

ELSTREE & BOREHAMWOOD

# TOWN CRIER



The magazine for Elstree & Borehamwood residents

# Christmas 2015

Sunday 29 November

All Saints Church, 2pm - 6pm

Official Switch-On of the Festive Decorations

Christmas Carols at All Saints Church with

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

Free Kids Ice Rink

Free Santa's Grotto

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# Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

## Letter from the Mayor...



Following on from my first letter in the Autumn Town Crier, I have been to see so many groups in our great community - my feet have not touched the ground. It is very humbling with the welcoming receptions Rebecca and I have received. We have strengthened links with our twin town of Offenburg, the last Mayoral visit was in 2004. We hope that these links strengthen community groups for many years to come.

I would like to recommend Teddy's Trails. More information is available on the Town Council website. The walks give you a different perspective to our Town and its history. Film and television is on the up and we celebrated the history of the Muppets with a Jim Henson plaque near the War Memorial in Shenley Road.

We now look to celebrate ninety years of Elstree Film Studios during the coming year and the 60th anniversary of the Town Festival.

Please come and join me at the Switch On of the Christmas Lights and other activities at All Saints Church Shenley Road on Sunday 29 November from 2pm. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible over the Christmas period and wish each and every one a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Clr Richard Butler**  
Mayor of Elstree & Borehamwood



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Presents

# The BBC Elstree Concert Band Christmas Concert

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015  
At 8:00pm



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 5BT  
(0208 207 1382) and Allum Hall (020 8953 3415)

[www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](http://www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)





# The Return of Kermit and Friends

When Jim Henson invented the Muppets in 1955 he could not have predicted the impact Kermit and his friends would have for so many of us around the world. Through his visionary use of abstract puppetry, crafting characters with a very human emotional capacity, he kept the boundless optimism and creativity of our childhood with us forever in our adult lives.

It is October 2015, inside BBC Elstree Studios, and Kermit the Frog is in an endearingly optimistic mood-as usual. He and the iconic Muppet troop have returned to visit their original TV home at Borehamwood for the first time in nearly 40 years. It's easy to forget just how much influence this studio, and the people, have had on Kermit and his internationally renowned gaggle of felted friends.

'In a way nothing has changed' affirms Kermit, fresh from a tour of the EastEnders set, 'It has always been the hard work of the artists & craftsman, including my best friend Jim Henson, that made it all happen. They move us & inspire us-they are so much more than people providing a helping hand.'

Filmed on Stage D in the original ATV studios, now BBC Elstree, from September 1976 to March 1981 with 5 series and 120 episodes The Muppet Show catapulted its puppet actors to superstardom. It wasn't always like this however.

'After appearing on Sesame Street we thought we'd get our own show' Kermit describes fondly the life changing deal with impresario Lew Grade, who offered the Muppets investment to run in syndication on the condition that it was filmed in England. 'It was actually Britain who believed in us when no one else did' Kermit affirms.

The Muppet friends remained here to film 'The Great Muppet Caper' movie together in 1980 but left soon after, settling down in their native America. Kermit does miss Britain - which reminds him of his 'damp, boggy, swamplands' and remembers fondly the town of Elstree and Borehamwood. 'We were all nervous about coming back after so long but I spent time with old friends and the town's inhabitants and realised, just like I did 39 years ago, that you are more like us than you know!'

*Joanna Mansfield*



*The Muppet Mural at Manor Way*

## Muppet Facts!

- Animal, the Muppet drummer, was inspired by Keith Moon of The Who.
- Kermit and Waldorf are the only characters to appear in all 120 episodes.
- Guest stars were allowed to appear on the show only once and never appeared a second time.
- The Swedish Chef is the only character to have bare human hands.



## Fairway Hall

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

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## Unveiling a Heritage Panel for Jim Henson

For over 100 years Elstree & Borehamwood has been home to the British film industry and today its film and television studios are busier than for many years. Through its Film and Television Heritage Trail the town recognises the contribution of the many individuals who have helped create our unique legacy.

On Friday 26 October a heritage panel was added, celebrating the many contributions of Jim Henson, creator of "The Muppets", as well as feature-length films (including "The Dark Crystal", "Labyrinth" and "The Great Muppet Caper").

Former colleagues gathered on 16th October to share their memories of the man they still value as an inspirational creative leader but also a close friend. Martin Baker first met "The Muppets" while working as a Floor Manager at ATV and has since produced a variety of Muppet-based films and TV shows. "Jim was an extraordinary man to work with; I didn't really work for Jim Henson, I worked with him. He was like a surrogate father, and his legacy is indelible."

Writer and Producer Jocelyn Stevenson added her own tributes, followed by Louise Gold, the only English "Muppeteer". "I just feel so lucky. Jim loved what he did and he loved the people who worked with

him. He would push you, but whenever he said "That's not good enough" it was because he knew you could do better. I take that with me, the feeling that we're all trying to do our best."

BAFTA award-winner and Prop Master Barry Wilkinson then described working on Henson's feature film and cult classic, "Labyrinth".

This latest addition to the Heritage Trail was co-sponsored by Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council and its Youth Council. Mayor Richard Butler spoke of his surprise that Borehamwood had been home to "The Muppets". "You think you know a lot about your town and the community you live in but since becoming Mayor I've learned so much more. It's a privilege to remind people of the history of this town and everything that's going on, to put the history back into Elstree and Borehamwood. I hope we can continue to support that and I'm sure we will."

Youth Council Chair Jackie Warman testified to the continuing power of Jim Henson's creations to win new fans, saying that "The Muppets are part of our Heritage and our childhood. Living in Borehamwood I feel it's something we should all be very proud of."

On behalf of Elstree Screen Heritage and the First Impressions Project, Paul Welsh led a crowd of well-wishers to unveil the panel which now stands opposite McDonalds as a permanent reminder of the enduring legacy of Jim Henson.

**Bob Redman**



Photos by Clive Butchins



Jocelyn Stevenson and Louise Gold

### Inter Faith Week

## 16 - 22 November & Mitzvah Day Sunday 22 November

Bushey Interfaith Forum present 'Faith at Work - How our faith affects our work' with distinguished speakers and open discussion plus light refreshments. Free admission. Wednesday 18th November 7.30pm in Bushey United Synagogue, 177 Sparrows Herne, Bushey Heath WD23 1AJ. Contact 0208950 4363 or barryshoot@aol.com

Aldenham Parish Council, Radlett Council for Christians and Jews and other faith groups: 'Community Action Day' in the Picnic Field adjoining Radlett Cricket Club Ground clearing and planting wild flowers etc

Sunday 22nd November from 2pm - just come suitably equipped!

