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



It is a great honour to have been elected by my fellow councillors on 11th May to serve you as Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood for

a second term. Life since then has been hectic. In addition to the ongoing committee meeting schedule, I attended as many of the Town Festival events as I could along with a number of other occasions where I was asked to represent the Council and the people of Elstree and Borehamwood.

My wife of over 40 years, Elaine, continues to be a constant support and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her from the bottom of my heart.

As you may have already heard, my charity for this year is the Elstree & Borehamwood Museum. The Museum needs funds to mount displays in the museum itself and to help fund outreach programmes to local schools, youth groups and other community projects. It has no paid employees and is run almost exclusively by volunteers. It is always grateful for support either financially or with donations or loans of articles of interest.

Finally, if you are involved with a local group or organisation, do please consider inviting me to your events. I will do my very best to come along and see what you get up to.



We now look forward to a busy autumn, rounded off with the fireworks display on 5th November and the Christmas lights switch-on which will be on Sunday 27th November. I look forward to seeing you there.

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Cllr Clive Butchins Mayor of Elstree & Borehamwood 020 8207 1382

### Festival Feedback Questionnaire

Please take this opportunity to tell us about your views and any suggestions you may have for future Festivals.



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### Borehamwood & Elstree Twin Town Association

### Sustaining European links with France & 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.

Over the summer months BETTA has visited Fontenay-Aux-Roses, our French Twin Town, near Paris. Undeterred by the recent floods in Paris a group of plucky Brits, with two French women to strengthen their resolve, embarked at Elstree & Borehamwood railway station for their expedition to La Belle France.

The visit was planned to coincide with Fontenay-Aux-Roses' Fete de la Ville .This saw all aspects of French culture celebrated in the evocative setting of the Place de General de Gaulle. Colourful folk dancers came from all the Francophone lands. BETTA stalwart Nick Male even sang with a French jazz band.

During the visit, the Mayor of Fontenay-Aux-Roses, Laurent Vastel, committed to a return visit next year. Leading surgeon Dr. Vastel will bring a delegation of subject specialists who will advise him, while in Borehamwood, on the best pathways to strengthen and develop the forty year-strong friendship between our two communities

Later this year the association plans to visit our German partner town of Offenburg. This visit, which will take place from 23rd to 26th September, will allow visitors to experience the popular Wine Festival. Cost for the visit is £330 for Non Members and £310 for Members.







Following the recent decision to leave the European Union, BETTA has sent a letter to both our partner towns committing to working in partnership making our cultural links stronger than ever before. The association was also able to promote these links days after the result at Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council's Families Day, part of this year's Civic Festival.

For further details about the association and our activities, please look at our website, www.betta.org.uk or for more information about how to become a member of the association, contact BETTA either by email bettagroup@hotmail.com or by telephone 020 3441 6510.



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### Defibrillators

The town team have now ensured that the units at Allum Hall and Aberford Park will be properly installed.

Of the 10 town primary schools eight will have defibrillators by the autumn term. The team are arranging joint funding for schools. The schools receive £300 and they provide £150 of funding. The government have promoted defibrillators in schools and are at present providing them at half price. Well done to St Teresa's School who raised all their own funding.

The team will arrange free training for school staff, parents and pupils in the autumn term and continue to arrange training for the public.

All community centres and others will receive instructions to put with their health and safety inspections to ensure the continued maintenance of the equipment.

"Defibrillator Here" notices will be put up during the summer with opening times where appropriate. A next step will be to ensure that all defibs we have provided will be properly registered with the Ambulance Service.

Lawrence Stack has been given a special award from the British Heart Foundation for all his work in bringing defibrillators to the town.



The following schools will have their defibrillators for the autumn term: Kenilworth, Meryfield, Monksmead, Parkside, St Nicholas, Saffron Green and Summerswood. Training for staff, pupils and parents will take place in the autumn term.

McNicholas at Elstree will be running a fundraising event at their offices on 21 September to buy a defibrillator to be used at the Waterfront business area in Elstree.

## **DR96**

#### The Wednesday morning drop-in at 96 Shenley Road.

The club continues to thrive and attract new members. Since the spring we have celebrated the Queen's Birthday and American Independence Day.

The Fire Service signed members up to their new "Safety in the Home" scheme. Members made flower arrangements for Town Flower Festival at All Saints Church. Thank to M&S and Lidl for providing the flowers, and to Yvonne Harris from the Garden Craft Society for her help.

We had 2 trips with Thamselink Govia "Try a Train" day.

Trip 1 went to St Pancras station having a train quiz on the way out and playing bingo on the way back. We visited the statues on the upper level. Members went to lunch at Nandos together.

Trip 2 went to Kings Cross station. Of particular interest was platform 9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, the Harry Potter attraction. Lunch was provided by Govia in the station at St Pancras.

Garden of the Rose was visited on a very rainy day. Some members enjoyed dodging the rain and seeing the magnificent displays.

We have fortnightly exercises, line dancing, singers and speakers from many organisations. Each week we usually play bingo and try a quiz.

We have planned a trip to Brighton in September, a trip to Windsor in October, a trip to see the lights and dine out at Covent Garden, a trip to Rochester Dickens Market in December and a pantomime in January.



#### 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 Reservoir' • Planning • Saving key bus services

#### NEXT THREE MEETINGS:

Tues: 13<sup>th</sup> Sept, 11<sup>th</sup> Oct & 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 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.



Borehamwood Brass is a traditional British brass band, performing a wide repertoire on the standard set of instruments. Membership is open to musicians from roughly Grade 4 standard upwards. If you learned a brass instrument at school but haven't played for a while then come along and get going again! Or if you are already a musician who would like to try us out, please come along.

Borehamwood Brass was founded in 1971, when pupils from the former Holmshill School Brass Band approached Eddie Rice. The boys found themselves with no musical outlet on leaving school, and Eddie worked with them to create a band for Borehamwood. The music ensemble initially was known as the Borehamwood Brass Consort, and the group played at local fetes and garden parties, raising funds for good causes as well as for the band's own development. Like its predecessor the school band, the group was conducted by David Aubrey.

Numbers gradually increased, and the group was re-named Borehamwood Brass Ensemble. Since that time the band has become established in the town. It currently works with the Twin Town association, the Town Council and other local organisations to promote Borehamwood. The band has exchanged a number of visits with the twin town of Offenburg, Germany.

Members across the region often play for one or more other bands and we, like others, are keen to encourage new players to join. Potential members and visitors are always welcome at our rehearsals on a Friday night.

We meet every Friday night (except in August when we all take a month's break) in the Holy Cross Church Hall in Balmoral Drive, Borehamwood, WD6 2QT, from 8pm to 10pm. It is very close to the A1 and easy to find. If you would like to come, please phone us beforehand to ensure we are meeting.

We don't contest at present, preferring to perform concerts at local events, supporting our local charity the NSPCC. A few members are teachers or married to them, so we regularly support school fetes as well.

Most of us have family commitments and so we don't have too busy a year, with the main events happening in June and July and, of course, carols at Christmas.

Our music is very varied. When we perform at fetes and for smaller charity events we have a rotating selection of favourites from our music library. These are better known pieces and make easy listening for afternoon events and for children.

For more information on Borehamwood Brass, and how to join, please contact Andrew Grady on 07802 736628 or email borehamwoodbrass@hotmail.co.uk



### Compost Corner Opening the Gates



# a 7 pole piece by Anne Nicodemus

The sun was out... mostly... on this auspicious occasion, falling this year on 30th June, when we celebrated 'all things allotments' as part of Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council's Annual Civic Festival.

For the past two years, the gates have been unlocked to members of the public so they can come, check out what's growing and meet some of the allotment holders who are there. They have a chance to see 'work in progress', and ask any number of questions as they are given a guided tour around the site.

