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The magazine for Elstree & Borehamwood residents



Elstree Screen Heritage Celebrating 10 Years!



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Letter from the Mayor...



Rebecca and I attended many events over the Christmas period ranging from pantomimes at Maxwell Park to a Christmas Fair at 96 Shenley Road. We also joined in with the Chanukah Candle lighting at Tesco. We saw Leeming Road get a Christmas tree thanks to the help of local organisations, businesses with a team of volunteers. The train station saw the arrival of a Christmas tree which was turned on with the help of the 5th Borehamwood Brownie and Girl Guides Group.

This year I look forward to completing the start-up of the Town Councils Business Forum and continuing to see the positive and productive community we have in action here in Elstree and Borehamwood. If you wish for me to attend any event please feel free to get in touch with my secretary at the Town Council, as your Town Mayor I am always happy to help.



Cllr Richard Butler
Mayor of Elstree & Borehamwood
020 8207 1382



An audience at Borehamwood's Ark Theatre was treated to a packed evening of pre-Christmas entertainment in aid of the Mayor's charity of the year, the Visually Impaired Club.

Singer songwriter Kelly Erez kicked off the evening. She also raised money by selling her album to audience members, including to both the mayor of Hertsmeire and the Mayor of Borehamwood and Elstree.

Girls and boys from Hertsmeire Academy of Dance and Performing Arts wowed with a Ukrainian character dance and a contemporary dance to Michael Jackson's Earth Song, followed up by an energetic trio of Hairspray hits.

Three teenagers also topped the bill: singers and guitarists Rosie Charles and Piya Maroo and pianist Harjivan Singh.

Ventriloquist Owen Reid brought his "Afro Dizzy Act" to The Ark and the Simply Acapella choir performed Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody, while acclaimed soprano Denise Clarke rounded off the event with a rousing performance of Con De Partiro: Time To Say Goodbye.

The evening raised more than £1,500 and was organised by the Visually Impaired Club's co-founder, Sasha Capocci.

The club meets every Friday from 1.30pm to 4pm at Maxwell Park Community Centre, Maxwell Road, Borehamwood.

For more information please go to the website www.visuallyimpairedclub.co.uk

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4th Impact Visit Borehamwood

Cllr Cynthia Barker invited X Factor finalists 4th Impact to Elstree and Borehamwood.

The sensational Filipino singing quartet, who were greeted by Cllrs. Sandra Parnell, Gary Silver, Charles Kelly and Clive Butchins, took in the sights of the Town Council offices, Boreham Wood Football Club, Elstree & Borehamwood Museum and Elstree Studios.

Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council warmly welcomed X Factor top 5 finalist, 4th Impact, Irene, Mylene, Almira and Celina. They were presented with the Town plaque by the Leader of the Council Cllr Sandra Parnell and given a tour of the town.

The band were then welcomed at Boreham Wood Football Club where they signed t-shirts. The girl band had the privilege of holding the club's promotion trophy.

Michael Capocci, a leading member of The VIC (Visually Impaired Club) had a surprise visit from 4th Impact. Michael is a big fan of 4th Impact. He is blind but sees through music.

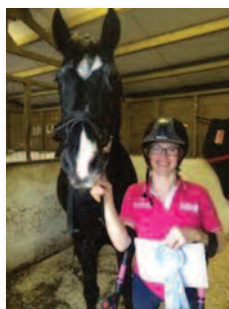


Photos by Clive Butchins

Penniwells

One of the Penniwells horses "Prince" is The National RDA Horse of the Year 2015

Well done to Prince and thank you to Rebecca Brown and Sarah Healing for nominating him. He is a very special horse who has given an opportunity to hundreds of disabled riders and volunteers at the centre over 20 years and continues to enjoy his sessions today. Without our horses we cannot do what we do. The trophy was presented by Clare Balding at The Riding for the Disabled Association Gala Awards held in The Long Room at Lords Cricket ground.



Christmas Celebrations:

On Saturday 5th December all our riders and volunteers celebrated the achievements of 2015 during which many have passed proficiency tests, accomplished endeavour promises, had good competition results and completed Bronze level Young Equestrian Leaders Awards. Penniwells is an inspirational place where lives are being changed for the better every single day. Ponies were dressed in tinsel, did musical rides and really enjoyed joining in with the celebrations.

Penniwells Charity Abseil - 100ft St. Mary's Church Tower, Watford

23 riders and volunteers took up the challenge of abseiling 100ft down the Church tower – For many it was the first time they had ever done anything like this. Between them they have raised nearly £8000 for Penniwells RDA.

Donations can still be made by using the free Just Giving service Text to Donate "JUMP 35 £10.00" to 70070.



Volunteers are required throughout the week so if you have a couple of hours a week spare please get in touch and speak to Trix on 020 8207 4525.



We want to thank the people of Hertsmere for their continued support of the Borehamwood Foodbank this autumn and Christmas.

We have been genuinely touched by your generosity. We have had tremendous responses from school Harvest Festivals, Mitzvah Day collections to Christmas collections from workplaces and individuals. Every contribution is valuable and it really does feel as if we are working together to make a difference in our community.

This year when we gave out our Christmas food packs we took time to chat with people about the difference the food is making. For some it was the ability to have some Christmas food that they could otherwise not afford, but for many our food bags gave them a reason to celebrate Christmas.

Knowing that we are making a difference inspires us to want to do more. Recently two of our trustees attended the launch of the report from the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Hunger called Feeding Britain 2015-16. We know that what we are doing is being replicated in communities all over the country in an effort to combat hunger and food poverty.

Our challenge for 2016 is to continue to fund and run both these projects. We do need more support – in helping to apply for grants or to fundraise, in helping to manage or develop small parts of our project – we do need more people on board. If you are interested and would like to chat to us about what is involved please call Kim at the Borehamwood Foodbank on 020 3583 1109.



Leecliffe Big Local



Leecliffe Big Local is pleased to announce that they are up and running again. Since the end of June 2015 a new Big Local Rep has been working with the Partnership to find a new Locally Trusted Organisation, increase the number of members on the Partnership and to refresh the Big Local Plan.

In December 2015 Affinity Sutton was appointed as the Locally Trusted Organisation and is very excited to be partnering with Leecliffe Big Local. There are now 13 members on the Partnership which has more than doubled since June 2015. Consultation is taking place across the Big Local area to develop a new Big Local Plan and we have had a positive response from residents of all ages. By Spring 2016 a Big Local Worker will have been appointed by Affinity Sutton and they will work closely with the Leecliffe Big Local Partnership to deliver the new plan.

Leecliffe Big Local is aiming to submit their new plan to Local Trust at the end of March 2016. Between January and March 2016 the Partnership will be delivering a number of workshops with Stakeholders to develop project ideas in response to the comments residents have made during the consultation. The Partnership is keen to commission some local organisations to deliver aspects of their new plan to ensure the Big Local investment benefits everyone in the Big Local area.

