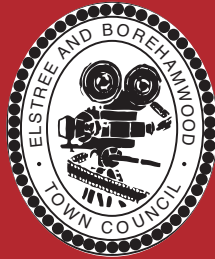


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The magazine for Elstree & Borehamwood residents

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60th Annual Festival  
18th June - 10th July

2016



## Pre Festival Event

Saturday 7 May 2016

11am - 4pm

The Piazza

(behind All Saints Church)

Shenley Road,

Borehamwood WD6 1EB

See page 3 for details.

# Civic Festival Celebrates 60 Years!

Read about the history of the civic festival on page 12.

## Classic Car Show

Saturday 25th June - Free Entry

Maxwell Park 12pm - 6pm

Free outdoor cinema showing:

Goldfinger at 1:00pm

The Spy Who Loved Me at 3:30pm

Labyrinth at 6pm

See page 16 for more details.



## Families Day

Saturday 2nd July - Free Entry

Meadow Park 12pm - 5pm

See centre pages for more festival details.



## Skatepark Awareness Day

Sunday 19th June

11am - 4pm Aberford Skate Park

Come and learn skills and tricks from expert skaters

Free entry

See page 15 for more details.

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# Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

## Letter from the Mayor...



It has been an amazing year, and one that I will always remember. We have such a diverse community and I'm proud to have been a Councillor. I would like to thank my partner Rebecca for her solid support over my year as Mayor.

I would like to extend my thanks to my family, friends and the Town Council staff who have supported me behind closed doors.

It has been a privilege to be your mayor over the year 2015/2016. I wish the best of luck to next year's mayor, whoever they may be.

Thank you to my fellow Councillors for their support, especially Town Councillor Graeme Franklin for your wisdom and guidance.

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I hope to attend future events as a town Councillor and look forward to continuing my work within the community.



**Cllr Richard Butler**  
**Mayor of Elstree & Borehamwood**  
**020 8207 1382**

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## Events Stewards Wanted!

Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council is 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 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.

The ideal candidate:

- Reliability is 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

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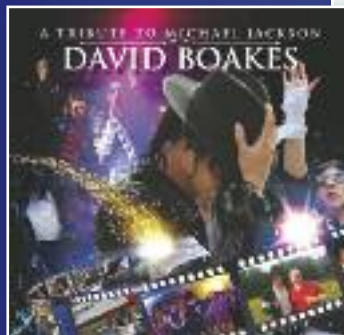
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### Town Crier Deadline

Autumn (Edition 23) 26 August for delivery 30 September.



# Pre Festival Event

Come and find Out What's Happening In The 60th Annual Civic Festival

**Saturday 7 May 11am - 4pm**  
**The Piazza (Behind All Saints Church)**

- Stalls • Live Music from David Boakes •
- Music from the Elstree Productions Show "NOW! That's What I Call SHOW STOPPERS" •
- Activities and entertainment throughout the day • Tickets for festival events will be on sale •
- Free Children's Bouncy Castles • Skateboarding Displays • The Rolling Base •
- English Miscellany Dancing • Animal Petting (Aldenham Country Park) •



**Celebrate The Queen's 90th Birthday**

at

**Maxwell Park Community Centre, Saturday 4th June 2016, 3pm**

**Entertainment for all the family to include brass band, stalls and side shows. Bring your own picnic!**

**Free for all to attend.**



# SUMMER Coach Trips

Destinations		
<b>June 2016</b>	Monday 13	Costwolds
	Tuesday 14	Clacton on Sea
	Wednesday 15	Hastings
	Thursday 16	Bournemouth
<b>July 2016</b>	Monday 4	Broadstairs
	Tuesday 5	Poole
	Wednesday 6	Rye
	Thursday 7	Eastbourne
	Monday 11	Portsmouth
	Tuesday 12	Greenwich
	Wednesday 13	Margate
	Thursday 14	Stratford Upon Avon

Are you over sixty years of age and a resident of Elstree and Borehamwood?

The Town Council is once again offering a chance to have a day out at the seaside or visit an interesting city for only £6.50.

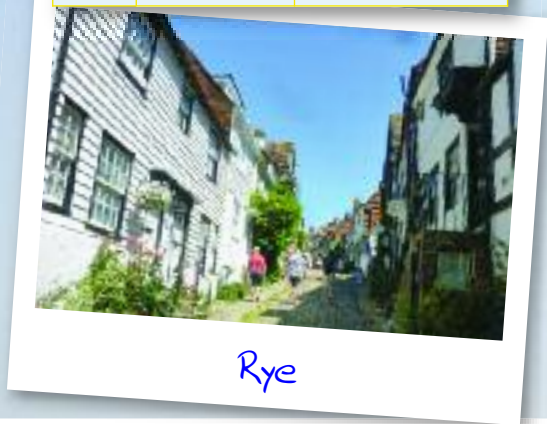
Choose one of the following destinations and bring your proof of age and residence (driving licence or bus pass/passport/ and a utility bill) along to Fairway Hall, Brook Close, WD6 5BT from MONDAY 9 MAY 2016. Tickets are on a first come, first served basis and are on sale from 9am to 12 noon from Monday to Friday - strictly one per person. Please bring correct change.

There may be a chance to buy a second ticket after Tuesday 24 May 2016 if any remain unsold.

The fully-airconditioned coaches leave Fairway Hall at 9am prompt and depart the destination at 5pm for the return journey. You must be able to board the coach without too much difficulty and can bring a carer (who must also purchase a ticket).



Hastings



Rye

## Town Defibrillator Project

During February the team unveiled nine plaques and installed nine defibrillators at Aberford Hall, Allum Hall, the BECC, The Community Shop, Leeming Rd, Hertswood Centre, Fairway Hall as well as Morrisons and Tesco.

Over 200 people have been trained in CPR and the use of defibrillators, free of charge. More free courses will be available in spring and summer.

Thank you for donations of defibrillators from AAH Pharmaceuticals, Sigma Pharmaceuticals, Taylor Wimpey, Bio Products Laboratories, the Health & Well Being Fund, The British Heart Foundation and the Borehamwood Spiritual Centre. Grants and fundraising by the Team paid for the rest.

Town schools, sports clubs and gyms are our next targets. The government has negotiated a deal with the NHS where defibrillators for schools are half price, about £500. St Nicholas School has benefited from a county grant from County Cllr. Caroline Clapper to part fund a defibrillator for the school.



Hertswood Centre



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ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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## ELSTREE & 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 ISSUES INCLUDE:**

- 'Aldenham Country Park Reservoir' • Planning
- Saving key bus services

**NEXT THREE MEETINGS:**

Tues, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> June & 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016 - arrive at 7.50pm  
 (meeting is from 8pm to 9.30pm prompt)

**WHERE:**

St Teresa's Parish Centre (next to St Teresa's church)  
 Near: 291 Shenley Road, WD6 1TG

£6 annual household membership or £2 entrance fee.  
 Free parking at rear of church & free refreshments available.

## Summer Reading Challenge



The Summer Reading Challenge will be starting at Borehamwood Library on 16 July and this year the theme is celebrating Roald Dahl's centenary year, so will be entitled **The Big Friendly Read**.

The challenge is for children to read six library books during the summer holidays and then come into the library and chat to library staff and our Summer Reading Challenge Volunteers about the books they have enjoyed. They will receive stickers for each book read and each child who manages to read six books will also receive a certificate and medal at a special presentation to be held in September. The challenge is open to children of all ages and we would love as many children as possible to join in so pop in on or after the 16 July to collect your starting pack!

If you are over the age of 14 and would like to become a volunteer and listen to children tell you about the books they have read, please contact the library and we'll tell you how to apply.

Call in to Borehamwood Library at 96 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, Herts, WD6 1EB, phone 0300 123 4049 or email [hertsdirect@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:hertsdirect@hertfordshire.gov.uk)



## BETTA Maintaining Twinning Links with France and Germany

Borehamwood and Elstree Twin Town Association (BETTA) is a lively lady, born in 1982, who has managed to stay fashionable and entertaining ever since.

This year, continuing to enhance international relations between the UK, France and Germany, the association is organising visits to both our partner towns.

### Visit one - Fontenay-aux-Roses, France

From the 3rd & 5th June, we are organising a trip to our French Twin Town. Cost for the visit is £280 for Non Members and £260 for Members.

The cost includes:

- All travel costs to Fontenay aux Roses
- Two Nights Bed & Breakfast Accommodation
- An evening meal on 4th June.

### Visit Two - Offenburg, Germany

From the 23rd & 26th September, we are organising a trip to our German Twin Town to experience the popular Wine Festival. Cost for the visit is £330 for Non Members and £310 for Members.

The cost includes:

- All travel costs to Offenburg from Stanstead Airport
- Three Nights' Bed & Breakfast Accommodation.

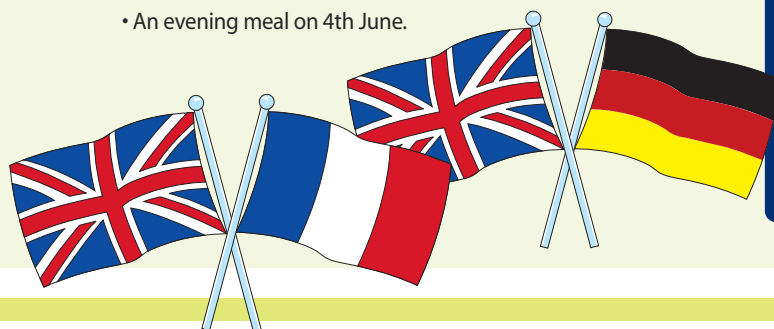
Payments can be made in instalments, but a 25% deposit is required with every reservation.



## Special offer Book for both visits and save...

An Association Member - £550 (Normal price £570)

Non Association Member - £570 (Normal price £610)





# Borehamwood Drop In

The Tuesday morning Drop In at Fairway Hall is open to all to "Drop In" for a chat and a cuppa.

Every week there is entertainment or exercise and it is run by many volunteers, including Mollie from Hertsmeare Academy who has written about her experiences:

Volunteering at the Tuesday Drop In at Fairway Hall offered me an insight into the type of work and activities put on for elderly residents in the local community, ranging from weekly raffle draws to line dancing lessons. Supported by community workers and Tesco's Community Champion Marion Naylor, the Drop In clearly offers something new and enjoyable for the elderly in Borehamwood and the welcoming atmosphere that greeted me upon my first morning as a volunteer made the experience a pleasant one.