There will also be another scrub clearing day on Woodcock Hill on Sunday 22nd November from 10:30am - please get further details from Cllr Pat Strack at [cllr.pat.strack@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.pat.strack@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk).

Hertsmere Forum of Faiths is planning a visit to Radlett United Synagogue to see the refurbishments and meet the new Rabbi Jonathan Hughes in early December.





# Youth Council

My name is Jackie Warman, I am 16 years old and I am the Chairman of the Borehamwood and Elstree Youth Council.

I was only 11 when I first joined the Youth Council, the same time as I started in year 7.

This period of time was quite nervous for me; I had started a new school with new people, and now I was part of a Youth Council with even more new people. These new people, from my years of experience, are not just people who attend for the sake of it, they are devoted, and they become very close friends. As a member of the youth council for five years, I have taken part in many events hosted and supported by the youth council. Events include the funding and unveiling of the Jim Henson plaque, a plaque devoted to the man behind the Muppets himself, as well as getting to meet other people who worked on the original Muppets series too. We help with a very large amount of charity and volunteer events; raising money for donations, planting all around the train station and cinema, helping preserve and upkeep the condition of Woodcock Hill, as well as donating towards the Borehamwood defibrillator cause, and working with the film studios.

I have always had a great interest in working for a good cause, and I find that youth council is something which continuously does so, and is an amazing group to be part of. It opens an entire world of politics and

the inner workings of the council and how the town is run, and it provides a solid head start in pursuing a political career in the future. It's a great asset for any CV, and welcomes you into a friendly, inviting new community. We are planning to create a student discount card for the Young people of Borehamwood, and we have plenty more projects of planning and development. An example of a previous project achieved by the youth council was the Implementation of a skate park in Borehamwood.

To become a chairman at a young age I find is an achievement to be proud of, and hopefully other young people will have the chance to follow a similar path.

We are currently looking for new members to join us, young people aged 11-19 are the ideal age. There's no complications other than coming to a meeting to see what it is all about, and then coming back for more and more if you enjoy it.

For more information, if you'd like to join or visit, please contact Deputy Clerk, Tracey Malton on [tmalton@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](mailto:tmalton@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)



Jackie Warman

Photos by Clive Butchins

## BETTA hits the heights

A castle at the peak of a mountain in Germany was the setting for an international summit.

Members of the Boreham Wood and Elstree Twin Town Association (BETTA) were visiting Offenburg, our German Twin Town in the Black Forest, Germany.

A visit to the vineyard at the top of one of the region's highest peaks was a thrilling experience for the visitors, some even taking the challenge to ride to the top on a bicycle.

Included in the party was Town Mayor, Councillor Richard Butler, who was warmly welcomed by his German counterpart, Mayor Edith Schreiner. The occasion for the three-day trip was Offenburg's famous wine festival.

The BETTA group attended the opening ceremony. They also saw the opening of a nationwide celebration of German industry, Die Hoahrhein Messe, in the massive local exhibition hall in Offenburg.

BETTA Chairman Martine Eni said: "We have enjoyed this bond of friendship for nearly 40 years and, to paraphrase the song, "Things can only get BETTA!"

We are planning a candle light event for all to come and learn more about BETTA's activities on the 19 December 2015 at St Pauls Church Borehamwood in the Christmas spirit. Tickets are £1, see website for details [www.betta.org.uk](http://www.betta.org.uk)

**Martine Eni**



Photos by Andrew Grady





## Your local town band, 44 years in the making

Borehamwood Brass continues to go from strength to strength, having been successful in recruiting the minister of St. Paul's Lutheran church in Borehamwood, along with two young men of school age who are filling vital seats in the cornet section.

We are very lucky to have many long standing members of the band and also eight members who are aged 18 and under, who all enjoy the challenge of playing both different levels of music and with more mature players.

Earlier this year, we were asked by the Town Council to take part in both the 70th VE day celebration, which was at Woodcock Hill and the Civic Festival in June. Both events went very well; the Civic concert was very well attended and the band played magnificently.

### Here is a list of some of the engagements that we have in the run up to Christmas

Wed 25 Nov	7:15pm	Lights of Love ceremony, Borehamwood - Mops and Brooms PH.
Sun 29 Nov	10:30am	NSPCC Craft Fayre - Allum Hall, Borehamwood.
Sun 29 Nov	3:45pm	Christmas light switch on - All Saints Church, Borehamwood.
Sat 5 Dec	12:00am	Fairfield junior school, Radlett. Christmas bazaar.
Sat 5 Dec	8:15pm	Rotary Christmas concert, the Ark Theatre, Borehamwood.
Fri 11 Dec	8:00pm	Christmas concert - St. Mark's Church, Barnet.
Sun 20 Dec	6:00pm	Christmas carols around the fire - Letchmore Heath.



Photos by Clive Butchins

As a fairly modern band (formed in 1971) we consider ourselves fortunate to be able to continue playing and supporting the town and charities, we are always pleased to receive new recruits so if anyone is interested in playing with our friendly band, please get in touch at [www.borehamwoodbrass.org.uk](http://www.borehamwoodbrass.org.uk)

**Andrew King**

## Older Folks' Week

Members of DR96 set off on a rainy coach trip to Windsor as a part of Older Folks' Week.

Sasha Capocci provided the croissants and pains au chocolat for the hour long journey. They were welcomed by the sun coming out to greet them as they arrived. After being suitably refreshed at the Lime Cafe the group separated to tour the Town and met back at 2pm to board the River Cruiser and enjoy a commentary of the historic features along the Thames.



The journey back to Windsor included afternoon tea and was the perfect ending to a wonderful day out.

Also as part of Older Folks' Week members of DR96 invited others to join them for a special morning on 7th October from 10 to 12 at 96 Shenley Rd. Everybody enjoyed a Keep Safe talk by the Fire Service and many signed up for a home visit. After tea, cake and bingo they were ready for a bit of exercise led by Sara Donnelly. Music from the 60s & 70s was played and most were up out of their seats dancing/exercising at the end. Thank you to those that came to join in.

Thanks to HBC for a grant of £300 for Older Folks' Week, a great time was had by all.

**Pat Strack**



# Elstree and Borehamwood Museum has welcomed its 10,000th visitor since re-opening

The museum, which is now located in Borehamwood's community hub at 96 Shenley Road, rewarded David Nathan with a bottle of champagne when he walked through the door in September.

