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



By the time you read this I will have nearly completed my year as Mayor of Elstree & Borehamwood. We have seen

several projects supported by members of the council go from strength to strength – the Wednesday morning Drop-in at 96 Shenley Road and the defibrillator initiative. People are – albeit jokingly - saying we are THE place to be if you are planning a heart attack!

It has been not just a fantastic honour to serve and represent you for a second term in the role, but it is also a great pleasure to be able to attend a wide variety of events and meet so many interesting people. My wife, Elaine, has been a constant support and generally kept me on the straight and narrow, for which I wish to extend my sincerest thanks.

Thank you also to all those who have this year supported my charity, the Elstree & Borehamwood Museum at 96 Shenley Road. We have already raised around £600 and there is more to come. With no paid staff, the work done by all the volunteers is amazing. Please make time for a visit.

For one last time I would like to remind you that the Mayor welcomes invitations to your events, so whatever occasion it is you are marking, the Mayor's Secretary is the person to contact to extend an invitation.



Thank you to all the officers at the Town Council for your unfailing support and good humour.

Finally I wish my successor (whoever that may be) all the best for the 2017-18 Civic Year.

Cllr Clive Butchins Mayor of Elstree & Borehamwood 020 8207 1382

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### Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council Vacancy for the post of Council Warden

Council Warden (36 hours per week)

Starting salary subject to experience c. £18,070 to £20,138 (NJC scales 18-21)

**The Council is seeking to appoint a Council Warden** commencing in July 2017 (with a two month hand over period with the existing Warden who retires in September).

Duties include grass cutting, equipment maintenance, allotment management, van driving, street furniture installation and maintenance, caretaking cover and events support. This is a manual position that will involve some heavy lifting from time to time.

The post is eligible for inclusion in Local Government Pension Scheme.

Closing date for the receipt of applications is 31 May 2017, with interviews planned for early June 2017.

Applications welcomed by CV and covering letter only.

For a Job Description and Person Specification or any further details please contact: Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council, Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood, Herts, WD6 5BT, telephone 020 8207 1382 or visit the Council's website at www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk

The start date for the post is scheduled for Monday 3 July 2017.

Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council is committed to equality of opportunity and actively welcomes applications from all sections of the community.

#### **Town Crier Deadlines**

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## **Community News**

# **BETTA Twin Town Visit** Special Offer

Borehamwood & Elstree Town Twinning Association are this year continuing to develop international relations between France, Germany and the UK.

### Visit one - Fontenay aux Roses

Between 19 and 21 May 2017.

We are organising a trip to our French twin town.

Cost for the visit is £280 for non members and £260 for members. The cost includes:

All travel costs to Fontenay aux Roses Two nights' bed & breakfast accomodation An evening meal on 20th May 2017

# Visit two - Offenburg

Between 29 September and 2 October 2017.

We are organising a trip to our German twin town to experience the popular Wine Festival

Cost for the visit is £330 for non members and £310 for members.

The cost includes: All travel costs to Offenburg from Stansted Airport Three nights' bed & breakfast accommodation

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# Book for both visits and save...

For Association members - £550 (Normal price £570)

For non Association members £570 (Normal price £610)

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

Please contact BETTA for Information on either activity by email bettagroup@hotmail.com or telephone 07717 176869 or 020 3441 6510

# Visually Impaired Club



The VIC celebrated a donation of two large tea pots, coffee pot and blender by the Mayor of Hertsmere Cllr. Pete Rutledge on Friday 17 March from his charity. Organiser Sasha Capocci accepted these on behalf of the club and said "These items are a very welcome addition to the club".

About 40 members enjoyed the soup lunch, then afternoon tea. In between the Lord's Taverners' Charity representative Richard Hill came to demonstrate table top cricket. This is played on a table tennis table with a batsman at one end and a bowler at the other. Special balls with a bell alert the visually impaired. This charity has been working with the VIC for a year. Special games of scrabble and dominoes are played with the help of sighted members.

