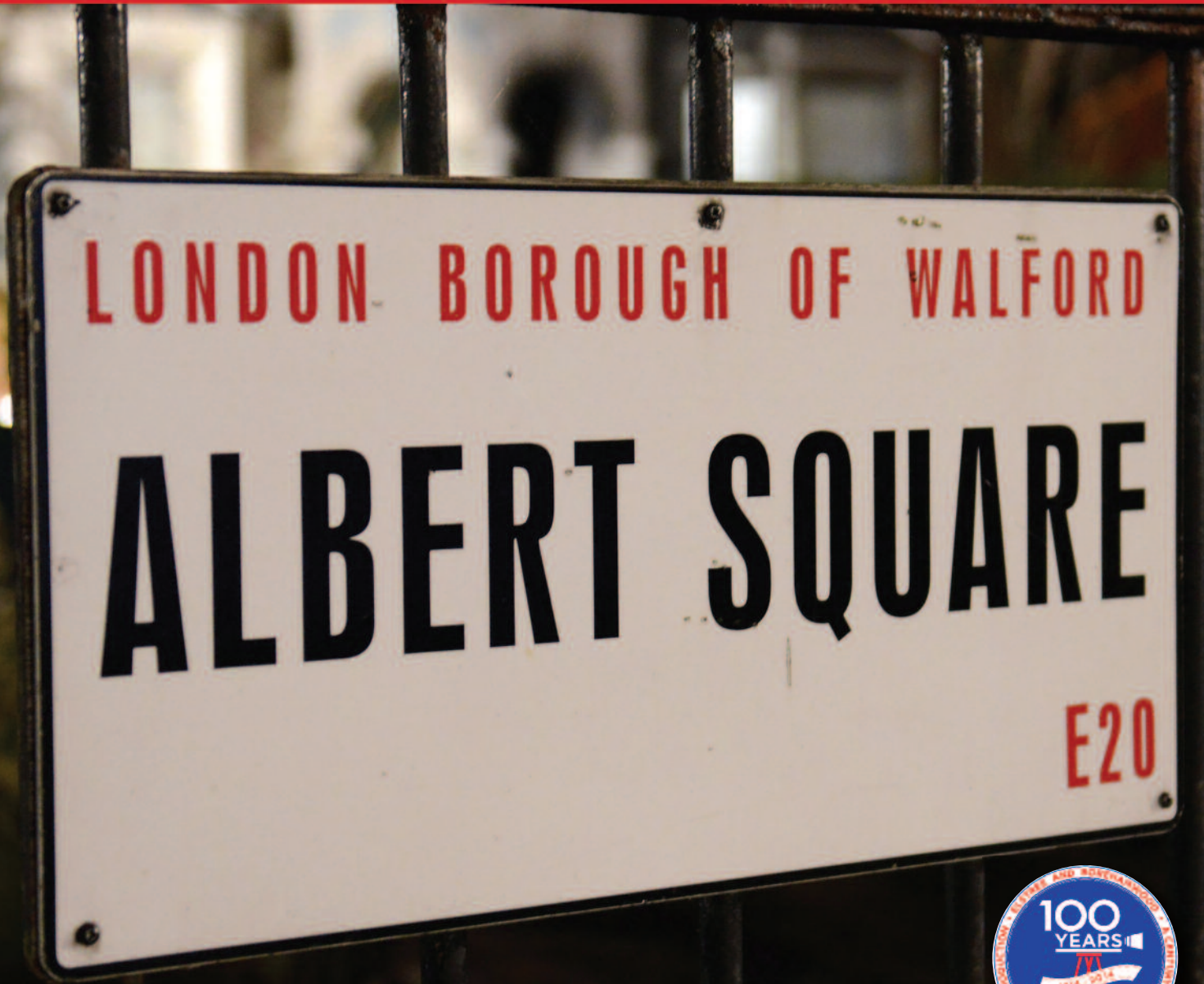


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# TOWN CRIER



The magazine for Elstree, Borehamwood & Walford residents



Happy 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

# EastEnders

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## Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

### Letter from the Mayor...

Since the last edition of the Town Crier Town Council leader Sandra Parnell and I have seen many of the social care projects we have initiated come to fruition. All of these projects have been supported by our Town colleagues in a variety of ways. It has only been possible to undertake these projects because of partnership working and funding from a variety of sources. Partnership working brings together a whole range of statutory bodies: the police, the Borough, Herts County Council, Youth Connexions, Young Carers in Herts and the voluntary sector such as Cross Roads. The Carers Coffee morning at Maxwell is well established. The Inclusion Project took 18 months to get off the ground and this amount of time has seen the build up to the Young Carers project.

December was a very busy month with visits to School Xmas fayres, Carol Services, school productions, BBC Band Concert, Turkey & Tinsel and the fantastic Light switch on. A grotto and the Rolling Base added to the usual Ice rink, All Saints concert, mulled wine and mince pies. Our Christmas tree was bigger than ever. Thank you council staff and colleagues for making this such a fantastic experience for our local families and especial thanks to Cllr Butchins who stood in as our Santa at short notice and by all accounts did a fantastic job. Responses received from residents were very positive.

Plans are well underway for next year.

2015 marks the 70th anniversary of the end of WWII and the Town is supporting the VE day celebrations on Saturday 9th May on Woodcock Hill. There will be a musical event. More details will be announced later.

**Cllr Pat Strack**  
(Mayor of Elstree & Borehamwood)



Town Mayor Cllr Pat Strack, Cllr Sandra Parnell, Deputy Clerk Tracey Malton and Council Officer Dan Salter visit the EastEnders set to celebrate its 30th anniversary

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## 2015 - "Twinning is winning"

Borehamwood and Elstree Twin Town Association (BETTA) management committee is in the process of finalising its events for 2015, which are likely to include a visit in the autumn to our German partner town of Offenburg.

The committee also is continuing to work with our French partner town, Fontenay-aux-Roses to link up local schools via our pen pal exchange scheme. Our aim is to have every school in Borehamwood linked with a French school from Fontenay-aux-Roses.

Our free French language sessions continue at 96 Shenley Road, on the last Tuesday of every month.

Recent events run by the association included, on the 20th December at St Paul's Lutheran Church, our second Christmas Miscellany Evening, which was a 'sell-out'. This event, attended by Elstree & Borehamwood Town Mayor, Cllr Pat Strack, and Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Richard Butler, included a reading by the new Pastor of St Paul's Lutheran Church, Rev. Dr. Didzis Stilve.

Other readers at this pre- Christmas event included Ogechi Eni, Annie Lalova, Ikenna Eni, Nick Male and Erika Grady. These seasonal readings were interspersed with Christmas carols, accompanied by accordionist Roswitha Lamb, Shaun Parkins on acoustic Guitar, and Andrew Grady on cornet.

Look out for further details of this years planned events, on our web site, [www.betta.org.uk](http://www.betta.org.uk), or for more information about how to become a member of the association contact BETTA either by E-mail on [bettagroup@hotmail.com](mailto:bettagroup@hotmail.com) or by telephone: 0203 441 6510.

## Summerswood Children bringing joy to soldiers in Sierra Leone

Hertfordshire's Armed Forces Community Covenant hosted a Christmas competition for key stage 2 children last December, to send pictures and messages of support to local troops from the 254 Medical Regiment who are currently working in Sierra Leone to tackle the Ebola outbreak.

The competition, which was themed 'Helping others at Christmas', received an overwhelming response with over a thousand entries from 450 Hertfordshire schools. A shortlist of fifty entries was flown to Sierra Leone to be judged by troops who would be away from home over the Christmas period. The Regimental Sergeant Major in Sierra Leone said that 'all the soldiers thoroughly enjoyed voting on their favourites, they found it difficult at first as all the art work was fantastic in their own right'. All the artwork was then displayed around the tents to remind the troops that children at home in Hertfordshire were thinking of them.