A range of activities is provided, with something new offered each week – whether it is aerobic chair exercises or a live music performance, there is always something to engage the members. The Tuesday Drop In really does encapsulate a community feel, something that is no doubt due to the dedication of the volunteers who organise the club's weekly events and have established positive and friendly relationships with those who attend. One of the many regular attendees will be

turning 100 in May, a date the club is keen to celebrate! After seeing the work that goes on at this weekly Drop In I feel it is something that we should value highly and continue to provide for our elderly, and something that is definitely a credit to the local community.

Every Tuesday, 10am – 12 noon. No membership and just £1.50 per visit

*Mollie Georgiou*



*Easter Bonnet competition winner*

The Club continues to attract members with a lively programme. We celebrated our first birthday in March.

Sara Donnelly visits every fortnight to get us dancing and exercising at the same time. Some prefer to remain seated while taking part. Club members have celebrated St David's Day, St Patricks Day and the Chinese New Year with special programmes. 31 members visited the Chinese Restaurant on that day. Most weeks we play bingo and other games including hoy.

We will celebrate the Queens 90th Birthday on June 8th with a party. Trips are planned for a visit and tour of St Pancras Station in association with Govia/Thameslink and the Garden of the Rose at St Albans.

We meet every Wednesday, 10am - 12pm. Programme details are on facebook: DR96 £2 to join and £2 per visit, visitors £3.

For more info contact Pat 020 8386 3151, Sandra 020 8953 0832 or Clive 020 8953 1827.

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# Compost Corner

## Mackerel, Potatoes, and Greens!



Regina, Ana and Sofia share their allotment stories with Anne.

It was like a big light bulb going on in Regina's head when her eldest daughter Ana (now 13), came home from primary school saying that one of the children in her class thought chips came from the freezer. Whilst of course that may be true in a way, and children are often literal, she went and got hold of a potato and planted it in the back garden, and from this grew eight more potatoes. Then together they decided how they were going to cook them. Regina and her husband are from Portugal, and whilst she grew up a city girl, Antonio was brought up by his grandparents in the rural north of Portugal where there was no need to buy their fruit, vegetables or even meat. It was all home produced.

After receiving lovely extra produce from their neighbour who had a veg patch in the back garden, and some from the friend of the neighbour who has an allotment at Allum Lane, Regina and Antonio knew it was the right thing for them and their two daughters Ana and Sofia to build on the time they spend together, with their busy lives and usual distractions of ipads, and TV. They both believed very strongly that getting out of their usual routines, and learning to respect nature and animals, would help the children appreciate and value the things in life.

They got their allotment at Melrose two years ago. Ana picks up the story, "I planted cucumbers, watermelon, melon, strawberries, blackberries, gooseberries, and raspberries on my patch, but the raspberries and strawberries were the only things that survived." "My patch is now a parking lot for the trailer" she says with a wry smile. Regina conscientiously provides the rationale, "We got the trailer so that we could collect manure from the local farm because it made the van we rented too smelly!" Regina explains, "the ground hasn't been worked properly for a long time, so it needs a lot of hard work getting it ready, and we are still not sure what grows well on our allotment."

After the last trial year, Regina tells me that they grew 200 kilos of potatoes! Her freezer is full of the beans which she prepared and froze in portions saying that this makes life so much easier after a hard day working as a nurse. They also freeze leeks, carrots and tomatoes... and that's just the start! Antonio has a special patch for his herbs. As he is the chef in a busy upmarket restaurant, he likes to try out recipes at home (lucky them!).

They grow what they like to eat, and when they go on their camping holidays they always take their allotment grown vegetables with them. They tell me that there is nothing better than enjoying whatever you are having on the barbecue with some of your own potatoes and greens to go with it. Regina joins in with the throng of voices who declare knowingly that home grown produce has much more flavour than shop bought. Sofia who is going to be seven years old very soon says that she loves to grow sweetcorn best and that this year she also wants to grow tomatoes, courgettes, cucumbers and carrots. She even has her own fork, spade and gloves and shows me with pride a delightful picture of herself, standing on the newly dug earth of their allotment.

Aside from being a great family activity to enjoy, the children love to eat all the vegetables, and for Regina and Antonia it is a good way to wind down and relieve the stresses of work. They enjoy having conversations with the others in the allotment community, and swapping stories, like the time when they came upon a shoal of mackerel being chased by bigger fish and they were literally leaping out of the sea in Blackpool. As well as being a fine tale, they had some fresh fish on the BBQ that evening, along with some of those delicious potatoes and greens. Oooo looo-verly!

**Anne Nicodemus**  
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# School News

## Mad About Maths at St Teresa's

On 4th February pupils, parents and staff at St Teresa's Catholic Primary School took part in a Wear a Number to School day. This was part of the school's Mad about Maths week which is aimed at the children using their maths skills and knowledge in range of fun activities to encourage an enjoyment of mathematics. On Wear a Number to School Day every child wore a number between 1 and 100 and came to school with facts about their number. In the morning parents were invited into school to share some maths learning activities and during the day the children spent time with their buddies playing maths games. After school, the hall was set up with a number of games that involve using mathematics which pupils, parents, governors and staff all enjoyed playing.



## Saffron Green and Linden Homes Art Competition

At the beginning of the year the children at Saffron Green were asked to create drawings to be displayed on the hoarding boards around the new Linden Homes, Empire Court development, in Borehamwood. Many of our children entered the competition. The theme for the budding young artists was "Famous Movies" to link in with the nearby Elstree Studios and the town's heritage. The variety of entries was fantastic, displaying so much artistic talent amongst our pupils. Linden Homes were so impressed with their work that as well as displaying it they also donated £500 to school funds which we are planning to put towards an outdoors table tennis table. Well done children and thank you to Linden Homes.



## Summerswood Lego Fire Walk

Pupils at Summerswood Primary School took part in a 'Lego Fire Walk' on 9th March. With many 'ooohs' and 'ouches' they ran, walked and tiptoed over a long strip of Lego. All this discomfort was in aid of Summerwood Science Week which will take place in June this year. The children have been eagerly collecting sponsorship money to help make our Science Week even more amazing than last year. They hope to raise enough money so that every class can go on a trip or have a workshop at school during science week. If any local businesses would like to get involved and sponsor part of their Science Week or support through a donation of prizes please contact Lisa Weisgard on l.weisgard@summerswood.herts.sch.uk



## ELSTREE & BOREHAMWOOD'S GOT TALENT

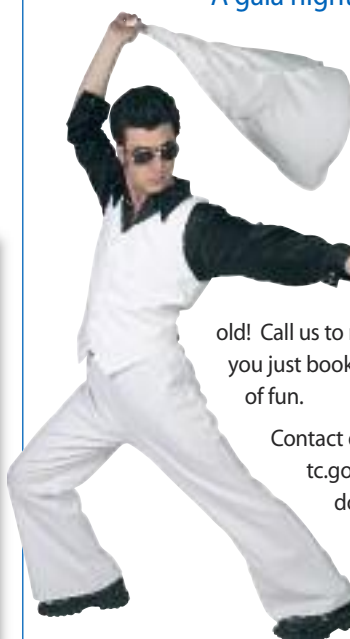
Wednesday 22 June 2016 at 7pm

A gala night of pure entertainment at Fairway Hall as, with the help of the audience, our friendly judges select Town Talent 2016.

If you think you have an entertaining talent, skill or party piece we want to hear from you, young or old! Call us to register or if performing is not for you just book some tickets for a fantastic night of fun.

Contact dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk for an application form or download one from our website [www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](http://www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)

Free to enter.





# Mollie and Charlie

Hertswood's Head Girl, Mollie Georgiou, started studying Psychology in Sixth Form and soon aspired to study it at university and eventually become a Chartered Psychologist.

Mollie had worked hard to achieve fantastic GCSE results at the end of Year 11 and during the first term of Year 12 started considering Oxbridge. Mollie applied to summer schools at both Oxford and Cambridge, winning places on both. She loved her time at the universities but particularly liked the Psychology course at Cambridge. She applied to Queen's College at Cambridge who soon came back to her requesting that she submit some of her essays.

Her written work obviously impressed them, and she was invited to attend an interview in December. Mollie faced two Cambridge academics for a tough interview, where she was asked questions including how her English Literature studies related to Psychology, which led to a lengthy discussion on consciousness. Mollie clearly impressed them again as she has now received an offer. She is delighted, explaining, "To receive an offer from Queen's College, Cambridge is a dream come true. Although the application process was demanding, it was worth it, as I now have the opportunity to study my favourite subject at such a renowned university."

In November, we were pleased to report that our Deputy Head Girl,

Charlie Hart had received Hertswood's first unconditional offer to a Russell Group university. At the time, Charlie was also going through the process of applying to Oxford. She undertook their Thinking Skills Assessment (TSA), and achieved the required standard to get through to the next step which was an interview.

Charlie spent two days at Jesus College, Oxford in December, where she went through a rigorous interview process. She was thrilled to receive a letter from the university making her an offer to study there. Charlie worked hard to achieve great results at GCSE and realised that the possibility of applying to Oxbridge was a reality. As she started her A-Levels, Charlie's interest in Geography really grew and within a few months she had decided that this was what she wanted to study at university.

Like Mollie, Charlie went to summer schools at both universities and decided that Oxford was a good fit for her. Charlie is looking forward to the possibilities ahead, saying "The prospect of studying at Oxford University is very exciting and to have received an offer after going through the interviews was amazing."



## The Spinney Library at Kenilworth School

The Governors, staff, parents and of course the pupils were incredibly excited to open the Spinney on the 17th March 2016.

Our author in residence – Jonny Zucker along with our town Mayor Cllr Richard Butler cut the ribbon to the new library after a wonderful opening ceremony.

The choir sang, the Jolly Postman delivered book recommendations to every child in the school, the Hungry Caterpillar shared some cake with pupils and special guests and we had a lot of fun

Reading books is highly valued at Kenilworth School and we know that to be a good learner you need to enjoy reading throughout your whole life.



The Spinney sits in the playground so children can visit the library at playtimes as well as during lesson time. At playtime, the older children are responsible monitors and look after the younger children sharing stories and keeping the space tidy.



Famous authors from across the UK have tweeted recommendations to share with the children. New book stock was purchased by the children along with donations of favourite books from parents, governors and staff.

