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Letter from the Mayor...



Well after a busy autumn leading up to the holiday period, we now have a new year to tackle new initiatives. Highlights for me were a visit to the remembrance ceremony in Fontenay-aux-Roses (page 5) and the visit from Dame Barbara Windsor (page 18).

Your council will continue to do what it does well but is always on the lookout for new ways to benefit the residents of Elstree & Borehamwood. The defibrillator project is drawing to a close with 43 now deployed around the town. It is a legacy of which Lawrence Stack as the instigator can be proud.

Another project we have initiated is in seeking a relationship with Huainan in China for business culture and friendship. I can confirm that there will be no cost to the council and therefore residents of the area. Businesses will fund participation from their own resources. We see this as a special opportunity to be a catalyst that boosts economic activity across a much wider area than our town, thereby increasing prosperity for all. With the promised support from a range of outside organisations, we see this as a most apposite time to do so, especially given the imminent prospect of leaving the EU and the resulting implications for international trading links.

If you have an idea for a project that will provide benefits for a large number of our residents and would like the support of our councillors, do please get in touch.



Please contact my secretary if you would like me to attend one of your events

Clr Clive Butchins
Mayor of Elstree & Borehamwood
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Women's Institute commemorative bench

On Monday 14 November 2016, Borehamwood WI commemorated its continued presence in the town by rededicating the WI Golden Jubilee seat outside Peacock's store on Shenley Road.

The seat was unveiled by Town Mayor, Cllr Clive Butchins, who said: "The original bench was funded by the WI and erected in 1973 by the junction of Shenley Road and Furzehill Road. It was removed when the area was rejuvenated as a town centre amenity space. Borehamwood WI has played an active role in the community since 1923 and it is wonderful that we can reintroduce this bench to the very heart of the town. WI - which has about 30 members - will be meeting on the second Monday of every month (1pm - 3pm) at Fairway Hall."

For more information on joining the WI, please contact Branch President Janet Martin on 020 8386 2844. She said: "We are delighted to find a new home at Fairway Hall at this purpose built facility."



The mystery of Woodcock Hill

In June 2016, ahead of the Queen's official birthday celebrations, a working party from Woodcock Hill Village Green volunteers and committee installed a bench near to the Beacon. The intention was to provide a place for those people who struggle to walk to the bench on Two Oaks Field to have a place to recharge their batteries and enjoy the view north to Radlett and beyond.

It was dug up and stolen within a fortnight. Even the concrete foundations were taken. WHVG Committee were dismayed that anyone could do such a thing. It was a simple structure made of railway sleepers but nonetheless was a welcome sight for older and frailer walkers on the hill.

Recently, Town Cllr Clive Butchins, a committee member, was on his regular jaunt on Woodcock Hill when he spotted that the bench had been returned. Alex Melson, WHVG conservation manager, took the bench for safe keeping and a working party re-erect it in January

WHVG chair, Town Cllr Pat Strack, said 'It is a mystery who stole it and who returned it. We are very glad to get it back. Several years ago in 2010 a bench was made by the youth working party HOPE 2010. That was made from logs from the Hill. That was stolen. Cardiff Pinnacle replaced it with a proper park bench. The stolen bench was recovered when a hideout for a rough sleeper was discovered on the Hill. It had been taken apart to make a table and chair deep in Bluebell Woods. Once recovered it was reinstalled back on the hill as a bench.

Woodcock Hill Village Green committee successfully applied for a Tesco Green Bag Grant and were awarded £10,000. The projects



proposed included new ponds and restoration of old ponds, footpath management and upgrading to make the boggy parts easier to traverse. £7,500 will be released into the bank account in late January. The other £2,500 will only be released on completion. We have to get a loan to cover this £2,500. Outside agencies have already been employed to carry out the work and we await planning permission for the work on the paths.

If you want to get involved in our monthly working parties, they are on the second Sunday of the month: February 12, March 19, April 9, May 14 and June 11. Assemble at the footpath at the end of Carrington Ave from 11am to 1pm.

Join as a member. We need your support. £5 per household per year. Pat Strack, 36 Carrington Ave, Borehamwood WD6 2HA, pat.strack@ntlworld.com

Pat Strack

Borehamwood & Elstree Twin Town Association plan 'Cultural Year of Activities' in 2017



The Association will, as in previous years, be organising visits to both Fontenay Aux Roses and Offenburg; details will be available shortly about these planned visits. A cultural evening, offering entertainment from England, France and Germany is being planned. This event will allow residents of Borehamwood and Association members to sample the cultural delights of our twin nations.

The Association envisages that during the course of the year it will welcome some visitors from both our twin towns.

French language sessions, run by the Association, continue to be held at 96 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, on the last Tuesday of every month, 2.30pm - 4.30pm.

The year was rounded off with the Association's popular annual Carols by Candlelight Service.

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 to bettagroup@hotmail.com or by telephone: 020 3441 6510.

Sofie Eni



Carols by candlelight a BETTA way to start Christmas

BETTA held a special Christmas event last Saturday 17 December. The event, a Carols by Candlelight, included Festive Music & Readings, being held at St Michaels & All Angels Church, Brook Road, Borehamwood. Festive readings were made several local residents including, Annie Lalova, Erika Grady, Ikenna Eni, Jill Haistead, and Nick Male.

The carols sung were accompanied by Derek Holland, on organ, David McAuliffe, on guitar and Andrew Grady on cornet. Hazel McAuliffe led a singing group from St Michaels & All Angels Church; who also performed additional carols at the start and end of the evening, performing a rendition of Hallelujah in memory of Leonard Cohen

Festive snacks and drinks were provided during the interval by the association, provided by Tesco.

Josie Dunworth, a local resident, commented about the evening "A wonderful joyful evening, the music & refreshments were the best. Thank you BETTA for organising this magical event."

Martine Eni, Chair of the BETTA commented "It that it was a beautiful service, with St Michael's Church looking fabulous, enriched by 100's of Tea lights around the church, and on the entrance path." Martine also added her thanks to Rev. Louise Collins, and members of St Michaels & All Angels Church, for allowing BETTA to use the church for this wonderful occasion.



Fontenay-aux-Roses November 2016

A visit to represent Elstree & Borehamwood at the Ceremonie de 11 Novembre

On Thursday evening in the hotel Elaine and I met our counterparts from the German twin town of Wiesloch, Oberbürgermeister Dirk Elkemann and Klaus Rothenhöfer. We walked with them to the Café de la Gare, the venue for dinner as guests of Fontenay Council, which Deputy Mayor Dominique Lafon hosted. We were treated to an excellent meal.

After a sound night's sleep and breakfast we strolled with our German friends along to the Place du Général de Gaulle and the Mairie to greet various local dignitaries and await the formal proceedings.

The ceremony went off with the usual speeches and laying of wreaths and floral tributes, and a rendition of the Marseillaise by a school choir. This was followed by the second part of the ceremony in the town cemetery which honours those who have served France in some capacity, with a procession to visit the appropriate graves, led by numerous flag-bearers.

Later that day, we arrived at the Champs Élysées in Paris to find there was an enormous Christmas market where we enjoyed sharing some delicious tartiflette from one of the stalls. We then joined the queue for the Hergé (creator of Tintin) exhibition at the Grand Palais.

We wandered past the memorial to Princess Diana, crossed the Seine at the Pont de l'Alma and thence to our restaurant, with a great view of the Eiffel Tower. This is lit up at night with a laser beam projecting from the top, but every hour for a few minutes it becomes a giant sparkler with a myriad of twinkling lights.

Saturday morning dawned and we headed into town for some shopping. Scouting out somewhere for lunch we bumped into several of our acquaintances.

Finally it was time to return. We both really enjoyed the trip. The hospitality was first class, our hosts were really friendly and I commend anyone else who has the opportunity to visit an event in one of our twin towns.

Clr. Clive Butchins



Town Mayor Clive Butchins with Oberbürgermeister Dirk Elkemann

Reviva

The green waste company Reviva moved from Woodcock Hill Farm to Elstree Hill South when planning consent was granted by Herts County Council in 2011.

Complaints about obnoxious smells from residents as far away as Harrow and Stirling Corner have dogged the company on both sites.