The winning entry was created by Netra Chiliveri, a Year 6 pupil from Summerswood Primary School. RSM Graham Miller from the 254 Regiment, along with County Councillor Alan Plancey and Andrew Williams from Serco, attended the school's assembly on Monday 19th January to celebrate their success. Having won the competition, Summerswood Primary School has been awarded a brand new Apple iPad which was kindly donated by Serco. In addition, County Councillor Alan Plancey has donated £1,000 from his Locality Budget towards the school's new Library to thank all the children from the school for taking part in the competition.



## MISCELLANY (noun) Mixture, a mixture of different things...OED

English Miscellany was formed forty years ago. As its name suggests, it is a mixture of different things: a song group, Men's Morris dancers, North-West Morris dancers (for women), a country dance group, clog dancers and Mummies.

For our 40th Anniversary, we plan to enjoy 40 activities, to include our usual bookings, our Annual Country Dance Workshop and Barn Dance and a Day of Dance when we'll invite other dance groups – from Herts, Beds and Bucks and further afield. Our foreign visit takes us to Gutersloh in Germany and we'll entertain a club from Belgium.

Our members now come to practice from as far away as Hampshire, Surrey and Lincolnshire – there must be something about Miscellany that is very special...

English Miscellany wish to continue dancing for a long time yet! We welcome new members of all ages – email [info@englishmiscellany.com](mailto:info@englishmiscellany.com) or visit our website at [www.englishmiscellany.com](http://www.englishmiscellany.com)

For children, try Young Miscellany; contact Lynda Swaine at [lynda.swaine@btinternet.com](mailto:lynda.swaine@btinternet.com) or visit [www.youngmiscellany.co.uk](http://www.youngmiscellany.co.uk)

## Summerswood celebrates 30 years

On the 12th December Summerwood School head, Sarah Kneller, hosted a special celebration of two important events in the history of the School. 30 years ago Summerswood School was rebuilt after a fire had damaged the previous building. A plaque commemorates that building and was unveiled by Town Mayor, Cllr Pat Strack, who has been a governor at the school for over 30 years. Present Chair of Governors, Scott Simpson, unveiled the plaque on the new block which has been erected to accommodate the change from a 1FE to 2FE school.

Many ex pupils also had the opportunity to be guided around the school by present day Year 6 students. A group of ex-students from Hertswood Academy reported that 'they had revived many fond memories and talked about their past experiences.'

The celebrations ended with cupcakes baked for all by school cook, Mrs. Bone. There was great excitement as balloons were released and family, friends, staff and pupils all danced and cheered. Summerwood pupils and staff sang a special song for the occasion. Later the Christmas Fair provided a fitting conclusion to the day.

# Celebrating a Second Century of Film-Making and Television Production

As announced in the Spring Edition of *Town Crier*, 2014 was a very special year for Elstree & Borehamwood, marking the anniversary of 100 years of film-making in the local studios.

With the active support of the Town Council, as well as other councils, community groups and commercial enterprises, local volunteer group Elstree Screen Heritage set out to deliver an



extensive programme of events and publications designed to do justice to the Centenary.

In the end it was a close run thing, but in early December the tired old highway signs at key "gateways" into the Town had been replaced by 8 new bright blue signs designed to welcome visitors

as well as returning residents to "The Home of Film and Television". With the support of County Councillors and officers, Hertfordshire County Council added a long-lasting tribute to the achievements of the men and women who work in our local studios, past and present.

And just a week later, another two heritage panels were added to the Film and TV Heritage Trail. Standing by the Eldon Avenue gates to the BBC Elstree Centre, these panels mark the site of the Neptune Studios where film-making started in the Town and describe how that original site has been home to a series of studios, including ATV and now, of course, the BBC.

Jointly funded by Hertsmeres Cllr. Cohen and the BBC, these panels were unveiled with the enthusiastic assistance of the BBC's Head of History, Robert Seatter, and actress Annette Badland, currently appearing in *EastEnders* as "Aunt Babe".

While that completed the programme which was planned for 2014, it's important that this Centenary milestone continues to be remembered. Film and TV activity in the Town keeps growing. Elstree Studios is increasing its capacity while the BBC Elstree Centre is now well into a multi-year redevelopment to transform its site. The BBC will also be reminding us that 2015 is the 30th anniversary of the ever-popular *EastEnders*.

Meanwhile, the Town Council has agreed to support further work to make the Town more attractive and to add to the Film and TV Heritage

Trail. Additional improvements will be carried out at the Allum Lane Gateway by the railway bridge and a new heritage panel will be designed and installed.

Elsewhere another heritage panel, celebrating the achievements of famed Director Alfred Hitchcock, will be unveiled. The Film & TV Heritage Trail is a unique and large investment; The Town Council will continue to inspect and clean the panels as required.

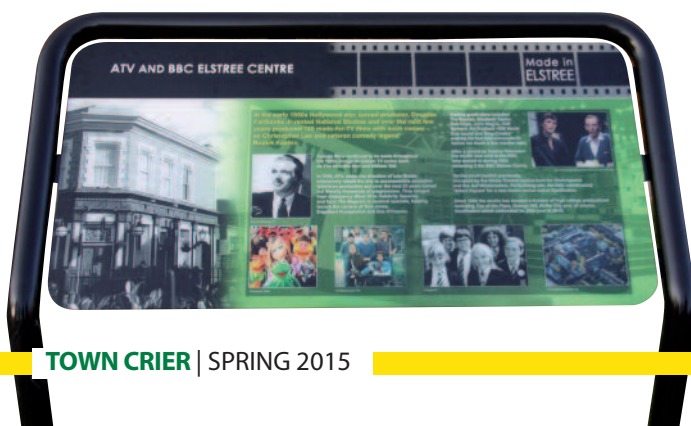
But we can do more to build on this investment, and in 2015 Elstree Screen Heritage will add Quick Recognition (QR) codes to each panel so that anyone with a smartphone or tablet computer can readily connect to the internet and find more information about the person or studio featured on each panel.

Finally, a key element of the legacy of the Centenary programme was the creation of a 90-minute-long documentary called *From Borehamwood To Hollywood*. Narrated by Barbara Windsor and local film historian Paul Welsh, this feature-length film charts the extraordinary story of 100 years of film-making, with extracts from interviews with men and women who worked in the studios. Over 700 people saw the film last year and in 2015 Elstree Screen Heritage will host regular screenings at the local Community Centre, 96 Shenley Road.



Paul Welsh, Annette Badland and Robert Seatter

For further details about *From Borehamwood To Hollywood* or any of the other activities described above please contact us at [www.ElstreeScreenHeritage.org](http://www.ElstreeScreenHeritage.org) or simply leave us a phone message at 020 08953 2594.







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.

If you are 13-19 years old and

- Want to build your confidence and communication skills
- Want to make new friends
- Want your CV to stand out from the rest

Why not make every day count by supporting each other and your community?

Join the youth council today and start the first step of your adventure!

For more information contact Tracey Malton  
 tmalton@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk

## Young Carers

Statistics show that in every secondary school about 30 young people care for a family member. Many Young Carers would not recognize that label. They see their role as helping their families. But many do so much more.

A future project to provide a youth club for Young Carers will start with a fun day out at Snowmobility Snow Centre in Hemel Hempstead with time on the slopes before and after lunch.

The Town Youth Councillors donated £1k from their fund to provide this treat as they wanted to do something special for other young people. This is another Town promoted initiative with support from Hertswood Academy, CrossRoads Care, Young Carers in Herts, Youth Connexions and GP practices.

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## Compost Corner

# A Melrose Allotment Holders View John and Dorina Pop



John and Dorina Pop are a remarkable Romanian couple who deservedly won the Melrose Allotments cup for 'Best Plot' in 2014. They were surprised to win it, but John was keen to point out that it was down to both their efforts. John built their very sturdy poly tunnel (more like a poly 'room'), and also rigged up a watering system to make life easier, while Dorina carefully grew and potted out the seeds & seedlings. Together they dig, plant out, nurture and harvest their organically grown fruit and vegetables despite them both working long hours in full time jobs. During the summer months they like to come down to work on the allotment after work because it is so relaxing and sometimes they don't get home until 10 or 11 p.m.