On these occasions, you can never tell who will wander up the stony drive from the normally locked black wrought iron gates on Furzehill Road. The site is set back so not visible from the road, and lends itself to the peace and quiet of heavenly solitude 'where your burdens fall away' as you progress from the gate up the drive. The site boasts around 100 plots of varying sizes: 5, 7 and 10 poles. If you have no idea what I am talking about, the National Allotment Society explains what this means "An allotment is traditionally measured in rods (perches or poles), an old measurement dating back to Anglo-Saxon times. 10 poles is the accepted size of an allotment, the equivalent of 250 square metres or about the size of a doubles tennis court". If you start from this basis, you can get a sense of the size of the 5 and 7 pole plots... unless you've 'lost the plot' (?)... sorry, that was just too tempting. Currently, Melrose plots can be rented for a paltry £4 per pole as an annual fee.



This year, Dan (Editor of this fine publication amongst other things) and I (current Allotment Committee Chair) greeted the first of the guests, 3 year old 'Flobo' who was wearing a sensible pair of gold sparkly wellies, accompanied by her grandad Peter (Council Warden), then Cllr Clive Butchins, the Town Mayor, who breezed in, in glinting Mayoral regalia (no wellies), soon to be followed by Pearl and her husband, and then not long after, Barbara and Sue joined our party, wearing suitably inquisitive expressions. As we strolled along the grass and occasional aromatic wood chipped paths, we took in the wide variation in plot development... and there are varying ways to interpret what one sees. Needless to say, if you err towards 'judging your neighbour', you won't necessarily find the peace and happiness that could be yours unless you were more in line with 'going with the flow'. Our youngest guest 'Flobo' whom we were following as it happens, took it all in her stride, and pointed out at regular intervals that picking raspberries was all that you needed to keep in mind, a good lesson when you are facing a wall of weeds and grass on either side of you.

Going around, I was keen to point out that everyone works and learns at their own pace, as well as taking in helpful advice from others. It seemed pretty obvious though that it might be worth recognising your limitations sooner rather than later, and that having the ideal size plot for your capabilities is a good place to start. Our group tackled many questions, including 'how much does it cost to rent one?' Peter did some quick calculations and informed us that at £4 per pole, a 5 pole would be £20, a 7 pole £28, and a 10 pole £40 per year (actually at the time he quoted and calculated last year's fee of £3.50 per pole by mistake, far more complex maths from where I stood). Another concern was, 'I'm not sure I can take one on, as what would happen when I went away on holiday?' A very good guestion! Well, some people make friends with their neighbours and arrange little exchanges (I'll water yours if you water mine), or even take on a 'plot share' with friends so the work and reward can be shared out and managed that way. There were always solutions to be found, and as Bert who was our oldest plot holder at 98 once said "a least we get a feed out of it".

There were plenty of beautifully laid out plots to admire, envy, and aspire to, and we all noted and commented on the excellent height and healthy growth of the potatoes on many of the plots. There were numerous varieties of 'tatties' in evidence by their different coloured flowers and foliage, and it was fun to 'guess what that is!' in the form of sweetcorn vs leeks, courgettes vs marrow, calendula vs marigolds, and we played 'spot the tomato' - greenhoused varieties were still green but at least visible! - due to late planting out and the strange weather we're having. The highlight of our tour was probably when we arrived at 'the communal strawberry patch'. One of the Melrose plot holders took it upon himself to plant up the boundary edge with strawberry plants and wild flowers, to discourage the dumping of unwanted items (there's always one). Instead, this particular verge now attracts bees and butterflies as well as admiring looks (and tastes) from all who pass. We stooped down and sought out the succulent red ripe berries that hung in profusion under a lush canopy of leaves....smiles and smacking of lips all round!

Hope you can join us for a tour next year!

P.S. Take a look at the Council's allotment page on their website http://www.elstreeborehamwoodtc.gov.uk/index.php/services/allotments

### Show Us What You Grow!!

Since spring, members of the Borehamwood & District Garden Craft Society have been growing one potato in a container to see who can grow the heaviest crop.

The final weigh-in will take place at the Autumn Show at Allum Hall on 24 September 1.30pm - 4.30pm so come along and join us to see the results. We will also have dahlias, roses and fuchsias amongst other flowers on display, along with vegetables and autumn fruit and Floral Art entries.

If you also have something to enter you would be very welcome, just phone Ann Shuker 020 8953 2864 for further details. There is also a cookery competition for a cake made with a vegetable (like carrot cake) or six decorated cupcakes, jam or pickles. So do come along and join in if you can.



Ann Shuker Show Secretary

### Elstree Lawn Tennis Club

Every Saturday morning at Elstree Lawn Tennis Club in Aldenham Road coaching takes place for children of all ages.

Call Jay on 07989 646 469 or email raijanni@hotmail.com for more details.

For other opportunities to play tennis check the club website elstreetennis.com



### Annual Fireworks Display Penny For The Guy Competition

Saturday 5 November 7pm Meadow Park

The registered competitors will bring their entry to the Town Council Fireworks Display at Meadow Park and the winners will also have their names and photographs with their guys printed in the Town Crier magazine.

The Judge will be the Town Mayor, Cllr Clive Butchins.

Application Forms available from www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk For more information please call 020 8207 1382

Applicants should be aged between 10 - 16 years old and be a student at a school in Borehamwood or Elstree or a resident of the area.

School prize £100 cheque Youth group prize £50 cheque Individual prize £25 gift voucher



### Summerswood

#### **Carnival Success!**

Summerswood Primary School were very proud that their months of hard work paid off and culminated in winning first place in the float competition!

Children across the school painted, drew and glittered banners and bunting to decorate our Royal Variety Performance themed float. The children on board were dressed up as their favourite celebrities and they loved partying their way around Borehamwood to the music of Michael Jackson who met the Queen at the Royal Variety Performance in 1977.

Well done to everyone who worked so hard to make this creative float a reality – Mrs O'Sullivan, Miss Odonkor and Miss Heard deserve a very big 'thank you'! Our prize money has been invested in home reading books. We can't wait for next year's carnival!

#### #Woodfest2016

July 1st 2016 saw the 2nd annual festival at Summerswood Primary School. A large stage appeared in the car park and was surrounded by

stalls, bouncy castles, a fire engine and a police van. The talent on the stage ranged from local bands Magician's Nephew and Hokum Blues Band to the talented David Boakes: The Michael Jackson as well as the winners of Summerswood's Got Talent and Cheerleading Troupes! The event was a resounding success, despite the weather attempting to scupper our plans! Thank you to everyone who helped the school raise more than £5,000. Save the Children, Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital Charity and Noah's Ark Children's Hospice will each be receiving a donation of £500 and the rest of the money will be used on much needed school resources. Watch out on our Facebook Page for information about #Woodfest2017!





### June 2016 was the month when our current year 6 from Saffron Green went to Mill Rythe on Hayling Island.

This was a week of excitement, new experiences, laughter and joy. The highlights included canoeing, playing volleyball in the outdoor pool, archery, an evening camp fire and of course the disco.

Since then years 5 and 6 have not stopped and together they organised their own social enterprise event to help raise funds for the year 6 Glitz and Glamour party. We designed and made bags, key rings, dolls, cakes and delicious fruit smoothies. Through all this hard work we have successfully halved the price for parents to pay for this party!



### St Nicholas Elstree

#### As with any primary school towards the end of the summer term, it has been a busy and fun packed time with lots going on at St Nicholas Elstree Primary School.

Among the highlights were the year 2 trip to the seaside, year 5 rivers trip to Hudnall, year 3 and 4 visit to the British Museum and year 1 trip to Woburn Zoo!

Nursery and Reception visited Belmont Farm in Mill Hill and had a fantastic time handling the animals.

The school entered the Art exhibition and the children produced African masks and art work of our village inspired by Lowry.

Year 6 went on their residential trip to Mill Rythe in Hampshire and had fun abseiling, raft building and canoeing.