As the result of group and individual protests Hertsmere Borough Council environmental health department took Reviva to court in June 2016, this resulted in a planning application from Reviva being sent to Herts County Council in October. Reviva wanted to increase the size of their building by 150% and introduce extractors to reduce the effect of the smell.

Elstree Village Preservation Society (sub committee of the Elstree & Borehamwood Green Belt Society), Brockley Hill Residents Association and a representative of Elstree Composers Estate joined forces to challenge the application.

On December 12 Herts County Council arranged a site visit for the Planning Committee members, officers and a representative from Elstree & Borehamwood Green Belt Society, cllr Pat Strack.

The application was due to come to Herts County Council planning committee 21/1/16 but officers recommended refusal. Reviva directors, Gary & Owen Lewis, asked for time to submit fresh evidence and were granted leave to provide that by mid January.

The working group, EVPS and BHRA met on 3 January. Main objections are the toxic nature of the fumes, pollution of groundwater, no evidence that any other site has used this method, Herts County Council does not use this site, waste is brought in from Harrow and Brent, mixing treated wood with the green waste and mixing paper pellets with the green waste (chemicals are used both in the manufacture of paper and the print).

It is expected that Herts County Council will consider the fresh evidence and report at the beginning to mid February. In the meantime we urge all to log the stench with the Environment Agency. Get a reference number log time and date. Contact EA 03708 506 506.

Compost Corner

Good housekeeping for your gardens and allotments



Top tips from Tomto make life easier for the spring planting season:

- Don't rush in while the ground is hard or wet...let nature take its course!
- Now's the time to do winter digging if you get a dry day - it breaks up the soil and helps prepare it for your seed beds
- Clearing up the plot - get out any produce that has gone over for composting
- If you have a spare room or heated greenhouse, in the next few weeks sow leeks and spring onion seeds in trays (and check out what else you might like to sow) for transplanting out March-April
- Get pots and trays clean; also, if you have one, get your greenhouse cleaned with Jeyes fluid to kill off any wintering bugs
- Keep your eyes out for seeds in shops to give yourself more choice before they sell out
- You can visit your local garden centre or order organic fertiliser online, to be ready to go!

Tom Cunningham



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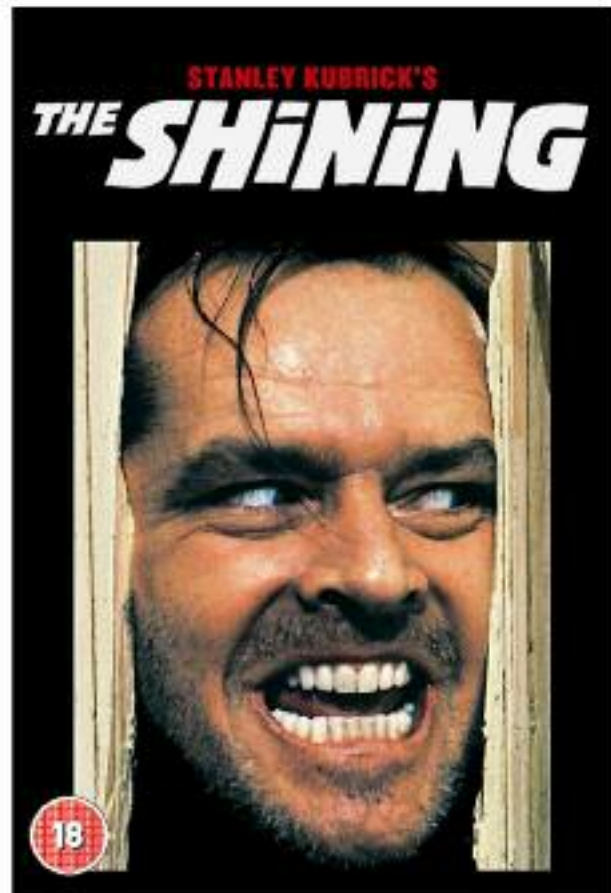
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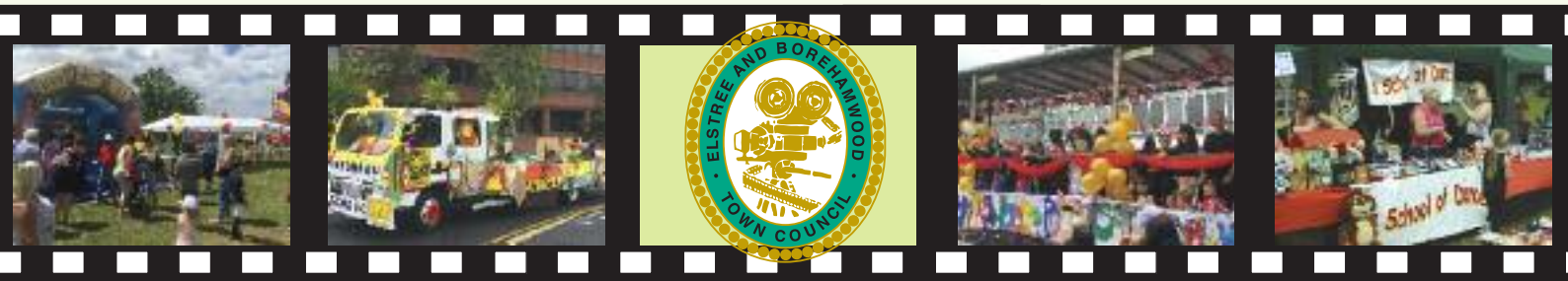
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2017 Civic Festival

If you would like to take part in this year's Civic Parade or Families Day then please fill in the application forms below and return them to: Dan Salter, Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council, Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood, Herts, WD6 5BT or email: dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk

2017 Civic Parade Saturday 17 June

Theme: *Star Wars 40th Anniversary - Star Wars and the Films of George Lucas and Steven Spielberg*

To take part in this year's parade please complete this form and return to:

Post: Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council, Fairway Hall, Brook Close, WD6 5BT

Email: dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk

Yes, we would like to enter the parade on Saturday 17 June 2017.

Organisation:.....

Contact name:

Address:

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Post Code:.....

Telephone:.....

Mobile:.....

Email:.....

Float theme:

(NOTE: Any music played will be covered by the Town Council's Performing Rights Society licence arrangement but please let us have a list of music you intend to use)



2017 Families Day Saturday 1 July, Meadow Park

To have a stall in this year's Families Day please complete this form and return to:

Post: Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council, Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood, WD6 5BT

Email: dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk

Yes, we would like to attend Families Day on Saturday 1 July 2017 in Meadow Park, Borehamwood.

Number of stall sites & area required:
(The Town Council does not supply Tables)

Type of stall:

Contact name:

Organisation:
Charity/Local

Organisation:
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Please note: There is no charge for Charity or Local Organisation stalls. Commercial Stalls will be contacted regarding a fee.

POLITICAL PARTIES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY - IN LINE WITH GUIDANCE FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

- Vehicles must NOT be in the Park between 12 noon and 5pm as this is a health & safety risk – unless permission is obtained from the Town Council in advance.
- Disabled drivers will be instructed where to park by the stewards.
- Stalls selling food are reminded of the need to comply with the Food Hygiene Legislation. The Council reserves the right to insist on Public Liability Insurance.
- You are reminded to provide your own folding table if required.
- Please provide your own drinking water as a standpipe will not be available.

If your application is successful, further details and guidelines will be sent to you.

TESCO extra | Borehamwood

On the 5th December Tesco Extra in Borehamwood celebrated the introduction of high street fashion brands in store by donating £1,000 to charity and announcing the winner of its local Design a shopping bag competition.



Design a bag winner Cassie Segura from St Teresa's Catholic Primary school.



Store manager Mark Hudson pictured with Karen Jeffreys and Kelly Hempenstall from The BECC Children's Centre, Cassie Segura, Grace and Kacper from St Teresa's Catholic Primary school along with store staff.



Store manager Mark Hudson pictured with design a bag winner Cassie Segura, along with classmates Grace and Kacper from St Teresa's Catholic Primary school.



Store manager Mark Hudson pictured with Karen Jeffreys and Kelly Hempenstall from The BECC Children's Centre.