Even in winter there are still cabbages, onions, and potatoes to enjoy, and the stored potatoes will keep them going until next month. Having the poly tunnel makes it possible to make an early start with seedlings so they get the most out of their allotment and growing time. Being vegetarian, Dorina noticed the difference in the taste of the fruit and veg sold in shops, and as they are used to eating quality produce from their farm and orchards in Romania, John set about finding somewhere they could grow their own. Yellow beans in particular were a missed and longed for legume.

Just the other day, John ate the last of their tomatoes grown in 2014. Some of their crop was picked whilst still green and put up onto a high cupboard to slowly ripen in the rising warm air. Last year John grew a 750g tomato (that's nearly a bag of sugar in weight!). I encouraged them to enter the Produce & Craft Show held in Allum Lane Community Centre later in the year. With their cabbage, they make sauerkraut which I'm told is very healthy for the body and good for the digestion. With the quantity of sauerkraut they make, John devised and made a 'cabbage plane' so that large quantities of cabbage could be shredded in one sitting. A different speciality cabbage dish served over Christmas

is a mixture of rice and mushrooms (or meat) wrapped in cabbage leaves like little parcels, and flavoured with lots of home grown herbs.

They are advocates for healthy eating, and caring for the soil and environment, and have generously shared what they grow with family, friends, and allotment neighbours. They explain that this is quite usual in Romania, and when I mention (unfairly) that perhaps we can be somewhat lazier, Dorina responds by saying that people don't realise what they can do. If they could just see what can be done, and learn how, then everything is possible. There is a genuine warmth and abundance that John and Dorina generate and share. Along side this, they are always willing to spend time encouraging others and teaching them what they know how to do so well. Their allotment is already dug and waiting for planting...so they must have some time on their hands...NOT! :)

*Anne Nicodemus*

## Gardening and Allotment Tips: February

With luck, we will get a glimpse of the early signs of spring this month. The soil begins to warm up around the middle of February and we can see the buds beginning to swell.

- After the middle of the month think about sowing the seeds of early vegetables.
- February is the best month to plant garlic and shallots.
- Top dress all of the fruit trees and soft fruit bushes with a general fertiliser.
- Prune late fruiting raspberries down as low as possible and mulch around them.

## Elstree and Borehamwood Residents Association



Following a very active first year, the Elstree and Borehamwood Residents Association have achieved successes with increasing the Boulevard parking hours from two back to three hours and helping save the recycling tip from closure. We have also gained recognition and respect with local authorities and Councillors with whom we work closely and we would like to thank them for all their assistance to date.

Going forward we have much to do – if you read the local papers or are on facebook you will understand the on-going frustrations of local residents with special regard to housing, social facility and infrastructure issues. EBRA are here to keep you informed about such changes and to decide with our members what, if any, actions may be required. We are the VOICE of the Residents!

We campaign in a number of ways – for issues that affect the whole community, EBRA can run or support such campaigns. Where there is a split response, then we can facilitate affected residents or specific sectors of the community, who may wish to set up their own action

groups and offer them a slot on our agenda to state their case and we can ask our members to support such campaigns. So please contact us if you would like help with your campaign.

Last but not least, we urgently need more active Committee members and helpers to help us run campaigns, to give us a hand at events such as the Carnival and Families Day and to help provide refreshments at our meetings. Any assistance would be much appreciated, none of the roles are overwhelming and we have a lot of fun.

Our next three meetings in 2015 are on Tuesday 31st March, 19th May and 23rd June at: Room 3, Manor House (Allum Hall), 2 Allum Lane, Elstree WD6 3PJ

Doors open at 7.50pm. Meeting is from 8pm to 9.30pm

£6 annual household membership or £2 entrance fee.

Free refreshments available.

NB: If disabled, please note that this room has a step down into it.



# Community Action Hertsmere

## Supporting your local community



The Live Well Project run by Community Action Hertsmere was awarded funding from 51 Community Interest Companies raising money to address health inequalities across England, Scotland and Wales through The Health Lottery. It aims to work with those aged 50+ and provide activities, training and projects within the community to decrease isolation, loneliness and increase overall wellbeing. The 18 month project was launched in January 2014.

Joy Nicholl, the project co-ordinator, along with volunteers Gill Oliver and Liam Woodrow, run the 'Coffee Cakes & Time to Talk Session' every Monday 1-3pm at Farriers Hall, Farriers Way and the sessions include;

- 1st Monday of the month - Indoor Tennis
- 2nd Monday of the month - Key Speaker
- 3rd Monday of the month - Arts & Craft
- 4th Monday of the month - Indoor Games
- 5th Monday of the month - Ad-hoc activities

During the sessions the group talk about what they would like to do, places they would like to see, people they would like to hear as key speakers, and as a result increase their social networks and knowledge about the local area.

Activities and events so far have included:

- Sessions on Security & Safety Awareness and Nutrition & Wellbeing
- Grandparents Fun Day, Grandparents Networking meeting each month
- Christmas Lunch
- Training: Laptop & Tablet Awareness, Practical Skills & Confidence and St Johns Basic First Aid.
- Mini Bus Trips to: Olympia, Bhaktivedanta Manor, County Hall Hertford and London Christmas Lights
- Coach Trips to: Southend, Houses of Parliament, Bournemouth and Winchester Christmas Market.

To find out more about the Live Well project please call or text Joy Nicholl on 07535781401 or e-mail her on [joy@communityactionhertsmere.org](mailto:joy@communityactionhertsmere.org) or come along to the Coffee, Cakes and Time to Talk sessions on a Monday. Joy works Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9 - 4.30.

**Community Action Hertsmere Timebank** project held a Christmas party at Farriers Way on the 19th December where a total of 116 people attended. The families had an amazing time doing Arts and Crafts projects, dancing along to the disco and of course a visit into the Santas grotto to see Father Christmas. The party was able to go ahead not only with the fantastic work Community Action Hertsmere do but also with help from the Borehamwood community who donated their time, money and gifts, also the Elstree and Borehamwood Rotary Club donated a large amount of presents to ensure every child received a gift. On the following Monday families had the opportunity to see Father Christmas in his grotto in Leeming Road. Again each child received a gift from Father Christmas and the entertainment was provided by Playrangers. Both of these events were free to the families attending and Community Action Hertsmere would like to thank everyone who helped with making these possible and of course a thank you to Father Christmas for being able to attend at such a busy time.

**Community Action Hertsmere** are holding many activities through all the school holidays. If you require more information please contact The Community Shop 020 8386 4006 and leave your details so you can be notified of all the courses, activities, trips and fun we will be providing, or join us on Facebook (Community Action Hertsmere).

The Hertsmere Volunteer Centre is based in The Community Shop in Leeming Road, where you can find information about many different volunteering opportunities. We can offer you help and advice about how you can become involved in your local community. Please call 020 8386 4006, visit [www.communityactionhertsmere.org](http://www.communityactionhertsmere.org) or join us on Facebook Community Action Hertsmere.



No 10 Leeming Road offer services to promote positive mental wellbeing. Many services are available here including Citizens Advice Bureau. Drop in, have a chat and see the range of services and activities on offer.

Guidepost Runs

- 1- 'Art & Start' painting & drawing skills class at No 10. Classes are every Wednesday from 9.30am - 10.30am, costs £30 for a 12 week course. Contact Lin Fellows 01923 223554 [lfellows@guidepoststrust.org.uk](mailto:lfellows@guidepoststrust.org.uk)
- 2- Yoga sessions Tuesdays starting 24 February from 2pm - 3pm, costs £1.50

Contact Minakshi 01923 223554 (Weds/Thurs)  
[hsh@gudiepoststrust.org.uk](mailto:hsh@gudiepoststrust.org.uk)



Age UK run Healthwise at Farriers Way Hall on Wednesdays from 11am-12pm.