If anyone wants to find out more or get more involved please contact our Big Local Rep Gill Hutchinson at macassociates@ntlworld.com

Event Stewards

Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council are currently recruiting stewards for various events during 2016. As one of our events team you will be part of some of the most high profile events in Elstree & Borehamwood. The events that will be covered are the Summer Festival, Fireworks Night and Christmas Lights swith-on to name a few.

Our event staff work hard providing a visible reminder that safety is our number one priority for the general public, all whilst maintaining extremely high levels of customer service.

Role responsibility:

As Event Staff you will be helping in all manner of ways including, but not limited to:

- Patrolling
- Selling and checking tickets
- Directing patrons and monitoring crowds
- Provide general guidance to the public
- Car Park Stewarding

The Ideal Candidate:

- Flexibility and reliability are essential
- You must be at least 18 years old and able to be flexible regarding hours
- Excellent communication skills and an aptitude for working with the public
- A friendly, approachable and professional manner
- Previous experience in stewarding or customer care would be advantageous

Come and join our friendly team of paid helpers. If you would like to find out more or attend one of our training and information events email richard@hbwa.org.uk or telephone 07535 180797.



Council Precept Paying for Top Quality Services



The amount Town and Parish Councils take from the Council Tax is still just 2p in every pound.

2015/16	2016/17
Total Precept and Council Grant	Total Precept
£353,734	£442,712
Band D Yearly Charge	Band D Yearly Charge
£25.09	£36.08

What's new in 2016/17?

Looking forwards, key events of 2016/17 will be:

- Thursday 21 April** - Celebrating the Queen's Birthday with a Beacon Lighting
- Saturday 4 June** - The Queen's Official 90th birthday
- Saturday 7 May** - An improved Pre-Festival Event at the Piazza
- Saturday 18 June** - The Town Carnival Parade
- Sunday 19 June** - A Skate Park Awareness Day, watch the experts and learn some new tricks
- Tuesday 21 June** - Primary Schools Performing Arts Concert
- Wednesday 22 June** - Get your thinking caps on for the Festival Quiz
- Saturday 25 June** - A James Bond themed Classic Car Show with FREE outdoor cinema screenings
- Thursday 30 June** - Elstree & Borehamwood's Got Talent!
- Saturday 2 July** - Families Day with even bigger and better acts and more FREE activities for all to enjoy
- November 2016** - An explosive FREE ENTRY Fireworks Night
- November/December 2016** - Extended Christmas Lights for the community
- December 2016** - The highly acclaimed BBC Elstree Christmas Concert

Other key projects for the Town Council which will benefit residents in the forthcoming year are:

- Detailed investigation of a scheme to deliver a Neighbourhood Development Plan to safeguard the area for the future
- Responding to calls from readers, a 36 page Town Crier magazine packed with local news and articles
- 50 new allotment plots at Stapleton Gardens in the North of Borehamwood
- Increased capacity at Fairway Hall with a premium service available for hall hirers and plans to extend the Council facilities to meet growing demands
- Continuation of the school swimming programme
- A broader range of 60+ Summer Coach Trips (with the introduction of Christmas time trips too)
- A Business Forum to enable local businesses to share expertise and to facilitate networking and, at the request of attendees, more meetings of the Transport and Road Safety Forum and Entertainments Forum
- New projects for the Youth Council, a work experience programme, interactive website, more community activities at Fairway Hall and the Honorary Freeman and Freewoman scheme.



The Town Council believes that the £36.08 that Band D residents will pay per year provides good value for money and is committed to listening to what residents of Elstree and Borehamwood want in terms of Entertainments and other Council services.



Are you the Brain of Borehamwood?

In 2015 Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council launched Teddy's Trails, a network of 18 self-guided walks through the countryside around the town, named after the fox terrier who helped to devise them. Each trail guide is packed with fascinating facts about the places passed along the way. You can find them easily by visiting the Council's website, or entering "Teddy's Trails" in an on-line search engine. Printed copies of individual trails are available from the Council on request.

Now you have a chance to win the coveted title of Brain of Borehamwood by demonstrating your knowledge of the locality and its rich history. Here are ten brain-teasing questions to which the answers are hidden in the trail guides. Can you work them out? To gain full marks, you must find the answer to each question and give a short explanation of how you arrived at it.

1. *Through which portal might it be inadvisable to enter when there's trigger happiness aboard the Northern Irelander?*
2. *What might lubricate the link between a well-armed moneybags, the unorthodox use of domestic utensils, and a sovereign afloat?*
3. *What is the homely connection between a nightcap, an explosive invention and a one-time wag?*
4. *What locally aids the ascent of some creditable fledglings?*
5. *Which Shakespearian play might or might not have triumphed here or somewhere else?*
6. *Where did a diplomatic sire arrive too soon to use public transport?*
7. *How does their frightening enemy leave the lofty divines?*
8. *Whose demise has posthumously proved so healthy for the citizenry of Borehamwood and Radlett?*
9. *Where and how do a pair of junior playing cards offer support to passers-by?*
10. *Who kept what in the family for 159 years?*



Anyone resident or working in the town may enter except members and staff of Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council, their immediate families, and members of Teddy's household.

The deadline for entries is 25th March 2016. Please send your answers on paper to Town Crier Competition, Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council, Fairway Hall, Borehamwood, Herts WD6 5BT accompanied by your name, your postal address in Elstree or Borehamwood, and a daytime telephone number.

Only one entry per household is allowed. It is a condition of entry that you are willing for your name and picture to be published.

All correct entries received will be entered in a draw for the title. The judges' decision will be final. The winner will receive the prize of Olympus 8 x 40 DPSI Binoculars.

The answers will be published in the next issue of Town Crier and on the Council's website.

Prize



"BETTA than ever"

Borehamwood and Elstree Twin Town Association (BETTA) is featuring visits to France and Germany in an exciting new programme.

Why not join a summer trip to Fontenay Aux Roses, near Paris, for the Fete de la Ville and, later in the year, take in a typical German Weinfest in Offenburg, Gateway to the lovely Black Forest.

BETTA will be building on a very successful 2015, which included the ever-popular Bastille Ball and the Carols by Candlelight.

Martine Eni, Chairman of BETTA, offers this invitation to all residents of the town: "If you want to exercise your joi de vivre, or bathe in some comforting gemütlichkeit, you had BETTA get in quick!"

The association can be contacted either by email bettagroup@hotmail.com or by telephone 020 3441 6510.