The name of the library came from a play on the word Spinney as the library sits amidst a small copse of trees. But in reality it is

*A place for tales to be told*

*Books to be read*

*Webs can be woven, in stories in your head*

*Ideas can be challenged*

*Stories can be shared*

*Characters new and old, will leap, weave and go*

*Taking you to imagined and real places for you to plan, plot and grow*

In this current climate when sadly, libraries are closing or having reduced hours, we are determined at Kenilworth to keep our library open and support our children to develop a lifelong love of reading.



# Making a Good “First Impression”

Since May 2008 “First Impressions”, a multi-agency group (Town, Borough and County Council, local group Elstree Screen Heritage and rail operator Thameslink), has been using film and TV images in public places to create a more welcoming first impression for visitors to Elstree & Borehamwood.

The Centenary Banners, the 25-plus panels in the Film and TV Heritage Trail, the iconic wall sculpture at Elstree & Borehamwood rail station and the new public planting are only some of the results which the combined efforts of this group have achieved.

At the start of 2016 the Project Board identified several new opportunities to make a big and lasting difference to very central places in the Town.

Late in December Thameslink’s Passenger Service Director accepted our invitation to visit the station to see for himself the work done by the “First Impressions” project team and, in particular, the new planters put in place last summer by local volunteers, station staff, Town Council staff and members of the Town’s Youth Council.



Since that visit an unsightly wall has been cleared and permission given by Thameslink to add new signage to this space which they have generously donated for the sole use of “First Impressions”. The BBC is keen to welcome people who will be joining their audiences and have match-funded the Town Council’s investment in this new signage.



before



after

But there’s more to do! We now have funding to add another heritage panel to celebrate the contributions of film or TV stars who worked at the various local studios of Elstree & Borehamwood.

We’d like you to decide who should be honoured by voting for the star of your choice. Voting will close on 13th May, 2016.

To vote, simply contact the town council at:  
Email: [admin@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)  
Post: Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, WD6 5BT  
Phone: 020 8207 1382

And now, the four candidates are:

- A Sir Tom Jones** - Whose international career was launched by a series of television specials shot at ATV Borehamwood in the late 1960s
- B Audrey Hepburn** - Oscar-winning star who was discovered by Elstree Studios and went on to become a screen legend and famous humanitarian
- C Harrison Ford** - Star of the original “Star Wars” and “Indiana Jones” movies filmed at Elstree Studios in the 1970s and 1980s
- D Dame Julie Andrews** - Made TV specials at ATV and also filmed at MGM British and Elstree Studios







## ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL HONORARY FREEMAN SCROLLS

At the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 9 March the Town Council was proud to recognise two prominent residents who have gone beyond the call of duty in serving the community. For the first time in the Town Council's history it bestowed the very highest award that it can give to Bill Davies (the D Day veteran and chevalier de la Legion d'honneur) and Bob Redman (of First Impressions and Elstree Screen Heritage).

The award is Honorary Freemen of Elstree and Borehamwood.

**Bill Davies:** Bill passed away peacefully in January aged 96 and his wife Rene collected his freedom scrolls on his behalf. Bill, a veteran who helped to liberate France during the Second World War, had an incredibly full life. As a soldier of the First Battalion of the Coldstream Guards he served in France and Belgium and for his contribution was recognised by the French Government with the chevalier de la Legion d'honneur award. Bill and Rene were responsible for sending many food parcels to soldiers in Afghanistan, all at their own expense. Bill also spent much time visiting schools to help children learn about the history and sometimes the tragedy of war. A long serving member of the British Legion, Bill won the hearts and minds of the local community.

**Bob Redman:** After retiring in the mid 90's Bob met Paul Welsh and Elstree Screen Heritage came into being, a lifelong project for Bob involving some great names like Brian Blessed, Simon Pegg and Steven Spielberg. He spearheaded the relationship with the University of Hertfordshire resulting in 70 high quality filmed interviews with those with a film connection (from actors and set designers to those who really knew what was going on such as the tea ladies at MGM). As part of an initiative to win a grant, First Impressions was born to try to revive the town centre. As Chairman of that group Bob is instrumental, in partnership with other organisations like the BBC, Thameslink and the Town Council, in delivering the new look to the town with banners, planters, posters, commemorative film plaques and the tremendous improvements to the railway station concourse. A Town Councillor said "You just need to look anywhere in Borehamwood and you will see Bob's positive influence."





# 60 Years of the

The Festival began in 1956 to bring together the new and old communities of Elstree and Borehamwood, recognising the rapid expansion of the town in the immediate post-war years.

## 1956

It all started in 1956 with a Festival of Youth at the Borehamwood Football Ground, Eldon Avenue (now built on) commencing with a procession from Hillside School. The displays included Country Dancing, RAF Fighter Command Band and a United States Army Ceremonial Drill performed by a squad from Mildenhall, Suffolk.



## 1957

The Week was opened by the Festival Queen. Activities included a Fire Station Open Day and a parade led by the Uganda Band of the King's African Rifles. In those days, the parade started at Eldon Avenue and went along Shenley Road, Theobald Street, Aycliffe Road, Gateshead Road, Cowley Hill, Elstree Way, Manor Way, Cranes Way, Furzehill Road, Shenley Road, Eldon Avenue, Harforde Road, Brodewater Road, Broughinge Road to Brook Road 'extension'!

During the Week there were various events including a Festival Dance, Gymkhanas, concert and art displays.



## 1958



Started with Arthur Askey Crowning the Festival Queen followed by a Festival Buffet Supper at the Red Lion (now McDonalds). The following day there was a rededication of the War Memorial by the Shenley Road roundabout (having been moved from its original 1920s site outside what is now 'Sainsbury's' at the junction of Shenley Road and Theobald Street. Other events included Primary Schools Sports Day, Old Time Dance, Baby Show and a skiffle dance.

## 1959

Kicked off with an Old Time Ball at Shenley Hospital with tickets priced at four shillings each (20p). The Parade and Council procession took place on Saturday 27 June, with an evening Civic Reception and Ball at the APBC Studios with tickets priced at seven shillings and sixpence (37.5p). There was a Festival of Jazz in the Church Hall, Shenley Road and an Archery Contest. Highlights of the week included a grand whist drive, pushball competition, a Handel Bi-Centenary Concert at Furzehill School (now closed), athletics meeting at the Finsbury Sports Ground, Stirling Corner (now disused). Darts competition, camp fire sing song at the Allum Hall Community Centre and a torchlight procession along Shenley Road at 10pm.





# Civic Festival

**1962** Housing development on the Borehamwood Football Ground, Eldon Avenue, meant a shift of activities to Ripon Park. The Festival Church Service and Flower Show made their debuts as regular Festival events. The Rock and Roll Youth Dance to the 'Flintstone' Band at the Three Ways Centre did not survive the test of time!

**1965** An interesting selection of events included a combined Flower Show, Brains Trust and Fashion Show at Champions School and a highlight of Family Day was a display by Jerry Allen and his organ.

**1976** Civic Week was financed by Elstree Town Council but only included a Festival Queen Dance and competition, with the Parade and Families Day on the same day.



**1977**

Elstree Town Council decided to appoint a part time Festival Co-ordinator (Paul Welsh) and organise the Week with a volunteer committee. Many old and new events were introduced with a strong element of community involvement such as a darts competition, donkey derby, art competition, ramble, open days and football competitions.

**1980** Marked the start of a new decade and the Festival continued to grow but this was the last year that Families Day ended with a fireworks display at 10pm.

**1981-2016**

The Festival was expanded to include an Outdoor Cinema and Classic Car Show but many traditional events such as the Festival Quiz, Parade and Families Day have continued.

The events are still overseen by a volunteer committee and many are funded by the Town Council.

*Paul Welsh*



**1963** The Swinging Blue Jeans performed at the Grand Festival Youth Dance at the Three Ways.

**1974** The recently opened Civic Hall was used for a concert, film show and the Baby Show. Other events included a football match between Borehamwood Saints FC and Capital Radio.



**1978** Further events were added including a showbiz football match featuring Patrick Mower and Dennis Waterman and the Sealed Knot Civil War 'battle' took place on Families Day.

**1979** The Town Council had decided to enlarge Civic Week to a two week Civic Festival containing nearly 40 events.



# Elstree & Borehamwood Museum



The current exhibition at Elstree and Borehamwood Museum is 'Smile Please' which looks at the important part Borehamwood played in the early development of photography.

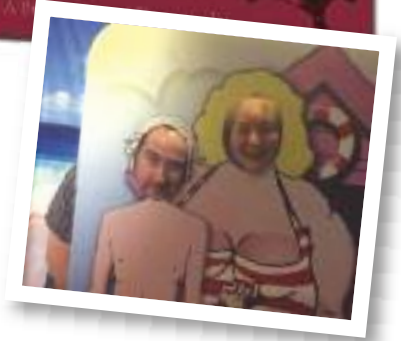
The company 'Wellington and Ward' (based where the Shopping Park is now) produced photographic plates and film and was the first factory to open in the town in 1894. The exhibition remembers the pre-digital days of film, chemical filled tanks and darkrooms in a fun and interactive way with a simulated darkroom, showing the various stages of producing prints from a film where visitors can try their hand at some of the processes. It is sure to bring back memories for older visitors and be a new and informative experience for children. There is an opportunity to take part in a children's quiz and have your picture taken against our seaside backdrop. The exhibition runs until the beginning of July.

From mid July a new exhibition will look at 'Down the Shops' and examines the way our shopping experience and the shops in Elstree and Borehamwood have changed through the years.

Beginning in January 2017 an exhibition entitled 'From Village to Town' will celebrate a century of migration to Elstree and Borehamwood. This is an ambitious project and we are interviewing local residents and documenting their stories in order to build a picture of the development of our towns.

We are looking for as wide a range of people as possible to take part in this project, from every section of the town community, and all aspects of Elstree and Borehamwood life. Every story and memory is important to us!

If you would like to be involved please contact the Museum via email ([info@ebw-museum.org](mailto:info@ebw-museum.org)) or go to our Facebook page or Museum Website ([www.ebw-museum.org](http://www.ebw-museum.org)), or contact Matt Caro, on 07771 658722 and [mattc50@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mattc50@hotmail.co.uk)



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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](http://www.elstree-museum.org.uk)  
Regd. Charity No. 1157773

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 2016:  
Thursday May 5th, June 2nd and July 7th. (from 10:30-11:30am)  
There is no meeting in August

Come and share your memories of Elstree & Borehamwood!