Founders of the museum Ann and Alan Lawrence, along with current museum manager David Armitage presented the bottle. David said: "It's a great achievement to reach 10,000 visitors, but we are always looking to produce new and exciting exhibitions to keep the visitors coming back."

Currently the museum is running an exhibition celebrating 30 years of EastEnders being filmed in the area. 'EastEnders at 30: In Our Manor' displays a range of iconic objects from the soap, including wedding dresses and gruesome murder weapons.

The exhibition, which is due to finish in January 2016, has been extremely popular and visitors have come from all over the UK to celebrate the anniversary of their favorite soap.

The museum is run entirely by volunteers and has seen visitor numbers soar since moving to the heart of Borehamwood in November 2013 from its previous home on Drayton Road.



## Elstree and Borehamwood Residents Association

### Our activities so far this Autumn!

Elstree and Borehamwood Residents Association (EBRA) have had another busy quarter of the year. Lawrence Stack, has been busy working hard on our Defibrillator campaign along with the Town Council. So a huge "well done" is due to Lawrence for getting this great life-saving campaign off the ground.

EBRA and a team of volunteer members focussed their attention on the 'Aldenhams Country Park and saving the reservoir'. Prior to the Planning Committee meeting, this application was recommended for rejection and shortly after that, Liberty Aldenhams, the developers, withdrew their application. We wait to see what happens next.

We were sad to see three local key equestrian centres being sold to developers and await with interest to see the suitability of their proposed plans.

Our next EBRA meeting is on 24th November at 7.50pm to 9.30pm at St Teresa's Church Hall, 291 Shenley Road. It's £6 for an annual household membership or £2 per meeting per person.

Please contact Clare Newton for membership queries: nclare@ymail.com or call 07588 469606 or Andy Lewis - Chairman: chairman.ebra@gmail.com and please visit our website [www.elstreeborehamwoodresidents.co.uk](http://www.elstreeborehamwoodresidents.co.uk) and join us on Facebook

[www.facebook.com/groups/BorehamwoodandElstreeResidentsAssociation](http://www.facebook.com/groups/BorehamwoodandElstreeResidentsAssociation) and twitter @borehamwoodra14

Elstree & Borehamwood Museum invites you to:

## 'Going Down the Village'

A monthly reminiscence meeting for the over 60's at 96 Shenley Road

Meetings for 2015:

Thursday December 3rd (from 10:30-11:30am)

Meetings for 2016:

Thursday Feb 4th, March 3rd and

April 7th (from 10:30-11:30am)

Come and share your memories  
of Elstree & Borehamwood

**ADMISSION FREE!**

Tel: 01442 454888 (Tues-Thurs 12-6pm, Sat 10am-3pm) for further details  
Website: [www.elstree-museum.org.uk](http://www.elstree-museum.org.uk) Registered Charity No 1157770





# Foodbank Carrier Bag Donation

On Thursday 25th September Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council and Symphony Environmental Ltd got together to donate a quantity of plastic bags to the Borehamwood Foodbank.

New legislation introduced in early October makes it compulsory for shops to charge for plastic bags which potentially interrupted the supplies from the local supermarkets of the much needed bags.

Town Councillors Pat Strack and Clive Butchins were on hand to present some new carrier bags along with Robert Bobroff from Symphony Environmental Ltd to Foodbank coordinator Kim Gray.

Kim Gray said "We'd like to thank Elstree & Borehamwood Council and Symphony Environmental Ltd for their generous donation of carrier bags to the Borehamwood Foodbank."

"We have been deeply touched by the generosity of local people and businesses and we are very grateful for your support."

The Foodbank is very low on food stock at the moment after a very busy summer and any food and carrier bag donations would be much appreciated.

To date the Foodbank has fed 4854 people - each having food for approximately 10 meals. This provides a crisis intervention while the local authority organise longer term solutions.

This makes a huge difference to them as well as the wider community.

We would like to thank Marion Joyce at Tesco for her help and support.

If you could help the Foodbank with food or carrier bags please contact them at [info@borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk) or phone 020 3583 1109.



Photos by Dan Salter

## Foodbank Christmas Collections

We have our Christmas Tesco collection on December 3/4/5 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.

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

We are collecting in Borehamwood Tesco on Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th and Saturday 5th December, if anyone would like to volunteer to help with this event please get in contact.

We have Town Councillors and Rotarians already helping.



## Christmas Wishes

Wishing all Borehamwood & District Garden Craft Society

Members, family and friends a very Merry Festive

Season. I hope you can have a good rest and be ready for 2016 year of gardening. Please note that our Annual General Meeting will be held in Allum Manor House on 11 February 2016.

Enquiries: Ann 07973184077.





## Compost Corner

# A Man For All Seasons

## Peter Digweed

Peter, Warden for Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council has one of those ubiquitous roles that makes him a man about town, and of the Green Belt. Not only will you see him putting up notices, keeping plaques and monuments pristine, mowing Melrose and Allum Lane allotments and two cemeteries along with other less bumpy lawns, you might also see him heading up the Civic Parade if you look closely and don't blink.

He is a legend on the Melrose allotment site, for going above and beyond the call of duty, always willing to help plot holders in need of a little assistance (occasional strimming and grass cutting) when he has time.



Peter Digweed

Peter says he really enjoys all aspects of his varied timetable, especially meeting people both at Fairway Hall where he is based, and while he's out and about, which is pretty much every day. He is a conscientious and friendly face of the Council and among his many tasks, the ones that affect us allotmenters are invaluable and much appreciated,

such as allocating plots to new people, keeping the encroaching trees at bay where feasible, mowing the paths, and managing contractors on site for clearance, improvements, and deliveries of chippings for example. He also took the time to bring tables all the way from Fairway Hall so we could follow our Melrose Allotments Annual General Meeting with a BBQ.

He described his most unusual experiences as taking place at All Saints Cemetery which he was mowing at the time, where he saw a gentleman enter the cemetery but not leave it, and on several occasions he has smelled the perfume of a phantom lady. After a moment's pause he thought that probably it was on the cutting of some shrub or branch or other. I reckon it must be the grass.

**Anne Nicodemus**



## Tesco Community Champion Marion Joyce

Hallo my name is Marion Joyce and I have lived in Borehamwood for 31 years. I have 2 sons Matthew 36 and Mark 34 and a beautiful granddaughter Ekotenna.

I have worked for Tesco for 30 years. I started out as a checkout assistant with various positions in between. My role now as Community Champion is very rewarding.