The course is free and aims to provide an opportunity to take part in different activities.

Healthwise coordinator is Annabelle de la Bertauche.  
Contact 07772 173659 [healthwise2@ageukherts.org.uk](mailto:healthwise2@ageukherts.org.uk)

# EastEnders Celebrated 30 years Last Week

## 3 Decades of History and a Future Indefinitely at Elstree.

30 years ago EastEnders was nothing more than a plot of land behind the old ATV studios in Borehamwood. Now Hertsmere Borough Council have granted planning permission for the BBC to develop the studio and with it EastEnders has the potential for a limitless long term future. In celebration we take a look back at the enduring show that surpassed all possible expectation and outgrew its own studio.

'It stinks' were the first ever words EastEnders broadcast to the nation upon its debut on the 19th of February 1985. Not the usual endearing greeting one associates with infancy but so reflective of the humble and subversive roots EastEnders was built on. Created in part to steal the coveted viewers tuning in en masse to ITV's Coronation Street, and to present working class issues more representative of the audiences watching, EastEnders quickly became a ratings hit. The television legacy that has resulted from this gamble was a surprise to the cast and crew just as it was to the production team at Elstree. They never did get the time to improve the set.

The EastEnders set, or as it is known to us locally, Clarendon Road Borehamwood, was never designed with any kind of permanency. Especially not with the production capability to film 120 hrs a year of broadcast material sustainably. Not until now. With Hertsmere Council's backing, scheduled for a 2018 completion, this epic set expansion will see a new Albert Square re-built 20% larger with new locations to emphasize and reflect what executive producer Dominic Treadwell-Collins says is London's creeping gentrification. 'You'll see the edges of Shoreditch creeping into EastEnders'. A refurbished Queen Vic and new high street are among the expected modifications.

This is a three phase re-homing and will involve building a temporary filming space, external to the production studio in the car park, whilst the show's permanent dwelling will be re-built over the current set. Unlike Coronation Street's new set expansion, which involved moving

from Granada studios to Media City in Salford Quays, the new EastEnders set will stay in Borehamwood for the foreseeable future.

The existing buildings will be replicated, made roomier and younger, and with its new facelift the show will provide a greater sense of scale, and be able to meet the future demand of technology and the big current one – to Film in HD. High Definition has fast become synonymous for a show's guaranteed lifespan of longevity. With this upgrade EastEnders has cemented its indefinite creative future and – perhaps most resonant of all – a future set potentially to be forever linked to our Hertfordshire. A future of 'Viability and Vitality' – to quote the BBC's planning application.

To proudly celebrate the past 30 years, and mark the beginning of another 30, the BBC screened a week of live material. Even soap opera naysayers aren't resist seeing the show's longest running character Ian – romantically doomed Beale – actually find love in re-marriage to Jane. Iconic screen legend Barbara Windsor returned with the usual restraint and timidity one expects from a Mitchell and we can finally stop playing detective as that epic who murdered Lucy murder mystery was finally solved. And no it doesn't even matter that no one in the country could even stand Lucy.

The commitment involved in making these live episodes prevailed with emotional truths and artistic intention that signal the attempt at a creation of, if anything, a new television legacy. Strong enough to last another 30 years and one soon to be created from an even better home.

No one knows what EastEnders last words of transmission will be but, as shown by the hugely ambitious live elements of last week and with Hertsmere Council supporting its continued development, they certainly are set to be miles apart from its very first.

Happy Anniversary EastEnders. Here's looking forward to another 30 years at your Borehamwood home.

*Joanna Mansfield*

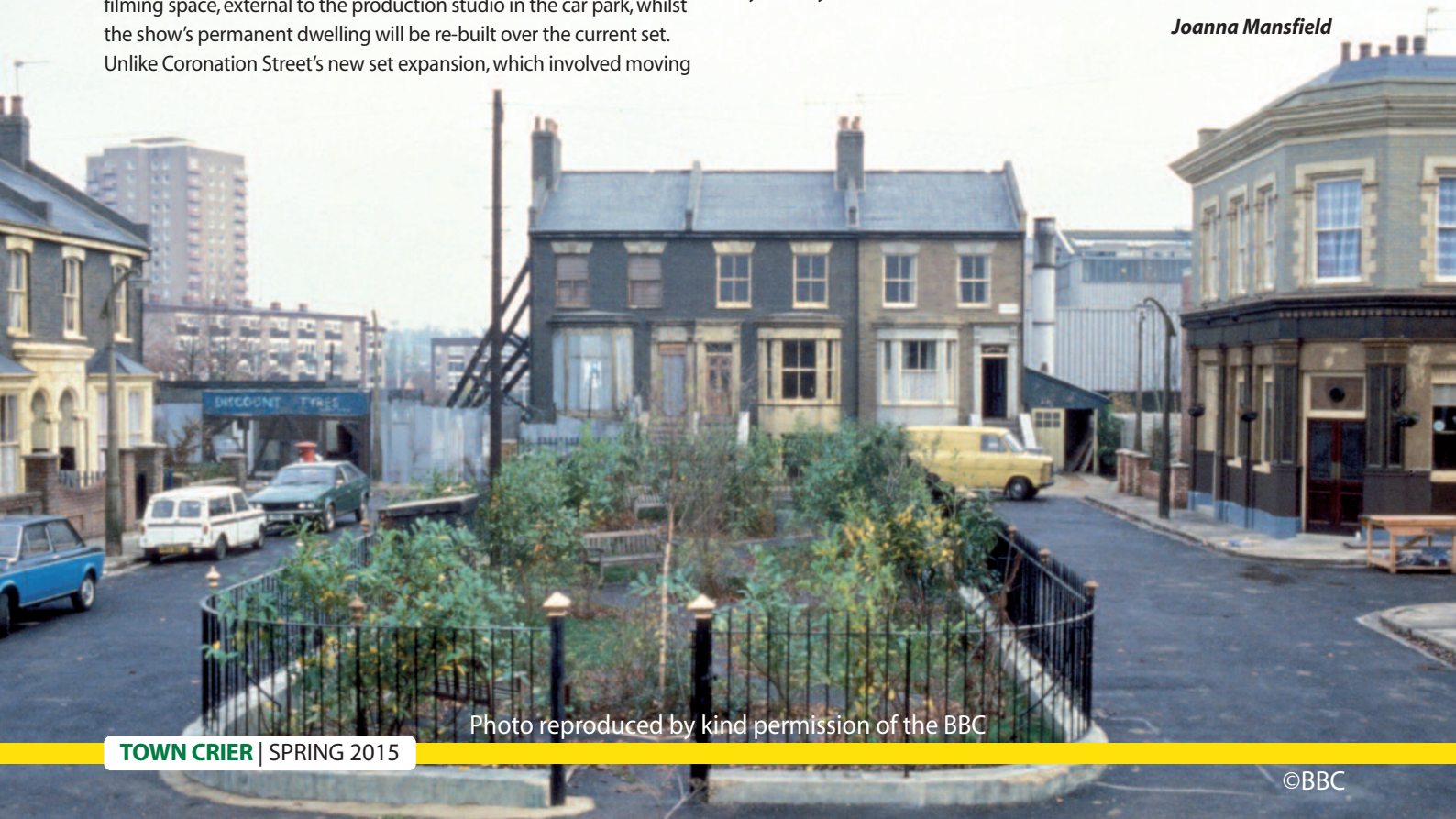


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# Remembrance Day Parade

9<sup>th</sup> November 2014



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### BBC Elstree Concert Band presents...

A tribute to the Armed Forces.