Andrew Grady





Elstree Screen Heritage

10 Years and still going strong

In Elstree & Borehamwood there are always anniversaries to celebrate. 2014 marked 100 years since the first local film studio (Neptune) opened its doors, and in 2016 Elstree Film Studios will celebrate 90 years of film-making on its site.

2015 had its own reasons to celebrate: 35 years since Stanley Kubrick made "The Shining" and 60 years since the classic British film "The Dam Busters" was first shown.

But for Elstree Screen Heritage 2015 marked 10 years since we came together "to record, preserve and share the unique local heritage of film and television production".

So what have we achieved in that time? "Seeing is believing" and we've held 43 screenings of film and TV, either made in the local studios or, in the case of our own Centenary Documentary, made about the local studios.

We've arranged other events over the years: A Movie Quiz in 2009, An Evening of Movie Memories (2012) and several film and TV-themed performances by the BBC Elstree Concert Band. In 2013 we even set off in a Routemaster bus to visit local film locations which have "starred" in film and TV.

When the new Community Museum opened in November 2013 we were there to unveil our interactive screens, "the ESH Wall". And in 2014 we transformed the Museum for three months with a high impact Centenary Exhibition, featuring memorabilia, extracts from interviews with studio "veterans" and even an Oscar and a BAFTA award!

To help us reach a wider audience we've set up our web site and Facebook site. Paul Welsh has written "Elstree Confidential" and we've also created "Made At Elstree", our guide to the past 100 years, PLUS a special Centenary Souvenir edition of "Town Crier".

A founder member of the multi-agency "First Impressions" Project, since 2008 Elstree Screen Heritage has helped to improve local public spaces and raise awareness of our heritage through an ambitious programme, including: signage and the wall mural at the rail station as well as stars in the pavement and planting, 27 panels in a new Film & TV Heritage



Trail, plus street banners on lamp standards and new signage at key "gateways" to the Town. Perhaps the most important asset we have is the archive of over 65 interviews which we built in partnership with the Film & TV Course at the University of Hertfordshire since 2010. These interviews with the men and women who helped create local film and TV are being made available on-line to everyone, free of charge.

Another way Elstree Screen Heritage has spread its message has been to give talks to local groups. Since 2009 we've made 160 presentations, raising more than £5,000 in donations to help fund our activities.

Through the efforts of our volunteers since May 2005, Elstree Screen Heritage has worked hard to raise the profile of 100 years of local film and TV. But heritage is more than history; both Elstree Film Studios and the BBC Elstree Centre are now as busy as ever, ensuring that Elstree & Borehamwood continues to be "the home of UK film and television".

There's still so much more to do, and we look forward to presenting new ideas in the spring at our AGM. Here's to the next 10 years; and "May the Force Be with Us!"

Bob Redman

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Community Safety Partnership (CSP) meetings



The local Community Safety Partnership is comprised of HBC community safety officers, the police and fire services, Neighborhood Watch co-ordinators, Town, Borough and County Councillors and residents. Updates from all the stakeholders include question and answer sessions for residents. Many safety subjects are discussed and solutions sought to residents' safety issues.

Changes have been made to the Elstree and Borehamwood CSP and meetings will take place every four months instead of three. There are now three local CSPs in Hertsmere reduced from four. Radlett and Bushey have been amalgamated as have Shenley and Potters Bar.

The new chair is Rodney Burt. Rodney has lived in Borehamwood several years now. He is a museum volunteer and part of the Napoleonic Reenactment Society. Rodney helps with light and sound for amateur groups including Elstree Productions.

Meetings will take place at the Civic Offices at 6.30pm in February, June and October. Watch the website for dates.

Borehamwood JLGB

Did you know that JLGB has over 30 groups meeting each week nationwide across the Jewish Community? The JLGB offers a fun and exciting programme of weekly activities which engage young people in exciting skills-building sessions, with a balanced programme of healthy living, citizenship, emotional well-being, leadership development, Jewish identity and much more besides.

Through structured positive activities the JLGB consistently recognises how much young people have achieved and developed. As their journey unfolds, young people earn credits, certificates, awards and qualifications and learn new skills each and every week.

If you're in Year 3 to Year 6 for Juniors or Year 6 to 13 for Seniors and looking for an experience with a difference, JLGB is for you! You can take part in a great range of activities, camps, events and community projects in a safe and friendly atmosphere with thousands of others across the UK.



To learn more and get involved in your local JLGB group, visit www.jlgb.org/localgroups.

Both Units attend the Local Remembrance Parade every year, always with an excellent turnout.



An exciting array of local daytime activities for adults with learning disabilities will kick off in January 2016. Hertsmeremencap is providing the opportunity for them to learn new creative skills, while socialising with others every day of the week.

2016 programme

Monday - arts and crafts

St Teresa's Church Hall, 10am - 12.30pm, £4

Work with ceramics, painting on canvas, printing, as well as seasonal gift making.

Tuesdays - drama

St Teresa's Church Hall, 10am - 11.30am, £4

Discussion and role-play situations which will be chosen collectively. There will be opportunities for people not only to act, but also to work backstage and help create scripts.

Wednesday - coffee morning

96 Shenley Road, 11am - 1pm, Free

A friendly environment for people to chat over a cup of tea. More seriously, it offers anyone in need of support the opportunity to ask for informal advice on day-to-day issues, such as help with making a complaint, or understanding a letter received in the post. The coffee morning is also open to relatives and carers.

Thursday - cookery

96 Shenley Rd, 11.00am - 1.00pm, £4

Working with fresh ingredients, people will learn to handle and prepare delicious meals and eat lunch together.

Friday - football

Borehamwood, location to be confirmed, 10.30am - 12.30pm, £4

Watford Football club will provide their professional football coaches to run training sessions.

Paul Moser, Chair of Hertsmeremencap said: "This is such an exciting time for Hertsmeremencap. We have been lucky enough to line up first class coordinators to run very creative sessions, all focused on a vision to enrich the lives of our members, many of whom face day-to-day challenges."

Jubilee Club

Aberford Hall, 7.00pm - 9pm, £1

A new chapter begins for the Jubilee club, following Brian Barfoot's retirement after 40 years of service.

Lucy Canning, also the coordinator for day-time activities recently introduced by Hertsmeremencap, will be the new club leader. She will continue to provide a friendly, relaxed atmosphere for people of all abilities.

As well as snooker and table tennis, members can participate in music and keep fit sessions as well as arts and crafts.

For more information call Lucy on 07770 746 655, or email lucy@hertsmeremencap.org.uk



Noah's Ark Playscheme is part of Hertsmeremencap and provides a valuable respite care service for children with disabilities and their families in the Hertsmeremencap area.

The scheme is currently funded by Hertfordshire County Council and runs during Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays; there is a subsidised daily fee of £10.