### Meryfield

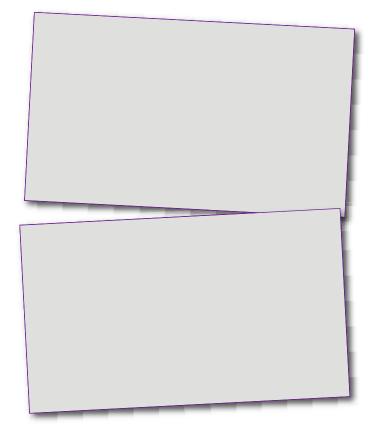
Meryfield Community Primary School held its first sports presentation evening where sporting commitment, achievement and excellence of pupils was recognised and celebrated.

All club members were awarded with certificates of achievement to thank them for their hard work, commitment and dedication to sport at the school.

There were also three special awards: Players' Player, Managers' Player and Player Progress Award and these were awarded to children who have represented Meryfield at some of our many successes in the sporting arena.

Two special trophies were given to sportsman and sportswoman of the year in recognition of their achievements in sport, these were awarded to Tom Boyanox and Nicole Chinzou.

Premiership footballer Chuba Akpom, who plays for Arsenal, was invited to the presentation evening as a special guest.



### Helping Primary School Children Discover Their Film Heritage



"If it weren't for you two then I would still think Borehamwood is a boring town because I never knew it was so special!" (Samadi) "We didn't realise how much history our town had!" (Heidi)

Many school children are not aware of the local heritage of over 100 years of film and TV production in the studios of Elstree & Borehamwood, the home of Star Wars, Indiana Jones, The Muppets, EastEnders and so very much more. Knowing that history plus the continuing success of Elstree Film Studios and the BBC Elstree Centre would help them be proud of Elstree & Borehamwood, as such a special place to live.

Having worked with local schools in the past, Elstree Screen Heritage was delighted when teachers from local primary schools Monksmead and Summerswood contacted us this Spring with regard to programmes they were planning for their pupils.

After he attended a screening of our centenary film From Borehamwood To Hollywood teacher Tom Remnant invited us to meet his class of Year 5 (9 to 10 year old) pupils. Born, bred and now working in Borehamwood, Tom asked that we stressed the unique local heritage.

Around the same time, local teacher Danielle Boudry contacted us to say that "We will be doing a topic based around the film history of Borehamwood, and I was wondering if you knew of any speakers, tours or workshops that would be accessible for a Year 3 class (7-8 year olds) to help bring this topic to life and make it more exciting!" Indeed we did, and after meeting with Tom and Danielle we helped devise separate programmes of activities for them, including a visit to the train station and a tour of the local Film and TV Heritage Trail. Pupils saw for themselves the stars in the pavement, the images in the booking hall and waiting room, the centenary banners and of course the iconic wall mural. They also studied the many heritage panels on their route.

Within tight school schedules we were also able to visit the classrooms, to be quizzed by pupils with questions they had following their projects. We also supplied copies of our publications and some artefacts (even a canister of REAL movie film!)

As Danielle said, "They have thoroughly enjoyed the topic and with your help we have been able to really bring this topic to life and give it some real life context." Tom added, "My class have really enjoyed meeting you and learning about our town".

A bonus was to discover that several pupils in each class had fathers or grandfathers who worked in the local studios, making those pupils part of a very special "Film Family" in a very special town.

As a result of a visit to their class, year 5 pupils at Monksmead decided to write individual letters to the Town Mayor urging the creation of a Film Museum. The Mayor replied to each individually.

Examples of the work and presentations which the children produced have been posted at www.ElstreeScreenHeritage.org.uk





### Continuing To Make 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 television images in public places to create a more welcoming first impression for visitors to Elstree & Borehamwood.

In the last edition of Town Crier we invited you to vote for the actor or actress who you wanted to be honoured by the next heritage panel in the Town's Film & Television Heritage Trail. All the votes have been counted and the winner is.... Harrison Ford. His panel has now been designed and we plan to unveil it in September.

We also described the new signage proposed to welcome visitors to the town, home of Elstree Studios and also the BBC Elstree Centre. Thanks to funding support from the Town Council, the BBC Studio Audiences Group and Thameslink we were able to transform the wall by the station's night gate.

As a member of Thameslink's senior staff commented, "The work undertaken at Elstree & Borehamwood is very inspiring. A small amount of funding, with community spirit and vision, can go a long way!"

The Youth Council has played its part in the on-going programme to make the station a more welcoming gateway. Several weeks ago Jackie Warman, Chair of the Youth Council, Youth Councillor Dana Carlisle and one of Jackie's friends met at the station very early one Saturday morning to help spread two lorry loads of bark chippings beside Station Road.

Local firm Gristwood & Toms kindly donated the chippings. As Andy Toms, Director at Gristwood & Toms commented, "As a local company, we were more than happy to support this project by providing recycled woodchip free of charge. I applaud the initiative of the Elstree & Borehamwood Youth Council who have done a great job and really transformed the area - well done!"

But improvements continue, and thanks to a recent grant from the Town Council we plan to add an aerial view of Borehamwood, marked with points of interest, so that visitors can "find their bearings".

Mounted beside the locations guide will be a display of "Before" and "After" photos to remind residents just how much the station has changed. To complete this next stage we'll be moving the heritage panel which was previously on the wall, placing it in a frame beside the Town Council's new Display Board.

There's still much more to do, so please keep watching for further changes around the town.





### **Mencap Bus**

Hertsmere Mencap runs a 15-seater minibus which takes our learning disabled members to their clubs in Borehamwood, St Albans and Hatfield.

We have a rota of drivers so they usually drive only once in six to eight weeks - it involves starting around 6pm from our garage in Borehamwood and generally finishing by 10.30pm.

Would you be able to lend a hand? You need to have held a driving licence issued before 1st January 1997 and your standard car driving licence is valid for you to drive a minibus up to a 16-seater.

Our members are a very friendly bunch and a carer accompanies them where necessary. One driver said "driving the minibus for Mencap has been one of the most fulfilling things I have ever done".

If you have any questions, please call me on 07785 772600 or email me on pmoser@virginmedia.com - Paul Moser, Chair Hertsmere Mencap.



### Carer's Library Card



#### Do you care for someone who has an illness or disability and who is unable to visit a library?

Hertfordshire County Council's libraries offer a special carer's library card to help make life a little easier. This card is also for young carers who look after their mum, dad or other relative at home.

As a carer you can:

- Borrow up to 30 items on the same card
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We understand carers have busy and stressful lives and we are here to help. Libraries provide a wide selection of books, videos, DVDs and music to help relax carers and those they care for. The staff can help you find information on facilities and support organisations, either in books and leaflets or on the internet.

We also work in partnership with Carers in Herts to give extra support for carers by running 'Coffee & Computers' and 'Tea & Tablets' sessions for carers to develop their IT skills.

Shirley Penstone, 81, from St Albans, has been caring for her husband Stan, 90, since he had a stroke three and a half years ago. They both attended a Tea and Tablet session at St Albans Library recently.

Shirley said: "We were taken behind the scenes and given a taster session on the tablet, and then we were shown all the new books and DVDs and told about all the other services on offer. I think it's a brilliant service and it's great to be able to meet new people and find out about all the things available for carers. We found it a revelation, we came away feeling absolutely revitalised."

To apply for a carer's library card, ask at your local library or call 0300 123 4049. We also offer a Home Library Service for carers who might find it difficult to visit a library.

You can find out more about the support available to you as a carer at www.hertsdirect.org/carers

### **Community Toilet Scheme**

Hertsmere Council's Community Toilet Scheme provides clean, safe and accessible public toilets in more convenient locations for residents and visitors.