Over the last few months I have been helping various groups in the Community e.g. Cross Roads Carers Groups, meeting people who are carers of relatives to support each other.

Tuesday Drop In and Dr96 are both places for anyone to drop in for tea, coffee, chat and many activities. On both days line dancing, Bingo, chair exercises and much more are enjoyed. I mingle and chat.

The Borehamwood Food Bank operates Monday and Thursday. Tesco have supported this since it began nearly three years ago.

Tesco Charity of Year Partnership began in February 2015. This year we have two, Diabetes UK and the British Heart Foundation.

I was recently invited to the Visually Impaired Club where I enjoy the games. It is very rewarding helping with tea, coffee and cake.

I would be pleased to help with any other groups.



Cllr Clive Butchins with Marion Joyce

Photos by Andrew Grady

## Christmas tree Tips

1. Bring your tree indoors as near to Christmas as you can. Until then, keep it in a cool, dry place away from sunlight.
2. Once it's indoors, position it away from radiators or fires, and away from sunlight coming in through windows.
3. With a potted tree, keep the compost moist but not wet. A cut tree is best displayed in a reservoir-type stand. First cut a 2cm-thick slice from the base, but don't whittle the sides down as the outer layers are the most efficient at taking up water.
4. You can put a potted tree in the garden, but place it in a greenhouse/shed first rather than moving outside straight from a warm house. It can grow very tall if removed from the pot.



# Defibrillator Campaign

The Town Defibrillator Team have been very successful in their campaign working with the police, fire and ambulance services.

The team comprises Town Councillors Clive Butchins, Gary Silver, Eric Silver, Sandra Parnell and Pat Strack and Lawrence Stack, vice chair of EBRA. Gary and Eric Silver arranged donations of two defibrillators and a donation of £250 from pharmaceutical companies. Cllr Clive Butchins has produced a map identifying defibrillator locations in Elstree and Borehamwood. Clive has also produced the Defibrillator location signs.

On Friday 16th October, James Gillett, station manager for GOVIA, provided two free training sessions at 96 Shenley Road. Hertsmere Leisure, Library, Tesco Staff and others who will be working or volunteering where defibrillators are being installed took part. Each session lasted three hours and each attendee was certificated.

## Defibrillator at 96

All Town Councillors attended the installation of a defibrillator on Wednesday 21st October at 7pm. A number of partners in the project took part including representatives from the police, fire and ambulance services, BETTA, CAH, EBRA and Elstree Screen Heritage.

The Commemorative Plaque was unveiled by Town Mayor Richard Butler. This defibrillator was purchased jointly by Hertsmere Leisure and Lawrence Stack. Lawrence has been busy collecting money for the



Town Mayor Cllr Richard Butler being trained how to use a defibrillator

project. To date he has collected over £1,300, much of it from the Big Brother and "Strictly" queues.

In exchange for James Gillett doing the training, the team are putting in a defibrillator at Elstree and Borehamwood Station in November. The station is now manned 24/7 so access is guaranteed. The defibrillator at the station has been donated by the members of the Borehamwood Spiritual Centre based at Allum Lane Community Centre.

**Pat Strack**

## Taylor Wimpey helps spread good cheer at seasonal events

Leading local housebuilder Taylor Wimpey North Thames has pledged its support for two seasonal celebrations in Elstree and Borehamwood.

The developer, which has its regional head office in Borehamwood and has just launched a brand new phase of apartments at Gemini Park in Manor Way, has donated £1,000 to the Town Council towards this year's Bonfire Night firework display and the annual Christmas lights switch-on.

Christine Scarborough, Sales and Marketing Director for Taylor Wimpey North Thames, says: "We're absolutely delighted to be supporting Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council by contributing towards the running of two of its most popular annual events, and we hope local people have a fantastic time at the firework display and the big switch-on of the Christmas lights.

"As a responsible local housebuilder, we are committed to supporting the communities in which we build, so we were only too pleased to offer our support towards these wonderful occasions that will bring the whole community together."

Taylor Wimpey donated £500 towards the running costs of the Elstree and Borehamwood firework display which took place on Thursday 5th November at Meadow Park in Borehamwood.



Another £500 has been paid to the council towards the fun-filled festive lights switch-on, taking place on Sunday 29th November.

This is the second successive year Taylor Wimpey has supported both events following a successful sponsorship arrangement in 2014.

There's a choice of one and two-bedroom apartments now on sale at Taylor Wimpey's Gemini Park development. Further information is available from the Sales Information Centre, off Elstree Way, by calling 0203 697 8405 or by visiting [www.taylorwimpey.co.uk](http://www.taylorwimpey.co.uk).



# DisAbility Games

The North London Rotary Club's 4th DisAbility Games was held on Sunday 11th October at the Aspire Leisure Centre in Stanmore.

Disabled groups that took part were Aylesbury Area Disabled Club (Stoke Mandeville), Harrow Kingfishers swimming Club, Phoenix (Gerrards Cross), Visually Impaired Club (VIC - Borehamwood) and Phab – Physically Handicapped and Abled Bodied Club (Bushey and Watford) as well as some independent participants. In all 36 disabled participants took part, seven of whom were in wheelchairs.

Eleven Rotary Clubs helped to run the event including the Rotary Club of Elstree & Borehamwood which meets each week at the Radlett Park Golf Club on Thursdays over lunch (details from the Secretary on 01923 85 4403). Each of the activities was run by one of the Clubs: Darts, Bagatelle, Bocchia, New Age Kurling, Bowls, Table Tennis and Stick Ball all provided challenges in their own way for the competitors. The activities rounded off with a wheelchair slalom, not confined to wheelchair users. In total nearly 70 Rotarians, their spouses and families took part in helping on the day.

Medalists from the VIC were Martyn Hyland, who won Gold in the quoits and Silver in the Bagatelle, Michael Capocci, who won Gold in the Bagatelle (much to the annoyance of Martyn), and John Cooper who won Bronze in the Stickball. But of course it was the fact that so many took part that was much more important.

The event was ably compered by Scott MacLachlan, Deputy Mayor of



Photos by Clive Butchins



Hertsmere, Councillor Pete Rutledge, along with District Governor Tony Finkel helped with Prize giving. All in all it was a most enjoyable afternoon for all those involved.

**Clive Butchins**

## Funky Friends

Funky friends were pleased to open their doors for the first time on Friday 23rd October for a taster session, parents officially signed up their children for membership to the club. The session was open to parents and their children to see what will be on offer. The event was full.

The official opening took place on Friday 6th November and was opened by the Town Mayor, Richard Butler, with the Borehamwood Times in attendance.