They provide fun and stimulating activities, outings and entertainment for children with special needs and their siblings, aged between 5-16 years. There are trips to activity centres, farms, parks, gymnasiums, bowling etc., in addition to on-site activities such as music groups, sporting activities, creative play, entertainers etc.

A recent Christmas party hosted 29 children and their families, who enjoyed fun, food, music and entertainment along with a raffle and presents for all the children.

The next Playscheme will be held during the Easter holidays 2016

For further information please contact the Co-ordinator:
Rochelle Gould: 020 8906 2783 Email: noahs-ark@live.co.uk

www.noahsarkplayscheme.co.uk

Otters Swimming Club

Founded by Ann Bence and George Male in 1968 the Otters Swimming Club took its name from The Otter in Bushey, a popular public house known by the pair.

The Club meets every Saturday at The Venue Swimming Pool for an hour from 4.30pm. The pool management provides lifeguards at no cost to the club which is open to people of all ages with special needs or recovering from an operation. Currently the youngest member is 4yrs old and the oldest is 90! The club is run entirely by volunteers.

All this means that the sessions are free and members' families can enjoy a swim too. With social events and a Christmas party the club also offers much more than water based fun.

For more information please contact Pat Brown 020 8207 6521.

Tickled Pink

Members of the Tickled Pink - Painting to Music - group celebrated their end of the year exhibition with a reception which the Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood, Cllr. Richard Butler and County Cllr. Rabbi Alan Plancey both attended.

The exhibition showed off the very impressive participants' paintings and greetings cards done in their weekly Monday afternoon sessions at The Manor House Allum Hall; music from all over the world is the inspiration for the creative work they produce. An elegant afternoon tea is served and everyone in the small group - no more than 10 - enjoys the socialising and they discover that they can paint!

This project started by Susan Moser and local Art teacher Janine Greenberg, is designed for older people living alone. "Being lonely can cause depression and a feeling of isolation and having the opportunity, through music, allows people to reach into their creativity and discover they have an ability to paint" says Susan. "They are often quite



astonished that they can paint so well!" This all results in people feeling proud and better about themselves, which helps them in other areas of their lives.

If people are interested in joining this group, they can contact Susan Moser on 07899 900848.

Elstree Lawn Tennis Club



Elstree Lawn Tennis Club is a thriving, friendly club located near to the Elstree traffic lights junction, on the corner of Aldenham Road.

Our six fully floodlit, all-weather courts allow for all year round play no matter what the weather, as we firmly believe that tennis is for life and not just for the Wimbledon fortnight. We are always keen to welcome new members and encourage players no matter what their ability or age. The U3A sessions are very popular and we have junior group coaching on a Saturday morning. We have just completed a tie-in with Aspire in Stanmore to encourage both disabled and able-bodied players onto our courts and look forward to introducing Cardio Tennis in the spring.

We have four league teams and had a good season in 2015 which we hope to emulate in 2016. The ladies teams in particular, which play at the weekends (Aegon & Hot Rackets) are looking to strengthen their squad, so if you would like to join us, please contact us via publicity@elstreetennis.co.uk.

As the Olympics once again loom over the horizon, thoughts often turn to personal fitness and activity levels. If you have allowed yourself to drift away from regular sporting activity and you recall that you once enjoyed tennis, why not pop along to ELTC and join in a free social session? Details are available on our web site elstreetennis.co.uk

Elstree Lawn Tennis Club Ladies Squad is looking for players to join them in 2016. If you have enjoyed club tennis in the past and want to get back into playing for a team, then please contact us. We play in two weekend spring / summer leagues as well as a mid-week, mixed doubles summer league with the guys. In addition to the general social tennis sessions attended by all the club's members, we also enjoy team training and early season coaching on Thursday evenings. The current team consists of players ranging from their early 20's to early 50's but we would love to see anyone of any age who exhibits enthusiasm, play competitive tennis and eat cake after the matches are completed! Our standard hovers around an LTA rating of 8, so if you feel that you could boost our numbers please do give us a call or a visit. Don't feel intimidated if you have not got a rating - as they are pretty meaningless after an 8 anyway. If you have a passion for tennis you will be welcomed with open arms. Don't be shy, get back into tennis in 2016.



Mitzvah Day on Woodcock Hill

Over 30 people braved the cold on Sunday 22nd November Mitzvah Day. Alex Melson led the working party sorting the various jobs that needed to be tackled.

The Town Mayor, Richard Butler joined us along with Town Councillors Butchins Parnell and Strack and Town Youth Councillors, Jackie Warman and Dana Carlisle chopping back brambles and building up the dead hedge. Refreshments were prepared by Sheila Carlisle of Gratitude. Thank you to all who took part. It was a very successful morning's work.

WHVG Committee applied for and were successful in obtaining a grant for tools from the Health and Well Being Scheme. These will help us to manage the vegetation in our monthly working parties. To join us costs £5 per household per year please contact pat.strack@ntlworld.com

Woodcock Hill borders Barnet Lane, Carrington Avenue, Vale Avenue and Byron Avenue.



Parking

Elstree Village lost parking spaces with the Elstree Cross Roads revamp.

This has had an impact on the local shops and led to dangerous parking in some instances. For the pharmacy and the shops to survive, residents will need to be able to park to use them.

Two members attended the Town Transport Forum on 26th October. Although the Town and Borough councils were unable to help, they were delighted with the response from Herts highways and County Councillor Caroline Clapper. Meetings have taken place and ideas put forward for implementation in the next financial year.

EVPS

The Elstree Village Preservation Society is an off shoot of the Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society.

The EBGBS has always had the protection of the Elstree Village Conservation Area as part of its remit. The EVPS was formed in June and has met monthly to look at what is impacting on the Village. A map was drawn to show boundaries of what most affected the Conservation area.

The Committee then prioritised what would be tackled in the short term: Parking, A village Identity, the impact of loss of Aldenham reservoir, Reviva Recycling Centre on Elstree Hill south, The Holly Bush, The Plough and The Waggon and Horses.



A Village Identity

Signage welcoming people to Elstree Village will play an important part in proclaiming the separate identity of Elstree Village.

This is ongoing but this year Elstree Cross Roads has Christmas lights and a flagpole Xmas tree at Schopwick Place. Next year the Town Council will consult the EVPS about Xmas Street lights and decorations.

Aldenham Reservoir

The loss of access around the lake would be a blow to the whole community EVPS with EBGBS and others will campaign hard for a solution to save the lake, the dam and its environs.

We await developments in 2016.

Reviva Green Waste recycling

There has been a constant stream of complaints about this HCC owned site being mismanaged to the detriment of not only village residents but people living further afield.

The stench coming from the site is at times unbearable. Letters have been written to Reviva and County Councillor Caroline Clapper and a meeting arranged to try to solve this.