The Club runs every Friday at Maxwell Park Community Centre from 1.30pm to 4pm. To volunteer or to join contact Sasha Capocci sashacapocci@hotmail.com

#### Sasha Capocci





### 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 MEETINGS:

Tues: 9<sup>th</sup> May, 4<sup>th</sup> July, 12<sup>th</sup> Sept & 7<sup>th</sup> Nov - 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.



# Writers in the Wood

# Since we began, I've met some amazingly talented local people!

We've held fantastic events together and have had an unbelievable amount of support from our local community! A great amount of thanks goes to: Councillors Pat Strack and Sandra Parnell, Borehamwood Town Council, Dan Salter, Mayor Clive Butchins, staff at

Love being part of the group and doing signings and events and helping and learning from other creatives.

#### Jason Cook – Author and film producer

A fantastic group of writers who are very friendly and welcoming, and support each other at every event they attend. Even though I've not lived in Borehamwood my whole life they made me feel very welcome.

#### Emily 'Madge' Payne – Author

This group has been a pleasure to be a part of. Everyone has been so supportive and full of valuable information

#### Victoria Hart – Author



Elstree & Borehamwood Museum Matt Caro and Maureen Corman, Verulam radio presenter Denise Parsons, DJ E-smoove at Ridge Radio, Robert Hickey and Borehamwood's lovely senior citizens at Fountain Court day centre, Kira Booth and the lovely senior citizens at Bushey Heath day centre and many more! Thank you all!

#### Lorraine Reed - Author, Founder and coordinator of 'Writers in the Wood' (LorraineReed.com)

Being part of the group helped me to go out of my comfort zone and meet members of the group or read my poems out loud to people I don't know.

It helped me to be more creative. Since joining this group I have written about 200 poems: some good, some ok and some that need working on. I am at the stage to have my first book published eventually, it's a massive step for me. Everyone has been very supporting and helpful and very friendly

#### Rozita – Writer

I was already an established and confident writer when I joined. Writers in the Wood helped me to find new readers and encouraged me to try new types of writing.

#### Steven J Pemberton – Author

It's been great being a part of the group, taking part in book signing while learning from like-minded people and sharing information and ideas amongst each other.

#### **Brett Lewis – Author**

Being one of the Writers in the Wood has done me a lot of good. I've met many talented local people who've helped me with my material as well as so much more to promote myself as an author, attend book signing events, provide me with more confidence and become my literary friends. All so eager to engage with each other with whatever ideas they have to offer.

#### J D Milaric – Author

If you would like to become a member of WRITERS IN THE WOOD please contact Lorraine Reed at Lorraine.Reed@live.co.uk

# **All Saints Coffee Mornings**

# This joint Town Council initiative with All Saints Church members continues.

It is an opportunity for local organisations to showcase their talents and activities, to encourage new members and demonstrate to the town's residents the amount of time volunteers give to the community and the variety of activities that take place.

January - Celebrating 2016 in Photos. Displays were mounted by 22 town organisations

February - Creative Art Threads and Fabrics: Groups from U3A, St Michaels, Holy Cross, WI, DR96 and individuals around the town displayed their articles. Examples of knitting, lace tapestry, quilt making, use of sewing machine, patchwork, crochet were exhibited.

March - Performing Arts: The U3A Singing Group opened the programme with a mixture of patriotic, cockney and other songs to sing along. Poems by Lorraine and Madge from Writers in the Wood

entertained us. David Carlile strummed his guitar with familiar tunes but new lyrics, illustrating life in the town. His poem reflected the demise of pubs, either gone or become gastro pubs, and celebrated the remaining two :The Wagon and Horses and the Wellington. In the first



half Theatre Clubs Kids performed a variety of songs and a dance with their usual professional high standard. In the second half K's School of Dance showed their extraordinary talents: a preview of some of the routines they will dance at competitions. Thank you to all who took part and to Town Mayor, Cllr Clive Butchins and Borough Mayor, Cllr Pete Rutledge and Mayoress, Cllr Jane West for their continuing support.