Places at the club are limited, and we are fortunate to have had a great deal of interest in joining, so we are now operating a reserve list. More volunteers are coming forward, and once these have gone through the relevant checks and training we will be able to offer more places. Please register your interest by email to [admin@funkyfriends.org](mailto:admin@funkyfriends.org)

We are grateful to each and every person who made this possible; the community came together and made this project what it is today.

**Anna Coleshill**

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## Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council New Website

Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council has launched a new website which has been designed to provide a more user friendly experience with improved navigation and functionality throughout allowing residents better access to local services.

It includes updated information on what's going on in the town for events like the Summer Festival, Firework Displays and Christmas Lights.

The website will also have links to the cinema, theatre, and other local entertainment.

Other information on the website will be bus and train timetables and an Archive Vault with magazines and videos of past events stretching back over the last 30 years.

It provides easy access to Council Meeting Calendars, Council Services, and Minutes from past Town Council meetings.



[www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](http://www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)

# Christmas Lights

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 29th November. The family fun event takes place from 2pm-6pm behind All Saints Church on Shenley Road.

Free entertainments include the ever-popular Ice Rink, sponsored by Taylor Wimpey, a vintage Carousel, Santa's Grotto and more.

All Saints Church plays host to local primary school children singing carols from 2:15pm (tickets only) before mulled wine, mince pies with Borehamwood Brass and the Borehamwood Community Choir warming up the crowd for the main event.

At 4:30pm EastEnders actress Shona McGarty will help Cllr Richard Butler, Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood turn on the lights illuminating Shenley Road, Manor Way, Leeming Road, and Elstree High Street, formally marking the start of the festive season.

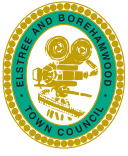
Collections will be made for the Borehamwood Visually Impaired Club, this year's Mayor's charity.

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



Photos courtesy of Taylor Wimpey





# Town mayor Richard Butler kicks off Elstree & Borehamwood's Teddy's Trails



Elstree & Borehamwood Mayor, Richard Butler, and a group of 40 walkers were greeted on the inaugural 'Teddy's Trails' walk on Sunday 11 October by Teddy, a fox terrier who has been a local resident since puppyhood. A ceremony to kick off the first walk was hosted by Thameslink railway at Elstree & Borehamwood station, the starting point of the 18 different trails on offer.

Mayor Richard Butler said:

"It was great to see so many people turn out to the launch, I had a great day and learnt a lot about the town that I didn't know."

Thameslink's station manager for Elstree & Borehamwood James Gillett also welcomed the launch of Teddy's Trails, urging those from London and the surrounding area to "come and enjoy the great country routes on offer!"

John Cartledge, Teddy's owner, said:

"Teddy loves the open countryside that surrounds the town and is keen for others to get to know it too, so he was naturally excited to champion the trails for the Hertfordshire Year of Walking. And he was certainly at the centre of things on Sunday."

To mark the Year of Walking, Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council is sponsoring Teddy's Trails.

The trails are between three and eight miles long. Walkers take a bus outbound, before tracing established footpaths and country lanes back to the town, passing places of interest described in the trail guides. All of the routes have been traversed and approved by Teddy, who is an enthusiastic and experienced user of the local footpath network.

Sunday's inaugural walkers took the 107 bus to Edgwarebury, before strolling back past a farm once raided by Dick Turpin, a hotel frequented by film stars, Hertfordshire's only giraffe, and the home of the surgeon who made Napoleon's death mask.

For more information or to download any of the 18 trails, please go to [www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](http://www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk). Some of the routes use London buses, which are now cashless, so for these walkers will need an Oyster card, Zip card, concessionary bus pass or contactless credit/debit card.



John Cartledge with the Teddy's Trails walkers

Photos by Dan Salter



## Visually Impaired Club's Macmillan Tea Party and Quiz nets £1200 with the help of dance fans

The usual Friday afternoon activities of the Visually Impaired Club were put aside on Friday 25 September to facilitate a Tea Party and Quiz; the aim was to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Care. Over 50 people attended the afternoon and at 4pm Sasha Capocci told the group that £650 had been raised.

That Friday evening saw the start of 'Strictly Come Dancing' at the studios that are opposite Maxwell Park Community Centre. Generous dance fans also enjoyed refreshments from the tea party and boosted the total collected to £1,200.

Sasha Capocci, who had engineered the afternoon with friends and VIC helpers, was delighted. Sasha said 'Last year's event had raised £750 so £1,200 was beyond our wildest dreams. We thank Clive and Elaine Butchins for the quiz and everyone who supported our event'.

The following Friday the members of the Vic supported another fund raising event at Number 96, which raised funds for a defibrillator for that venue.

Sasha Capocci presented the Macmillan Charity with a cheque at the Older Folks Tea party on 9th October at Maxwell Community Centre.

About 80 Older folk were entertained with afternoon tea by the Visually Impaired Club.

**The VIC meets at Maxwell Park Community Centre on Friday afternoons from 1.30pm until 4pm.**



*Sasha Capocci collecting from the 'Strictly Come Dancing' audience*



*Sasha Capocci presenting a cheque to Macmillan's with Deputy Mayor Cllr Anne Mitchell*

Photo by Clive Butchins



## What do blind and partially sighted people want from the Talking Newspaper?

This was the issue discussed after the routine business of the Annual General Meeting of the Radlett, Elstree, Borehamwood and Shenley Talking Newspaper held on Tuesday 6th October at St John's Church in Radlett.

Borough Mayor, Cllr Martin Worster, with Mayoress, Pam Worster, and Cllr Richard Butler, Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood, all enthusiastically joined in the lively discussion with volunteers of the organisation and its guests.

The Talking Newspaper has been running for over 35 years and for 30 of those years a weekly recording was sent to blind or partially sighted members of the community on audio cassettes. In 2010 the organisation changed over to USB memory sticks.

Each weekly recording has 30 minutes of local news from the Borehamwood Times and its sister paper, the Watford Observer, and 30 minutes of magazine items.

For a variety of reasons the number of listeners has fallen over the years; thankfully there have been major advances in the treatment of cataracts and some advances in the treatment of macular degeneration.

However, the organisation is now asking if the formula successfully used for 35 years needs revising; what do the listeners want? One answer is more good news but we have no control over that.

The chairman of the Talking Newspaper, David Clout, invites relatives, neighbours and friends of blind and partially sighted people to tell them about the current service available to them and to ask them what they would like in addition to local news.