The Holly Bush has been allowed to deteriorate, this is a grade 2 listed building. EVPS alerted HBC and the enforcement officer has been in negotiations with the owner about keeping the building in good condition. At the time of writing the Holly Bush is up for auction.

The Plough restaurant is under new management. Kiss Kiss opened in November as an Italian Restaurant and is doing well.

The Waggon and Horses. This listed building continues as a public house and eatery.

Fireworks Night

For over 25 years, on Guy Fawkes Night, Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council has put on a FREE show for all to enjoy.

A highlight in the events calendar, the firework display is one of the best in North London and Hertfordshire. It attracts thousands of local residents and is a really exciting family evening out. Town Mayor Richard Butler started this year's display which featured music from the Musicals. This year's pyrotechnics were sponsored by Signia Living with Taylor Wimpey sponsoring the Penny for the Guy competition and the music.



Christmas Lights

The switch on started with the annual schools Christmas concert in All Saints Church on Shenley Road.

The 300 plus audience were enchanted by the choirs from Cowley Hill, Kenilworth, Meryfield, Monksmead Primary Schools. Nikki Hurley introduced each school along with the winner and runner up from Borehamwood's got talent 2015.

Town Mayor Richard Butler and Hertsmere Mayor and Mayoress, Martin Worster and Pam Worster complimented the children for their singing and the staff for obtaining such polished performances. Meryfield reprised their performance 'The Bridge' from the 'Children in Need' Concert. The choir from Kenilworth sang Silent Night that was a real tear jerker. Shona McGarty aka Whitney from East Enders talked to the performers and signed autographs at the end of the concert before going out to switch on the annual Christmas lights.

Also this year we were able to put up a small tree by the main entrance of the train station. During the lighting ceremony the 5th Borehamwood Brownies & Girl Guides sang Christmas Carols.



BBC Concert Band

The festive season got underway when the BBC Elstree Concert Band put on their annual Christmas concert at Allum Hall.

There was a mix of traditional Christmas music, along with more modern tunes which have all become firm favourites during the Christmas period. The band recognised EastEnders 30th Anniversary by performing a special rendition of the shows famous theme tune.



Photos by Clive Butchins, Victor Eni, Andrew Grady and Dan Salter

Elstree and Borehamwood Museum



On the 17th of November, the Elstree and Borehamwood Museum marked its second anniversary of the opening at 96 Shenley Road. It's been a very busy two years.

The Museum has had 10,500 visitors during this time, enjoying a range of temporary exhibitions from 100 Years of the Film Industry to World War I and have just finished celebrating EastEnders' 30th anniversary. We were even recently visited by an EastEnders' legend, 'Nasty Nick' John Altman, who came to see the exhibition and support the work done by the museum.

In these past two years, the Museum has been involved in different aspects of the community, such as hosting History walks, talks and reaching out to schools and teachers. The 'Going Down the Village' free monthly reminiscence group has been hugely popular and offers a chance to share memories and learn more about Elstree and Borehamwood.

Future exhibition plans include 'Smile Please', looking at the importance of Borehamwood in the development of photography and 'Are you being served?', charting the changes of shopping in the high street. 'From Village to Town: Celebrating a Century of Migration', is a project planned for 2017, which encourages people to tell us about how they came to live in the area.

Moving to 96 has also provided the chance to modernise, with the permanent installation of two large screens at the rear of the museum, which provide visitors with scenes from films made in Borehamwood and interviews with prominent people in the film industry. If you would like to learn more about volunteering or becoming a Friend of the museum, please visit our website for more details. Thank you for all the support during the last two years and here's to next year at 96!



SMILE PLEASE!
A Brief History of Photography

An Exhibition at Elstree and Borehamwood Museum
96 Shenley Road, from January 19th to July 2nd 2016

Admission Free | Opening times Tues-Thurs 12pm-6pm | Sat 10am-3pm

www.elstree-museum.org.uk
Registered Charity No 1157770

From Village TO TOWN
Celebrating a Century of Migration!

The Museum is planning a major exhibition to celebrate the rich and diverse communities of Elstree & Borehamwood

We would love to hear your stories:
* When and why you settled in the area
* Your memories of Elstree & Borehamwood

Interested? You can do any of the following:
* Email the museum at info@elstree-museum.org.uk
* Share your story via Facebook (Elstree and Borehamwood museum)
* Visit the museum at 96 Shenley Road (opening times below) and speak to one of our volunteers

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

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Have you been to Borehamwood Library lately? You might be surprised by what we can offer you!

It's free to join and once you're a member you can borrow books, magazines, and hire films, box-sets and audio-books.

We also have PCs, scanning and printing facilities, study space and free Wi-Fi throughout the building. PC use is free for members, you just pay for printing.

We hold Baby Rhyme Time sessions on Monday morning and a Toddler Tales session on Wednesday afternoon.

Other services include computer and tablet training sessions and a Home Library Service for those who are unable to access their local library due to disability, ill health or caring responsibilities.

A wide range of services are available at home if you have access to the internet. Go to www.hertsdirect.org/libraries and choose "online library services" to access the following free services:

- Download eBooks and audiobooks
- Read magazines, journals, newspapers on your PC, tablet or phone
- Search the library catalogue
- Renew your current loans
- Take an online course

You will just need your library card and a PIN number which we will give you when you join.



We also have a Library App - which you can download from the App Store or Google Play.

Please do come and join us - our friendly staff will be able to advise you on all of our services. You only need one proof of ID and address and a few minutes of your time to become a member.

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Tuesday 9am - 6pm (Library Express* from 9am -12pm)

Wednesday 9am - 6pm

Thursday 9am - 7pm (Library Express* from 9am - 12pm)

Friday 9am - 1pm (Library Express* from 9am - 1pm)

Saturday 9am - 4pm

* During Library Express only the ground floor is open so we have no printing or scanning facilities at these times.



Elstree and Borehamwood Residents Association

Started in 2013

Open to all residents in Elstree and Borehamwood.

Our mission is to safeguard and promote the interests and views of local residents on matters concerning the community e.g. housing, infrastructure, local environment, social facilities and amenities in the area.

CURRENT CAMPAIGNS INCLUDE:

- 'Saving Aldenham Country Park Reservoir'
- Getting defibrillators put up around the town!

WHEN:

Next meetings: Tues, 16th Feb and 22nd Mar 2016 - arrive 7.50pm
Meeting is from 8pm to 9.30pm prompt

WHERE:

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Defibrillator Project

From an idea by Lawrence Stack a Project team was set up in June 2015.

The team, including co-ordinator Cllr. Pat Strack and Cllr. Sandra Parnell, have been busy working to deploy life-saving AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillators) around Elstree and Borehamwood. Units have already been deployed at 96 Shenley Road, with half of the cost being collected by Lawrence Stack and the balance from Hertsme Leisure. The Defibrillator at Elstree & Borehamwood Station was donated by the Borehamwood Spiritual Centre and inaugurated on 11th November 2015. Lawrence has also collected enough to fund an AED at Aberford Hall.