Under the scheme, you can use toilets in certain premises for

free, without having to make a purchase or use their services. Participating premises will display one of the following stickers in their window to indicate the facilities offered:



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- Fiesta Café, Shenley Road
- •96 Shenley Road
- Hertsmere Borough Council, Civic Offices, Elstree Way
- McDonald's, Shenley Road
- The Hart and Spool pub, Shenley Road
- The Wellington pub, Theobald Street
- Paradise of Elstree Florist, Station Road
- Community Shop, Leeming Road

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Aberford Cafe

Making a difference together in Borehamwood

and Elstree



Thursday 22 September, 6.30pm Hertsmere Borough Council Civic Offices



### Thank You So Much

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

Borehamwood Foodbank is very grateful for the generosity of local people in supporting the Foodbank both week to week in many ways and through our Tesco collection. We were donated 1591 Kg of food and we also receive food weekly from the permanent collection box at Tesco. Tesco also gives us 20% of the value of the food donated and this helps a huge amount. Without this help we would not be able to function so to all our unknown heroes - thank you. You have changed lives.

Lives like these

- A single mum with young children who can't yet get back to work struggles to feed her family often putting herself last.

- A man who can't work because of health issues who now suffers from depression.

- A lady with new job but has to wait for pay packet and so needs our help to tide her over the change from benefits to work.

- A homeless man who needs help with his mental health issues.

And many others with issues such as benefit delays, sanctions, debt and low wages, domestic violence, ill health, substance abuse and anxiety.

We are there for anyone in need in a non-judgmental way and we aim to not only give out food but be a listening ear and a way into other areas that may be of help.

If you think we could help you please obtain a voucher from your social worker, council offices, mental health professional, job centre or

Citizens Advice Bureau. If you have any difficulty please contact us.

Borehamwood Foodbank St Teresa's Church Hall, 291 Shenley Road Borehamwood, Herts, WD6 1TG Tel: 020 3583 1109 info@borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk

We are open Mondays from 1pm - 3.30pm and Thursdays from 10am - 12.30pm.



#### Hertsmere Community Transport A charity that operates in Hertarthere providing accessible, affords ble door-to-door transport for people with motality issues, who have difficulty using public transport. Community Car Scheme Borehamwood & Potters Bar

Ring & Ride Borehamwood, Potters Bar & Bushey

Shenley, Radlett & Well End

#### Wheelchair Accessible Car Hire

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For details ring: 020 8207 5055 C







Over 54 flower arrangements reflected the theme this year: The Commonwealth.



The church was awash with colour and fragrance. The interpretation by arrangers was amazing. Over 200 people came through to view the flowers from Saturday morning (opened by the Town Mayor) to Tuesday lunch time when the Festival was closed by the Mayor of Hertsmere.

In addition this year we had a display of books from the library service celebrating the 90th birthday of Winnie the Pooh. In the display we acknowledged that Pooh shared a birth year with the Queen.



### **Box Cleva**

Well done to all Box Cleva participants, who received their Bronze and Silver medals, and Diamond, Platinum, Titanium and Kryptonite Awards.

There were 19 recipients in all. Box Cleva starts up again on Tuesday 6th September. It continues every Tuesday from 5.20pm for 90 minutes during the school term.

Bob Willams says, 'I was honoured to receive the Civic Award from the Mayor of Hertsmere. I was delighted to be invited to The Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace and also the Patrons' Lunch at the Mall. I would like to pay tribute to my team, who have worked so hard. Thanks to Ernie Butler, ClIrs Pat Strack and Sandra Parnell for supporting Box Cleva since it started in 2007. Borehamwood was the first; now there are 17 other Box Cleva clubs in Hertfordshire'.

Thanks to Hertsmere Mayor Cllr Pete Rutledge and Town Mayor Cllr Clive Butchins for presenting the awards.





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### Hertsmere MP Oliver Dowden Visits Maxwell Park

Committee members and staff at Maxwell Park Community Centre were delighted to offer Hertsmere MP, Oliver Dowden, a tour of their facility on Friday 10th June.

Included in the tour was a trip down memory lane with Maxwell's exhibition of photographs and articles detailing its history. Built in 1963 by local businessman, Ivor Bailey, and donated to the community as a youth centre, it hosted celebrities such as Eric Clapton, Rod Stewart, and Elton John before they headed for larger stages!

Today, 53 years on, Maxwell has a much wider remit, serving the entire community, seven days a week, with a full schedule of regular activities and weekend hall hire for parties and events. Three separate meeting areas offer a variety of options, allowing several groups to meet simultaneously. Groups include: babies and toddlers, carers, children and youth, churches and synagogue, dance, keep-fit and sports, martial arts, music, support groups, yoga - something for all!



Left to Right: Chris Anderson (Chairman), David Clout (Committee member), *Ian Campbell (Committee member), Wendy Plant (Committee member)* Sheila White (50+) June Kempton (Centre Manager), Chaya Robertson (Admin Assistant), Oliver Dowden MP, Sheldon Conrich (Music Teacher), *Keith Spaughton (Vice Chairman)* 





Mr Dowden chatted with the yoga teacher, the Fifty Plus table-tennis group leader, and the music teacher all of whom run classes on Friday mornings. He was very encouraged to see the centre providing a much-needed service to the area, especially in light of the new housing which will only increase the need for community facilities.

The warm atmosphere and friendly welcome at Maxwell creates a real family feeling among the regular hirers and most parties result in future bookings. If you are looking for a local activity or want to book a hall for an event, consider this 'hidden gem' of a venue, tucked away at the top of Maxwell Road.



Eric Clapton at Maxwell Park

### **Maxwell Park CommunityCentre**

Affordable, bright spacious hall seating up to 180, meeting rooms and mirrored dance studio are available for hire



Regular activities include B'nai Maccabim Synagogue, Boot Camp, Carers Coffee Morning, Church Groups, Club Sandwich, Cocaine Anonymous, Fifty+ Art, Bowls & Table Tennis, Hartbeeps, Irish Dancing, K's Dance, Keep Fit, Line Dancing, Movedancesweat, Music Lessons, Pole Dancing Classes, Shogun Karate, Super Soccer Stars, Table Tennis Juniors & Seniors, Vaks Tuition, Visually Impaired Club, We Moves She Moves, Yoga – Dynamic & Pregnancy.

#### See website for details

For private or regular hire please call 020 8953 4295 or email enquiries@maxwellpcc.org for more information, please visit www.maxwellpcc.org

### Push The Boat Out 2016 - a great success

The sun shone, the rain stayed away but the visitors poured in. At least 200 people young and old visited Aldenham Sailing

Club, most of them sampling the joys of sailing on Sunday 22nd May, in half a dozen different boat classes on the water and others on display on the shore.

There was a mix of newcomers who'd never stepped on to anything smaller than a Channel ferry, and ex-sailors - some from this Club - who hadn't sailed for 20, 30 maybe 40 years. A number of families completed membership application forms on the day and everyone who attended was emailed subsequently detailing how to become a member if they are keen to join us. Our first new members following the event joinied us on 19th June at a summer family afternoon at the Club.

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Nitin and Mahesh Gosrani, the new owners of Aldenham Reservoir, brought three generations of extended family along, and we introduced them to the Mayor and Mayoress of Hertsmere, and Town Mayor for Elstree and Borehamwood. They were able to see the Club humming with activity in its picturesque setting within the Country Park.

The event was part of a national initiative to encourage people to consider sailing as an enjoyable activity for anyone wanting to get out in the fresh air and learn new skills in a friendly environment.

#### Jim Strother

### Community Fun Day at Aldenham Country Park

Aldenham Country Park with Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council are hosting a Community Fun Day on Saturday 1st October, celebrating Winnie the Pooh's 90th birthday, with fun for all the family.

Aldenham Renaissance, the park management, will waive the parking fee for the day. There will be local and farmers' stalls, entertainment, a special book reading with Winnie the Pooh and much more.

It is a spectacular time to see the park with leaves turning shades of red and gold and the sunny days lingering on. Winnie can be spotted round the park and then later hosting a Tractor Trailer ride tour through the fields. Other activities include a sedate ride with one of the ponies, children can get to grips with the tree tops at Woodland Adventure with tree climbing which is available to adults too, Monkey Nets or Feed the Farm.