Foodbank has a very busy Christmas

Our build up to Christmas began with our Tesco collection which as always showed the great generosity and heart of local people and we collected 1.3 tonnes of food.

This was only the start and by Christmas we had been donated just under five tonnes of food. This was from individuals, schools, churches and faith groups, community groups and local organisations and businesses. From this we made up and were donated well over 100 hampers which went to local people. We had many lovely notes of feedback and thanks. Comments like 'Thank you so much for the hamper. This means I do not have to worry about providing the extra treats for my family this Christmas.' We may give out the hampers but without your help we could not do so. So a big thanks to all who donated.

In December Oliver Dowden MP visited us for the first time. He was impressed by all the work going on and by our range of projects. He said 'It was very interesting and informative to meet the trustees and volunteers at the Borehamwood Food Bank. Their professionalism and dedication is providing a vital service to people who are at crisis points in their lives.

'It was heartening to see so many local people, including a wide range of faith groups, give their time, money and goods to help people in their hour of need.'

We are now looking ahead to 2017. Sadly there is no sign of the Foodbank need reducing - in fact we had an increase of 44% over Christmas. We are planning to continue our work and also our

family lunches and cookery. Our next session is on Wednesday February 15th. 11.30am - 1.30pm.

Family Cookery and Craft. If you are interested to come along please contact

020 3583 1109 or info@borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk It is free but we do need you to book.



MP Oliver Dowden with Foodbank Volunteers



School News

Cowley Hill Primary School

Ofsted Inspection

Cowley Hill was praised as a Good school in its recent Ofsted inspection. The school is well placed on its journey to becoming an Outstanding school with a real focus on teaching and learning.

'Leaders have relentlessly improved the quality of teaching and learning across the school, always expecting the very best from their teachers and not accepting anything less than that.'

Her Majesty's Inspector was able to identify the fantastic work of the school acknowledging how far we have come as a school since our last inspection in December 2011 and highlighting '...improvements in the overall quality of teaching, curriculum provision and outcomes for pupils at the school.'

The letter praised the work of the whole school, acknowledging the work we have put in developing the team at Cowley Hill: 'You have therefore built a strong team of well-trained teachers and support staff who very effectively support pupils.'



New School Classroom Opened by MP Oliver Dowden

On Friday 21st October Oliver Dowden CBE Member of Parliament for Hertsmere visited Cowley Hill Primary School to officially open the new purpose built classroom and toilets for Year 2.

Oliver was greeted by a welcoming committee of parents and excited children for the official ribbon cutting.

The children who eagerly showed Oliver around their new classroom were keen to show him around and talk to him about their new learning environment. Oliver stayed for tea and cakes with the children and parents.

The school erected a memorial plaque in celebration of the opening.

The school will soon begin its next project to develop a new state of the art library facility for all of the children.



Visit to Number 10 Downing Street

On Monday 25th November the Eco Warriors visited the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey.

The children were granted special clearance to enter Downing Street and visit Number 10. Despite the driving rain the children knocked on the door and handed a letter over for the Prime Minister. The letter detailed the Eco Warriors' plans to develop our school environment!

The children have been involved in making Cowley Hill a more environmentally friendly school. They have introduced paper recycling in every class and also energy monitors throughout the school. As a result of their hard work to date Cowley Hill has been awarded the Bronze Eco-Schools award. We are working towards receiving the Silver Award in the Summer Term!



School Games Gold Kitemark Award

Early in the Autumn term Cowley Hill became one of the first schools in Hertfordshire to achieve the 'Gold Kite-Mark Award for PE and Sport.'

This is a very prestigious National School Award and has been awarded in recognition of our continued commitment to implementing the highest standards, across the school, for PE and sport.

The award follows a rigorous application process, which then has to be verified in great detail by the 'Primary School PE National Governing Body.' The Gold Award further complements our status as an 'Advocate School for Sport England.'



Jon Hood (Headteacher)

Summerswood

Summerswood Primary School gets best Ofsted for over a decade.

Following its latest Ofsted and for the first time since 2003 Summerswood Primary School has been graded as Good in all areas by the education watchdog.

Commenting on this fantastic news, Headteacher Sarah Kneller said, "This is fantastic news for our community, the pupils and the staff. It proves that hard work does pay off. I am so proud of my whole team who have all gone that extra mile to ensure that we were able to prove the progress we have made.



"But this does not mean we are complacent; this is just the start and we look forward to going from strength to strength on our pathway to success.

"Our community is important to us and we look forward to sharing this success with them"

Sarah Kneller



St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

On 25th November children from Y3, Y4 and Y5 took part in a Junior Chef Workshop which was a part of the prize won by Casey Segura (Y4) who was the winner of the competition to design an "I love Borehamwood" logo which Tesco now has on its hessian bags.

For the Junior Chef Workshop, the children got the chance to make a fruit dessert, learning about the exotic fruits as they made each layer. All of the children enjoyed this experience and took their desserts home to share with their families at the end of the day.

Teresa McBride



Saffron Green

Saffron Green Primary School has ended the year in festive spirits.

Nativity plays were performed by our Early Years and Key Stage 1 teams allowing all the infant children to participate in celebrating Christmas.

Our Early Years team performed 'The Sleepy Shepherd' and our KS1 team 'The Magical Christmas Jigsaw'. These traditional stories were told beautifully and the children sang like angels. The plays were a wonderful celebration of Christmas and were enjoyed by the whole school as well as many, many parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles - it was a true family affair.

In addition to this the children also enjoyed a traditional turkey dinner provided by our wonderful catering team, Mary, Sue and Carly.

To round up the festive season the children enjoyed a visit to Holy Cross Church to enjoy a Christmas service and sing Christmas songs for their parents and carers; this was followed by their class parties. A lovely ending to a great year.

Linda Storey



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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:

- Saving Meadow Park
- Planning
- 'Aldenham Reservoir'

NEXT THREE MEETINGS:

Tues: 17th January, 28th March & 9th May - 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.



Elstree District Scouts



100 years of Cub scouting

Elstree district, which comprises of Cubs from Elstree, Borehamwood, Radlett and Shenley, celebrated 100 years of Cub Scouting on Sunday 18th December.

Events have been taking place during the last twelve months to celebrate the formation of the "Wolf Cub" section of Baden Powell's scouting movement, which started in 1917 and was originally based upon the jungle book story of the Wolf pack and its leader Akela.

This final act of celebration for these Cubs took the form of a party which was held at 96 Shenley Road, Borehamwood. The party, which had been in the planning for the last 12 months, was attended by over 60 Cubs and Leaders. After the traditional flag break and grand howl, the Cubs were then treated to a magic show by Colonel Custard. He captured their attention and amazed them with his very professional performance and culminated with Father Christmas appearing from a chimney on the stage.

This was followed by a picnic style tea which had cupcakes that were decorated with the official "Cubs 100" logo. These had been made by Danielle Dorsett, one of the Cub leaders. After the food, the Cubs then took part in an indoor camp fire sing song of traditional scouting songs, accompanied by all the actions.

The Cubs were then given a short talk by Ron Worthy, one of the older members of the district scouting team, on what it was like to be a Wolf Cub, as he had joined Cubs in 1950. He explained about the uniform worn then, including the "itchy" woollen jumper and shorts and how it had changed to today's standard. He went on to talk about the badges that he had to earn to obtain his Leaping Wolf badge, the highest award for Wolf Cubs. Ron then answered questions from the cubs about his experiences.

To finish the party, all cubs and leaders reaffirmed their Scout Promise together, led by County Cub Leader Wendy Tierney.

The group was then addressed by the mayor of Hertsmere, Councillor Peter Routledge, who thanked them for allowing him to join their celebration for this milestone in their history. This was followed by a few words from Councillor Clive Butchins, Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood, who spoke of his time in Scouting, even up to the present day as a leader, and wished the Cubs many years of enjoyable scouting.

After the closing flag down, all those attending were presented with a limited edition commemorative woggle and a certificate of attendance at this event.

We are now looking forward to a further 100 years of the section and would welcome anyone who would like to join, especially anyone over 18 who would like to help with the running of one of the local Cub Packs. For further details contact: dc.elstree@hertfordshirescouts.org.uk.