Two AEDs and several hundred pounds have been donated by contacts of the Cllrs Eric and Gary Silver, as well as £1,000 each from local companies Taylor Wimpey and Bio Products Laboratory. These efforts will enable units to be deployed at Fairway Hall, the Community Shop, the BECC and at the Hertswood Centre. The Venue will benefit from a defibrillator thanks to a grant from the Hertsme Health and Wellbeing fund.

A successful application to the British Heart Foundation for three defibrillators along with training materials was followed up by Cllr Clive Butchins after a suggestion from Lawrence. These are earmarked for Allum Hall, Morrison and Tesco.

Much thanks goes to accredited trainer James Gillett for providing several free training sessions for staff and others from the places where units are being installed. More training sessions are being organised so that as many people as possible will have the confidence to make use of an AED. If you think that you or someone you know would benefit from training please let us know.

We continue to have excellent and invaluable support from Council staff and the police, fire and ambulance emergency services. The map you see has been created and updated so as many people as possible can see where defibrillators are located and in an emergency as much time as possible can be saved in their deployment. It will be displayed on Town notice boards (watch out for the new one being erected at the station) and other public places.

The launches of all 9 defibrillators will be made in February. For 2016 we are looking forward to working with schools and sports clubs. If anyone would like to support this project by making a donation please contact any member of the team. Any donation, however small, will be most welcome.

The Defibrillator Team is Town Councillors Clive Butchins, Eric Silver, Gary Silver, Sandra Parnell and Pat Strack (co-ordinator) and Lawrence Stack EBRA.

Launch and installation at 96, Lawrence Stack paid 50% and Hertsme Leisure paid 50%. The train station defibrillator was paid for by The Borehamwood Spiritual Centre and installed back in October.

Gary and Eric Silver had two defibrillators and several hundred pounds donated through their connections with pharmaceutical companies. Eric has written to local companies and has secured donations of £1k each from Taylor Wimpey and Bio Products. These will go into Fairway Hall, the Community Shop and the BECC.

Pat secured a grant for £1,500 from the Health and Well Being Fund to install a defibrillator at The Venue.

Clive has successfully applied for three defibrillators and cases from the British Heart Foundation. These will go into Allum Hall, Tesco and Morrisons.

Lawrence has collected enough money to have a defibrillator installed at Aberford Hall.

James Gillett, station manager for Thameslink, is an accredited trainer and has been providing a certificated course for staff, volunteers and others where defibrillators are being installed. We continue to have excellent support from the town staff, police, fire and ambulance services.

Clive is constantly updating the map of defibrillator locations. These will go on display in GP surgeries, town notice boards, community centres and other places around the town.

In 2016 the team will be working with schools and sports clubs.

Theatre Club Kids

Theatre Club Kids have been very busy this December after performing to almost 750 people in our sold out festive show, "Theatre Club Kids at Christmas" at The Ark Theatre.

We are now getting ready for our show choir's first event at the Mops and Brooms where our oldest students will be singing to raise money for Guide Dogs for the Blind. Then to finish our festive season our students sang once more to raise more funds for the Guide Dogs this time in Tesco in December.

Looking back over 2015 our students have had a fantastic year and we couldn't be prouder. We continue to maintain our 100% pass rate for all of our I.S.T.D examinations. We have put on several productions including our very own "Disney Parade" a "Monster Musical" and of course our recent show at The Ark involving all 170 of our students!

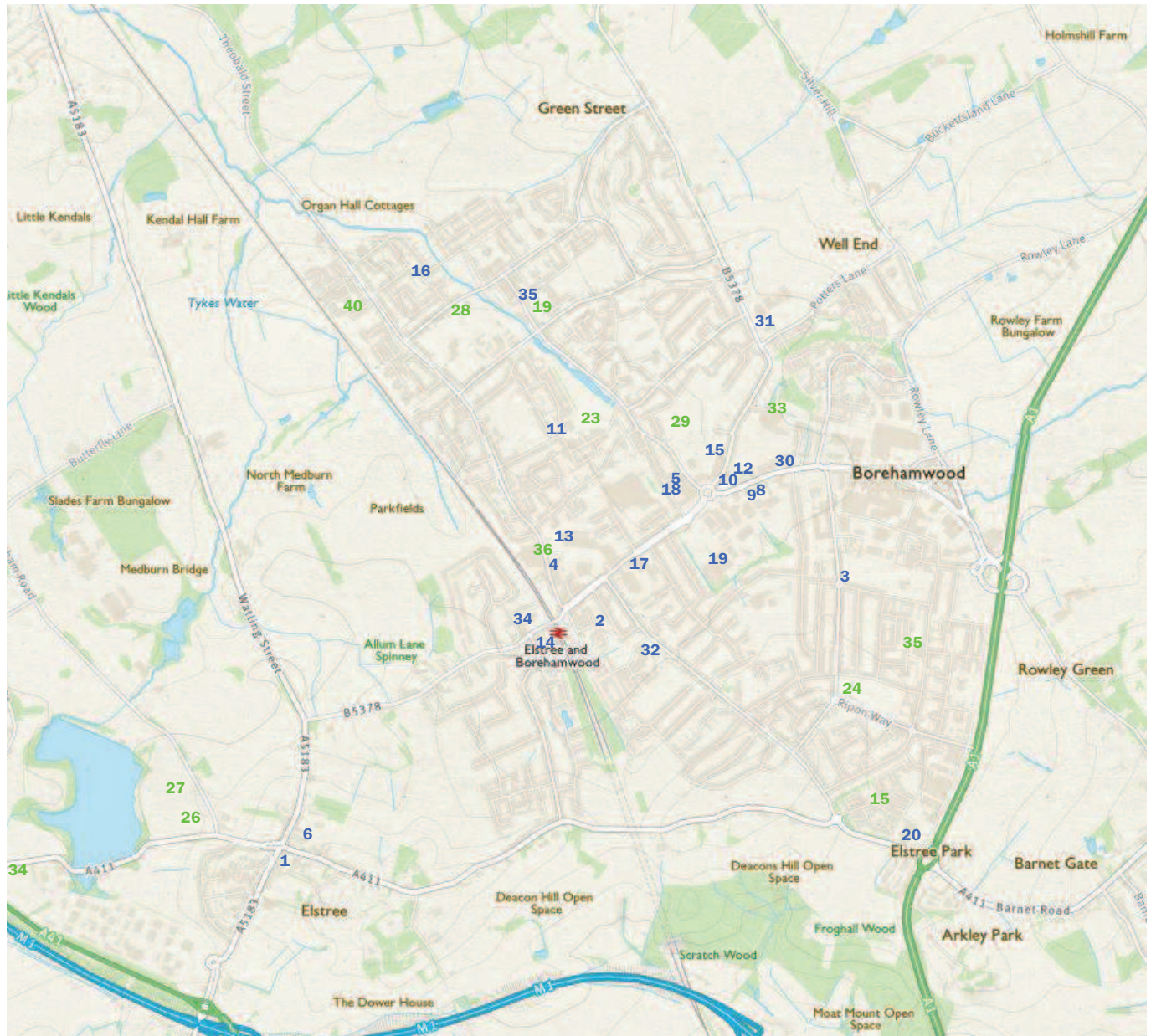
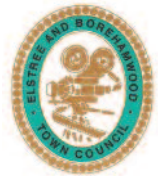