**FREE ENTRY**

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## Saturday 7 May - 5ft Mini Ramp Event

The Piazza (behind All Saints Church on Shenley Road)

11am - 4pm

## Sunday 19 June - Skatepark Awareness Day

Aberford Skatepark, Brook Road

11am - 4pm

- High energy shows of jaw dropping action •
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  - Supervised open sessions for more experienced riders •
  - Skateboards and safety equipment provision •
- Competitions for young people judged by professional riders •
  - Prize giveaways of skateboard/BMX products •

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

# Elstree & Borehamwood Remembers David Bowie

A challenger, a conquistador of normality, and creator of an ever changing exciting audacious culture, Bowie meant so much to anyone anywhere who ever felt they lived on the sidelines and he died, this January, two days after the release of his latest and last ever -album. He always had to be one step ahead.

Before you throw away that blusher, spandex, and disconcertingly tight pair of trousers stop! There is something to consider: The world still needs a David Bowie. Among the millions of words and myriad of outfit homages that have emerged since his death few touch upon the actual Bowie legacy.

Born David Jones in Brixton, to a family with no musical ties, Bowie didn't like his singing voice and hated dancing. He explained once, during an interview with Parkinson, that his artistic creativity and otherworldliness stemmed from his mother's renditions of choirboy Ernest Lough and the unexpected high D note in the 1947 film Tubby the Tuba. True or not, what is clear is that Bowie transformed himself, through a talent born of longing and from one entirely self-made.

He demonstrated, just within his two visits to Borehamwood, that nothing was outside the realms of possibility. Bowie came here in 1977 to record the unlikely duet with Bing Crosby Little Drummer Boy/Peace on Earth, and in 1986 to perform in Jim Henson's now iconic film - Labyrinth. Lycra clad and crystal ball swirling he came to us to work onscreen with puppets as Jareth the singing king of the Goblins. Always proving that he was open to an array of experiences and inspirations that very few would ever consider credible.

Bowie's true legacy was his ability to be inspired by and inspire others. For him everything was possible and there was no right path to follow. True talent is bold. It doesn't obey contract laws struts its stuff and challenges identity norms. So will the next David Bowie please stand up. Be daring, quit that arduous day job, don't always make sense, put your red heels on and dance.

*Joanna Mansfield*



A special free outdoor screening of Labyrinth will be taking place at 6pm on 25 June in Maxwell Park.

Free outdoor screenings of  
"Goldfinger" 1pm  
and  
"The Spy Who Loved Me"  
3:30pm

## Elstree & Borehamwood Classic Car Show 2016 Saturday 25 June 12pm – 6pm

Maxwell Park Community Centre, Maxwell Road, Borehamwood, WD6 1JJ



## Photography Competition

Take the best picture that captures the spirit of the civic festival and you could win a Sunday Carvery for ten people at Buca di Beppo restaurant in the Village Hotel Elstree.

Entries should be emailed to [dsalter@elstreeborehamwood](mailto:dsalter@elstreeborehamwood) or posted to D Salter, Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council, Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood WD6 5BT

Deadline for entries is Friday 8 July 2016.



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# Elstree & Borehamwood 60th Annual Civic Festival 18 June - 10 July 2016



**ALL EVENTS ARE FREE UNLESS STATED**

## Saturday 18 June

### Carnival Parade - The Queens 90th Birthday Theme



60th Annual Civic Festival begins with the Carnival Parade, Leaving Brook Road Car Park at 1.45pm. Along the route the procession follows (shown), you are welcome to come and cheer and show your support. Prizes awarded in various categories...

It's not too late to join in the fun, if you wish to take part with a bright and colourful WALKING OR FLOAT entry contact the Town Council (see page 35).

**1.45pm - 3.30pm.**



### Elstree Productions Theatre Company - Now That's What I Call Show Stoppers

A fun filled show full of singing and dancing with music from shows and films you love. For all the family to come and sing along.

**Fairway Hall, 3.30pm & 7.30pm.**



## Sunday 19 June

### Festival Skatepark Awareness Day



Borehamwood based company King Ramps will be showcasing some of the U.K's top skateboard and BMX talent on their mobile skate ramp that has previously toured U.K city centres and festivals. Pro riders on the day will include Jack Clarke (BMX), who has represented England in Asia as well as across Europe and the U.S. Jack will be joined by professional skateboarder Trevor Johnson, who has also competed all around the world.

Between the professional demonstrations the ramp will be open to the public for skateboard workshops, for which equipment will be provided for all to come and enjoy, whether that's spectating, taking part, or both.

See page 15 for more details.

**Aberford Skatepark, Brook Road, 11am - 4pm.**



### Festival Church Service

All are welcome at St Andrews in Aycliffe Rd at **3pm** for the annual Festival Church Service.

**St Andrews, 3pm.**

## Synagogue Open Day

All are welcome at **12pm** prompt for a tour and talk at Croxdale Road Synagogue.

This is a great opportunity to explore and understand this place of worship. The Synagogue looks forward to the pleasure of your company.

**12pm.**

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**Fairway Hall, 3.30pm.**

## Monday 20 June

## Table Tennis Club Open Night

Elstree & Borehamwood Table Tennis Club would like to invite you to its open evening for the Festival. Come along, meet new people, and join in the fun with a game or two.

**Maxwell Community Centre, 8pm - 10.30 pm. Free.**

## Tuesday 21 June

## Drop In @ Fairway Hall

Come along and meet new friends at Fairway Hall, for a chat and entertainment. Open to senior citizens.

**Fairway Hall, 10am - 12noon.**



## Wednesday 22 June

## Primary School Performing Arts

See the work of our talented children at the The Schools Art Show.

**Allum Hall, 9am - 11.30am.**

*Tickets available through schools.*

## DR96

Tea & biscuits, raffle, bingo, quizzes, sing a long and fun. Open to senior citizens.

**96 Shenley Road, 10am - 12noon**

*Entrance £2.*

## ELSTREE & BOREHAMWOOD'S GOT TALENT

A gala night at Fairway Hall at **7pm** as, with the help of the audience, our friendly judges select Town Talent 2016. You know the format! Who will emerge victorious to take the trophy and a special prize? If you think you have an entertaining talent, skill or party piece and can bring it to the stage, we want to hear from you.

**Fairway Hall, 7pm.**

*For more information and to book call the Town Council on 020 8207 1382.*

*Applications to take part from the Town Council, Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood, WD6.*



## Thursday 23 June

## Foodbank Open Day

Have you wondered what the Foodbank is like? Would you like to see what happens to your donations?

**From 1pm - 3pm** the Foodbank will open its doors to anyone who would like to visit.

Tea and coffee will be served in the hall and then you will be invited to look around our warehouse in small groups. See what is in a Food pack - taste some recipe ideas - ask any questions you may have.

We look forward to seeing you then.

**St Teresa's Church Hall, 291 Shenley Rd, WD6 1TG opposite Hertsmere offices.**

*(Please note this is NOT a client session and Food packs will not be issued at this time).*



## Hertsmere Academy of Dance Adult Dance Class

Think Hairspray, Saturday Night Fever, Dirty Dancing, Singing in The Rain, Chorus Line....

Have you always wanted to dance to those show stopping numbers? Our regular friendly class accommodates whatever styles of dance you would like to learn using West End Musical Theatre numbers as a theme! An energetic dance workout or soft and lyrical... it's always a NEW fun class. For the Festival we are giving you the chance to

learn a routine from a West End Musical. You can be any standard, from beginners upwards. A qualified dance teacher will give you a non-stop fantastic class... SO DONT MISS OUT!

**Fairway Hall, 8pm. Free.**

## Friday 24 June

## Borehamwood Brass Concert

Borehamwood Brass presents a musical concert at All Saints Church.

There will be a varied programme that is reflective of different musical styles and includes something for everyone.

**All Saint's Church, 8pm. Free.**



## Songs from American and British Musicals at Fairway Hall

Come and join in an evening of songs with Elstree & Borehamwood Light Operatic Society Show.

**Fairway Hall, 8pm. £6.**

## Saturday 25 June

## The Park Festival Run

Parkrun are staging a new festival run in **Aldenham County Park.**

Whether you are an experienced runner or just want to try the fun run, this event,

*For entry forms contact Fairway Hall 020 8207 1382. Free.*

## Festival Flower Show

Pop in to see some imaginative flower displays on show from many local community groups and organisations. It's a festival of colour!

**All Saints Church Shenley Road, between 10am - 2pm.**



Full listings available on





## Emergency Services open day

One of the Festival's most popular FREE events - The Emergency Services Open Day offers a fascinating peek behind the scenes of our local services in the **Ambulance, Fire and new Police Station from 1pm - 4pm.**

With family games and exhibitions it's lots of fun for children (and adults) of all ages!

## Classic Car Show/Outdoor Cinema



A selection of classic vehicles proudly displayed by their owners. Come along and have a chat to find out about these classics from the past. This year's theme is James Bond and will feature his classic car the Aston Martin DB5.

Free outdoor screenings of

**"Goldfinger"** at 1pm .

**"The Spy Who Loved Me"**

at 3:30pm.

**Maxwell Park Centre, 12noon - 6pm.**



## Tribute to David Bowie - Free "Labyrinth" Screening

Rock legend David Bowie sadly passed away at the start of 2016 after an 18-month battle with cancer. Come and remember him in this special outdoor screening in the shadow of the studio it was filmed in.

**Maxwell Park Centre, 6pm.**



## Songs from American and British Musicals at Fairway Hall

Come and join in an evening of songs with Elstree & Borehamwood Light Operatic Society Show.

**Fairway Hall, 8pm. £6.**

## Sitcom Heaven

Come and celebrate some of the Best of British big screen hit sitcoms at the home of many of the great cinema versions of small screen comedy classics.

**Elstree Studios. Doors open from 1pm.**

The day comprises two sessions:

### A Tribute to On the Buses

All three OTB films were made at Elstree.

**From 2pm - 5pm.**



Come and join Anna Karen (Olive) & Andria Lawrence (Turnaround Betty) along with the films' Executive Producer Roy Skeggs and a host of cast and crew for an EXCLUSIVE screening of previously UNSEEN interviews with Reg Varney, Stephen Lewis

and Anna Karen, the screening of some classic On the Buses moments and question & answer sessions with the guests. And there'll be a signing session too.

## Man About the House & George & Mildred

With special tribute to the late Yootha Joyce.