Carol Denbigh, Assistant District Commissioner, Cub Scouts





Winter activities at Aldenham Country Park

As we move through the colder months the motivation to get out and about can be greatly diminished and it is tempting to just curl up in the warm.

Aldenham Country Park has invigorating walks round the lake, through the woods and in the fields where the combination of nature and fresh air will not only be refreshing but it is proven that it increases wellbeing, lowers depression and stress levels. It has been found that people who run outdoors are 50% happier than working out in the gym. Another study showed that walking in green spaces put the brain in a meditative state. Aldenham Park run always have room for more additions to their growing numbers. They meet on a Saturday morning at the park. Aldenham has always been known as a place of childhood and it is a good time to run around after being cooped up indoors and burn off some energy. Just remember to bring wellies and adequate outdoor clothing.

Brighten up with our Chinese New Year of the Rooster Trail during February Half Term Holiday Activities (Saturday 11 February – Sunday 19 February) and spot the colourful and the real roosters round the farm. New to the park is a wishing pond where it is possible to make a wish, just bring some spare change. During the week there will be an initiative to plant seasonal flowers round the car park. Buy the bulb or seed in the shop and use one of the planters in the car park. New in February, adopt one of our animals for Valentine's Day or as a present through the year. Gain some introductory skills on a Survival day on Thursday 16 February with fire lighting, den building and other skills planned. Usual activities are available. Feed the farm animals, petting sessions, pony rides, outdoor adventure play, 100 Aker Wood, Winnie the Pooh. Please check our Facebook page for more details, prices and timings available nearer the time. Contact 020 8953 9602 or michelle@aldenhamcountrypark.co.uk

Michelle Artiss

Aldenham Country Park Fun Day – 12 March 2017

Aldenham Country Park and Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council are holding a Spring Community Fun Day on Sunday 12 March with lots of fun for all the family.

Aldenham Country Park will not be charging for car parking for the day and it will be a good opportunity to come, engage with the outdoors and sample the park attractions. Sullivan Buses will run a free service through the day from Elstree & Borehamwood railway station. The event will run from 11am - 4pm with speeches and appearance of Mayor Cllr Clive Butchins and Winnie the Pooh amongst others. The last Community Day was good fun as can be seen on the Aldenham Country Park Facebook Album and more information will be available nearer the time.



Christmas at Aldenham



Record numbers of visitors flocked to the park for the festive period where the Winter landscape was lit up with fairy lights and the 12 Days of Christmas Elf Trail transformed the farm. The visitors went round on the trail learning the rhyme.

Naughty Elves took over the park and were seen helping Farmer Christmas and Santa Pooh with their daily chores. The farm shop was cosy with a new log burner and Santa had residence for the month. The animals were not left out and had gifts over the period. A mini fairground in the car park and a free bouncy castle in the play barn got visitors moving in the cold snap. The visitors were asked what the favourite part of their visit was and the most popular answer was feeding the animals.



Train Station Switch On

SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2016

BBC Radio One DJ Dev Griffen came and switched on the Christmas tree lights at the Elstree & Borehamwood Train Station with Town Mayor Cllr Clive Butchins. After, he gave Dev a brief interview for his radio show which went out the following day.



DJ Dev Griffen with Town Mayor Clive Butchins

Elstree & Borehamwood Firework Display 2016

On Saturday 5 November 2016 the Town Council held its annual free Fireworks Display in Meadow Park sponsored by Spire BMW.

The skies above Elstree & Borehamwood lit up in a bright and colourful pyrotechnics show celebrating the music of Motown.

Around 6,000 spectators showed up to see the display which combined fireworks and a Motown soundtrack including Diana Ross, Lionel Richie, The Four Tops, The Jackson 5 and many more.

The event also marked the 27th year of the free display in Meadow Park.



Cllr Victor Eni helping out the stewards



Town Mayor Cllr Clive Butchins judged the "Guy" competition and started the fireworks off by getting the crowd to join in with the countdown.

Some other comments left of the Town Council's Facebook were: "It seems to get better and better," "Great firework display tonight and super sound equipment"

The Guy competition winners were: Joint 1st place for the youth group entries went to The Air Training Cadets and The Youth Council who both won £50 each.

The Youth Councillors donated their winnings to Help the Homeless.



Air Training Cadets Guy



Youth Council Guy

Photos by Dan Salter



REMEMBRANCE DAY

SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2016



*Cllr Cynthia Barker
with Youth Council
Chairman Malachi
Roberts*



Photos by Andrew Grady

Christmas Switch On

SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2016

To mark the festive season Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council brought some festive cheer to the Town with the annual Christmas Lights Switch On event that was held on Sunday 27th November.

The family fun event took place from 2pm-6pm at All Saints Church on Shenley Road.

Free entertainment included the ever-popular Ice Rink, sponsored by The Spire BMW & Tesco, Fairground rides, Santa's Grotto and much more.

All Saints Church played host to a carol concert by local school children.

Outside entertainment was supplied from The Borehamwood Community Choir, Borehamwood Rock Choir and Borehamwood Brass Band who warmed up the crowd for the main event.



Borehamwood Community Choir



The Youth Council



Free Ice Rink



Santa with his helper



Borehamwood Rock Choir



The Rolling Base



Monksmead School



Theatre Club Kids



John Amer with our local PCSOs



Borehamwood Brass



Switch On 2016

At 4:30pm Dame Barbara Windsor DBE switched on this year's Christmas tree lights, formally marking the start of the Christmas season. Afterwards she met with the crowds and posed for pictures.



Youth Council with Barbara Windsor

Photos by Dan Salter, Andrew Grady & Clive Burchins



Town Council Christmas Concert 2016

PERFORMED BY THE BBC ELSTREE CONCERT BAND

WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2016

On Wednesday 7 December 2016 some 200 residents got into the Christmas Spirit Bing Crosby style, singing along to "White Christmas" in Allum Hall accompanied by the outstanding BBC Elstree Concert Band.

The show is hosted each year by Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council as part of the Christmas entertainments programme for the local community (including Lights Switch On and Winter coach trips). This year, guests were greeted with a warm welcome from the Town's Youth Council who also helped with the preparation for the event and the handing out of much needed complementary hot drinks during the interval.

Thrilled audience members said:

- "Absolutely brilliant – a brilliant start to Christmas" - Yvonne Taylor
- "Loved it! Loved it! Loved it! Especially the Kaiser Waltzer" - Lynda Marshall
- "Excellent – really enjoyed it – what a night!" - Ruth Wisbey
- "Lovely to get out and listen to real music at such a great price" - Olive Adland and Patricia Taylor

- "Great show with an amazing programme – especially the Dad's Army theme tune which got my toes tapping and paid tribute to Jimmy Perry OBE, former Honorary President of the Band" - Richard Ashley

In his address, Town Mayor, Cllr Clive Butchins, said "It is always a pleasure to welcome this band to their ancestral home of Elstree and I include their Musical Director, Andrew Morley, and their Presenter, Robert Benton, in that welcome."

The programme for the evening included music from Star Wars (filmed at Elstree Studios and celebrating its 40th anniversary in the New Year), Disney favourites, Johann Strauss and a haunting rendition of Howard Blake's 'The Snowman'.

The evening was enhanced by a display and book signings from a local authors' group, 'Writers in the Wood' - including Steven J Pemberton and Lorraine Reed. A collection raised over £100 for the Mayor's Annual Charity, The Elstree and Borehamwood Museum.

Town Councillor, Sandra Parnell, said "Well done to everyone for last night you all worked hard to make it shine, everything seemed to go like clockwork, all my friends thought that it was fabulous as usual and it seemed like there were a lot of people there which was great. Another successful evening from the Town Council. Thank you for making it a great evening."



Photos by Dan Salter

DR96 Christmas Lunch

Seventy club members and friends enjoyed a two course Christmas dinner on Wednesday 14th December. Paul Lomax played in the background as people arrived from 10.30am to chat to their friends and enjoy tea and cake.

At 11.30am the Town van arrived with the food cooked by the Toby Inn. Turkey, ham, roast and mash potatoes, yorkshires, parsnips, carrots, brussels, peas, and cauliflower cheese were the first course with cranberry sauce. This was plated up and served by the committee and other volunteers. Guests enjoyed a glass of wine with the meal. Nothing was wasted all the freshly cooked vegetables left over went to Gratitude to be frozen and made into soup for the needy. Thanks to the Town staff for all the help they gave us.