Sat 27 June @ 8pm  
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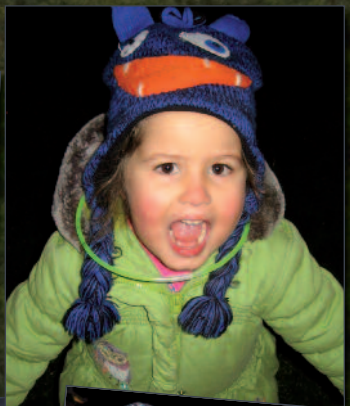




**Fireworks Night**  
*5<sup>th</sup> November 2014*



*Town Mayor Cllr Pat Strack, Cllr Farida Turner, Deputy Town Clerk Tracey Malton, Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Richard Butler, Cllr Sandra Parnell and Town Clerk Huw Jones*



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**Christmas Light Switch On**  
*30<sup>th</sup> November 2014*

*Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Richard Butler, Michael Capocci, Town Mayor Cllr Pat Strack, Borough Mayor Cllr Carey Keates and Cllr Sandra Parnell*



*Borehamwood Brass*





*Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>  
November*

The Fair, now a local institution, was held in Allum Hall on Sunday 30 November. Despite coinciding with the 'Black Friday' weekend a crowd of supporters came to enjoy the cheerful music of Borehamwood Brass, a huge asset to the community, as they serenaded the Mayor of Hertsmere, Councillor Carey Keates, who opened the Fair.

He and Mrs Shirley Keates toured the stalls displaying a wide variety of colourful hand crafts. Local charities play a major part running stalls with crafts, games and bargains sold for their own causes. Children's charities are especially welcome (and free).

At noon the baton passed to Jim Phillips with his iconic Jazz Band and the lovely voice of Georgia performing classic swing. We are very fortunate in having so much musical talent to call on. Meanwhile the famous Chinese Noodle Bar served hot lunches with the tea stall also doing a brisk trade in sandwiches and homemade cakes.

At two o'clock our MP James Clappison arrived to hand out prizes to the winners of the School Art Exhibition.

Nine local schools took part entering a wonderful display of lively imaginative paintings and models. We had 230 artworks- a record number- and we thank the children and Art teachers who sent in entries. We should also record our gratitude to the two art students from Hertswood Academy who gave miraculous help in mounting the exhibition.

We presented James and Helen Clappison with farewell gifts to mark his last appearance as our MP and faithful supporter. After the prize giving we were well entertained by the solo guitar of Paul Lomax while gifts and bargains were traded.



### *Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December*

The annual festive concert featuring the BBC Elstree Concert Band was held at Allum Hall Community Centre on Monday 1st December 2014.

Over 150 people turned up to see the very popular forty five piece band who performed a variety of music from the stage and screen including 'Miss Saigon,' 'Wicked,' 'Sweeney Todd,' 'The Nightmare Before Christmas,' 'Family Guy,' 'Star Trek into Darkness' and a selection of seasonal favourites.

The concert ended with the audience singing along to 'White Christmas'. It was presented by Roger Limb with Andrew Morley conducting the orchestra.



Our Mega bookstall famous for its wide range and low prices made a record profit and kept the bookworms happy.

The event ended with the drawing of the Grand Christmas Raffle (1st prize was a £100 M&S token) which clocked up an all time best result. Then our satisfied customers dispersed into the chilly November evening to go and see the Switching on of the Town Council's Christmas lights in Shenley Road. We try to make it a happy day of family fun, serious gift shopping and fund raising for the NSPCC. This year again we achieved all three.

I must thank all who made it such a good day: artists, musicians, stall holders, helpers and the staff of Allum Hall not forgetting the devoted members of the Elstree and Borehamwood NSPCC Committee.

**Ann Goddard, Chairman**

## Visually Impaired Club Christmas Concert

### *Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December*

The successful Christmas concert on Saturday 6th December was graced by special guest star, singer Patti Boulaye. Other dignitaries at the Ark were Hertsmere MP James and Mrs Helen Clappison, Hertsmere Deputy Mayor Councillor Martin and Mrs Pam Worster, EBTC Mayor Pat and Geoff Strack, who all joined a packed audience to support a community show raising funds for the VIC (Visually Impaired Club), Radlett, Elstree and Borehamwood Talking Newspaper and HFT Choir Unlimited.

The show organised by Fundraising Chair, Sasha Capocci, featured HFT Community Choir, Young Dancers from Hertsmere Academy of Dance & Performing Arts, singer and composer Merit Arianne Stephanos accompanied by pianist and composer Alcyona and accomplished tribal dancer Anais Lilia. Sasha's blind son Michael, gave a solo performance backed by the HFT Choir, that Patti said was 'moving and brought tears to her eyes.'

Patti Boulaye, who recently received a 'Freedom of the City' honour, was not a part of the show but joined in the fun by giving an impromptu speech and performance with the choir. A huge thank you goes to the lively host Des Feehily and to Morrisons for donating the mulled wine and mince pies.





# Turkey & Tinsel

*Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December*

Following last year's successful event at Farriers and requests from residents, Cllrs Parnell and Strack organized Christmas lunch and entertainment at 96.

On 16th December 66 senior residents sat down to Christmas lunch with food from the Toby Inn. Costs were kept to £5 as the servers and waiters were all volunteers from Rotary and CAH. The Rotary club bought a small box of chocolates for each person. Marion Naylor, Tesco Community Champion, volunteered. Tesco provided tablecloths, serviettes and the Christmas tree. The Town Council paid for the hall and lent the crockery and cutlery. Affinity Sutton will contribute £65 for the event. Cllr Clive Butchins provided the singalong Christmas music. This was definitely an event when many people pulled together.



Cllr Sandra Parnell, Town Mayor Cllr Pat Strack and Local Volunteer



# Borehamwood Drop In

Every Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock over 30 local senior citizens get together for a couple of hours at the Fairway Hall in Brook Close for a cup of tea, a natter and a variety of entertainment.

For £1.50 which covers tea and biscuits they can take part in a range of activities, armchair exercises, line dancing, quizzes, listen to or join with a singer entertainer and once a month a chiropodist visits.

Two or three times a year at Christmas, Easter or when there is a national celebration like the Queen's Jubilee we have a special celebration with a lunch and a sing-a-long and once a year in the summer the group has a day trip to Southend.

There is no membership or membership fee and the club is open to anyone who cares to 'DROP-IN'.



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## Looking for something new and rewarding in 2015?

Then why not consider volunteering...

Home-Start Hertsmere is a charity which provides a unique home visiting service to parents of young children. Our volunteers support families in a variety of situations including isolation, bereavement, illness and disability.

The volunteers course takes place twice a year and is run over ten sessions (excluding school holidays) one day a week 9:45am - 2:30pm.

What's in it for you? Regular supervision, training, making new friends and volunteer events throughout the year.

"Thank you for organising the volunteers feel-good-day. It was an enjoyable morning and great to catch up with everyone from my course."

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## Fr. Dominic McKenna celebrates 20 years since his ordination

I was born in Dublin in 1950 and having partially completed my University studies came to England, to the University of Hull and Endsleigh College of Education in 1971. Having gained my Bachelor of Education I came to Hackney in London, to teach in Cardinal Pole Catholic Comprehensive School.

I spent a wonderful fifteen years there enjoying the pupils, the staff and the whole atmosphere of educating young people. It was a real privilege seeing them grow into responsible, caring adults able to take their place in society.

After fifteen years I felt a draw, or a calling to try my vocation as a priest, which was something that had been strong in my childhood. I applied to the Diocese of Westminster and to my surprise was accepted at the ripe old age of thirty nine. I studied at Allen Hall for five years and gained my degree in Sacred Theology. For three years of my formation I worked in Our Lady of Hal in Camden Town. I was ordained a Priest in November 1994 and was Assistant Priest in Dollis Hill for three years and was then moved to Camden Town as Parish Priest and remained there for thirteen years. It was a great parish to work in with lots of challenges and excitement. My desire to build a caring compassionate community really drove me and the outreach to the homeless, the drug addicts and the poor was supported by the whole community.

In May 2010 I was asked to go to Borehamwood as there was an urgent need for a priest. I must admit that I had to look up Borehamwood on a map as I had no clue where it was. I was very pleasantly surprised and very quickly was made to feel at home. Two very beautiful churches and a growing congregation made it a place with many opportunities to build community and bring people together.