**From 6.30pm - 9.30pm.**

Come and join Sally Thomsett (Jo), Norman Eshley (Jeffrey Fourmile) and Nicholas Bond Owen (Tristram) along with fellow cast and crew members for a fun evening of exclusive recordings, question & answer sessions, signings and a tribute to the much loved Yootha Joyce.

*Tickets for each session cost £25 each (under 16s £15)*

*SPECIAL OFFER: Buy an adult ticket for both sessions (£50) and receive a FREE copy of the New Elstree Studios Book RRP £30.*

*Places are limited so book now. Admission by ticket only. Cash bar available.*

*All celebrity guests appear subject to availability.*

*Enquiries to: Joely Hertz at Elstree Studios 020 8953 1600 or to*

*joely.hertz@elstreestudios.co.uk*

## Sunday 26 June

## Songs from American and British Musicals at Fairway Hall

Come and join in an evening of songs with Elstree & Borehamwood Light Operatic Society Show.

**Fairway Hall, 3pm. £6.**

## Tuesday 28 June

## Coffee Morning

Come and join us for a coffee at **All Saints Church, Shenley Road at 11am** as part of the Flower Festival.

Enjoy a sociable gathering - and there's a chance to see the entries and win a raffle prize!



## Wednesday 29 June

### Royal Legion Festival Quiz

Enter a team in our Festival Quiz battle of wits at The Royal British Legion. Prizes for the winning team but more importantly, the title of Festival Quiz Champions and the Trophy Shield.



**The Royal British Legion, Shenley Road, from 7pm.**

*FREE to enter but you must register in advance as places in this ever-popular event are limited. Pay bar.*

*Contact the Town Council.*

## Thursday 30 June

### Melrose Allotments Open Day

Come down to Melrose Allotments and learn all about the allotments.



**Furzehill Road, opposite Oakwood Avenue, 12noon.**



## Friday 1 July

### Woodfest @ Summerswood School

Tickets £5. Under 11's free.

Available from Summerswood School.



## Saturday 2 July

### Families Day

As part of the 60th Annual Festival, welcome again to Meadow Park. It's FREE, it's fun and it's for all ages and includes a Falconry Display, Circus Acts, Live Music and much more.



**From 12pm to 5pm.**

*Stall application forms available from the Town Council.*



## Sunday 3 July

### Teddy's Trails Festival Walk to Caldecote

The Caldecote Trail - a tale of nuns, Lolita, bombers, moats, Kinks and more!

Join us for a bus ride to Bushey Heath followed by a 5-mile (3 hour) conducted walk back across the countryside, visiting points of interest along the way. Please wear strong footwear and bring a raincoat if the forecast is wet. Regrettably, the Trail is not suitable for wheelchairs or buggies.

**Meet promptly at 1.30pm in the forecourt of Elstree & Borehamwood station.**

Please remember to bring the right cash for your fare: adults £2.80, children 5-11 inclusive (and Saver Card holders) £1.40, concessionary pass holders free. Sullivan Buses has generously agreed to carry one child free accompanying each fare-paying adult.



### Museum Walk

Join in this historic walk around the local area with interesting facts and information by the museum curators.

**2pm - 4.30pm.**

Anticipated start 2pm but for further details ring Elstree & Borehamwood Museum on 01442 454 888. Free.

## Friday 8 July, Saturday 9 July and Sunday 10 July

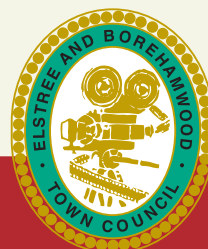
### The Schools Art Show

See the work of our talented children at the The Schools Art Show.



Organised by the Rotary Club of Elstree and Borehamwood.

**96 Shenley Road on Friday 8 July (9am to 5pm), Saturday 9 July (9am to 5pm), Sunday 10 July (11am to 5pm).**



**On behalf of Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council we hope all of you enjoy the festival**

**Full listings available on**



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The James Theatre, Watford Grammar School for Boys

**BOREHAMWOOD CHILDREN'S THEATRE**  
Wednesday 4.30-5.45pm, Ages 5-12  
The Ark Theatre, Thrift Farm Lane, Borehamwood

**BOREHAMWOOD YOUTH THEATRE**  
Wednesday 6.00-7.30pm, Ages 12+  
The Ark Theatre, Thrift Farm Lane, Borehamwood

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# Tapestries of Faith

The Town Council supports the freedom of residents to choose a faith or to have none and it is proud of the rich tapestry of religious groups within the local community, including those that meet at Fairway Hall such as the Radlett Reform Synagogue and the Borehamwood Islamic Centre.

## A Message From Rev Dr Didzis Stilve

**Increasingly, we all become theologians. We are sort of forced to.**

More and more we are introduced to various interpretations of religious texts - and the difference between them. We are so intensely aware where various religious ideas can lead - to spread terror or to reconciliation and peace. Let us remember, this interpretation used to be what professional theologians were preoccupied with.

But what is this academically sounding thing - theology - anyway?

One rarely comes across an idea that preoccupies one's mind for a long time. I had this 'aha' moment recently when I came across Martin Luther's - a 16th century theologian's - view of what theology is all about. It is basically dealing with two major things - (1) humans, who sin and (2) God who justifies the sinner. Before we object that this sounds way too narrow and shallow, we need to ask: what is the main problem of humankind? What is most visible and most often denied thing in the world? Is it not the sin? What is the greatest cure to this problem - God who justifies the sinner? Agreed, theology has often been preoccupied with all kinds of things but, in this time of confusion, it needs to be with basic problems - what matters the most.

Thus, humans sin, and God justifies sinners. But not only humans should be justified. In the face of tragedies that are happening around us all the time it seems that God also has some explaining to do. When we, in the face of all these meaningless tragedies and nonsense, ask God what He has done - His answer is - "I died for you". That, indeed, takes accusations of God being passive out of humans' mouths.

Truly, we all are shaped more and more into theologians. Not just by knowledge, but by the very life we live in this fallen and confused world. Therefore it is important to be clear about this simple truth of humans who sin and God who justifies.

**Rev Dr Didzis Stilve**  
**Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Borehamwood.**



Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church at St. Paul's Close, corner of Cranes Way and Furzehill Rd.  
Pastor Rev Dr Didzis Stilve. Phone number: 020 8953 3308.  
Website: [www.stpaulslutheran.co.uk](http://www.stpaulslutheran.co.uk). Services every Sunday 9:30am.



## A Celebration of Faith 2016

Sunday 18 September 2016, 3pm

### 'Journeys of faith'

Presentations by different faith groups in Hertsmeire followed by tea and time to meet and make friends

All welcome especially young people and families - members of a local faith community or not.

Council Chamber, Hertsmeire Civic Offices  
Elstree Way, Borehamwood WD6 1WA



Radha Mohan, a member of the Hare Krishna community blowing a Shofar Horn





# Bhaktivedanta Manor

## George Harrison's Gift to Hare Krishna and Western Culture

*'You know, once you get chanting, then things start to happen transcendently.'* George Harrison. (1985)

An oasis of spiritual inspiration, the Bhaktivedanta Manor estate in Aldenham Hertfordshire was donated by George Harrison in 1973 and is now the largest UK centre of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON)

The first overt sign of George Harrison's quest for spirituality materialised on the 1965 Beatles track 'Norwegian Wood'. Already inspired by Indian classical musician Ravi Shankar, and supposedly spurred on by Lennon to play the 'Dee dee dee bit' on the Sitar, George conceded and played it admittedly semi-shoddily, and in doing so the single became the first ever Western pop record released to feature the sitar.

It may have started with the incorporation of an Indian instrument in aid of servicing a Western song but after the Beatles' 1966 visit to India it developed into a genuine interest in exploring Hinduism and Indian culture. Intended as a trip for relaxation and exploration the Beatles were initially greeted by 600 screaming fans at the airport and unrelentingly later at their hotel. It's not hard to see why the teachings of simplicity and peaceful spiritual revolution by the founder of the Hare Krishna movement, Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada,

would have appealed to them, and particularly George, as a chance for peace of mind away from spotlights, sycophants, and media speculation.

Determined to hold on to the experiences of Indian spirituality, the Beatles returned donning Indian style bright clothing, advocating meditation and devotion, and quoting religious proverbs.

For most of his band mates, and the west, this immersion and alternative way of thinking was temporary, a fad, short lived and superficial, but for George this trip to India permanently changed his life and he became, and remained, deeply involved in the Hare Krishna consciousness movement right up until his death in 2001. He was the driving force of the Beatles' spiritual quest of the 1960s and because he was part of the most popular, powerful, and influential pop cultural force the world has ever known, his thoughts and actions have influenced millions of people around the world. Shaping the way we look at God, gurus, and life for decades to come.

Open all year round to visitors the Hertfordshire located Sanctuary for the Soul, Bhaktivedanta Manor, offers regular tours of the shrine, gardens, and organic farm.

**Joanna Mansfield**

## An evening with his Holiness Radnhanath Swami

The Maharajah visited Borehamwood on his visit to England from India to give a talk. About 30 residents attended to listen to Swami speak about his faith and his life.

He is an inspirational man and very genuine in his beliefs. All present were held spell bound as he talked.

Swami has written a book called 'The Journey Home' which has been read by 1000s worldwide. His visit was very special to those present.



## Elstree Village Preservation Society

### The Holly Bush

This has changed ownership. The new owners have installed caretakers on site and renovations are about to begin.

### Reviva Waste Station, Elstree Hill

An HBC Environmental Health Officer has been in touch with those who have given statements to check on their availability to appear in court as witnesses. There was a case review meeting between the parties on the 14th April. The compost heaps have been reduced in size and the amount of waste received at REVIVA has decreased.

### Aldenham Reservoir

The new owners are Liberty Lake Leisure Ltd., a company owned by the Gosrani Brothers. Signs have been erected around the Lake. Liberty Aldenham is in the process of making a new application to HBC for planning permission on their site at Watford Road. If they are successful they will work with stakeholders to set up a Trust with a remit to preserve the Reservoir and manage the environs.

### Footpath round the Lake

The decision whether the footpath around the lake should be a public Right of Way is still with Herts County Council.

## The Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society

The Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society continues to campaign for the preservation of our countryside and the protection of our twin settlements during a time of rapid growth and change.

We are particularly concerned over the preservation of Aldenham Reservoir which we believe constitutes the 'Very Special Circumstances' which would justify building houses in the Watford Road site opposite.