Dessert was mince pies and cream. The Rotary Club donated a box of chocolates for everyone to take home.

Thank you to Town Councillor Victor Eni for his £100 donation from Sainsburys. He came with David Brooker and Sainsburys Community

Champion to see how it was all going but ended up with his colleagues serving the food to the tables Well done.



A big thank you to Marion Joyce Tesco Community Champion, who attends the club every week and spends most of her time in the kitchen. Tesco donated Christmas Crackers and serviettes.

Once the tables were cleared and Wayne started up his music we enjoyed an hour of dancing. Zimmer frames and sticks were thrown into the wind. Everything from The Rat Pack to party dances YMCA, Okey Cokey. If it could be danced to Wayne played and sang to it.

DR96 meets every Wednesday morning at 96 for the over 60s from 10 to 12pm a varied programme quizzes bingo talk entertainment. Our membership is now 75 and growing. On Wednesday 4 January 2017 we celebrated the New Year

A big thank you to the hardworking committee Brenda, Georgina, Sandra, Pat, Clive, Lawrence, Marijke, Marion, Patrick, Sasha, Sue and to Gina and Greer who volunteer every week. Thank you to the Hertsmere Leisure Staff who help us every week. Thank you to Michael for helping collect the money each week.

Pat Strack



DR96 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS VISIT

DR96 members and friends went on a coach trip to London to see the West End Lights on Monday 5 December. 64 people made the journey.

In spite of the weather being appalling all day it cleared up and we all enjoyed a warm evening. The coach set off at 4pm, our oldest traveller was 92 years old. They breed them hardy in Borehamwood!

The driver was very helpful he drove along Regent Street. We were blown away by the Angels decorating the street. We glimpsed pedestrianised Oxford Street travelled up the Haymarket with it's NSPCC star decorations another glimpse of Oxford Street, past the Christmas tree at Trafalgar Square and parked in the Strand. The lights there were completely different and very modern.

All had a two hour opportunity to visit Covent Garden for shopping or just a visit to the Punch and Judy. Town Councillor Sandra Parnell said "I love it especially the tree outside Covent Garden and the wonderful mistletoe and huge gold baubles in the Market. The whole place is buzzing." Georgina Doolan, club committee member added her thoughts. 'Wonderful atmosphere, wonderful stalls, wonderful trip.'

Once back on the coach we went back round Trafalgar Square up the Haymarket along Regents Street to Bond Street. So many of the side streets had Xmas lights and the shop windows were amazing. Bond Street did not fail beautiful lights around to winter Wonderland and home for 9pm.

Brenda Pryor collected the money and made sure she counted everyone on and off (twice) and we did not lose a soul. Everybody had a great time. DR96 Chair, Town Councillor Pat Strack concluded, 'Shame we have to wait a whole year to do it again.'

Pat Strack

Record-breaking numbers of volunteers support Mitzvah Day in Borehamwood and Elstree community

27 November 2016 – A record-breaking 400 members from Elstree & Borehamwood United Synagogue and the wider community were among around 40,000 volunteers in more than 21 countries helping hundreds of local charities in meaningful ways as part of Mitzvah Day 2016.

Mitzvah Day is a Jewish-led day of social action that brings thousands of people together worldwide, of all faiths and none, to give their time, not their money, to make a difference to the community around them.

The 20 local projects involved charities and communities such as The Joely Bear Appeal, Borehamwood Foodbank, Gift, Townsend House, Stonham House, and Gratitude!

Before and after Mitzvah Day, local volunteers participated in two different food rotas, including a two-week food rota of cakes and desserts for the residents of Townsend House (a hostel in Borehamwood caring for 16-25 year-old homeless young women with support needs) and Hepburn Court (a hostel for families with support needs). Plans are also in place to continue these food donations throughout the year. The second food rota was for Stonham House, an ex-offenders unit.

Working with The Joely Bear Appeal and NHS Blood Donation, there was an extra special Mitzvah Day blood donor session at Edgware and Borehamwood and Elstree Synagogue. Over 240 donations of blood were taken over both sessions and there were over 50 first time donors, which is an amazing achievement! Volunteers made sandwiches for those who donated, and did face painting and entertainment for the children of those who were donating.

In conjunction with PJ library, a child and adult book swap was run, where volunteers donated three or more books and swapped them for one new book. The donated books are for local shelters in Borehamwood (Stonham House, Shenwood Court and Townsend House) and Hepburn Court in South Mimms.

Volunteers also took part in a knitathon both before and on Mitzvah Day, knitting and crocheting squares to be sewn together into warm blankets, which are being distributed to those in need and local care homes.

Those looking for some outdoor activities put on their wellies and gardening gloves and braved the cold, to work with the Woodcock Hill

Village Green Committee as part of an interfaith project to help clear Woodcock Hill in Borehamwood of brambles and litter, and make bug houses.

Another team also braved the cold at Shenwood Court with Gratitude to clear the allotments and build an outdoor library – the first outdoor library in Borehamwood. Many of the books donated for the book swap will go to the new outdoor library.

Building upon the local success of Mitzvah Day, volunteers helped with the Foodbank in their Christmas collectathon at Tesco, and helped unload/sort the donations. Gift boxes were also created for a group of youngsters from a care house who visited the UK for the first time in December.

Mitzvah Day founder and chair Laura Marks applauded the Borehamwood and Elstree community, saying: "Once again, the team has come out in force to support the variety of projects that have been identified. Following previous years' successes, we have seen how the various projects have positively impacted the lives of many local people on Mitzvah Day itself and on an ongoing basis throughout the year. I congratulate the team and hope a similar impact is achieved in the year ahead."

Lauren Schogger added: "This is our biggest and most successful Mitzvah Day to date. We've put on a fantastic range of projects that have made and will continue to make a real difference to those less fortunate than ourselves in our local and wider community. Social action is a success due to the many volunteers that come forward to support our projects.

"It's incredibly exciting and rewarding to see so many people coming together today. As well as delivering projects today, our ultimate goal is to raise the profile of communities that will benefit from our help beyond Mitzvah Day and for our volunteers to be part of that journey."



MP Oliver Dowden on Woodcock Hill



BES commitment to social action and community care

Borehamwood and Elstree Synagogue is committed to supporting local charities and community events throughout the year, and our volunteers devote time and effort wherever and whenever it's needed. Hundreds of members come together in the run up to, on and after Mitzvah Day, collecting food for the local food bank as part of their everyday shopping, or clearing foliage and shrubs at Woodcock Hill. And on Christmas Day at one of our local Churches, members of Borehamwood and Elstree Synagogue helped prepare and serve Christmas lunch to those who didn't have one.



IsrAction

On 22 December 2016, members of Borehamwood and Elstree Synagogue helped those in crisis this Christmas by donating £400 worth of Israeli food and tasty snacks to the Borehamwood Food Bank. The food drive was part of IsrAction Day (<http://www.israction.org/>), an international grassroots campaign that supports both Israel and local communities. Eddie Hammerman, board member at Borehamwood and Elstree Synagogue said: "The work of volunteers at Borehamwood Food Bank is inspirational and we are proud to show our solidarity with Israel whilst also helping those most in need at this time of year. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed food and their time. We hope the treats went down well, but more importantly, wish all the recipients a happy and prosperous new year".



Sock Drop Wrapping

On 20 December 2016, our members joined the Sock Drop Wrapping project (www.gofundme.com/sockdrop) to provide socks, gloves and hats to the homeless in Borehamwood. Rachel Posner, who started Sock Drop with Erica Greene, said "This year at the Borehamwood event we managed to wrap around 1500 individual items which was amazing. It was a great vibe where new friendships were made and everyone had the same intentions - wanting to give".



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
Borehamwood & Potters Bar



Shopper Scheme

Borehamwood, Potters Bar, Bushey
Shenley, Radlett & Well End



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www.hertsmerecommunitytransport.org

Registered Charity: Hertsmere Charity 113901 | On 1 July 2016 we merged
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Town Team Defibrillator Project

Defibs in schools

Nine of the ten primary schools have their defibrillators in place. £300 was granted to schools towards the £453 purchase from the government scheme.