David said 'Please send me any feedback from your discussions with visually impaired people and contact me for further information about the talking newspaper and its sister organisation, the Visually Impaired Club, on 01923 854403 or email [david.clout@btinternet.com](mailto:david.clout@btinternet.com)

**David Clout**

# Cub Scouts visit to Antwerp

On Thursday 30th July, 11 Cub Scouts from Elstree District, together with 2 Explorers and 4 Leaders, Anne Osbourne, Danielle Dorsett and Carol and Len Denbigh, left Elstree and Borehamwood station to make their way to St Pancras International where they formed part of a group of fifty, from across Hertfordshire, who were off to Antwerp in Belgium.

The group travelled by Eurostar to Brussels and then transferred to a local train service which took them on to Antwerp Central. After a short walk from the station they made their base in the Scoutel Hostel, which is run by the Belgium Scout Association.

The Cubs were then taken to a local restaurant for an evening meal, after which they visited a local ice cream shop where they were able to select locally made produce in a large range of flavours.

After a period of relaxation in a local park the group headed back to the Hostel for a much needed night's sleep.

After breakfast on Friday morning, the cubs made their own packed lunch and the group headed off on a tour of the old City, (the home of the Artist "Rubens"). After visiting "T Steen" the castle and then walking under the River Schelde in the 80 year old Sint-Anna tunnel, they had their picnic lunch in a local park. The group were then taken on an underground tram back across the city. Here they visited a chocolate factory which specialised in handmade Belgium chocolate sweets. The group returned for the evening meal again in a local restaurant. This was followed by a ride on a local over ground tram and a visit to the local statue park before returning to the hostel.

Saturday saw the group visit the famous Antwerp Zoo, which has been in existence since 1843, where they all had a very enjoyable time viewing the vast variety of animals on display in some very innovative enclosures.

After the zoo visit the group picked up their luggage from the hostel and made their way back to Brussels by train where they had a meal in



a famous fast food restaurant before catching the Euro star train back to St Pancras. The group then split up and the Elstree group journeyed home where they were met by their parents at the local station.

**Len Denbigh**

## It's Behind You! No It's Still To Come!

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A Head teacher quoted on last year's pantomime saying "All members of cast were excellent, could not be improved upon, all ages thoroughly enjoyed the performance including the staff".





# Singing to Save the Kids

A young boy singer with a voice of powerful purity, a professional concert band playing a series of hum-along tunes and a gutsy, full throated choir. These were the ingredients of the British Friends of Orr Shalom charity fund-raising concert which took place at Allum Hall on Monday 19th October.

The concert, organised by councillor Sandra Parnell with the help of Sue Mosafi and the BFOS committee, featured local talent Ilan Galkoff, who, at 12, has already starred in Matilda and is currently rehearsing Elf in the West End, as well as Elstree's own professional concert band and AChaired, a local choir arranged by Kristian Parks. The 150 strong

audience gave them all a standing ovation.

British Friends of Orr Shalom is a charity that aims to look after children in Israel who have



*Ilan Galkoff*



Photos by Clive Butchins

been very seriously abused or neglected. The children come from a wide variety of faiths or no faith at all, but what they have in common is having lost much of their childhood to neglect and abuse. This is particularly traumatic in that family life is all important in the Middle East and so these children are often especially isolated and vulnerable.

While the charity cannot give these children back their lost years, it provides them with the education, counselling and support they need, whether in foster or group homes, to enable them to go forward and build new, productive lives for themselves within their communities. This is done through a mixture of government grant and, importantly, donations raised by international supporters such as BFOS. Thanks to intensive support, many do go onto university, hold down jobs and even, in one case, play sport at national level. That's surely something to sing about.

**Sharon Maxwell-Magnus**

## Police Macmillan Coffee Morning

The Town Safer Neighbourhood Team held a Macmillan Coffee morning at Aberford Park Borehamwood.

The police team have raised £332.75 to date. Cakes were donated by local businesses. PC Tanya Bainbridge-Price, PCSOs Chris Messetter and James Gaitskill held the first shift. Thank you to all who attended and donated.

**Pat Strack**



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For further information please contact our Co-ordinator:

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# Chahna Morgan celebrates her 15 years at Fairway Hall with Hertsmere Academy

Chahna Morgan, Principal of Hertsmere Academy of Dance & Performing Arts, is celebrating her 15 years at the school, which was founded by Diane Parks and has been running at Fairway Hall for more than 30 years.

Over these 15 years the school has been part of so many fantastic things including the Borehamwood Parade and Families Day every year, Christmas concerts, Community Celebrations/Commemorative events, Charity shows and Galas, Salsa Parties, Workshops and performances with touring Dance/Acting companies, TV and Film work, Festivals and Hertsmere Academy's own Productions, to name just a few.

The school has also provided its students with a foundation to gain vital life skills which includes government recognized qualifications, Chahna being a Fully Qualified and registered teacher has entered in her name over 530 students within this school so far, from Pre-Primary to Advanced levels, in the Royal Academy of Dance Ballet, Tap, Modern, Jazz and Musical Theatre (Singing, Acting, Dance), maintaining an outstanding 100% pass rate.

The school has seen so many students become successful in this

industry by being awarded scholarships into top London Professional colleges, performing in the West-end in principal roles for musicals such as Matilda and Les Miserables, performing in short films, commercials and TV shows such as 'Strictly Come Dancing' and 'X-Factor' plus in British and American TV series such as 'Misfits' and 'Under the Dome'.

Chahna said 'We are so very proud of all the students that come through the school, we want to inspire them to be the best they can, let's just see what exciting things the next 15 years will bring'.



## Woodcock Hill Village Green AGM Chairman's Report Monday 19 October 2015

### Special events

May 9th 2015 VE Day celebrations took place in conjunction with the E&B/Wood Town Council and the Royal British Legion. The opening by Town Mayor Cllr Pat Strack and Hertsmere Mayor Cllr Carey and Mayoress Shirley Keates signalled the start of a lively afternoon of music from Borehamwood Brass, MCd by Paul Welsh and Nick Male.

### Working parties

In the autumn 2014 Alex Melson joined the committee. He introduced the monthly working parties and drew up a Management Plan. These started with Mitzvah Day in November. During the year working parties cleared vegetation and rubbish. Volunteers built a dead hedge, a hibernaculum (which is a specially built underground den aimed at providing hibernation opportunities for a range of potential wildlife including slow worms, wood mice, frogs, newts and a lot of invertebrates) as well as the usual litter picking and bramble clearance. The erection of bat boxes supplied by Marlborough School in St Albans was a first for Woodcock Hill.