The next event will coincide with the Pre Festival 6 May.

### **Destinations**

June	Monday 12	Broadstairs
2017	Tuesday 13	Eastbourne
	Wednesday 14	Cotswolds
	Thursday 15	Margate
2017	Monday 3	Clacton on Sea
	Tuesday 4	Hastings
	Wednesday 5	Bournemouth
	Thursday 6	Poole
	Monday 10	Portsmouth
	Tuesday 11	Stratford Upon Avon
	Wednesday 12	Broadstairs 2
	Thursday 13	Eastbourne 2



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

The Town Council is once again offering a chance to have a day out at the seaside or visit an interesting city for only £7.

Choose one of the following destinations and bring your proof of age and residence (driving licence or bus pass/passport and a utility bill) along to Fairway Hall, Brook Close, WD6 5BT from MONDAY 8 MAY 2017. Tickets are on a first come, first served basis and are on sale from 9am to 12 noon from Monday to Friday - strictly one per person. Please bring correct change.



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There may be a chance to buy a second ticket after Tuesday 30 May 2017 if any remain unsold.

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



# Stratford Upon Avon

# Borehamwood Bowls Club

Borehamwood Men's Bowls Club was founded in 1957, with the Ladies' Club founded in 1963. However, it wasn't until 1993 that the two clubs formally merged. Therefore, 2017 is our Diamond Jubilee, with a special Gala Day planned for Sunday 13 August, where players from other clubs will join us for a mini tournament, with a BBQ and music to follow. You are welcome to come and watch the tournament.

Bowls is a very social game, and also a great opportunity to enjoy gentle exercise. Although it is often seen as a pastime for retired folk, it is enjoyed by people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. The club plays friendly matches, both home and away, against other clubs, as well as competing in local leagues. This creates an ideal opportunity to meet and make friends. We also have our own "in house" competitions, and there is plenty of opportunity to practice by having a "roll up" with others, and to enjoy refreshments in the sunshine on the patio.

The season runs from April to September. On Tuesday evenings, until the end of August, from about 6.30pm (weather permitting), you are invited to join us and try your hand. There is no cost, you don't need to know

what to do as we will help you, but we ask that you wear flat soled shoes to prevent damage to our green.

For more information, please see www.borehamwoodbowlsclub.org.uk

Keith Reeve





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# Compost Corner Harry - Man on a Mission



# I've always known Harry to be a quietly helpful allotment neighbour who is not afraid of work.

In his 70s, and fast becoming 'the bionic man', Harry nevertheless works on four allotments, as well as constantly helping others with theirs. He got his first allotment at Melrose in 1971 and wistfully reminisces how it was then, "all the allotments were taken, and all were kept clean. It was like going to a football match (on a Sunday), as everyone was there, and there were a LOT of characters!" For starters he remembers 'Corky John' "with real green fingers, he could take a fist full of seed, throw it up into the air, and any landing on the road would grow." I won't repeat one or two other great stories here .... to avoid any libel, but you can always ask Harry, or Tom "he'll tell you a few," who's one of the four remaining original allotment holders from those days.

We were sitting in Harry's shed, and I was offered a cup of tea from an impressively organised set-up, a table with everything you'd need, and a very large kettle which held enough hot water to use in the washing up bowl afterwards. We began by talking about useful aids: Epsom salts – a rapid cure for magnesium deficiency in plants, "for greening them up when they look yellow, also good in a bath for your aching muscles and joints"; a warning around wood chippings, "they take out nutrients and make the soil acid. But not bad for edges and pathways, or even acid loving plants like blueberries!" I 'chip in; and that blood and bone meal has good plant nutrients, "but foxes like to dig around in it, uprooting what you planted".I'm a great appreciator of the sharing of useful tips, as I'm sure are you.