Recent assemblies have been held at

- Saffron Green, £100 donated by Cllr Victor Eni with top up to £300 grant from Borough Cllrs Susan Brown, Alan Plancey, Gary Silver
- Summerswood, £300 donated from County Cllr Alan Plancey from his Locality Budget
- Kenilworth Primary, £100 donation from Borough Cllr Farida Turner with top up to £300 grant from Borough Cllrs Susan Brown, Alan Plancey and Gary Silver.
- Cowley Hill, £300 donated from E&B/Wood Rotary Club Nick Male and David Clout in attendance
- Parkside, £300 grant from Borough Cllrs Crown, Alan Plancey and Gary Silver.

Hertswood Academy has been granted a request for funding towards a defib to be held in reception on the Cowley Hill site. A defib is on loan to the Hertsmere Leisure Sports Centre on Potters Lane until it is demolished as part of the Hertswood Academy rebuild.

The new Yavneh Primary School has requested £300 help towards the purchase of a defib.

The Defib Team are pleased that Lawrence is making a good recovery from his recent operation and will join us again at defib events.



In January Summerswood School welcomed Councillors Strack and Parnell to their assembly where we spoke with the children about the new defibrillator.

Once the staff have had some training, this will be situated within the school for easy access should the need ever arise. The School were able to pass on their thanks to Cllr Plancey for his grant through Mrs Strack, who spoke to the children about the Borehamwood Defibrillator project.



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Borehamwood Library offers an exciting range of advertising services for local entrepreneurs, small businesses and organisations:

- Pop-up shops are available for selling items or promoting local organisations.
- Advertising space can be booked either with a poster on the commercial noticeboard
- Space for promotional pop-up banners or sidewinders can also be booked.

These are excellent opportunities for local businesses and groups to publicise their services to thousands of potential customers, right in the heart of the local community.

A4 poster - £5 per week

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Stall or pop up shop - £40 for 4 hours / £70 for 8 hours*

To book space:

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For full details of these offers which are also available at other Hertfordshire Libraries visit our website at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/roomhire.

*Half price for charities and not for profit organisations



The NSPCC Fair was a social and financial success, raising over £4000.



Everyone had a great shopping spree for gifts and bargains from the varied stalls whilst enjoying the music of Borehamwood Brass, the Borehamwood Community Choir and Paul Lomax on electric guitar. Chinese/British lunches were heartily consumed. The event was opened by Town Mayor Cllr Clive Butchins and Hertsmeire Mayor Cllr Pete Rutledge. Oliver Dowden MP attended to present the prizes for the Schools Art Competition which is the main feature of the day. Thanks to all the helpers, donors, musicians and customers who supported this wonderful cause. Join us in our fun events to help abused and deprived children. Volunteers always welcomed.

DR 96 volunteers had a stall to raise funds. We were astonished to find that member, Catherine Decourcey, holds the British Empire Medal awarded by the Queen for her services to charity. Congratulations!

Pat Strack



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 has 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
Wednesday 22 March 2017
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?

It's "all change" at Elstree & Borehamwood rail station

As part of its on-going programme of enhancements, Govia Thameslink Railway recently announced a set of organisational changes designed to increase its responsiveness to the needs of rail commuters.

Says Station Manager James Gillett: "We have been steadily improving the station at Elstree & Borehamwood for our passengers with a new station forecourt with bus interchange and a passenger footbridge with lifts. This, along with the close working partnership we have with the community, including the "First Impressions" initiative, has led to many improvements and created a welcoming gateway to the town."

In 2016 these improvements, part-funded by Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council and its Youth Council, included providing fixed seating on the forecourt, adding new planters, taming an overgrown area behind Bus Shelter C and putting in place new signage to help guide visitors at the station.

But now it's time for James to move on, to take up the post of Area Manager for Thameslink's London core - covering West Hampstead to Blackfriars station.

Recognising James' contribution to improvements at the station during the past 18 months Bob Redman, Chair of "First Impressions" said: "Over the past six years the local train operator has been a key member of "First Impressions" but in his time here as Station Manager James has added an extra level of energy and enthusiasm in all that he has done. We'll greatly miss his "can do" attitude and his hands-on approach."

Councillor Pat Strack, Leader of the Town Council, picked up on that theme: "Whether by helping train the community to use the new defibrillators or in organising Christmas events at the station James has brought our community and GTR closer together than at any time in the past. His understanding of our needs and his willingness to work with us has been very special and we owe him a great deal."

Mayor Clive Butchins echoed those sentiments: "It's been a pleasure to have worked with James, who has been really helpful in a number of



areas, but most notably in making Elstree & Borehamwood station such a welcoming environment for visitors and residents. He will be missed. I wish him every success in his new role. He will always be most welcome to visit us at any time."

Under the new arrangements Elstree & Borehamwood station will be the responsibility of Sam Bowler, Area Manager for Thameslink's outer stations. She says "I'm looking forward to our new Station Manager, soon to be appointed, continuing the close working relationship James has established with the local community and doing everything possible to improve the station further for our passengers."

The final words belong to James Gillett: "From the first day I managed the station I knew that this was a special place and it has been a total pleasure in being able to work with our many community partners. The station really is now firmly part of the community it serves and I feel proud to have been a part of it. I look forward to coming back next year to be part of the 150th birthday celebration of the arrival of rail to Elstree & Borehamwood."

Bob Redman



Elstree and Borehamwood Museum

Our new exhibition - 'From Village to Town, Celebrating a Century of Migration' is now up and running!

Eighteen months in the making, the exhibition focuses on the radical transformation of Elstree and Borehamwood over the past century and the people whose arrival here made this happen.

In living memory, Elstree and Borehamwood was (and is still referred to by some) a village, but today it is a thriving South Hertfordshire town. We set out to look at how this became the case.

We were incredibly fortunate to have over fifty individuals agree to be interviewed in either audio or visual format. Thank you, wonderful people!

At the heart of the exhibition we have several audio posts where visitors can listen to excerpts from some of these invaluable contributions. They are a bit different as they take the form of

traditional telephones. Each telephone represents and conveys the voices of the era.



Along with the filmed interviews, these are available to all on our museum website www.elstree-museum.org.uk.

We are looking forward to sharing this exhibition with the community. We are sure that it will serve to emphasise what a dynamic and constantly changing community Elstree and Borehamwood is. We will also be displaying personal objects loaned by our contributors and other members of the community which tell the stories of their moving and settling in Elstree and Borehamwood.

None of this project would have been possible without the extraordinary support from our volunteers. A huge thank you to everyone!

The museum opens Tuesday – Thursday 12noon – 6pm and Saturday 10am-3pm, and welcomes new volunteers. Call 01442 454 888 or call in. This exhibition is open from January 17th until July 8th. More information about the museum can be found at www.elstree-museum.org.uk.



Elstree & Borehamwood Museum invites you to:

GOING DOWN THE VILLAGE!

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

FREE ENTRY

Meetings for 2017:
Thursday, February 2nd
and March 2nd
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Come and share your memories of Elstree & Borehamwood

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Community Hertsmere's activities and events for 2017

Thank you for all your support in 2016. Community Hertsmere are planning on providing lots of activities and events for all ages throughout this year.

Our aim is to improve the lives of the community by creating new friendships, giving people the opportunity to experience and visit new surroundings and relieve stress from day to day life. We always try to keep costs to a minimum.

So far there are six events that have been planned with lots more in the pipeline. We are keen to hear new ideas from the local community.

The first trip that has been organised is to Legoland Windsor on 10 April. Everyone is welcome to experience a fun filled day out at a fraction of the price. There are plenty of rides and attractions to choose from.

In June there is a coach trip to Goodwood Family Race Day. This will be on Sunday 11 June. There are plenty of things to do and see. With a chance to "meet the racehorse", walk the course, trips to the race start as well as a behind-the-scenes tour of the racecourse.

On Friday 7 July there is a day out planned to look around Cambridge. There are over 30 colleges to explore and to learn about the architecture and culture. Places must be booked in advance directly with the college. You can go punting on the River Cam, enjoy a picnic in the park, join a walking tour of the city or explore further afield from

the seat of a bicycle following the excellent network of cycle paths in and around the city.