A wonderful parish school, St. Teresa's, and a very active parish with lots of volunteers was a real blessing. The Parish Centre, as a venue to gather people, has been a real godsend. With Quiz nights, International Lunches, Auction nights, Family Parties, Family Sunday Lunches, and much more it has given us a real identity as Catholics in Borehamwood. The efforts of a group of parents to establish a Youth Club at the Crypt in the Church in Rossington Avenue has been a real highlight in the last year and I pray hard for it to be successful.

The celebration of the Sacraments is, of course, the life blood of any parish and we are very lucky here to have four Masses every weekend with an attendance of just under a thousand people. At the moment we are baptising about ninety children and there are always a handful of adults received in to the church each Easter. We are preparing sixty six children for First Holy Communion and forty for Confirmation this year which is a real blessing. This is on top of all the courses and programmes to increase knowledge of the faith. It is a very busy parish with many committed people.

But, without caring for the poor and disadvantaged we are not fulfilling our Christian Mission of bringing the 'Good News to the Poor'. We are very pleased to be able to host the Borehamwood Foodbank warehouse on our land, and to support its volunteers along with financial help through Caritas. We also support, through a 'Rich Man Poor Man' meal, a group of Missionary Sisters working on unofficial locations in Add South Africa. There are also many other charities we support which helps us to fulfil our mission.

I am so lucky to have had two major jobs in my life which have given me such satisfaction. To be able to walk with people in their happy times and in their saddest and most difficult times is a real privilege and a very humbling experience. To sit with a family as a loved one dies and to be with them in their grief and pain is awe inspiring. I am so surprised that I have completed twenty years as a priest, even though in my head I am only nineteen. I hope to be in Borehamwood for many years but it is never my decision. However, I am enjoying myself and hope that the parish will continue to thrive.



## Borehamwood Foodbank Fed Local People During Christmas

The Borehamwood Foodbank has now fed over 3,300 people thanks to the generosity of local people. We expect an increase of 35% on last year.

During the month of December, which can be a very tough time for some, we received over 4.5 tonnes of food from local schools, synagogues, churches, businesses and individuals. We have been amazed by your kindness and support! These donations have enabled us to give out 4 tonnes of food during December which has fed over 350 people. We also gave out numerous Advent calendars and 85 Christmas Hampers to provide extra help during the festive period.

The Borehamwood Foodbank would like to support even more local people in 2015! Also we want to extend the help we have on offer to

include bread, butter and eggs with our foodpacks – also Flask cookery for those who have only a kettle. You really can cook in one!

We will also be continuing our family lunches and hope to re-run our cookery course. 2015 will be a busy year. We need your help to achieve this..... We are seeking to raise funds in two ways.

### One off Text giving

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.

**Regular Giving** by Standing Order you can give from £2 a month and where possible Gift Aid it.

If you could help us with the above please contact us at [info@borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk) or phone 020 3583 1109.





# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year for Mencap



This was a special 50th Anniversary Year for Mencap. A number of fundraising events had been organised throughout the Year eg Four Fields Fun Run at Radlett, a successful Golf Day and a Fun Run at Aldenham Country Park.

The Town Youth Council adopted Hertsmeare Mencap as their Charity of the Year so helped out with fundraising at the Lights switch on. Cllr Susan Maughan had worked with Mencap Jubilee Club members to produce items for sale.

The Variety Music Hall in aid of Mencap at the Ark, produced and directed by Susan Moser and Brian Burton, was a sell out; Cllr Pat Strack, along with other Mencap committee members, collected donations during the interval. Theatre Club Kids performed with a number of other acts.

Mencap took part in the Town Pre-Festival event raising funds and its profile in the community. Mencap also took part in the Annual Festival parade and with much help from Cllr Susan Maughan won a prize for their float. Town Youth Councillors helped with the float.

The Golf Day at Radlett Park Golf Club was very successful and Cllr Pat Strack attended as the golfers went off to start their game.

Cllr Sandra Parnell, Cllr Richard Butler and Cllr Pat Strack attended the ACP Fun Run. Sandra requested, collected and delivered bananas from Tesco for the participants. As a Committee member Cllr Pat Strack

registered runners and presented the prizes with Deputy Lord Lieutenant Stuart Nagler and Hertsmeare Mayor Cllr Carey Keates.


150 guests, mainly members and their families, attended a Gala at Allum Hall on 6/12/14 to mark the end of the celebration of 50 years of service to the Community. The Deputy Mayor Cllr Richard Butler represented the Town. He was also involved in helping with the preparation on the day.

Richard Summers worked hard to organise and coordinate the Golf Day and the ACP Fun Run and all the committee worked as a team to run all the events.

Mencap continue to run clubs. The Jubilee Club meets at Aberford Hall and is run by Velda Downes and Brian Barfoot. Noah's Ark, organised by Rochelle Gould, run a daily club in the Easter and summer holidays for Learning Disabled children. Noah's Ark organized a Christmas party at 96 attended by the Town Mayor. The entertainment for the children was drumming. Each child had a drum and had to follow the beats set by the drummer. That was the idea anyway. Some of the adults were reluctant to give up their drums. I suspect the residents and staff at Forest Care wondered what was happening – 30 - 40 drums noise carries quite well. Mencap committee members continue to run a drop in at 96 on a Wednesday morning.




Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Richard Butler at the Mencap Gala



## Elstree & Borehamwood Museum

### GOING DOWN THE VILLAGE




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Thursday 10.30-11.30 am  
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Meetings for 2015: Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> April 2<sup>nd</sup> May 5<sup>th</sup>

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# NCS with Youth Connexions Hertfordshire



During the autumn half term, 12 young people from Borehamwood took part in the National Citizen Service (NCS) programme delivered by Hertfordshire County Council Youth Connexions, where they learnt new skills and enjoyed a positive, 'life changing' experience.

The participants went to the Danbury Centre in Essex (part of Essex Outdoors) for the residential element of the programme where they took part in a range of activities designed to build their confidence and to develop new skills. Activities included low ropes courses, mountain biking, rock climbing, treehouse building, canoeing and enjoying evenings round a campfire.

Returning to Borehamwood the group spent 3 days working together and writing up diaries, reflecting on their experiences and engaging in other team building activities.

The young people then began work on the Social Action project, a key element in the NCS programme. The group divided into two teams and researched what charities/good causes there were in the locality which

could benefit from their help. Each team selected a good cause they believed needed assistance and in a 'dragons den' style exercise put forward their project proposal to the other group, youth leaders and managers. After deciding which project would benefit most, both teams came together to establish individual goals and targets as well as group ones.

Over the next few weekends the young people started raising money by asking companies in Borehamwood for raffle prizes, such as cinema tickets, Nandos vouchers and haircuts. The highlight of the raffle was a Youth Connexions shirt signed by Frankie of the Saturdays. One of the young people, Alexandra, is a very talented face painter and had a queue of people for the whole duration of the event. The Mayor of Borehamwood came down and got involved in the fair.

The culmination of their experience was a day spent at the New Court Place Care Home to talk with residents and proudly present their cheque for the handsome sum of £531.37

One participant, Jade, said of the NCS experience "You find out more about yourself and your capabilities, you find new friendships and companionships and people you can trust - it is great fun." Her team mate Camilla added "It gives teenagers the opportunity to meet new people and push themselves out of their comfort zones by doing different fun activities. It allows people the chance to discover new things about themselves and is a positive life changing event."

The NCS will be running again in spring for Year 12's and again in summer for Year 11's. For more information please contact Andy Young on 01707 281408 or email [andrew.young@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.young@hertfordshire.gov.uk)



Cllr Mrs Sandra Parnell and Town Mayor Cllr Mrs Pat Strack

## Inclusion Project

Partnership working with Cllr Pat Strack, Cllr Sandra Parnell, The Park EU School, Hertswood Academy, the Police and Connexions has seen this pilot project start in October. KS4 pupils excluded from school attend the Park EU in Potters Bar for 5 hours a day. Changes to bus timetables have increased the difficulty for the young people attending.