Lasked Harry when he started working on his allotments this year and what he was currently doing. This seemed to be an odd question, and he laughingly said with his usual raised eyebrow that he's here all year round.Whilst there's not much to do during December and January, he's already begun sprouting seedlings in his two greenhouses at home. Here at Melrose I was given the tour of his impressive 'self-build' hot house with its little pots of sprouting basil, courgette, cabbage, brussels sprout, broccoli, cauliflower, tomato, cucumber, aubergine, snap dragon and lantern seedlings.



Harry has also built his

own 1m x 400mm x 175mm high raised beds which he says are great for growing just about anything. He tells me that asparagus crowns take about four years to settle and mature before you can harvest any shoots. I see his are under cloches and coming up nicely.

Whenever I spot Harry on the allotments I see a man on a mission. When I ask "what's next?" he says, eyebrow raised and eyes twinkling, that he's off to New Zealand for a couple of weeks.... I secretly wonder if he has to go this far away from the soil, before he will stop and enjoy a breather. Happy holidays Harry, and I promise to wash my hands next time you offer me a cuppa!

#### Anne Nicodemus

# **Elstree Lawn Tennis Club**

1987. Elstree Lawn Tennis Club is erecting its Scandiwegian pine clad club house as work also starts on the Channel Tunnel, Margaret Thatcher wins a third term and Dirty Dancing is melting hearts by not putting baby in the corner. Let's face it, that all seems so very long ago, but thankfully the club house withstood the great storm which ruined Michael Fish's reputation and is still fully utilised today. With basically any old excuse for a party, Elstree tennis club is planning a variety of fun filled activities over the first weekend of May (6 & 7) to celebrate the 30th anniversary. Look out for full details on our website or Twitter and come along and join in the fun if you can. We'd love to welcome visitors and show off our extensive facilities.

In case you don't know, Elstree Lawn Tennis Club is situated on the corner of Aldenham Road and Watford Road just past the Elstree traffic lights. We have six fully floodlit courts and a membership comprising all ages and abilities. We are always very keen to encourage new participants so starting in May we hope to be able to offer Cardio tennis on Saturday mornings and a Rusty Rackets on Wednesday evenings alongside our weekend



junior coaching, weekday U3A sessions, social tennis and league matches. If you have even the tiniest interest in tennis we want you to think of Elstree as your club of first choice and pay us a visit. Please don't consider tennis clubs as stuffy old institutions which cost a small fortune to be members of that is very far from the reality. Our top flight membership fee is less than 70p per day and that includes all match fees, floodlights and balls.

Make 2017 the year you get back into tennis by getting into Elstree Tennis Club.

Contact us via www.elstreetennis.com, publicity@elstreetennis.com, Twitter @ElstreeTennis



# Cowley Hill Primary School

# **Bronze Woodland Trust Award**

# Cowley Hill Eco Warriors continue to work at improving the diversity of wildlife within their school grounds.

Following successful fundraising at Christmas they have bought and constructed four birdhouses which are now installed around the school and waiting for residents!

We have taken part in the Great British Spring Clean and spent a wet day on 3 March litter picking in Aberford Park.

# **Cowley Hill Rocks At Rock Challenge**

On Tuesday 21 February 45 children represented our school in the international dance competition 'Rock Challenge'.

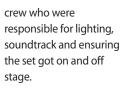
Performing their theme 'Encompassed', a moral binding story, in front of 600 people at the Gordon Craig Theatre in Stevenage. This was the culmination of four months of hard work and dedication. Back in September the children were tasked with writing the backlog to their theme, designing an effective set as well as cutting a soundtrack. Of course, to compete at this level requires funding and the children efficiently set about fundraising through cake sales and danceathons.