Over the course of the summer holidays there will be lots of seaside trips available. On Friday 28 July there is a day planned to Margate. A chance to relax and unwind and treat the children in the popular Dreamland amusement park.

On Friday 11 August we are going to Thorpe Park. This will be a popular event so places must be booked early to avoid disappointment. There are over 30 rides, attractions and live events for all ages. Under 3's will get FREE entry and only be charged for the coach seat.

The popular Bournemouth Air Show has also been planned. This is a FREE event so you only pay for the coach seat. This will be on Friday 1st September. In recent years there have been displays by the Red Arrows, Black Cat Helicopters, Swiss Super Puma, The Blades, Strikemaster and plenty more.

Over the next few weeks our staff and volunteers will be working on planning lots more activities and events for later on in the year.

Please keep checking our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram page or if you would like more information or you would like to book please call The Community Shop on 020 8386 4006 or email activities@communityhertsmere.org.uk

10 April 2017	Legoland Price includes entrance and seat on coach. Leaves Leeming Road at 8:30am Departing Legoland at 4pm	£35 Adult and Child
11 June 2017	Goodwood Family Fun Day Price includes entrance and seat on coach. Leaves Leeming Road at 9:30am Departing Goodwood at 5:30pm	£26 per Adult £18 per Child
7 July 2017	Cambridge Leaves Leeming Road at 8:30am Departing Cambridge at 4pm	£16 per seat
28 July 2017	Margate Leaves Leeming Road at 8am Departing Margate at 5pm	£18 per seat
11 August 2017	Thorpe Park Price includes entrance and seat on coach Leaves Leeming Road at 8:30am Departing Thorpe Park at 6pm	£35 Adult and Child
1 September 2017	Bournemouth Air Show Leaves Leeming Road at 8am Departing Bournemouth at 7pm	£20 per seat

Where have all the teachers gone?

Department of Education figures show that last year 50,000 teachers left the profession and more are now leaving than joining. Around 25% leave within their first three years. As governors we are too well aware of the difficulty our schools are having in attracting a good field of teachers to fill vacancies.

Teaching vacancies come about for many reasons, but mainly it is because teachers gain useful experiences of working in our good Borehamwood schools and decide to move on. Quite a few younger teachers do this because they want to be able to buy somewhere to live and settle down. Some, though, get promotions to other schools outside our area, and we often have to appoint short-term cover for maternities. An increasing problem for our teachers, and everyone else, is how bad the local traffic has become.

Our schools have to compete with teachers being paid £2,500 more a year if they work nearby in Barnet or Harrow. What we have to offer though is good schools and much nicer environments. Currently, 90% of Hertfordshire schools are good or better and one of the major estate agencies says that Hertfordshire is the best place in the country to raise children.

The most important job that a school governor does is appointing a headteacher, but governors are also involved in the process of appointing other teachers and bring an "outside school" perspective to the questions and discussions. We still have people applying for teaching posts but whereas five years ago there were many applicants, now there are often only one or two.



Hertfordshire County Council is very active in trying to attract people to teach here. Recruitment fairs are organised and in 2016 Herts For Learning won the National School Recruitment award. If you are interested in becoming a governor and helping to make a difference, contact your local school or go to the website www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/edlearn/getinvolved/governors/be-cschgov.

If you want to know more about being a governor contact Geoff Strack on 020 8386 3151 or email geoff.strack@ntlworld.com.

Leecliffe Big Local



Town Mayor Cllr Clive Butchins, accompanied by Cllr Victor Eni, Cllr Pat Strack and Cllr Cynthia Barker, attended the launch of Leecliffe Big Local Community Plan held at Aberford Hall on 9 December 2016.

Leecliffe Big Local is a £1 million National Lottery funded community partnership run by local people for local people. It aims to enable residents of Borehamwood to improve their community.

Displays included BMX sessions, School Ready Project, Parent Support coffee morning and entertainment from Blitz Dance Group.

Thanks to Sasha Capocci, Andrew Grady, Jill Haisted, Sandra Parnell, Pat Strack, Marijke Turner for their help, and thanks to Aberford Hall staff for their support.



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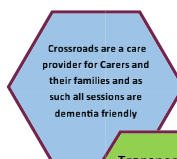
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- 16th Mar: Energise your day by using motivational movement
- 23rd Mar: Reminisce about the past with new friends
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The Spice of Life

'Variety is the spice of life' we are always told and the audience certainly got that at Rotary's concert in Allum Hall.

The beautiful costumes of Oranim, performing Israeli dances complemented the beautiful voices of St. Teresa's School choir. Other vocalists included Andrew Lillico, Boreham Wood's Got Talent winner, Romario Faldes and duo Nebrissa and Jennifer. The stirring sounds of Boreham Wood Brass helped to set the Christmas mood.

The audience enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies during the interval. Thanks to Sasha, Marijke, Pat, Sandra, Jill and Andrew for their help. A big thanks, too, to the Allum Hall staff.



Music Maestro Please

Local Rotarians and friends enjoyed a musical evening and a buffet in Elstree on Thursday 1st December. Norman and Anne Shuker kindly hosted the event at their home, Schopwick Place.

Pianist Alan Gardner with singer guitarists Gary and Paul, entertained the members and guests. Rotary Club veteran Fred Thomas produced great laughter with a comic music hall song. The evening was arranged by Rotary President Nick Male.



Nick Male



Borehamwood Brass

Borehamwood Brass is a traditional British brass band, performing a wide musical repertoire on the standard set of instruments.

The band welcomes and encourages 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.

Alternatively if you used to play, and have thought about starting to play again, why not start the New Year by joining a friendly outgoing group, who enjoy making music together? We welcome any player wishing to restart without having any contesting commitments and we are particularly interested to welcome Tenor Horn, Euphonium and Cornet players.

The band meets most Friday nights in the Holy Cross Church Hall in Balmoral Drive, Borehamwood, WD6 2QT, from 8pm to 10pm. If you would like to come, please phone us beforehand to ensure we are meeting.

A wide series of concerts is being planned for the New Year, so look at the band's web site and Facebook page for further information.

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

Web Site www.borehamwoodbrass.org.uk

Facebook www.facebook.com/borehamwoodbrass

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Andrew Grady



Tickled Pink

"Without music, life would be a mistake" (Friedrich Nietzsche) and marrying music with creative art is always a great success, says Susan Moser, the creator of Tickled Pink.

A group of older people come together each week at the Manor House, Allum Hall to paint to music. The music played, from around the world, ranges from classical to ragtime and jazz and is selected according to the mood of the day. At a recent Tickled Pink reception, results of its success were on exhibition as the artists talked about their work and the positive changes Tickled Pink has brought to their lives, alleviating feelings of loneliness and depression.

All of this is enjoyed in a warm and convivial social setting, under the expert guidance of artist Janine Greenberg. The artists use a variety of mediums with everyone having the choice of their own subject.

Amongst the visitors at the reception was Cllr. Pat Strack, Leader of Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council, who was greatly impressed with the work on display. Susan expressed her appreciation of Hertsmere Borough Council for its support in this project and the opportunity to benefit people in the community.

Tickled Pink meets every Monday 2pm till 4pm.
Enquiries to Susan Moser, 07899 900848 or Janine Greenberg, 07930 536418.



Thinking of starting yoga?

Thinking about taking up yoga and benefiting not just your body but your mind?

You may be familiar with the physical benefits of yoga, improved flexibility, strength, stability and balance - but how can that help your mind?

We live in an over stimulated society; think mobile phones, the internet, 24 hour TV, the new normal is an underlying feeling of dis-ease and anxiety. Our nervous systems are overwrought and we spend a lot of our lives operating on our 'fight or flight' response.

This is the part of us that fires up when we need to protect ourselves from imminent danger by either fighting or running, but sadly is the same system that is activated, during road rage, or while trying to meet a deadline at work. Sound familiar?