Entry includes animal feed which allows visitors to engage with friendly animals and a gentle close-up introduction to smaller animals at the Petting Barn. At 11.30am, the goats are milked on the farm and there is the chance to get a bit closer to one of the farm animals. It is harvest at the farm shop with fruits of the fields for the year, eggs and produce available. The outside adventure features inclusive play at Aldenham Country Playground which is set in natural woodland with zip wire, basket swing, water pump feature and there is much more for families to picnic and relax together.

Halloween will see creepy, ghoulish-spirited fun across the park with our Tractor Trailer picking up a few ghostly hosts and more traditional crafts such as pumpkin carving. Aldenham Renaissance will continue to develop the facilities and attractions to make it a sustainable and enjoyable experience for all.

Herts Library Services will be reading Winnie the Pooh stories and providing activities celebrating his 90th Birthday. Bring your bear and a picnic. Prizes for the best dressed bear. Sullivan Buses will be running a free bus to Aldenham Country Park from the station

Check www.facebook.com/aldenhamcountrypark.co.uk/ and aldenhamcountrypark.co.uk/ for more details of events coming up.



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# Pre Festival 2016



### **Beacon Lighting on Woodcock Hill**

On 21st April Queen Elizabeth turned 90 and a beacon was lit on Woodcock Hill, Borehamwood, to mark the occasion.

David Boakes provided a Michael Jackson Tribute and Borehamwood Brass did the honours with a selection of patriotic music. Dignitaries included Deputy Lord Lieutenant Stuart Nagler, Oliver Dowden MP, Borough Deputy Mayor, Peter Rutledge, Town Mayor, Richard Butler, Fred Grimes representing the British Legion and officers from the local police including the Chief Inspector Tannis Perks.

Thanks to the police cadets for providing stewarding.





Classic Car Show

### The Festival with the Town Mayor

Festival Run Festival Flower Show The Poppets Teddy BORE-AMAGOD SUGION Allotment Open Day Teddy's Trail



# Festival Winners

#### Parade - Saturday 18th June



Walking 1st Place - Hertsmere Academy of Dance



Float 1st Place - Summerswood School



1<sup>st</sup> Place - Romario Faldes

Special thanks go to Brian Burton for compering both this event and the primary schools performing arts concert.

#### Festival Run - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June



1<sup>st</sup> Male Harvey O'Brart



1<sup>st</sup> Junior Andrew Rogers



1<sup>st</sup> Female Heidi Woodhams

#### Festival Photography Competition



Winner - Terry Day

#### Festival Quiz - Wednesday 29th June



1<sup>st</sup> Place - The Sunday Club



Many local organisations were able to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday in style thanks to grants of £300 to each group from Hertsmere Borough Council.

### DR96

Members celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday with an early lunch prepared by Shenley Sandwich Bar at 96 Shenley Road on Wednesday 8th June.

Members dressed in red white and blue and we all enjoyed singing and dancing to a range of music provided by Wayne. The Town Mayor joined us and proposed the loyal toast. The event ended with Nick Male leading the National Anthem and encouraging us all to sing Happy Birthday. All members enjoyed the Corgi & Crown biscuits and birthday cake made by Sasha.

### The VIC

On Friday 10th June over 70 people attended afternoon tea at St Teresa's Parish Hall to celebrate the Queen's Birthday.

This was hosted by the Visually Impaired Club for Older Folk and other groups. We had a great afternoon singing along and dancing to Wayne. A great time was had by all. A big thank you to Sasha Capocci and her band of volunteers.

### Woodcock Hill Village Green

Saturday 11th June was a double celebration for the Woodcock Hill Village Green Committee and members.

Not only did we celebrate the Queen's Birthday but also The Town Mayor, Cllr Clive Butchins, unveiled an interpretative plaque. The plaque was funded jointly by the Borough Councillors Morris Bright, Charles Kelly, Meenal Sachdev, Farida Turner and the WHVG Committee. It was designed by Museum volunteer John Woolston and commemorates the first Armada Beacon in 1588 as well as the most recent one in April 2106.

About 60 people took advantage of the good weather to listen to a performance by the Hertsmere Acoustic Club of songs instrumental and poems. Special thanks to Nick Male, Andrew Grady and Roswitha Lamb. The picnic went well and Pimms and strawberries were consumed in the sunshine.

### Maxwell Park

On Saturday 4 June the Town Council held a birthday celebration at Maxwell Park.

Special thanks to K's School of Dance, Aldenham Country Park, Borehamwood Brass, staff at Maxwell Park, Pamela Cooper, Katie Fleetwood and Shaun Parkins.







### St Michael and All Angels

A cardboard replica of Her Majesty brings much enjoyment to local residents at a splendid 90th birthday tea party at St Michael and All Angels Church, Brook Road on June 9th.



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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.



Hertsmere Forum of Faiths invites people of all ages to our inter faith

#### CELEBRATION OF FAITH Travelling together

3pm – 4.30pm Sunday 18th September 2016 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Elstree Way, Borehamwood

Come and see local faith groups tell of their religious and spiritual journeys then meet over tea and refreshments

Free admission

### **Blessed Sacrament Procession**

It was a happy band of walkers who carried the Blessed Sacrament in procession from Rossington Avenue to Shenley Road.

Father Dominic McKenna has revived the traditional Corpus Christi Procession, which brings the Catholic faithful out onto the streets of cities, towns and villages all over the world. Led by the First Holy Communion girls in their white dresses and the boys in their Sunday Best suits, the parade made a colourful sight. Singing hymns all the way, the parishioners walked from the church of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More all the way to Saint Teresa's. Next, it was on to the school playground for the annual fete.

Borehamwood has a large and growing Catholic community, with nearly nine hundred people attending Mass every weekend.



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### HERTS INCLUSIVE THEATRE

#### WATFORD CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Tuesday 4.45-6pm, Ages 5-12 The James Theatre, Watford Grammar School for Boys

WATFORD YOUTH THEATRE Tuesday 6.15-7.45pm, Ages 12+ The James Theatre, Watford Grammar School for Boys

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

#### BOREHAMWOOD YOUTH THEATRE

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

For more information or to secure your place, please visit our website or get in touch!

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### The Murderer Smiles



### **Business Forum**

In a bid to increase economic activity in the area and provide a conduit for concerns of local businesses, Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council have been sponsoring Business Forum meetings.

So far they have proved popular with a number of local business people. Whether you work or live in the area, all business persons are welcome to come along.

Our next meeting is on 7th September 2016 at 7.30pm at Fairway Hall, Borehamwood WD6 5BT.

Why not come along, find out more and give us your ideas for moving the Forum forward?



### **EVENTS FORUM**

#### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016

#### 5:30pm at Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood, WD6 5BT

The Events Forum allows members of the community to offer suggestions and ideas about what goes on during the Civic Fastival, as well as throughout the year with other community events.

What events would you like to see? Join the forum and your suggestions and ideas may come to life and hopefully continue for years ahead.





This has been a busy term for the Scouts in Elstree District. We have had several camps, leader awards and our AGM, as well as beginning the celebrations for 100 years of Cubs.

#### Camps

Several groups have been away on camp this term. 1st Elstree held a group camp at Tolmers, with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all staying over and enjoying activities such as climbing, rifle shooting, archery and giant bouncy slides. 3rd Elstree & Borehamwood held a camp at Thriftwood campsite in Essex. 1st Radlett Scouts were also at Thriftwood where their activities included axe-throwing, bridge building, pedal karts, crate stacking and kayaking down the river. In addition, 4th Radlett Scouts enjoyed a back to basics camp at Well End which included building their own shelters out of tarpaulins and camping out in them.



1st Elstree Group camp

Several Beavers, aged between 6 and 8 years old, from 7th Borehamwood and 1st Radlett also got to experience their first night in a tent when they took part in the Hertfordshire Scouts 'Beavers In Tents' event at Well End Activity Centre. The Beavers learnt how to tie knots, tried fire lighting, cooked on sticks and enjoyed a campfire with green flames!