As well as a dance crew of 38 children, we also had an excellent stage

# The Daily Mile

# Cowley Hill took its first steps today to becoming the healthiest school in Borehamwood.

All of the children at Cowley Hill started to take part in The Daily Mile. Every child spends a short part of the day with their classmates either walking, running or jogging round a designated track area. It's not Most recently we have planted 40 trees on our school site to provide future homes for birds and insects. By planting trees we have gained our Bronze Woodland Trust Award and are another step closer to gaining our Silver Eco Schools Award.



The children performed extremely well, winning awards for Stage Crew, Entertainment, Visual Enhancement,

Entertainment, Costume, Hair and Makeup Design and Pupil Leadership. This culminated when the children also won the 'Pupils' Choice' Award, being voted as the best performance by all of the other schools competing.

competitive, it's social and fun. The benefits of this group exercise include increased motivation, alertness and learning in the classroom. Our Year 3 classes have been trialling it for the last few weeks and they think it's fantastic. "We like The Daily Mile because we get to



have fresh air and run or walk with our friends. It makes our brains work and it's fun" said Lisa-Marie and Filipe (Year 3).

# **Cowley Hill Parent Toddler Group - an amazing success**

Every Friday afternoon, between 1pm and 2.30pm, Cowley Hill hold a FREE of charge parent and toddler group in our nursery.

We open this to all parents and carers in Borehamwood as a chance to spend time in our nursery with their children and experience the action first hand. Our skilled staff make sure that we have a variety of stimulating activities out each week. The feedback we have had from the parents that attend has been really positive... 'this is the best one in Borehamwood' ...'it's such fun my child is allowed to get messy'.







# Hertswood Academy

# **Cultural Festival**

At the end of 2016, Year 11 students transformed an entire block of the academy into an international extravaganza to celebrate cultural diversity in our community.

The students chose this event as part of their controlled assessment, and it aimed to provide people with opportunities to learn about cultures which are different from their own and to help to reduce discrimination.

Many students gave up their time at weekends and after school to ensure that their displays were informative and that they had explored every aspect of their chosen culture. The event was a huge success and the staff and students who visited were very impressed with the level of detail and effort that each group had gone to. There was such an array of interesting food to taste, music to listen to, languages to learn and information to absorb.

The Year 11s showed that cultural diversity is something that should always be celebrated, and that through events like this we can all help to improve cohesion within our communities. Well done to all of the students who took part, and thank you to the staff who helped to organise the event.

Mrs Mote (Teacher of Humanities, Hertswood Academy)









# **Global Rock Dance Achievement!**

Each year the academy participates in the Global Rock dance competition, and last week the students' hard work was rewarded with a fantastic 2nd place finish, the highest we've been placed in the last ten years!

This year's entry began with an idea from Rachael in Year 12, who came to me in September asking if she could take the lead. She gathered a team of Sixth Form students (Daisy, Jenna, Jess and Simran) and began rehearsals.

They visited dance lessons and selected students to invite to auditions, and once they had their cast they began teaching the choreography. The girls went on to create the set, the costumes and the soundtrack, and prepared the students for the competition, which, as always, had an extremely high standard.

Hertswood's performance was phenomenal! Every single student, from the performers to the stage crew and lighting/video directors, did amazingly. The judges really understood the concept and were amazed by the drama skills and creativity, earning us an array of twelve awards for excellence!

I have never felt pride quite like it. The students were in tears of joy overwhelmed, humble, and ecstatic with the result. Global Rock is a huge event, and succeeding as well as they did requires a lot of time, patience, creativity, talent and commitment, and I'm so glad their awards reflect that.

You can find a video of the Hertswood Academy Global Rock performance on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/hertswoodacademy.

Mrs Jamieson (Teacher of Dance, Hertswood Academy)

### **New World-Class Buildings**

After four years of extensive planning work, I am delighted to announce the beginning of our world-class building plans and introduce our contractor, Willmott Dixon Construction (WDC), who will be delivering our new state-ofthe-art academy.