We work with Elstree Village Preservation Society, Radlett Village Society and Shenley Village Society on common interests.

Our AGM is on Wednesday 11 May at 7.15pm to 9.15 pm in Room 3 of Allum Hall Manor House, 2 Allum Lane Elstree WD6 3PJ. Our speaker will be Professor Martin Bigg, an expert on Environmental Issues. We are very fortunate to be able to hear his presentation. After the Meeting refreshments will be served.

If you care about your environment do please join us. All are welcome.



## Woodcock Hill Village Green

The WHVG committee has been working hard on the field preparing for the Beacon lighting event 21/4/16.

Thanks to Alex Melson leading the team using a brush cutter to clear brambles and grass, we will have one of a thousand beacons that will be lit across the UK to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. We are proud that the Woodcock Hill site is one of the oldest in the country dating back to 1588. The next record of the Beacon being lit is in 1897 at Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. More recently 1935, 1988, 2012 and 2015 have seen residents celebrate on the Hill with the lighting of a beacon.

To mark this auspicious occasion WHVG Committee has obtained WIIS funding from Borough Councillors Morris Bright, Charles Kelly, Meenal Sachdev and Farida Turner toward a Beacon Interpretative Board. The Telegraph Interpretation Board on the Hill at present was designed by a Museum volunteer. This time the designer is museum volunteer John Woolston.

Come and join us on WHVG for Woodstock on 11th June to celebrate the Queen's official birthday and the unveiling of the Board. Nick Male with his Hertsmere Acoustic Club will be leading the music and singing. Bring a picnic and a chair or a rug and enjoy a Sunny Afternoon of entertainment.

So many people in the Town do not know where Woodcock Hill is so the committee are applying to get a Brown sign. It costs £124 just to put in the application. We have no idea yet what the sign will cost.

We are in need of new members to help with the upkeep. The cost is only £5 per household per annum. Contact Pat Strack 020 8386 3151 or email [pat.strack@ntlworld.com](mailto:pat.strack@ntlworld.com) to join or for more details.

Access to the events is from Carrington Avenue, WD6 2HA.



WHVG has commissioned a new shield for the Beacon. Designed by Mike Rollins a special thanks goes to Bob Redman, Clive Butchins and Andy Hayward.





# Mindfulness



What is Mindfulness? Well put simply, it is a mental state achieved by focusing awareness on the present moment, while acknowledging and accepting our feelings, thoughts, and bodily sensations. Mindfulness encourages a 'moment-to-moment' psychological awareness of one's experience without judgment.

Mindfulness skills can be taught and used therapeutically. Via guided meditation, people can learn to incorporate the strategies into their day-to-day life. Mindfulness meditation focuses on training one's attention and awareness, in order to bring mental processes under greater voluntary control and thereby enhance mental well-being. It encourages 'being' rather than 'doing' and this in turn can promote calmness, clarity and concentration (Walsh & Shapiro, 2006).

Some of the reported benefits of mindfulness meditation include increased focus, and enhanced enjoyment of everyday activities. It can also reduce stress, help people to cope with daily challenges, help to manage anxiety and physical pain, and increase positive engagement with family and work life.

**8-Week Mindfulness course commences 9 May 2016**  
**Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood, WD6 5BT**  
**18:30 - 20:30 (2 hours)**  
**£230 for the course**

This course runs on Monday evenings for eight consecutive weeks (excluding Bank Holidays) and refreshments will be provided.

Please contact Mine or Irene for further details: [info@thewaytomindfulness.co.uk](mailto:info@thewaytomindfulness.co.uk) or visit the website: [www.thewaytomindfulness.co.uk](http://www.thewaytomindfulness.co.uk)

## The Maxwell Karaoke Jam

The Maxwell Karaoke Jam has something for everyone. For those of you who love to grab a mic and sing with your friends you'll have a great time. There's even a spot in the night dedicated to lip sync battling.

If that wasn't enough you'll also be entertained by the house band who'll get you on the dance floor for a boogie. And for those of you who play instruments you'll have the opportunity to jam with the band at the end of the evening.

The Maxwell Karaoke Jam is hosted by the Maxwell Park Community Centre and features a bar and a large comfortable seating area. Entry to the night is £5.

For information on the next Maxwell Jam Night. Contact June at [june@maxwellpcc.org](mailto:june@maxwellpcc.org)



## Maxwell Park Community Centre

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See website for details

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

# Back to Basics for Elstree Cubs



Cub Scouts from 1st Elstree, 1st Shenley and 7th Borehamwood took part in the County Cub Bushcraft Day in March at Harmergreen Wood Campsite near Welwyn, learning skills that they can apply on their next camps. The Cubs had the opportunity to try out various activities including fire-lighting, shelter building, cooking on fires, rope making and making camp gadgets. Despite the cold weather the Cubs had a great day.

Cub Scouts can be either boys or girls and are aged between 8 and 10 ½. There are currently 6 packs in the local area - if your child would like to join one of our local Cub Packs please email [dc.elstree@hertfordshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:dc.elstree@hertfordshirescouts.org.uk) for more information.



## Hertsmere Community Transport

A charity that operates in Hertsmere providing accessible, affordable door-to-door transport for people with mobility issues, who have difficulty using public transport.

**Community Car Scheme**  
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**Ring & Ride**  
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& Bushey

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www.hertsmercommunitytransport.org

## Family Holiday Lunches

Although it is wonderful for the children to have a break from learning and to rest, school holidays can be difficult times for families.

Limited budgets are stretched, and there are the demands of extra meals and snacks. Understanding this, we have, since we opened, run free family meals during the holidays. These are fun family occasions where children and parents are all welcome. We run a craft or sport activity first, followed by a freshly prepared lunch, chat and friendship. The food is always gorgeous and the activities are so imaginative – we love children to have something that they can take away with them that they have made themselves. Our family lunches will continue in the summer – 3rd, 10th 17th and 24th August all at 11.30am at St Teresa's Church Hall, 291 Shenley Road.



Much like coming to the foodbank, it isn't always easy to put your foot over the door, so maybe you would like to come with a friend and their family, or maybe just call beforehand and we will be on hand to give you a welcome. Please call Kim on 020 3583 1109 and leave a message.

We have a permanent collection box at Tesco's and over the last 6 months the amount of food donated and left for us there has grown and been consistently remarkable. We continue to be touched by the fact that the community of Borehamwood keeps us in their hearts and minds and quietly keeps supporting us. Thank you!!

Family lunches run by Borehamwood Foodbank offer help to families who struggle to cope in school holidays. A fun activity followed by a two course lunch.

Wednesdays August 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th. No cost but pre-booking essential.

Please text 07902 437872 or email [info@borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk). Comments from the last one included 'What a wonderful few hours' 'We thoroughly enjoyed it'.





# Borehamwood says goodbye to well-known local figure

Barbara Kennedy, Chief Executive of Crossroads Care Hertfordshire South is retiring from the Charity after 26 years.

She has been a prominent figure in the community and has served on many local charity boards around Borehamwood.

Her contribution to the Rotary Club of Elstree and Borehamwood over the last 16 years has included serving twice as president of the club. Her active participation with Borehamwood schools and the Annual trips she organised for the local children for the Rotary Kids Out event are legendary.

She is leaving Crossroads Care Hertfordshire South in an exceedingly strong position as they are in the process of merging with another local charity, Carers in Hertfordshire. The newly formed organisation will continue to provide the vital service that she started, supporting Carers and their families. She would like to thank her Board of Trustees for their constant support over the years. Barbara will be missed enormously by everyone who knew her and is now looking forward to spending more time with her family.



## Brain of Borehamwood Quiz Answers



Here are the answers to the ten brain-teasing questions set to test your knowledge of the locality in the spring 2016 issue of Town Crier.

All the questions contained clues to information which could be found by studying the guides to Teddy's Trails, which are sponsored by Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council and can be found on its website. How many answers did you spot?

**1. Through which portal might it be inadvisable to enter when there's trigger happiness aboard the Northern Irelander?**

The London Gateway service area on the M1 motorway (formerly called Scratchwood).

**2. What might lubricate the link between a well-armed moneybags, the unorthodox use of domestic utensils, and a sovereign afloat?**

Beer - or some other beverage - because these are the names of local pubs.

**3. What is the homely connection between a nightcap, an explosive invention and a one-time wag?**

Barnet Lane.

**4. What locally aids the ascent of some creditable fledglings?**

A flight of steps in Aberford Park.

**5. Which Shakespearian play might or might not have triumphed here or somewhere else?**

Julius Caesar.

**6. Where did a diplomatic sire arrive too soon to use public transport?**

Wall Hall.

**7. How does their frightening enemy leave the lofty divines?**

On horseback (or possibly by bus or bike). Some of the scenes in the horror movie The Devil Rides Out were filmed at High Canons.

**8. Whose demise has posthumously proved so healthy for the citizenry of Borehamwood and Radlett?**

King George V.

**9. Where and how do a pair of junior playing cards offer support to passers-by?**

In Parkfields. There are benches commemorating Jack Gardner, a town councillor and rights of way campaigner, and Jack Spector, a pensioners' rights activist.

**10. Who kept what in the family for 159 years?**

The Newcomes. Each holder of the rectorship of Shenley between 1742 and 1901 was a member of this family.

Congratulations to binoculars winner Simon Gee.





# Hertsmere Borough Council Pay and Display car parks

Did you know that if you commute to work from Elstree & Borehamwood train station you can buy a 'Commuter Parking Permit' from the council?

The permit allows you to park all day in the Furzehill Road multi-storey pay and display car park at a much reduced cost to the daily charge and is a short walk from the station.

#### How much does it cost?

12 months - £400

6 months - £230

3 months - £130

#### How to apply:

- Download and complete our application form from the council's website – [www.hertsmere.gov.uk](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk)
- Contact us on 020 8207 7422 or by email [cpz@hertsmere.gov.uk](mailto:cpz@hertsmere.gov.uk) and we will send one in the post to you;



Borehamwood Brass is a community band that was formed in 1971.

We are very lucky to have 8 young people all under 18 who currently play in the band but we are always on the lookout for new members. So if you have always wanted to play in a brass band, why not take that step and call or email to find out more!

We rehearse on a Friday night in Borehamwood.

Our website is [www.borehamwoodbrass.org.uk](http://www.borehamwoodbrass.org.uk)

Andrew King (Secretary).