### Next working Party Mitzvah Day 22nd November 10.30am to 1.30pm

When the campaign was won in 2008 for the land at Woodcock Hill to be a Village Green, the landowners remained the same: Taylor Wimpey (formerly Laings) and Mr Jacques Onona. The landowners did not lose the land but had no rights over it. The committee have the right to manage the area for 'lawful recreational use'. Brambles are cut back, rubbish is cleared and habitats are preserved. Dual use is encouraged for humans and the wildlife that abounds there.

### Threats to WHVG a New Playground adjacent to Byron Ave

This was averted by the vigilance of the committee who spotted the project proposed by Hertsmere

Borough Council and Taylor Wimpey to build a playground on WHVG. The Open Spaces Society and our solicitor gave advice about the special legal status of Village Greens. Section 106 money will be paid by Taylor Wimpey for infrastructure improvement. This will now be spent on projects on WHVG as well as a revamp to the playground in Vale Ave. The committee will work with Hertsmere Borough Council Officers to decide the projects when the money becomes available.

### Land swap

Taylor Wimpey proposed that the former 9 acres (owned by Taylor Wimpey) of 'safeguarded' land at the bottom of Woodcock Hill be swapped from Village Green status to allow housing. The land swap would be with the 29 acres at the top of the hill at the corner of Furzehill Road and Barnet Lane. WHVG Committee voted to turn down this offer citing loss of amenity, difficulty with flooding, too much housing already in the area and pressure on roads and local infrastructure. At an EGM for residents this recommendation was unanimously accepted.

**Committee members: Pat Strack (Chair) Clive Butchins, Yvonne Harris, Jo Kay, Alex Melson, Sandra Parnell, Peter Williams, Sue Williams.**



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# Elstree & Borehamwood Christian Council



## Celebrate Christmas 2015 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 19th Dec. 10am-1pm: Extended Confessions  
Thur 24th Dec. 6pm: Christmas Vigil & Children's Nativity (St Teresa's)  
8pm: Christmas Vigil Mass (St Teresa's)  
11.30-12pm: Carol Service (SSJFTM)  
12pm: Midnight Mass (SSJFTM)


Fri 25th Dec. NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
10am: Mass (St. Teresa's)  
Noon: Mass (SSJFTM)

Thur 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: 0785 296 3659; 0795 769 4417

Thur 31st Dec. 10.00 pm Watchnight Service at Holy Cross



### New Life Assembly (Redeemed Christian Church of God)

[info@nlaborhamwood.co.uk](mailto:info@nlaborhamwood.co.uk) Tel: 07931784966

Fri 25th Dec. 10.00am Joint Christmas Day Service with ICF  
Venue: International Christian Fellowship Manor way WD6 1QY  
Thur 31st Dec. 10.00 pm Watchnight Service (New Year's Eve)  
Venue: St Michaels & All Angels church Hall Brook Road WD6 5EQ

### Church of England

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

#### All Saints Church

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

Sun 20st Dec. 10.00am Lessons and Carols  
Christmas Eve 4.00pm Crib Service  
11.30pm Midnight Mass  
Christmas Day 10.00am Family Communion

#### Holy Cross Church

Balmoral Drive, WD6 2QU Revd Christine Hina (020) 8953 2183

Sun 20th Dec 7.00pm Lessons and Carols  
Christmas Eve 4.00pm Crib and Christingle Service  
Christmas Day 10.00am Family Communion followed by Christmas lunch  
Parish Communion

Sun 27th Dec 10.00am Parish Communion

#### St Nicholas Church

Elstree High Street, WD6 3EW Revd Lucy Dallas (020) 8953 8374

Sun 13th Dec. 6.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols  
Christmas Eve 4.00pm Crib Service  
11.30pm Midnight Mass  
Christmas Day 9.30am Family Communion

#### St Michael & All Angels Church

Brook Road, WD6 5EQ Revd Louise Collins (020) 8953 2362

Sat. 28th Nov. 10:00am-1:00pm Advent Fair  
Sun 6th Dec. 4.00pm The Spirit of Advent Service  
Sun 13th Dec. 4:00pm Advent & Christmas Carol Service  
Christmas Eve 5:00pm Christmas Story and Christingle  
11:30pm 'Midnight' Holy Communion  
Christmas Day 10:00am Family Service

### St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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

Sun 20st Dec. 6:00pm Carol & Verse Service  
Christmas Eve 6:00pm Service  
Christmas Day 9:00am Service

### Borehamwood Baptist Church


12 Furzehill Rd., Borehamwood <http://www.borehamwoodbapch.org>

Sun 20th Dec. 10.30am Christmas Communion Service  
6.30pm Candlelight Carol Service  
Fri 25th Dec. 10.00am Christmas Morning Service

### St. Andrews U.R.C Church

Aycliffe Road, Borehamwood

Wed 16th Dec 8:00 pm Carols by candlelight  
Sun 20th Dec. 10:15 am Nativity play  
Fri 25th Dec. 10:15 am Christmas Day service



### International Christian Fellowship

Manor Way, Borehamwood WD6 1QY  
[www.icfellowship.org](http://www.icfellowship.org) Patrick Bateman (Pastor) 020 8207 1837

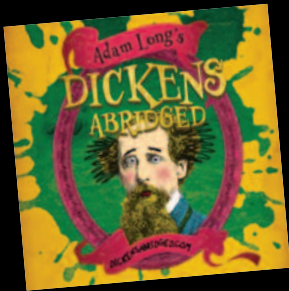
Sun 29 th Nov. 5:00 pm Children's Activity  
Fri 4th Dec. 7:45 for 8pm Film "Do you believe"  
Fri 25th Dec. 10.00 am Joint service with New Life Assembly at Manor Way  
Wed 31st Dec. 10.30 pm Watchnight Celebration with New Life Assembly in St Michael's hall



# THE ARK THEATRE

## BOREHAMWOOD

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### Dickens Abridged

From Adam Long, founding member of The Reduced Shakespeare Company comes a high speed journey through Dickens greatest works. Superb and hilarious!

Thursday 26 November @ 7.30pm  
£15/£13 concessions.



### Christmas Concert - hosted by the Visually Impaired Club

Hosted by and in aid of the Visually Impaired Club, come along and join in the festivities with a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie included in the ticket price.

Saturday 28 November @ 7pm  
£10 for all.



### A Christmas Celebration - hosted by the Rotary Club

Come and celebrate the music of Christmas, Rotary Club style, with invited choirs and the Borehamwood Brass Band. Ticket price includes a complimentary glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. Plenty of festive songs to sing along to.