1st Radlett Scouts bridge building



#### 100 years of Cubs

Celebrations to mark 100 years of the Cub Scout section began for 7th Borehamwood and 1st Shenley Cubs at a special week long camp –

Cubjam – at Gilwell Park over the May half term holiday, where the cubs were treated to visits by Bear Grylls (the Chief Scout), Steve Backshaw (Cubs 100 Ambassador) and Wayne Bulpitt (the UK Chief Commissioner).

They also had the chance to take part in lots of exciting activities despite the weather!







The celebrations continued with 80 Cubs from five of our local Cub packs attending a special birthday camp for 3,000 Cubs from across Hertfordshire. Activities and entertainment on offer at the camp included a funfair, climbing, canoeing, a live band, a laser light show and of course birthday cake! Several of our leaders from Elstree also helped out over the weekend to provide the activities that the cubs enjoyed.

obation Little - Day Cubs from 1st Shenley and 7th Borehamwood also visited a special exhibition curated by the Hertfordshire Scouts Archivist where they got to meet the Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire.



#### Leader Awards

Scouting in Elstree District would be impossible without our fantastic team of leaders. Leaders in Scouting are recognised for their volunteering with special long service awards. Awards this term have been made to the following leaders:

Robin Johnson	1st Radlett	5 year award
Paul Marriot	1st Radlett	5 year award
Sue Dickson	1st Radlett	5 year award
Christopher Cox	1st Elstree	5 year award
Jo Hulman	4th Radlett	15 year award
<b>Martin Polins</b>	3rd Elstree & B'wood	15 year award
Nik Fisher	3rd Elstree & B'wood	20 year award

Congratulations to them and thank you to all our leaders for all the time they invest in providing Scouting for the young people in Elstree District.

To celebrate 100 years of Cub Scouts there will be a tree planting and plaque unveiling at the Civic Offices at 6.30pm on 13 September 2016. Special guests and Scout Groups are invited to Fairway Hall at 7pm for refreshments and to cut the cake. Thanks for the HBC WIIS money from ClIrs Farida Turner and Charles Kelly, which made this possible.

To find out more about Scouting in Elstree District and how you can get involved email dc.elstree@hertfordshirescouts.org.uk

### **Helen Hawthorne**

### Helen Hawthorne took over as District Commissioner from Dave Pullen in April.

Helen has worked with 1st Shenley Cubs and started 1st Shenley Beaver Pack. Ron Worthy presented Dave Pullen with a gift as a token of gratitude for his hard work over the past few years.

Jim Innes was installed as the new president of the District.



Hertsmere Mayor Cllr Peter Rutledge presenting Karen Ainley with the group trophy for the 3rd Elstree & Borehamwood Scout Group

#### **Incoming President**

On Thursday 7th July Nick Male was inaugurated as the new president of the Elstree and Borehamwood Rotary Club. He was handed his chain of office by Steve McNicholas, the outgoing president. Nick Male in turn handed his chain to president elect Sasha Capocci. Nick Male recalled his own father

had been a long serving Rotarian. As a tribute to his father Nick hopes to reinstall a Rotary Well in the Town. The Rotary Well was taken down from outside the Village Hall in the 80s when the pavement was widened.



#### **Outgoing President & Party**

On 21st July Rotarians and friends were invited to a party hosted at Schopwick, Elstree, by Ann and Norman Shuker. This was a double celebration. One, the successful year of the outgoing president Steve McNicholas and the other Rotarian Dr Ian Campbell's 90th birthday. Ian, already a Paul Harris fellow, received a PH Sapphire in recognition of his further contribution to Rotary.



Chris Watts and Barbara Kennedy stepped down from Rotary after giving many years of service. They will always be welcome to visit whenever they can.

Entertainment was provided by the "Two Micks" and David Clout was thanked for his many years of service.

#### **Future Events**

Rotary Social Evening, 29th September. Elstree Tennis Club at 7.30pm. Food drink and entertainment. Cost £15 to non members, contact Nick Male nick.male2@btinternet.com

Rotary Concert Saturday, 26th November. 7pm to 9pm at Allum Hall. Cost £10.

### **Know Your Blood Pressure**

#### This year's KYBP day was a great success, with over 150 events taking place across the UK on the day.

We would like to say thank you to all those who were involved in running events on KYBP day and are committed supporters of our Know Your Blood Pressure campaign which raises awareness of the link between high blood pressure and stroke.

Over 1,100 stroke survivors told us:

- They feel abandoned when they leave hospital
- The physical impact of stroke is the hardest to deal with
- · Care gets worse once you leave hospital

Our campaign, A New Era for Stroke, aims to secure a commitment from the government to develop a new national stroke strategy for England which will address the unacceptable variations in stroke care and treatment, drive new advances in treatment and improve support for people affected by stroke. This is following the ending of the current ten year national strategy which the Government does not plan to renew.

To help us create a new era for stroke, please sign your name to this petition calling on the Government to commit to a new national stroke strategy for England which will ensure stroke survivors get the support they need to make the best recovery possible.

This petition will be delivered to Parliament in November. Petitions will need to be returned online by 9th November. Please be aware that your contact details will not be used by the Government or MPs.

If you want more information on the campaign please look online at www.stroke.org.uk/newera or contact campaigns@stroke.org.uk

The Rotary Club of Elstree & Borehamwood ran two KYBP sessions, this year at local supermarkets. If your organisation would like to work with the Stroke Association please contact them on 01527 908 918 or email KYBP@stroke.org.uk

### **Rotary Golf Day**

Rotary president Steve McNicholas organised a Golf Day fundraiser at Aldenham Golf Club on Friday 27th May aided and abetted by fellow Rotarian Barbara Kennedy.

17 teams took part with the weather staying dry. Many sponsors provided prizes for the raffle and the auction. In the evening Rotary fellows joined the teams for dinner. Guests of Honour were Oliver Dowden MP, Patron of the Peace Hospice and the Deputy Lieutenant of Hertfordshire Stuart Nagler. The winning team was Enterprise Flex E Rent. £4,800 was raised for The Peace Hospice.



### **Primary Schools Bake Off**

Wednesday 14th July at Hertswood Academy 3 primary schools, Kenilworth, Monksmead and Shenley took part in a Bake Off competition

It was organised by David Clout and Sasha Cappocci. A huge thank you to Hertswood Academy and to Mr Pearce in particular. It is hoped this will be another annual Rotary Event.



### **The Annual Schools Art Festival**

The Annual Schools Art Festival was held at 96 Shenley Road from Friday 8th July until Sunday 10th July.

It was organised by David Clout with help from fellow Rotarians. It was opened by the Town Mayor and Rotarian Clive Butchins. Clive commented on the high standard of work from each school. Rotary President Nick Male thanked heads, pupils and staff of participating schools for their hard work. He welcomed governors and visitors and Town Councillor Pat Strack. Nick recalled his school days in the town.

**Kids Out** 

visit to Whipsnade Zoo.

On 16th June as part of the Rotary

"Kids Out" project, 29 students from

Cowley Hill School were taken on a bus provided by Sullivan Buses for a

Highlights included seeing the tigers, bird and sea lion displays and the butterfly house. Afterwards each child was given a gift.

Over the three days many school classes visited the show as did many members of the public.



### **Remembrance Sunday**

#### Sunday 13th November

Assemble at Clarendon Road at 10:15am for Parade down to Borehamwood War Memorial.

Service at 10:50am at Borehamwood War Memorial.

Parade back to All Saints Church Borehamwood.

Everyone welcome back to The Royal British Legion Borehamwood afterwards.





### Not Me Governor!

Although the title refers to a comment made by the Artful Dodger in Oliver, the sort of governor I am referring to is in much shorter supply. In our community we have many very good schools but we are always looking out for new governors. Please think about volunteering.