Phone: 07719 040799

Email: [borehamwoodbrass@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:borehamwoodbrass@hotmail.co.uk)



#### Parking for the day?

Are you going on a trip and need to park close to the town centre or the train station? There are four pay and display council car parks that you could use:

- Civic Offices pay and display car park
- Brook Road pay and display car park
- Clarendon Road pay and display car park
- Furzehill Road multistorey pay and display car park.

The hours of operation for all these car parks are Monday to Saturday from 8am to 6.30pm. Please be aware that the Furzehill Road multi-storey car park does close late evening.

## GP surgeries

### Contact details and opening times

**Fairbrook:** 020 8953 7666, Monday to Friday 8.30am to 6pm.  
Closed between 1pm and 2pm

**The Grove:** 020 8358 3959, Monday 8.30am - 10pm, Tuesday to Friday 8.30am to 6.30pm  
Closed between 12.30pm and 1.30pm  
Saturday once a month by appointment only.

**Schopwick Surgery:** 020 8667 1850, Monday to Friday 8.30am to 6.30pm

**Theobald Medical Centre:** 020 8953 3355, Monday to Friday 8.30am - 6.30pm

#### Out of Hours service at Elstree Way Clinic.

For GP patients with a non life threatening condition. Patients can use this GP service by dialling 111 for an appointment.  
Open Saturdays and Sundays from 8am to 11pm

## National Carers Week 6 to 10 June

Jackie at Fairbrook, Gina at The Grove and Lindsay at Schopwick Community Champions have organised an event during National Carers Week. There will be speakers and stalls.

All carers welcome. A chance for an informal chat.

Thursday 9 June 9.30am to 1.30pm, at 96 Shenley Rd.





# Visually Impaired Club



The Visually Impaired Club (VIC) was launched on April 26th 2013 by the Mayor of Hertsmere, Cllr Pat Strack.

We meet once a week from 1.30pm to 4pm at Maxwell Park Community Centre, Maxwell Road, Borehamwood. We have a few volunteers who help our members with games. We recently introduced Table Cricket for the Blind, Chair Exercise, Age Curling, Boccia, Art and at the end of April we will start a flower arrangement class.

During the last few years we have participated in the Disability Games organised by the Rotary Club and this year we ended up with 2 gold and 3 silver medals.

Our Club allows our members to socialise, cutting down isolation and loneliness, get exercise and participate in activities. We have organised trips to the seaside, outings for bowling and eating out. We also held parties and fundraised during the 3 years.

A very big thank you to Sandra Parnell. Since the launch she has been a great supporter.

This year we are the Town Mayor's charity.

We would like to thank Borehamwood Football Club for their donation of £750 and all the help they give us with our fundraising.

Your financial support helps us continue in our mission to assist those in our community who are Visually Impaired. The generous support of individuals like you makes it possible for our charity to exist and to make the community a great place to live.



## Borehamwood & District Garden Craft Society

We are holding our Summer Show on Sunday 17 July in the afternoon at Allum Hall.

There will be Floral Art, Flowers and Vegetables on display and the opportunity to enter our baking challenge with sections for a Victoria sponge, a plate of biscuits, a fruit tart or jar of marmalade. There is also a craft section for you to enter called "All my own work" for adults and children.

Our autumn show is on Saturday 24 September again at Allum Hall. There will be Floral Art, flowers such as Roses, Dahlias and Fuchsias, Vegetables, Fruit, and the final of our potato challenge to see who can grow the heaviest crop in a container from one seed potato. You can enter the cookery challenges. A cake made using a vegetable as an ingredient or six decorated cupcakes or a jar of jam or chutney.

We will also be at the Pre-Festival Event on 7 May where we will be selling seedlings and plants grown by members of the club so come along and find out more about us!



## Writers in the Wood

'Writers in the Wood' is both an online and offline writers' circle, for people to share their work with others, offer and receive feedback on their written works, meet like-minded people, advise and support each other with regards to the world of literacy and enjoy expressing oneself through writing.

The group meets on the last Thursday of every month in Organ Hall, 37 Bairstow Close, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, WD6 4TB at 7:30.

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*Several sites of interest located nearby*

*All of which has led to an all-time high*

*In the number of flats and houses going up*

*As new building never seems to stop*

*Yes Borehamwood has so much to offer*

*It is the town for now with a BIG future*

**JD Milaric**

# What's on

# 96

**96 Shenley Road  
01442 454001**

**Sunday 22 May**

**Messy Max's Kitchen Chaos!**

**2pm**

£8

**Sunday 12 June**

**Captain Calamity's Mega Party**

**11.30pm**

£6

**Sunday 17 July**

**Goldilocks, The Three Bears and the Mayor of Porridgeton**

**1.30pm**

£8

**Sunday 25 September**

**Jack and the Bean's Talk**

**11.30pm**

£6

## Movies

**1.15pm**

£5 (Including tea and cake)

**Thursday 5 May**

**Bridge of Spies (12)**

**Thursday 2 June**

**Suffragette (12)**

**Thursday 4 August**

**The Dressmaker (12)**

## DR96 Over 60s Club

**Weekly Wednesdays 10am - 12pm**

New members welcome.

Contact Clive Butchins 8953 1827, Sandra Parnell 8953 0832 or Pat Strack 8386 3151

**Saturday 30 April and Sunday 1 May**

**Highgate Ballet School presents  
Homage to Enrico Cecchetti**

**The Ark Theatre, 7.30pm**

020 8238 7288

£12, children under 14 £8

**Saturday 7 May**

**Pre Festival Event**

**All Saints Church, 11am - 4pm**

Free entry

**Monday 9 May**

**The Shenleybury Trail! A tale of pilgrims, racehorses, scolds, EastEnders and more!**

A country walk (starting with a bus ride) to introduce you to six centuries of local history and domestic architecture.

**Elstree & Borehamwood Station, 11am**

Bus fare: adults £2.70, children £1.30, concession pass holders and dogs free

To book a place go to

[www.hertsdirect.org/walksandmore](http://www.hertsdirect.org/walksandmore)

**Wednesday 11 May**

**Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council Mayor Making**

Greet your new Mayor.

**Fairway Hall, 7.30pm**

**The Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society AGM**

**Room 3 of Allum Hall Manor House,  
2 Allum Lane Elstree WD6 3PJ, 7.15pm**

**Friday 13 and 27 May**

**Family 'I Spy' Walk**

Belford Road park (bring your teddy bear, healthy snack provided).

Join us with your under 5's for an exciting 'I Spy' walk finishing with a teddy bears picnic in Aycliffe.

**Meet: Grassed area beside Aberford Road Community Centre (café side) Borehamwood, WD6 2FD, 10.45am - 11.45am**

**Tuesday 17 May**

**Talk on 'On and Off the Hotplate' by Bill Davies**

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

£2 for non U3A Members

**Friday 20 May**

**Michael Buble Tribute**

**Village London Watford, 7pm**

[village-watford.yapsody.com](http://village-watford.yapsody.com)

Tickets from £24.50

**Saturday 21 May**

**Aldenham Country Amble**

A walk around Aldenham Country Park with a talk about the history of the park and the farm animals on site.

**Meet: Clock house kiosk, Aldenham Country Park, Elstree, WD6 3AT MAP, 10.30am**

**Sunday 29 May**

**Film & TV Trail**

Visiting over 25 information panels, in our film and heritage trail from the station to the studio.

**Meet: Borehamwood Train Station, 10.30am**

Places can be booked only through the County's "Walks and More" website at [www.hertsdirect.org/walksandmore](http://www.hertsdirect.org/walksandmore)

**Wednesday 1 June**

**Community Safety Partnership Meeting Civic Offices Residents  
Hertsmere Borough Council Offices, 6.30pm**

**Saturday 4 June**

**The Queens 90th Birthday Party**

**Maxwell Park Community Centre**

Free entry

**Sunday 5 June**

**WHVG Working party**

**Carrington Ave, 11am-1pm**

**Saturday 11 June**

**"Wood-stock" - open air music**

WHVG invites residents to their annual picnic. Bring your own picnic and enjoy the open air music. If you have an instrument or a voice of any standard, bring that too!

**Woodcock Hill, Carrington Avenue, WD6 2HA, from 1pm**

**Sunday 12 June**

**St Teresas Parish procession**

**Starting at 1.30pm from Saint John Fisher and Thomas More Church**

**Tuesday 21 June**

**Talk on 'The Wonderful World of Ebay' by Hugh Grainger**

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

£2 for non U3A Members

**Wednesday 29 June**

**NSPCC Summer Lunch**

Guest Speaker Dame Jenni Murray DBE

**Shenley Cricket Centre, 1pm for 1.30pm**

£30 to include 3 course lunch with wine.

Available from Jeannie Hinds 020 8953 5005

**Sunday 3 July**

**Remembrance Service**

A service for those affected by the death of a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth or in babyhood, or a child during childhood or adulthood.

**St Teresa's Church**

For information call 07906 559756

**Sunday 17 July**

**Borehamwood & District Garden Craft Society**

**Allum Hall**

**Tuesday 19 July**

**Talk on 'The Bloomsbury Group' by Colin Oakes**

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

£2 for non U3A Members

**Sunday 24 July**

**NSPCC Garden Fete**

**Schopwick House, Elstree, 2pm to 5pm**

Adults £2, children free

**Tuesday 16 August**

**Talk on 'The John Lewis Fellowship'**

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

£2 for non U3A Members





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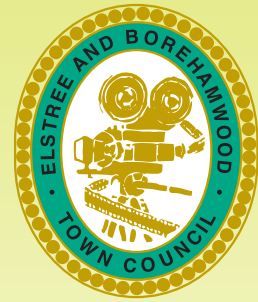
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# Annual Report 2015/2016



## Mayor's Summary

Summing up at the Council meeting on 16 March 2016, the Town Mayor Cllr R Butler said "I have had a fantastic year as Mayor and am proud that my chosen charity (the Visually Impaired Club based at Maxwell Park Community Centre) managed to raise nearly £3,000. It was wonderful to present the Honorary Freeman awards this year to Bob Redman and Bill Davies and I hope you enjoyed the video of my year in office which highlighted some of the key moments [The Audience at the Annual Parish Meeting had watched a four minute long video compilation of the Mayoral Engagements and Council Events]. Good Luck to the new Mayor and thank you to all my colleagues and especially to Rebecca who accompanied me in my role!"