Saturday 5 December @ 7pm  
£8 for all.



### A Christmas Carol

Booster Cushion Theatre's version uses mime, voice, some sign language, a novel 60cm tall pop-up book and lots of audience participation to tell this classic Christmas Story. Recommended for ages 3-10.

Friday 18 December, late afternoon, tbc.  
Adults £8/£6 children. Family Ticket £25.



### Total Who

Johnny Warman's Magic Bus bring you a tribute to The Who in their own unique way.

Friday 15 January @ 8pm  
£12/£10 concessions.



### Ekklesia - Atmosphere Tour

EKKLESIA are a band who love life and love making music that makes a difference. Their style mixes Gospel with a hint of pop, soul and R&B.

Saturday 23 January @ 7.30pm  
£10/£8 concessions.



### Michael Harvey Piano Recital

Piano Recital by Michael Harvey back by popular demand! A rare opportunity to enjoy virtuoso piano classics with an entertaining flair!

Sunday 7 February @ 7.30pm  
£15/£12 concessions.



### The BBC Elstree Concert Band - Icons from the Small Screen

This popular band treat us to melodies from well-loved TV programmes. See if you can name that tune!

Saturday 13 February @ 8pm  
£8 for all.

## Coming soon.....

### Abba Reunion

A must for all ABBA fans, starring the original Frida from the West End!

Saturday 16 April @ 7.30pm  
£16.50.

# What's on

**Saturday 21 November**

## Maxwell Jam III

Maxwell Park, 7.30pm  
£3, first drink free with ticket

## Rotary Quiz

St Michael & All Angels Church, Brook Road,  
7pm

£12, including supper  
020 8953 1827

**Sunday 22 November**

## Mitzvah Day Volunteer Clearance

Woodcock Hill, 10.30am - 1.30pm

**Tuesday 24 November**

## EBRA Meeting

St Teresa's Hall, 7.50pm

**Thursday 26 November**

## Far From the Madding Crowd (12A)

96 Shenley Road, 1.15pm

£5 including tea & cake  
01442 454 001

**Friday 27 November & Saturday 28 November**

## EBLOS Musical Theatre presents Christmas Cabaret

Fairway Hall, 8pm

Info: 020 8953 8641

**Saturday 28 November**

## Advent Fair

St Michael & All Angels Church, Brook Road,  
10am - 1pm

## Concert for VIC Charity

The Ark, 7pm

£10, includes Mulled Wine/Soft Drink and Mince Pie

020 8238 7288

**Sunday 29 November**

## NSPCC Xmas Fayre

Allum Hall, 10.30am - 3.30pm

## Christmas Lights Switch On Free Santa's Grotto, Ice Rink and much more

All Saints Church, 2pm - 6pm

## Children's Activities

International Christian Fellowship,  
Manor Way WD6 1QY, 5pm

**Tuesday 1 December**

## U3A "The History of Pantomime"

St Teresa's Hall, 10.30am

**Friday 4 December**

## Free Screening of "Do You Believe" Free Popcorn and Coke

International Christian Fellowship, Manor  
Way WD6 1QY, 7.45pm

**Saturday 5 December**

## Winter Wonderland Family Disco

Maxwell Park, 7pm

020 8953 4295


**Sunday 6 December**

## Santa in Love

96 Shenley Road, 11.30am & 2pm

£8.30 per person

01442 454 001



**Hertsmere Academy  
of Dance and Performing  
Arts**

Sunday 6th December at 2pm at The Ark Theatre  
Hertsmere Academy of Dance & Performing Arts  
Recital

A Special event to showcase what wonderful talented students the school has and what they have achieved. Demonstrating their work in a professional environment, making it one very exciting afternoon.

WWW.INSPIRINGHERTS.COM

**Monday 7 December**

## BBC Elstree Concert Band Christmas Concert

Allum Hall, 8pm

£5 (No Concessions). Tickets available from Allum Hall & Town Council Office at Fairway Hall.

**Saturday 12 December**

## Royal Legion Branch Christmas Dinner

The Royal Legion, 7pm

Enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner followed by Dancing and a professional cabaret show from The Tootsie Rollers. Ticket only, members and partners £20 each, non-members £40 (must be accompanied by a member).

All profits from raffle to go to The Poppy Appeal.

**Wednesday 16 December**

## DR96 Xmas Lunch

96 Shenley Road, 12pm

By tickets only

**Thursday 17 December**

## Woman in Gold (12A)

96 Shenley Road, 1.15pm

£5 including tea & cake

01442 454 001

**Tuesday 22 December**

## Beauty and the Beast

Maxwell Park Community Centre, 9am - 1pm, Monday to Friday

Free family event hosted by Maxwell Park Community Centre and sponsored by Keep Moat & Affinity Sutton.

Entrance by ticket only, available from Maxwell Park Community Centre  
020 8953 4295

**Thursday 21 January**

## Mr Holmes (PG)

96 Shenley Road, 1.15pm

£5 including tea & cake

01442 454 001

**Sunday 31 January**

## The Elves and the Shoemaker

96 Shenley Road, 11.30am & 2pm

£6 per person

01442 454 001

**Thursday 11 February**

## Borehamwood & District Garden Craft Society Annual General Meeting

Allum Manor House

Enquiries: Ann; 07973184077



Borehamwood & Elstree  
Twin Town Association  
Invites you to  
Carols by Candlelight  
featuring Festive Treats with Music  
On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm  
St Paul's Lutheran Church, Cranes Way,  
Borehamwood, WD6 2DB

Tickets £1.00  
For more information or tickets  
Contact BETTA on  
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m. 0771 7176869  
bettagroup@btinternet.com

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## Elstree

Information on local groups is available at <http://www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk/index.php/yourtown/local-groups>

## Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council meetings

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

24 November	Environment & Planning	Fairway Hall	7.00pm
9 December	Youth Council	Fairway Hall	6.30pm
6 January	Youth Council	Fairway Hall	6.30pm
12 January	Entertainments	Fairway Hall	7.30pm
13 January	COUNCIL	Civic Offices	7.30pm
19 January	Environment & Planning	Fairway Hall	7.00pm
3 February	Events Forum	Fairway Hall	7.00pm
9 February	Entertainments	Fairway Hall	7.30pm
10 February	Youth Council	Fairway Hall	6.30pm
11 February	General Management	Fairway Hall	7.00pm
16 February	Environment & Planning	Fairway Hall	7.00pm

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

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