There are many new issues that we have to keep up with and there are training sessions on a whole range of issues. The accompanying illustration is of governors from one of our Primary Schools at an update at a hotel on what Ofsted, the school inspection system, are currently expecting of schools.

If you are interested in becoming a governor I suggest you either contact a local school or go to the website www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/edlearn/getinvolved/governors

For an informal chat about being a governor contact Geoff Strack on 020 8386 3151 or by email at geoff.strack@ntlworld.com

We are looking out for people with a whole range of skills and different backgrounds, but mostly from people who want to help make our schools better and are willing to give up some of their time. This usually involves about four evening meetings a year and a further meeting in the Autumn, Spring and Summer. Other visits could be made at different times.

Our role as governors is to hold the schools to account and work with staff to ensure our children get the best education possible and remain safe. This means that governors receive training on important issues that affect children and schools. Currently a big issue is e-safety with all of us having to get to grips with the implications of Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram and Periscope to just name a few of the apps accessible to children.



### **Visually Impaired Club**

On behalf of the Visually Impaired Club, thank you Cllr Richard Butler for choosing our Club as your charity of the year. We have raised the great amount of £2,161.

A big thank you to Borehamwood F.C. We were lucky to be chosen with the help of Cllr Sandra Parnell by Borehamwood Football Club to receive £750. This year has been a blessed year for us and the donation will help us continue to thrive.

The Visually Impaired Club (VIC) was launched on April 26th 2013 by the Mayor of Hertsmere, Cllr Pat Strack, and is a sister organisation of the Talking Newspaper.

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 Kurling, Boccia, Art and by the end of April we will start flower arrangement classes.

During the last few years we have



participated in the Disability Games organised by the Rotary Club and this year we ended up with two gold and three 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 three years.



### Woodcock Hill Village Green Working Parties

#### September 11: Learn to make a wildflower meadow - wildflower sowing

The plan is to cut a meadow, remove the 5cm from the top soil with spades, raking the soil finely and sowing seeds. Kids can make an insect hotel from pallets.

October 9: Clearance, dead hedging, hedge maintenance and scrub bashing.

#### November 27: Mitzvah day

Scrub clearance between Barnet Lane and Carrington Avenue providing a lovely glade for woodland plants and a perfect location for a wildlife pond.

For more information, please call Pat on 020 8386 3151.



### Aldenham County Park Trust

The Gosrani brothers are the directors of Liberty Aldenham and Liberty Lake Leisure Ltd.

They held a meeting in June for stakeholders when they outlined their ideas for a Trust to be set up to manage the lake and its environs at Aldenham Country Park. The Trust will be a Community Interest Company with 5 directors, one from Liberty and the four others from





local stakeholder groups - (the Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society, Aldenham Country Park Trust Ltd, the Sailing Club, and an Elstree resident). This is conditional on Liberty being granted planning permission for 150 homes on Green Belt south of Watford Road, Elstree.

£5 million wil be given to the Trust. The money to cover future repairs to the dam, a possible redevelopment of the sailing club to provide increased facilities for the community such as canoeing, row boats and pedalos, and the upkeep of the lake and surrounding lakeside edge and paths.

**Clive Hinds** 

### **Elstree Village Preservation Society**

The green waste company, REVIVA, at Elstree was taken to court on 29 June by Hertsmere Borough Council Environmental Health department.

The company have to make significant improvements by December 2016 or their licence will be withdrawn by the Environment Agency. The company plans to apply to Hertfordshire County Council for permission to extend their barn to accommodate all waste inside. Toxic fumes, easy combustion and failure to be able to suppress noxious smells when lorries are unloaded are amongst objections being made.

Smells can be reported directly to the EA on the day they occur 0300 807060.



Elstree Village

### **Reel Cinema Celebrates Local Artists**

#### **Opening Evening of Jordan Dawson Exhibition**

On Monday 6 June 2016 Deputy Mayor Councillor Eric Silver and his wife honoured Jordan Dawson by opening his exhibition at the Cinema Foyer Gallery. In his talk Councillor Silver expressed appreciation of Jordan's work. He also praised the Cinema Foyer Gallery for promoting young local artists.



At the ceremony Reel Cinema donated 10 VIP tickets to the cinema for a charity chosen by the Deputy Mayor.



#### About the artist: Jordan Dawson

A local artist who grew up in Borehamwood, Jordan went to Shenley Primary School followed by JFS and Camberwell College of Art. Currently Jordan studies BA Fine Art at Chelsea College of Arts and is in his second year. He specialises in hyperrealist drawings, his main subjects are celebrities but in current work has based his work upon unknown subjects. He wishes to pursue painting as a lifelong ambition. To do so, however, he is pretty versatile and is working with pencils for now.

#### About the Cinema Foyer Gallery

Reel Cinema Borehamwood has opened the foyer for exhibitions of works created by local artists. As from 10 October 2015 a variety of art has been on display, and changes every six weeks, with different artists exhibiting.

#### **Reel Cinema Foyer Gallery**

The work on display is for sale. 20% of the commission received by Reel Cinema will be donated back to the community to help promote local artists.

#### Contact & Media:

www.cinemafoyergallery.com tel: 07957 715697 reelcinemas.co.uk/localEvents/borehamwood-events www.facebook.com/CinemaFoyerGallery/



### **NSPCC Lunch**

### Elstree & Borehamwood Branch of NSPCC held a very successful fundraising lunch at Shenley Cricket Centre on Wednesday 29th June.

The guest speaker was Dame Jenni Murray from BBC's Woman's Hour. Jenni was a funny and gifted speaker who kept us interested throughout her speech.

Shenley Cricket Centre provided an excellent meal. There were over 160 guests and £4,920 was raised for the Society. The event was organised by Jeannie Hinds and the NSPCC committee.



### Sweet Surprises in Store at Elstree and Borehamwood Museum

A new exhibition celebrating how Borehamwood used to look when you went Down the Shops in The Village is now underway.

'Down the Shops' is open at Elstree and Borehamwood Museum on the top floor of the community hub at 96 Shenley Road, and will run until January 2017.

The exhibition, put together by volunteers, recreates the barbers, chemists, grocers, ironmongers, and tobacconists, amongst others, of yesteryear in a handsome and nostalgic display.

Visitors are able to view original shop goods and store-ware including cash tills, grocers'

weights, and chemists' and electrical goods. There are dozens of surprising exhibits on display such as ration books and shop lettering, and the exhibition incorporates video and audio interviews and period music.

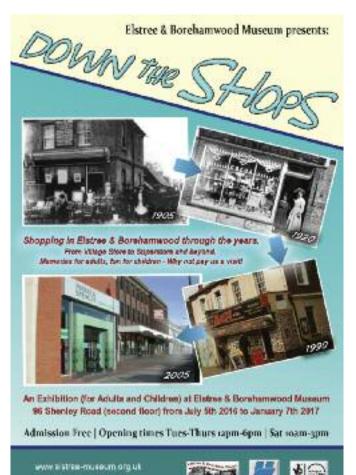
Hanson's the confectioners was a focal hub of the community for generations with its famous ice-cream and tea shop at the back. Its shop front of bottled sweets and tobacco tins is recreated in the exhibition, as is its tea rooms with china cups and plates.

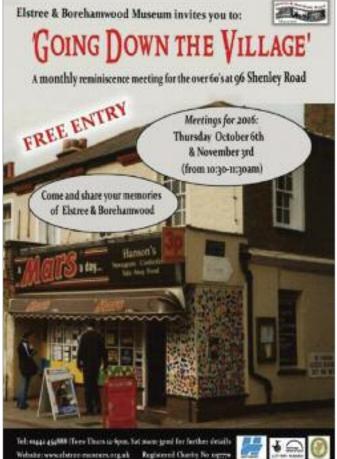
More information about the museum can be found at www.elstree-museum.org.uk

'Down The Shops' is open from Tuesdays to Thursdays from 12pm to 6pm, Saturdays from 10am to 3pm, and will be running alongside the normal exhibition. Admission is free.