Some of our students have had a fantastic time filming for "Mr Selfridge", "Eastenders", "Dickensian", "Holby City", "The Tracy Ulman Show", "Children in Need" and much much more. We can't wait to see what 2016 will bring.

ELSTREE & BOREHAMWOOD DEFIBRILLATOR PROJECT

EXISTING AND POSSIBLE LOCATIONS

Existing
Possible other locations



1. Cornerhouse Dental Care
2. Drayton Road Dental Practice
3. Manor Way Dental Practice
4. Grove Medical Centre
5. Fairbrook Medical Centre
6. Schopwick Medical Centre
7. Theobald Medical Centre
8. Fire Station
9. Ambulance Station
10. Police Station
11. Elstree & Borehamwood Synagogue
12. Hertsmere Borough Council
13. Marks & Spencer
14. Elstree & Borehamwood Station
15. St. Teresas Parish Centre *
16. SS John Fisher & Thomas More *
17. 96 Shenley Road

18. Fairway Hall
19. Tesco
20. Morrisons
23. Aberford Hall
24. Boreham Wood F.C.
34. Allum Hall
35. Community Shop (Leeming Rd.)
30. The Venue
31. Hertswood Centre
32. The BECC

Possible other locations

14. Windsor Hall
15. Farriers Way Centre
34. McNicholas
35. Holy Cross (Balmoral Drive)
36. Kinetic Centre

24. Three-ways Community Centre
25. Schools (Government Project)
26. Tennis Club
27. Cricket Club
28. Borehamwood Youth F.C.
33. Ark Theatre (or replacement)
40. Organ Hall Community Centre

Compiled by Clive Butchins
Amended 6/1/2016

New partnership between St Nicholas School, Elstree, and Martin Allsuch & Co

St Nicholas School has recently set up a partnership with the letting/sales agents Martin Allsuch & Co, 3, High Street, Elstree, Herts, WD6 3BY.

Martin Allsuch and Company (MA&CO) have generously donated a cheque for £500, which was presented to the school's Eco Council at our school fair on Friday 4th December. The monies will be used to part fund the new wild life area, which the Eco Council are developing on our school grounds.

In addition to supporting the school's wild life project we will be promoting our events using the MA&CO logo and they will be reciprocating by displaying the School's Crest on promotional material in the area as well as through social media such as Facebook.

We look forward to this being a positive collaboration which we hope will offer benefits to the company and our school.



Families and Schools Together (FAST) at Saffron Green

Saffron Green recently celebrated the graduation of 12 of their families who had successfully completed the FAST programme.

The programme is the brainchild of Professor Lynn McDonald and is an eight week programme that is designed to empower and involve parents and to foster family development and cohesion, in school and the community. Ultimately it leads to improved outcomes for school pupils and greater involvement in the wider community for the whole family. We have been fortunate to receive funding and training from Save the Children to bring this project into our school.

It has been lovely to see whole families engaging in this exciting programme. The activities include each family taking it in turn to cook for all of the other families. Although this seemed daunting at first, all of our families rose to the challenge and they have produced an amazing variety of delicious dinners from fish and chips to curries. Parents are also given time to give and receive social advice and support for parenting during "buddy time". In addition we have enjoyed lots of singing, laughter and craft activities along the way. The graduation ceremony was attended by many local dignitaries including

Dr Marie Essam from the Herts Valley Clinical Commissioning Group, County Councillor Richard Roberts and Liz Biggs from Children in the Clinical Commissioning Group, Marion Naylor, Tesco's Community Champion and Councillor Clive Butchins.

Councillor Clive Butchins commented, "It was a great pleasure to represent the Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council at the FAST graduation party last week and to be able to see some of the benefits of the scheme that you have been running, as well as to meet some of the families who have so obviously enjoyed significant benefits from the experience. FAST is clearly something that should be rolled out more widely and I shall be doing my best to get the word out there."

Councillor Richard Roberts said, "Congratulations to all Saffron Green School's families who took part in this graduation. The FAST programme has obviously helped bring families closer together, working to help and support each other now and long into the future. I was delighted to be involved at the graduation and by talking to parents, the school and organisers I believe this course is a true winner for local families. Let's get more schools feeding off this success."

Well done to everyone involved.

Linda Storey (Headteacher)



Helping the Rough Sleepers

This year staff at Sainsbury's depot in York Way wanted to do something to help the local community.

Shoebboxes containing goods for the homeless was suggested. Town Councillor Victor Eni contacted Town Councillors Sandra Parnell and Pat Strack. They were pleased to accept the gifts for the rough sleeper project to be given out on 23/12/15 at 96. A Christmas lunch was cooked and several agencies were present to help the rough sleepers.

At this time of the year there are some people sleeping rough in the Town. This was brought to our attention by PCSOs. It is cold and wet and the idea emerged of providing a hot Xmas lunch. 96 provided the hall and kitchen free of charge. Crackers were provided by the church. Many other agencies were involved. Sasha Capocci and Marion Joyce, Tesco community Champion, helped with the meal.

In the New Year we are hoping to set up a project to help the homeless with assistance from Emmaus and other agencies. Emmaus is a Europe wide organisation with independent groups working as independent self-funding units. The St. Albans Emmaus group provides

accommodation for up to 34 with Individual rooms and three family homes of three bedrooms. The homeless can stay as long as they need until they are back on their feet. All have to come off benefits, be drug and alcohol free and get a weekly allowance of £34. Accommodation and food are provided. All have to help with the running of the former nurses home and all help with the business.

Emmaus is self-funding because it collects, renovates and sells furniture. There are five shops in St. Albans, Hemel Hempstead and Barnet. Residents can learn a number of skills connected with restoring furniture and mending electrical goods, working in the kitchen garden or maintaining the huge grounds. Working in the shop, driving the van collecting and delivering furniture and cashing up are all other skills that will help the residents to get back into work. Some are even encouraged to attend college courses. Their self-confidence and self-esteem is restored and they become useful valued members of society.