Phase 1: Each Monday and Tuesday mornings the young people are taken by taxi to the Park. This is funded by County.

At lunchtime the students are collected by minibus, by Connexions youth workers, from Potters Bar and brought to 96. A range of activities are provided: some skills building, some practical, some team building, some leading to qualifications. The young people are involved in choosing these activities. Targets are set by the Park for behaviour, attendance, engagement at school and homework. This project was funded by a £3k grant from the Police County Commissioner.

Phase 2: will see the number increase to 14 including KS3 pupils. Extra funding of £7k comes from the PCC grant scheme.

Easter holiday activities will be provided with a grant from County Cllr Alan Plancey of £1k and WIS money from Cllrs Farida Turner, Susan Maughan and Clive Butchins.



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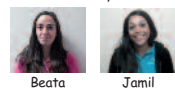
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### Welcome to the Community Coffee Morning @ The BECC

Are you new to the area?  
Do you have a child aged 0-5 years?

Come along to The Borehamwood and Elstree Children's Centre on 11th March from 10-11.30am

Meet our Community Ambassadors



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You can come and talk to them about what is happening at your local Children's Centre for both you and your children.

Free tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Just drop in during the above times.

Sure Start Children's Centres





## Who Do I Talk To About...?

With three tiers of local government in Hertfordshire, it can be confusing knowing which Authority to contact about a particular service or issue. Here is a brief list of key areas covered by each Council to help untangle the web and to show who does what in your area.

### Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council is responsible for:



- The Office of the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Mayoral engagements
- The management of the three allotment sites at Melrose Avenue, Allum Lane and Stapleton Gardens (opening soon)
- Support of the Town Twinning with Fontenay-aux-Roses and Offenburg
- A programme of entertainment and events throughout the year such as the two week summer Festival (including the Civic Parade and Families Day), Guy Fawkes Night Fireworks, Christmas Lights Switch-on and musical concerts (including the BBC Band and American Bands)
- Coach outings for residents over 60 years of age
- The award of grants to local groups and charities and honorary titles to local champions
- The free quarterly magazine "The Town Crier"
- Street seats, some noticeboards, church clocks and upkeep of closed Churchyards (All Saints on Shenley Road and St Nicholas in Elstree)
- Upkeep of Elstree and Borehamwood War Memorials
- Support for school swimming transport, PCSO funding, Youth Council and Transport and Road Safety Forum

Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council is the Council closest to the residents in the Parish. The Town Council is here to be a voice for the residents by representing their views on issues affecting them. Call: 020 8207 1382 or visit [www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](http://www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)

### Hertsmere Borough Council is responsible for:

- The collection of Council Tax and business rates
- Benefits and Housing needs
- Community Safety
- Elections
- Kerbside waste and recycling collections and street cleaning
- Local planning and building regulations
- Public car parks and controlled parking zones
- Licensing and Environmental Health
- Cemeteries
- Leisure Services (operated by Hertsmere Leisure) including The Venue and all parks



Hertsmere Borough Council deal with issues covering the whole of Hertsmere and has a very regulatory remit

Call: 020 8207 2277 or visit [www.hertsmere.gov.uk](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk)

### Hertfordshire County Council is responsible for:

- Highways
- Education and Libraries
- Social Services
- Trading Standards
- Public transport
- Bus passes and disabled parking permits
- Registrar of births, deaths and marriages
- Street Lighting, pavements and cycle ways
- Adoption and fostering
- Fire and Rescue Services
- Recycling centres



Hertfordshire County Council is the top tier of local government and provides services on a county-wide basis

Call: 0300 123 4040 or visit [www.hertsdirect.org](http://www.hertsdirect.org)

## Where Does My Money Go...?

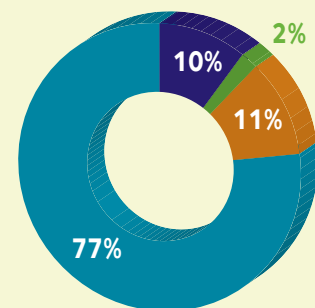
### Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council: Finances for the Year Ahead

In January, the Town Council set its budget for the forthcoming Council Year 2015/2016. To keep down costs to an acceptable level, residents will only have to pay an annual increase of 49p for band D households.

The Council voted unanimously for this minor increase in order to maintain the same quality of service. Unlike other Councils, the Town Council receives no direct funding from central government and so is reliant on its share of the Council Tax (or "Precept") for service delivery. The other main source of Council income comes from its fees and charges, such as hiring Fairway Hall, selling tickets or collecting Allotment rents. Most Council events are free of charge for the public at the point of use - such as Fireworks Night and the rides and entertainments at Families Day. This is quite uncommon nationally and reflects the Town Council's commitment to provide high quality entertainment and events for all residents. But even where fees are charged these are at highly competitive rates and are some of the lowest in the County; coach tickets for seniors for day outings at just £6 each, concert tickets for big acts like the BBC Band or American Bands at just £5 each and allotment rents that have not risen in over four years are subsidised by the Council to just £17.50 per year for the most popular sized plots (with a 50% discount for more senior plot holders).

The Council's Precept for 2015/2016 was set at £302,912 with a supplementary grant sought from Hertsmere Borough Council of £50,822. In effect, it represents a 2% increase for the Band D taxpayer from £24.60 in 2014/15 to £25.09 in 2015/16.

Town and Parish Councils continue to claim just 2% of the total Council Tax in Hertfordshire.



■ Police authority    ■ Town/parish councils  
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# What's on

**Tuesday 10 March**

## Call the Midwife

Husband & Daughter of Jennifer Worth talk about the television series and books.

**Borehamwood Library, 10am - 12pm**

£7/£5 Concessions.

**Sunday 15 March**

## Duck in a Truck

**96 Shenley Rd, 2.30pm**

Box Office - 01442 454 001. £6.

**Tuesday 17 March**

## Talk on 'Roald Dahl's War' by Graham Laurie

**St Teresa's Church Hall, 10am**

£2/Free Entry with U3A Membership

**Friday 18 March**

## Borehamwood & District Garden Crafts Society Workshop

Container Gardening by Oaklands College speaker.

**Allum Manor House, 7pm - 9pm**

**Thursday 19 March**

## Broadway Divas

**96 Shenley Rd, 2pm**

Box Office - 01442 454 001.

£13 (Includes tea & cake).



**Sunday 22 March**

## Elstree Tennis Club Quiz

**7pm**

Contact in advance - 020 8953 1827. £10 (Food included).

**Friday 3 April**

## Christian Council Good Friday Walk of Witness from the Baptist Church to St Teresa's

**11am**

**Friday 10 April**

## Borehamwood & District Garden Crafts Society Spring Mini Show

Including spring flowers and potted plants for judging followed by a light supper.

Enquiries to Ann 0797318477.

**Allum Manor House, 5pm - pm**

Members free, public £5 incl meal and refreshments.

**Friday 17 April**

## Fantasia Fun Night

Play Your Cards Right - Deal or No Deal

Thank Your Lucky Stars - Escalardo

**The Royal British Legion Services Club,**

**289 Shenley Road**

Free Entry. Participation is by ticket only (Free of charge).

**Saturday 18 April**

## Rotary Club Blood Pressure Awareness Day

**96 Shenley Rd, 10am - 4pm**

**Tuesday 21 April 2015**

## Talk on 'Allotments & the Strange People Who Serve Them' by Colin Oates

**St Teresa's Church Hall, 10am**

£2/Free Entry with U3A Membership.

**Wednesday 22, Friday 24 & Saturday 25 April**

## EBLOS Presents: Happy As A Sandbag

**The Radlett Centre, 7.45pm**

£14/£12 Concessions.