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

#### Friday 9 September

Back to School Disco St Teresa's, 5pm - 7.30pm Contact: Sue Partington suepartington@rcdow.org.uk

Sunday 11 September WHVG working party - Meadow Flowers Woodcock Hill, 11am - 1pm

*Saturday 17 September* Quiz

St Michaels, 6.30pm Contact: Pat Sperry 01923 673959 or 07939 130871 patsperry@talktalk.net

Sunday 18 September Parish Sunday lunch

St Teresa's, 2pm Contact: Sue Partington suepartington@rcdow.org.uk

*Sunday 18 September* Forum of Faith

Local Faith groups tell of their religious and spiritual journeys then meet over tea and refreshments.

**Civic Offices, 3pm - 4:30pm** Free Admission

#### Tuesday 20 September

U3A A.G.M Followed by a short talk on "The History of Shenley" by David Armitage and a display of

work by some of the groups. **St Teresa's Church Hall, 10.30am** Free entry with U3A Membership Visitors £2

Saturday 24 September The Borehamwood & District Garden Crafts Society Autumn Show Come and see our flowers and vegetables. Refreshments also available.

*Allum Hall, 1:30pm - 4:30pm* Newcomers welcome, please contact Ann Shuker on 0797 3184077.

#### Sunday 25 September

Jack and the Beans Talk 96 Shenley Road, 11.30pm 01442 454001 £6

Saturday 1 October

**Open Day at Aldenham Country Park** Free car park Lots of attractions, stalls and activities for children. Bring a picnic and your teddy bear to celebrate Pooh Bear's 90th birthday in 100 Aker Wood.

**Aldenham Country Park, 11am - 4pm** For more information contact Michelle Artiss at Michelle@aldenhamcountrypark.co.uk Sunday 2 October

Parish International Lunch St Teresa's Hall, 2pm Contact: Sue Partington suepartington@rcdow.org.uk

#### Sunday 9 October

WHVG working party - Clearance Ponds Woodcock Hill, 11am - 1pm

#### Saturday 8 October

Variety Night entertainment and food St Michael's, 7:30pm

Contact Pat Sperry 01923 673959 or 07939 130871, patsperry@talktalk.net £6

#### **Tuesday 18 October**

U3A Talk "The Work of Herts Garden Trust" By Mrs K. Harwood

**St Teresa's Church Hall, 10.30am** Free entry with U3A Membership Visitors £2

#### Thursday 20 October

Quiz St Michael's, 2.30pm Contact Pat Sperry 01923 673 959 or 07939 130871, patsperry@talktalk.net

*Saturday 22 October* Auction of goods and services

**St Teresa's, 2pm** Contact: Sue Partington suepartington@rcdow.org.uk

#### Monday 24 October

Trip to Chessington World of Adventure St Teresa's, 9am Contact: Sue Partington suepartington@rcdow.org.uk

#### Wednesday 26 October

Family Cookery Class Organised by the Foodbank. Come and learn some new dishes and techniques and then eat what you have made for lunch.

**St Teresa's, 11:30am - 1pm** Free but please register at info@borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk or call 020 3583 1109

#### Friday 28 October

U3A Quiz Fish & chip supper Bring own drinks & glasses.

*St Teresa's church Hall, 6.15pm* Tickets phone Lynda Marshall 8953 2985 by 9 October

#### *Saturday 5 November* Fireworks Night

*Meadow Park, 7pm* Free Admission

Friday 11 November Parish Lunch

*St Teresa's, 2pm* Contact: Sue Partington suepartington@rcdow.org.uk Sunday 13 November Remembrance Sunday See page 27

Tuesday 15 November U3A Talk "The Work of the River Police" by Dave Pengally

**St Teresa's Church Hall, 10.30am** Free entry with U3A Membership Visitors £2

#### Friday 18 November

Senior Citizens Party St Teresa's Hall, 2pm Contact: Sue Partington suepartington@rcdow.org.uk

Friday 18 November

Karaoke & Cocktails St Teresa's Hall, 7:30pm Contact: Sue Partington suepartington@rcdow.org.uk

#### Sunday 20 November

NSPCC Christmas Craft and Gift Fair Allum Hall 10:30am - 3:30pm Contact: Ann Goddard 020 8953 anngoddard999@hotmail.com

#### Sunday 20 November

Quiz St Michael's, 2.30pm Contact: Pat Sperry 01923 673 959 or 07939 130871, patsperry@talktalk.net

#### Saturday 26 November

Xmas Fair

*St Michael's, 11am - 2pm* Contact: Pat Sperry 01923 673 959 or 07939130871 patsperry@talktalk.net

#### Sunday 27 November

Town Xmas Event & Light Switch On All Saints Church, 12pm - 5pm

Saturday 3 December

Trip to Bruges St Teresa's Hall Contact: Sue Partington suepartington@rcdow.org.uk

#### Elstree & Borehamwood Light Operatic Society 'CHRISTMAS MAGIC'

#### An evening of Fun and Laughter

Fairway Hall Saturday 3 December 8pm doors open 7:45pm Sunday 4 December 6.30pm doors open 6pm Bring your own drink and glass. Refreshments available Contact: Marianne 07888741208 Tickets £7

### Funding Available for Community Groups and Charities

Local community groups and charities could get a funding boost from their local county councillor thanks to Hertfordshire County Council's locality budget scheme.

Each of Hertfordshire's 77 county councillors has been given a fund of £5,000 to spend on worthwhile projects in their area.

Teresa Heritage, Cabinet Member for Localism, said:"The locality budget scheme has given millions of pounds to thousands of community projects since we launched it in 2009, supporting local good causes and making a real difference to people across Hertfordshire. "County councillors work closely with local communities to identify local priorities, so if you know of a local community group or charity that could benefit from a funding boost, get in touch with your local county councillor and let them know."

Since the locality budget scheme was launched in 2009, more than £5,000,000 has been given to more than 7,500 community projects, with the average grant just over £600.

The organisations that have benefitted have included very local groups such as sports clubs, village halls and arts groups as well as larger charities such as domestic violence charities and organisations supporting the elderly.

For more information on how to apply for funding under the scheme visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/localitybudgets

### **Community Grants**

### This year the Town Council has awarded the following grants to date:

- £380 to Hertsmere Inclusive Theatre for costs towards a film and fun day event;
- £1,250 to Elstree Screen Heritage for improvements to Elstree and Borehamwood train station forecourt; and
- £500 to Woodcock Hill Village Green for costs towards a beacon lighting event and interpretive boards.

The Council has also made budgeted grants of £1,000 to Boreham Wood Football Club for an advertising banner and £1,000 to BETTA for ongoing Twin Town running costs.

For those local organisations wishing to apply for further grants, please contact the Council Offices or visit the website

(www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk) to find guidance (including eligibility criteria) and an application form. The deadlines for applications for the remainder of the municipal year are 20 October 2016 and 4 January 2017.

All Community Grants are considered carefully by the Council's General Management Committee and Full Council. Members are looking to make awards to those groups that make a real difference in the community and which demonstrate a commitment to improving the lives and wellbeing of residents.

In total, the Council has budgeted £10,000 for this type of award in 2016/17. Council staff will be happy to advise you on filling out a form and the type of supporting paperwork required to submit an application.



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

#### Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council meetings

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

All meetings now take place at Fairway Hall.

6 September	Events Forum	Hall	6:30pm
6 September	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7:30pm
7 September	Business Forum	Hall	7:30pm
14 September	General Management	Meeting Room	7pm
20 September	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7pm
21 September	Full Council	Hall	7:30pm
26 October	Transport Forum	Hall	7pm
2 November	Business Forum	Hall	7:30pm
3 November	General Management	Meeting Room	7pm
7 November	Events Forum	Hall	7pm
8 November	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7:30pm
16 November	Full Council	Hall	7:30pm
22 November	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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