Our bodies, however, are finely balanced instruments and we have a 'rest and digest' response too. This system activates more tranquil functions of the body, in a nutshell it encourages us to relax. And this is where Yoga steps in, a well rounded practice can teach us how to move and breathe more effectively, an emphasis on long exhalations will encourage our 'rest and digest' response to activate and this teamed with guided relaxation means we can start to make an impact on our minds as well as our bodies.

Try this simple yogic breathing exercise: sitting or standing upright, breathe in through your nose for a count of 4 and exhale through your mouth for a count of 6 or more, making a gentle sighing sound, you can imagine you are trying to steam up a mirror held in front of your mouth. Repeat several times and then sit for a minute or two, eyes closed and simply notice how you feel.

Before taking up yoga practice you should seek advice from a doctor and discuss the suitability of these practices for your personal health. We do not offer medical advice.

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What's On

Friends of Care Homes

'An Evening Out in the Afternoon'
Radlett

Weekly Sundays from 3pm to 4.45pm
Tel: 01923 289890

DR96 Over 60's Club

96 Shenley Road - Wednesdays 10am - 12pm

New members welcome
Contact: Clive Butchins 020 8953 1827,
Sandra Parnell 020 8953 0832 or
Pat Strack 020 8386 3151

The Women's Institute

Fairway Hall - Monday 13 March, 10 April,
8 May 1.15pm - 3.15pm
New members welcome

Saturday 11 February

Rooster Trail
Aldenham Country Park
See page 14

Monday 13 February

Garden Craft Society AGM
Allum Hall, 2.30pm
Talk by Jacques Armand 'Planting Unusual
Bulbs'
New members welcome.

Wednesday 15 February

Family Cookery & Craft at the Foodbank
with lunch
St Teresa's, 11.30am - 1.30pm
See article on page 9 for more info - Free

Wednesday 15 February

Internet safety awareness drop in
session
Borehamwood Library, 1pm - 5pm
Library Staff and OWL messaging advising
customers on how to stay safe online

Saturday 18 February

Coffee Morning - theme knitting,
stitching, embroidery, tapestry, etc
All Saints Church, 11am - 1pm

Tuesday 21 February

Storm Warning - Fitzroy by Geoff Hales
St Teresa's Church Hall, 10am
Free entry with U3A membership

Wednesday 8 March

Annual Town Parish meeting
Fairway Hall, 7.30pm

Saturday 11 March

Afternoon Tea for "World Kidney Day"
St Teresa's Hall, 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Sunday 12 March

Community Fun Day
Aldenham Country Park
See page 14 for more details.

Thursday 16 March

Special Screening of "The Shining" to
celebrate 90 years of Elstree Studios
Reel Cinema, 7.30pm
Tickets available from the Town Council,
Fairway Hall - 020 8207 1382 - £5

Saturday 18 March

Coffee Morning - Performing Arts
All Saints Church, 11am - 1pm
Free Refreshments

Tuesday 21 March

Art & Deception in WW2 by Hugh
Grainger
St Teresa's Church Hall, 10am
Free entry with U3A membership

Saturday 1 April

Easter activities
Aldenham Country Park

Saturday 1 April

Garden Craft Society Spring Show
Allum Hall, 4pm



Wednesday 5 April & Wednesday 12 April

Family Easter fun with lunch
St Teresa's, 11.30am - 1.30pm
Free

Tuesday 18 April

On & Off the Footplate by Mr B Davies
St Teresa's Church Hall, 10am
Free entry with U3A membership

Saturday 6 May

Pre Festival Event
All Saints Church, 11am - 4pm

Saturday 27th May

Elmer Storytime and craft activity
Borehamwood Library, 2.30pm
For 2 - 5 year olds

Saturday 17 June

Town Festival Parade
1.45pm - 3.30pm

EBLOS Musical Theatre 'Kiss me, Kate'

Radlett Centre, 7.30pm
Wednesday 26, Saturday 28 and Sunday
29 April
Box Office 01923 859291



Details correct at time of printing.

Community Grants

At full council meeting on 16 November 2016, locally elected representatives at the Town Council voted to approve another tranche of community grants to deserving bodies.

Leader of the Council, Cllr Mrs P Strack, said "The Town Council is proud to support local organisations that make a difference in the community – whether in the areas of entertainment, club activities, support for senior citizens and other vulnerable groups. These organisations make Elstree and Borehamwood such a great place in which to live, work and visit."

Applicant	Purpose of Grant	Amount Approved by Full Council
Borehamwood Women's Institute	Craft Materials	£300
EBLOS Musical Theatre	Hall Hire	£500
All Saints Church	Lighting	£558
Young Carers at Hertswood School	Activities Costs	£1,000 (with £500 from Youth Council)
Elstree & Borehamwood Community Charity	Cookery Course at Hertswood School	£300
DR96 Over 60s club	Hire of Hall/teacher	£250
Funky Friends	Running Costs	£316.46
Elstree & Borehamwood Residents Association	Free Quarterly advert in the Town Crier	No direct grant sought, agreed with conditioning



Annual Parish Meeting in Fairway Hall

Date for your diary

Come and meet your Councillor

7:30pm Wednesday 8 March
Fairway Hall, Brook Close,
Borehamwood WD6 5BT

This is your chance to meet your Town Councillors and to ask questions on matters that interest you or concern you about the Council's roles and responsibilities.

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

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

Subject to availability of key speakers there will be a presentation on a Sister Town arrangement with Huainan in China.



Precept 2017/18

Total Precept £453,712

Band D Yearly Charge £36.26

The Town Council's commitment to value for money

The Town Council has no income from central Government. All income is obtained from a share of the Council Tax (the Precept) or from rents and fees from Council owned land or property (e.g. allotment rents or Fairway Hall fees). At its January meeting the Town Council set the cost to Band D payers at £36.26 per year to fund all of the Town Council's wide range of services and events.

An increase of just 18 pence from the previous year.

Who do I talk to about...?

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

Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council is responsible for:



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

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

Hertsmere Borough Council is responsible for:

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



Hertsmere Borough Council deal with issues covering the whole of Hertsmere
Call: 020 8207 2277 or visit www.hertsmere.gov.uk.

Hertfordshire County Council is responsible for:

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



Hertfordshire County Council is the top tier of local government and provides services on a county-wide basis
Call: 0300 123 4040 or visit www.hertsdirect.org.

Community contact numbers

Barnet General Hospital - 020 8216 5003

NHS Direct - 111

Hertfordshire Police non-emergency - 01707 354000

Crime Stoppers Anonymous - 0800 555 111

Hertsmere Borough Council - 020 8207 2277

Hertfordshire County Council - 0300 471 555

Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council - 020 8207 1382

Herts Domestic Violence Helpline - 08088 088088

Highways - 0300 1234 047

Affinity Water leaks - 0800 376 5325

Childline - 0800 1111

Noise complaints - 020 8207 7435 (out of hours) - 0845 300 0021

Missed waste/recycling collection - 020 8207 7480

Abandoned vehicles - 020 8207 7495

Environmental Health pest control - 020 8207 7435

Environmental Health out of hours - 0845 300 0021

National police non-emergency number - 101

RSPCA local branch - 07872 902710

Elstree & Borehamwood Museum - 01442 454888

Elstree & Borehamwood Library - 0300 123 4049

The Venue - 020 8386 9886

Fairbrook Medical Centre - 020 8953 7666

Grove Medical Centre - 020 3538 3959

Schopwick Surgery - 020 3667 1850

Theobald Medical Centre - 020 8953 3355

Schools

Cowley Hill - 020 8953 2218

Hertswood - 020 8238 7200

Kenilworth - 020 8953 3459

Meryfield - 020 8953 3328

Monksmead - 020 8953 3328

Parkside - 020 8387 3000

Saffron Green - 020 8953 3801

St Nicholas - 020 8953 3015

St Teresa's - 020 8953 3753

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Elstree

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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.

14 February	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	6pm
22 February	Transport Forum	Main Hall	7pm
7 March	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7.30pm
8 March	ANNUAL PARISH MEETING	Main Hall	7.30pm
14 March	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7pm
15 March	COUNCIL	Main Hall	7.30pm
22 March	Business Forum	Main Hall	7.30pm
4 April	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7.30pm
25 April	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7pm
27 April	General Management	Meeting Room	7pm

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

Contacting the Council staff

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