**Saturday 25 April**

## St George's Day Barn Dance

**St Michaels Church, 7pm**

**Sunday 26 April**

## Church of England Parish Communion

**All Saints Church, 10am**

## Annual Church Meeting and Speaker

**All Saints Church, 11am**

**Wednesday 29 April**

## St George's Day Celebration

Cockney Entertainer, Fish & Chips

**The Royal British Legion Services Club,**

**289 Shenley Road**

Tickets will be on sale in March, prices to be announced.

**Saturday 9 May**

## V.E. Day Celebrations at Woodcock Hill

Details to be confirmed.

**Saturday 9 May**

## 70th Anniversary of V.E. Day

Music from the 40's & 50's by Two a Penny

**The Royal British Legion Services Club,**

**289 Shenley Road**

£10 Members/ £15 Non Members

(Includes food and a free drink)

Tickets go on sale March/April

Closing date for tickets Monday 4 May.

**Wednesday 13 May**

## Pensioners Party

Music by Paul Mann

Buffet & Raffle

**The Royal British Legion Services Club,**

**289 Shenley Road**

Tickets will be on sale at the Legion in April.

**Tuesday 19 May**

## Talk on 'Egypt-Birds & Antiquities' by Mr & Mrs P Farrer

**St Teresa's Church Hall, 10am**

Free Entry with U3A Membership.

**Saturday 20 June**

## Borehamwood & District Garden Crafts Society

Summer Show.

**96 Shenley Rd, 9am - 5pm**

**Wednesday 24 June**

## Five Star Swing Concert

Music played from Glen Miller and Frank Sinatra

**The Royal British Legion Services Club,**

**289 Shenley Road**

Tickets will on sale in April, price to be advised (Buffet included).

## Community Contact Numbers

**Barnet General Hospital** - 020 8216 5003

**NHS Direct** - 111

**Hertfordshire Police non-emergency** - 01707 354000

**Crime Stoppers Anonymous** - 0800 555 111

**Hertsmere Borough Council** - 020 8207 2277

**Hertfordshire County Council** - 0300 471 555

**Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council** - 020 8207 1382

**Herts Domestic Violence Helpline** - 08088 088088

**Highways** - 0300 1234 047

**Affinity Water Leaks** - 0800 376 5325

**Childline** - 0800 1111

**CAB Advice line** - 08444 111 444

**Environmental Health Pest Control** - 020 8207 7435

**Environmental Health Out of Hours** - 0845 300 0021

**National Police Non-Emergency Number** - 101

**RSPCA Local Branch** - 07872 902710

**Elstree & Borehamwood Museum** - 01442 454888

**Elstree & Borehamwood Library** - 0300 123 4049

**The Venue** - 020 8386 9886

**Fairbrook Medical Centre** - 020 8953 7666

**Grove Medical Centre** - 020 3538 3959

**Schopwick Surgery** - 020 3667 1850

**Theobald Medical Centre** - 020 8953 3355



## Impressions of the World War I

On Saturday 17th January to launch the new exhibition about the First World War, Elstree and Borehamwood Museum held a very successful event showcasing the exhibition 'Over by Christmas'. In attendance were the deputy Lord Lieutenant, Stuart Nagler, Mayor and Mayoress of Hertsmere, Cllr Carey and Shirley Keates, and Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood, Cllr Pat Strack.

There were copious drinks and nibbles at the reception, where there was a chance to view the exhibition, and hot drinks and cakes in the interval. The evening attracted many appreciative comments. About 100 people enjoyed the entertainment given by Elstree and Borehamwood Light Operatic Society (EBLOS), which included songs from the period, with which the audience joined in enthusiastically.

A viewing of the DVD 'A County at War – Life on the Home Front in Hertfordshire', commissioned by the Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire,



Cllr Clive Butchins

rounded off the evening.

This raised both some useful funds for the Museum but more importantly its profile in the community. You can become a Friend of Elstree & Borehamwood

Museum for only £5 per annum, and receive the informative newsletter and invitations to exclusive events. A tea for new and existing Friends will be held on 14th March.

Please call the museum, visit our website at [www.elstree-museum.org.uk](http://www.elstree-museum.org.uk), or email [friendsofelandbwmuseum@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:friendsofelandbwmuseum@hotmail.co.uk) for more details.

## Maxwell Park Community Centre

Affordable, bright spacious hall seating up to 180, meeting rooms and mirrored dance studio are available for hire with use of kitchen and car park



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, music lessons, Shogun Karate, table tennis, Visually Impaired Club, yoga-dynamic, pregnancy, post natal, lunch time.

### Coming soon

Drugfam, Classic Fitness & Super Soccer Stars.  
see website for details

For private or regular hire please call 020 8953 4295 or email [enquiries@maxwellpcc.org](mailto:enquiries@maxwellpcc.org)  
for more information, please visit [www.maxwellpcc.org](http://www.maxwellpcc.org)

## Maxwell's Winter Wonderland

Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council Mayor, Pat Strack took time out of her busy Christmas Calendar to open our very first Winter Wonderland at Maxwell Park Community Centre on the 6 December which was a great success!

Hundreds of residents attended this free event. The children were delighted to receive gifts from Santa's Grotto and have fun on the fairground rides and attractions; these were kindly sponsored by Affinity Sutton, much to the pleasure of the parents!

The weather was crisp and clear, just the right setting for a Winter Wonderland and Christmas Market. K's Dance were raising funds for their future trip to Disneyland Paris, their creative stalls, included Mulled Wine, Mince Pies & Cakes, Decorate a Gingerbread Man, Paint a Christmas Plate & Cup, Candles, Xmas Decorations etc. Other stalls included Handbags, Scarves, Balloon Making, Jewellery, Christmas Wreaths and creative presents for new born babies to name but a few. Even Richard Butler, EBTC Deputy Mayor, interrupted his very busy schedule to join us.

The fun didn't stop there, many people stayed on at the centre for our free 'Ice Palace Disco'. The hall was decorated with snowflakes, a snow mountain and of course Christmas trees. Parents were able to sit back while the outrageous DJ entertained the children with party dances and their very own X Factor and Strictly competitions.

We had brilliant feedback after the event, and we hope to make 2015 Winter Wonderland even bigger and better!

Thanks to Earl Newman from Affinity Sutton for supporting the event, Wendy Plant and June Kempton for organising this and lastly to their families and friends who helped make it such a successful day.



Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Richard Butler with Wendy Plant and June Kempton



Cllr Sandra Parnell and Town Mayor Cllr Pat Strack with Chris Anderson

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2014/15 Deputy Mayor: Cllr Richard Butler

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## Annual Parish Meeting in Fairway Hall

Date for your diary

Come and meet your Councillor



Wednesday 11 March, 6.45pm

Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood WD6 5BT

This is your chance to meet your Town Councillors and to ask questions on matters that interest you or concern you about the Council's roles and responsibilities. You can do this formally during the Question and Answer session at the meeting or informally afterwards when there will be an opportunity for tea and coffee.

All your questions will be taken seriously and considered carefully and if we cannot provide an answer on the spot, we will get back to you after the meeting with a written response.

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs Pat Strack, will report on her year in office and each of the Committee Chairmen of the Council will also provide a brief update report of their respective service areas: Entertainments and General Management; Environment and Planning; the Transport Forum; and the Youth Council. Residents from Elstree and Borehamwood are encouraged and invited to come and have their say.

## Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council meetings

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

3 March	Entertainments	Fairway Hall	7.30pm
11 March	Annual Parish Meeting	Fairway Hall	6.45pm
17 March	Environment & Planning	Fairway Hall	7.00pm
18 March	COUNCIL	Civic Offices	7.30pm
25 March	Events Forum	Civic Offices	7.00pm
21 April	Environment & Planning	Fairway Hall	7.00pm
23 April	General Management	Fairway Hall	7.00pm
13 May	Annual Council Mayor Making	Civic Offices	7.30pm

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

## 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, children's parties, lectures and meetings. For more information, please call 020 8207 1382