Top 10 tips for staying healthy this winter

1. Have the flu vaccine: it's free for over 65s, pregnant women, two and three year-olds, those with existing health conditions and carers – contact your GP or practice nurse. If you are not in one of these groups you can get one for around £10 at many supermarkets and pharmacies. Some pharmacies offer jabs free on the NHS.
2. Heat your home to at least 18C, it can help to minimise health risks. If heating your whole home is a problem, heat your living room during the day and your bedroom just before you go up to sleep.
3. If you can, get up and move around. If your mobility is limited, do some chair exercises to help you stay warm and active.
4. Good grips: if you need to go outside wear shoes with slip resistant, good grip soles.
5. Hot food and warm drinks: Keep well fed and hydrated. Drink lots of water as well as warm drinks.
6. Stock up on basics like soup, tinned fish, long life milk and medicines such as paracetamol and ibuprofen in case you can't get out of your home for a couple of days.
7. Undertake energy efficiency improvements to your home - or encourage your landlord to do so.
8. Keep a list of useful and emergency contacts by your phone – also add local organisations and charities who support older people. A list of useful contacts is available on the HertsHelp website.
9. Look out for friends and neighbours, particularly the elderly, those with existing health conditions and young children.
10. Keep tissues with you and use them to catch coughs or sneezes - then bin them and kill the germs by washing your hands.

If you are struggling to stay warm in your home this winter, or are worried about a friend, neighbour or relative who might be at risk, HertsHelp can help you find out about support that may be available. Call HertsHelp on 0300 123 4044 or email info@hertshelp.net

DR96 Rochester Market Trip and Christmas Party

On Saturday 5th December members and friends of DR96 set out for the Dickens Market at Rochester.

'We all had a brilliant day. The journey there and back went well, the weather was good and there was plenty to see and many places to eat.

On Wednesday 16th December 80 members and friends of DR96 enjoyed a full Turkey Xmas dinner at 96.

Thank you to County Councillors Alan Plancey and Leon Reefe who made a donation from their locality budget. The food was supplied by the Toby Inn at a reduced rate. Tesco provided the mulled wine, glasses serviettes and tablecloths. During lunch Paul Lomax sang and played guitar. After lunch the diners enjoyed entertainment by Wayne. Thank you to Jill Haisted for providing the main raffle and thank you to all who gave up time to volunteer and help. It was much appreciated.



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Sunday 7 February @ 7.30pm
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The BBC Elstree Concert Band - Icons from the Small Screen

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Saturday 13 February @ 8pm
£8

Peter Pan Fun Day with Herts Inclusive Theatre

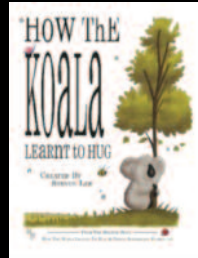
Herts Inclusive Theatre have put together another fun packed day for youngsters aged 4-14years. For more info on the event call 01923 216951 or email admin@hit-theatre.org.uk

Tuesday 16 February @ 10.30am - 3.30pm
£12 per child.

How the Koala Learnt to Hug

Based on the best-selling book by Steven Lee, this charming family musical has been written especially for children aged 3+ to enjoy with their grown-ups.

Sunday 28 February @ 4pm
£8/£6 concessions. Family ticket (4) £25



Fireside Chat

Fireside Chat are a fresh young local band playing iconic hits from across the decades.

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Friday 4 March @ 7pm
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What's on

Monday 22/2/16, 7/3/16, 21/3/16, 4/4/16, 18/4/16, 2/5/16

Coffee mornings for Carers

Care & Share Maxwell Centre, 10am - 12pm
Contact Vicky August, 020 8905 1158

Wednesdays

DR96 Over 60s Club

96 Shenley Rd, 10am - 12pm
Contact Clive Butchins 020 8953 1827, Sandra Parnell 020 8953 0832 or Pat Strack 020 8386 3151

Fridays

Funky Friends a Youth Club for 7-11yrs

Maxwell Community Centre, 7.30pm

Admission Free
Contact Michelle Jonas
jonasmichelle@aol.com

Borehamwood & District Garden Crafts Society

Thursday 11 February

Annual General Meeting
Speaker to be confirmed

March

Workshop; 'Prepare your Garden'

April

Spring Mini Show and light supper

May

Workshop, 'Wildlife Gardens'

All events will be timeously confirmed by email or letter to all Society Members.
Annual membership £5.
Contact Jenny 020 89531762

Tuesday 4 February, Tuesday 3 March, and Tuesday 7 April

Going Down the Village

96 Shenley Rd, 10.30am - 11.30am

Tuesday 16 February

Talk on 'Satirist to Insanity - the life of James Gillray' by Ian Keeble

St Teresa's Church Hall, 10am

Free entry with U3A Membership

Sunday 21 February

Rotary Table Top Sale

Allum Hall

Contact David Clout 01923 854403

Tuesday 15 March

Talk on "China - Confucius to the 21st Century" by Mike Beech

St Teresa's Church Hall, 10am

Free entry with U3A Membership

Tuesday 19 April

Talk on "Dance Bands of the 40's, 50's and 60's" by Mrs B Whittle

St Teresa's Church Hall, 10am

Free Entry with U3A Membership

Thursday 21 April

Beacon Lighting on Woodcock Hill Village Green to celebrate Queens 90th Birthday

Times to be confirmed

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Details correct at time of printing.

Annual Parish Meeting in Fairway Hall

Wednesday 9 March 2016, 7.30pm
Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood WD6 5BT

Come and meet your Councillor



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 Richard Butler, will report on his year in office and each of the Committee Chairmen of the Council will also provide a brief update report on 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.

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Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council meetings

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

3 February	Events Forum	Fairway Hall	7pm
9 February	Entertainments	Fairway Hall	7.30pm
10 February	Youth Council	Fairway Hall	6.30pm
11 February	General Management	Fairway Hall	7pm
16 February	Environment & Planning	Fairway Hall	7pm
25 February	Transport Forum	Fairway Hall	7pm
17 February	Business Forum	Fairway Hall	7pm
24 February	Transport Forum	Fairway Hall	7pm
1 March	Entertainments	Fairway Hall	7:30pm
9 March	Youth Council	Fairway Hall	6:30pm
9 March	Annual Parish Meeting	Fairway Hall	7:30pm
15 March	Environment & Planning	Fairway Hall	7pm
16 March	Full Council	Fairway Hall	7:30pm
11 April	General Management	Fairway Hall	7pm
12 April	Entertainments	Fairway Hall	7:30pm
13 April	Business Forum	Fairway Hall	7pm
19 April	Environment & Planning	Fairway Hall	7pm
20 April	Youth Council	Fairway Hall	6:30pm

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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