## Community Services

**Hall Bookings:** Fairway Hall is available for regular and casual hire and provides a service much in demand by the community including dance, yoga, mindfulness classes, soccer practice for toddlers, children's workshops, private birthday parties, theatrical shows, wedding receptions, faith groups and public forums. Over 2,000 hours were booked in 2015/16. Wednesday evenings have been agreed as solely for Council use for public forums and Council meetings thus reducing the hire cost of other venues for the Council.



**Planning and Consultations:** The Council considered a total of 370 planning applications referred to it by Hertsmere Borough Council as a statutory consultee. Comments were made on 111 of these with concerns including issues of overdevelopment, adequacy of parking provision and the need for family sized dwellings in the area. Consultation responses were made on Site Allocations (SADM) and public rights of Way in the Aldenham area. The Environment and Planning Committee is responsible for considering Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) projects and bids to Hertsmere Borough Council. The Council agreed to initiate a Neighbourhood Plan for the Elstree and Borehamwood areas and to appoint an Officer for this purpose. Once agreed, the policies within such a document would form part of the Local Plan.



**Allotments (Allum Road, Melrose Avenue and Stapleton Gardens):** Plot occupancy was at 97% (144 tenants and 148 plots) with 50 new plots being opened in the North of Borehamwood (Stapleton Gardens) in the future. Potential applicants for the Stapleton Gardens site waiting list are encouraged to contact the Council (currently 21 names are on the list). Work to improve access to and security on the sites is ongoing.

**Site and Street Maintenance:** In partnership with local businesses, the Council maintains the film plaques in Borehamwood (with additional plaque opened to Jim Henson in 2015), 47 benches and 9 notice boards (with a new board at Elstree and Borehamwood train station). Both War Memorials, St Nicholas and All Saints Churchyard (and Church Clock) are maintained by the grounds team and the High Street planter cost is shared with Hertsmere Borough Council.



**Grants:** A total award of £3,250 was made in 2015/16: Elstree and Borehamwood Light Operatic Society (£250) for advertising the production of Oliver!, First Impressions (£1,000) for street scene improvements, Boreham Wood Football Club (£1,000) for advertising billboards and Twin Town Association (£1,000) towards running costs. The Council encourages local organisations to apply for Community Grants in 2016/17. The deadlines are 1st round 4 May 2016, 2nd round 20 October 2016 and 3rd round 4 January 2017. Application forms and procedures are available on the Council website ([www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk/index.php/yourcouncil/community-grants](http://www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk/index.php/yourcouncil/community-grants)).



**Transport Forum:** The Forum meeting frequency has increased from 3 to 4 per year (with option of a 5th) with meetings taking place on a Wednesday evening at Fairway Hall. In 2015/16 the Forum received a report from J Cartledge on urban footpaths (highlighting the need to protect these), responded to a consultation on strategic priorities for rail in Hertfordshire and held a themed meeting on considerate parking (with the aim of raising awareness with road users). Bus and train updates were provided at meetings with relevant information recorded in the minutes and Council website.

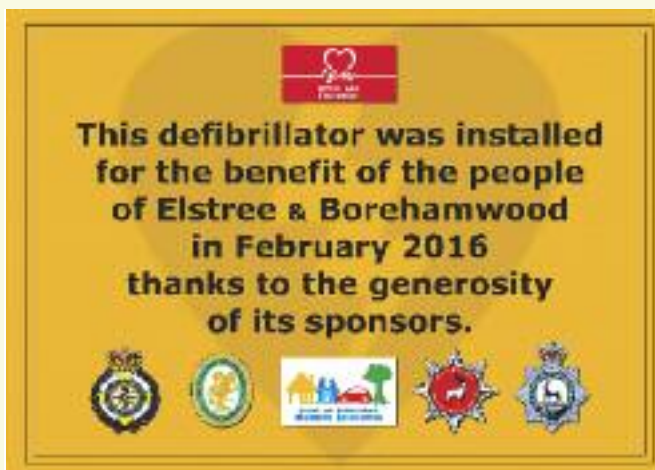
**Events Forum:** This group met three times in 2015/16 and was successful in providing suggestions for future event planning including the type of artistes at Families' Day and the Queen's Birthday celebrations. The proposals are submitted to the Entertainments Committee for consideration and approval.

**Business Forum:** This group, chaired by the Town Mayor, was initiated to strengthen community engagement, lobby on behalf of the local business community and to represent to the Town Council the views of businesses on matters of Government policy (e.g. grants, transport infrastructure and business support).



**Teddy's Trails:** The Council launched a collection of 18 documented walks (including information on local history) surrounding Borehamwood (published on the website). These are dedicated to a Fox Terrier owned by resident, Mr J Cartledge, who prepared and led the initial organised trails and who was responsible for compiling the contents.

**Defibrillator Project:** Local resident Mr L. Stack, with the support of Town Councillors, initiated a programme to install defibrillators at strategic locations throughout Elstree and Borehamwood. The project included training for users and fundraising activities (with many items being donated by businesses and the British Heart Foundation).



**Honorary Freeman:** At the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 9 March 2016 the Town Council was proud to recognise two prominent residents who had gone beyond the call of duty in serving the community. For the first time in the Town Council's history it bestowed the very highest award that it could give to Bill Davies (the D Day veteran and chevalier de la Legion d'honneur) and Bob Redman (of First Impressions and Elstree Screen Heritage). The award is Honorary Freeman of Elstree and Borehamwood.

## Leisure and Entertainment

**Coach Trips:** The 12 subsidised coach trips for the over 60s were sold out. New destinations for 2016 were agreed as Margate, Greenwich and Stratford Upon Avon. The Council agreed to support two trips to Christmas markets in December 2016.

**Civic Festival:** The Festival fortnight was hugely successful with a Buggy Malone themed Town Council lorry in the 22 float parade. The Classic Car show displayed over 20 vehicles with outdoor films of The Italian Job and Who Framed Roger Rabbit? (despite inclement weather). Families Day included over 50 community stalls with the addition of a Kinovan (showing historic footage of Borehamwood) organised by Elstree Screen Heritage. The headline artistes were Britain's Got Talent star John Evans (balancing act), falconry, high wire stunts, mountain bike displays, balloon models, table top circus and a showcase of local talent. Other events in the fortnight included an Allotment open day at Melrose Avenue, the Annual Festival Flower show, Primary School Performing Arts and the Royal Legion Festival Quiz. 'Elstree and Borehamwood's Got Talent' was held at the Ark Theatre for the final time (with the competition being relocated to Fairway Hall in 2016). The Pre-Festival event held in May each year continues to help with ticket sales and to highlight many of the attractions to come.





**Fireworks Display:** This was the 25th free entry fireworks display, choreographed this year to themes from the Musicals. Over 5,000 spectators enjoyed a safe and well organised show. The pyrotechnics were sponsored by Signia Homes with Taylor Wimpey sponsoring the 'Penny for the Guy' competition and music.



**Musical Concerts:** The BBC Band returned to Allum Hall for a Christmas concert in December recognising the 30 Years of East Enders landmark with a special rendition of the theme music. Borehamwood Brass held a concert as part of the Festival.



**Christmas Switch On Display:** The lights were switched on by celebrity Shona McGarty ('Whitney' from East Enders). New additions included a Christmas Tree at the train station with carol singing by the 5th Borehamwood Brownies and Girl Guides.

The Switch On event was embellished by the ever popular Santa's Grotto stall, ice rink, merry-go-round and Rolling Base activity bus. Cowley Hill, Kenilworth, Meryfield and Monksmead primary schools performed carols to a packed All Saints Church.

## Children and Young People

**School Swimming:** The Council supported local schools in meeting the cost of travel to The Venue swimming pool for lessons (£33,000). This much appreciated service is applauded by Head teachers and students alike.

**Youth Council:** Achievements included environmental improvements (especially at Elstree and Borehamwood train station), raising funds for the Visually Impaired Group and bramble clearance at Woodcock Hill. The Youth Council is keen to welcome new members who want to make a difference and be a local voice for young people in the area (contact T Malton - Youth Council Secretary tel: 020 8207 1382).

**Work Placements:** The Council provided placements for local schools in the role of Grounds Maintenance Assistants in the Summer months.

## Public Access Report and Communications

The report contents were approved by Full Council on 16 March 2016 and the report is available for inspection by any elector in the Parish area by contacting the Town Council Offices or viewing on the Council website ([www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](http://www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)) and social media pages. The report is published in the quarterly Town Crier publication distributed to every resident in Elstree and Borehamwood (16,000 copies). Copies are available at the Town and Borough Councils and at Borehamwood Library.

## Finances

The summary of Council Finances at Year End is as follows:

	Actual year to date	Current annual budget
<b>General Management</b>		
Expenditure	£310,792	£294,755
Income	£401,209	£397,104
Net Expenditure	-£90,417	-£102,329
<b>Environment and Planning</b>		
Expenditure	£10,408	£24,580
Income	£6,558	£6,867
Net Expenditure	£3,849	£17,713
<b>Leisure and Entertainment</b>		
Expenditure	£89,670	£91,600
Income	£17,922	£10,050
Net Expenditure	£71,748	£81,550
<b>Community Support</b>		
Expenditure	£30,292	£46,940
Income	0	0
Net Expenditure	£30,292	£46,940
<b>TOTALS</b>		
Expenditure	£441,162	£457,895
Income	£425,689	£414,021
Net Expenditure	£15,473	£43,874

General Reserve Fund at Year End: £125,080

Earmarked Reserves at Year End: (Van: £3,451, Capital Projects: £218,810 and Allotments: £26,211)

Earmarked Reserve Expenditure in Year: (Elections: £23,174, Capital Projects: £1,190 and Allotments: £27,715)



# Town Councillors

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**2015/16 Deputy Mayor: Cllr Anne Mitchell**

The new Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be appointed at the Annual Council meeting on 11 May 2016 along with Committee Chairmen and representatives on outside bodies.

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## Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council meetings

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

All meetings now take place at Fairway Hall.

4 May	Transport Forum	Main Hall	7pm
11 May	ANNUAL COUNCIL - MAYOR MAKING	Main Hall	7.30pm
24 May	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7pm
25 May	General Management	Meeting Room	7pm
7 June	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7.30pm
15 June	Youth Council	Meeting Room	6.30pm
15 June	FULL COUNCIL	Main Hall	7.30pm
21 June	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7pm
6 July	Transport Forum	Main Hall	7pm
12 July	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7.30pm
14 July	General Management	Meeting Room	7pm
19 July	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7pm

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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