Of course, during the construction of our new academy, we will continue to raise standards and provide an excellent educational environment for your child. The key driver in our journey to becoming a world-class academy is the strength of the partnership between students, staff and parents and I have no doubt we will continue on our steep improvement curve with the work we do together. Brilliant news for a bright future ahead!

Peter Gillett (Headteacher, Hertswood Academy)



### **Supporting Noah's Ark**

Earlier this year, a representative from Noah's Ark Children's Hospice met with our senior team and a number of our prefects.

In total since working with Noah's Ark we've raised £7,862 for which we were presented a certificate of achievement.

Noah's Ark is a charity for children with life changing or life limiting diseases which worked with 150 families last year, offering them flexible support -- responding to their specific circumstances with services that encompass the whole family, ranging from practical and emotional support, outings for the family and, in some cases, end-of-life and bereavement support.

Noah's Ark Children's Hospice wishes to expand its service, seeking to serve an estimated 350 young people and their families by building a new hospice. The Hertswood community would like to support them with their quest and we aim to raise  $\pounds$ 4,658 this year. The senior team have planned a number of events throughout the year and we would appreciate your support to hit our target.

Learn more about Noah's Ark at www.noahsarkhospice.org.uk

The House Leaders, Hertswood Academy



### **Great Ambitions**

The deadline for university applications has closed and we are very pleased to report a record number of UCAS applications from our Sixth Form this year. With unconditional offers already coming in, over 100 students have applied for university places, near double that from four years ago.

Students have applied to 23 prestigious 'Russell Group' universities as well as many others including all top 10 UK universities as listed in World University Rankings 2016-17. With great ambitions like these, our students and staff are breaking new ground. We wish our students and their families all the best on their exciting journey ahead.

Peter Gillett (Headteacher, Hertswood Academy)



Our 'Green Team' have been working hard and as a result of a successful grant application via the Tesco's 'Bags for Help' scheme, we have recently had some improvement works carried out on our pond area.

We now have a delightful habitat to attract wildlife and, during



the work, newts and frogs have already been seen! This marks the start of a project to enhance our extensive outdoor space and there are further exciting ideas being planned.

Kerry Joyce



# Saffron Green Primary School

### During the spring term the Year 4 children at Saffron Green Primary School took part in the 'Words in the Woods' event held at Borehamwood Library, which is run annually by the Hertswood Academy.

In preparation for this event the children wrote plays and created artwork inspired by a story called 'The Promise' written by Nicola Davies. The story tells of a poor, young girl in a run-down city, who makes a promise to an old lady and the impact that this promise has on the city as a whole.

The children really enjoyed exploring the characters of the young girl and the old lady through discussions, role play, drawing and writing. The children then focused on the pivotal event when the girl made her promise to the old lady and they created a play script based on that moment. Using their knowledge of play script features, expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials the children created exciting, engaging scripts.

As well as being motivated to write, the Year 4 children were inspired to get creative and experiment with mixed media. They studied the illustrations by Laura Carlin, in 'The Promise' and decided to design their own cityscapes using a mixture of water colours, poster paint, pencil and chalk pastels to create different textures and patterns. They

also spent time looking closely at natural objects, particularly bark and leaves. From their observational work the children used pencil to draw oak leaves and they used paper, paint and string to create bark. All of this wonderful work took the



children many busy weeks to do. Once it was finished it was displayed, over one special weekend, at the Borehamwood library, along with all the other 'Words in the Wood' work from other school in the Borehamwood area. Now that visitors to Borehamwood Library have had their chance to enjoy the Year 4 children's excellent work, we have it back at school and plan to create a display with it in our dining room, so that everyone who visits Saffron Green Primary School will be able to enjoy it.

#### Mrs Curran (Year 4 Teacher)

# St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

#### Help celebrate 60 years of St Teresa's School in style!

In 1936, when the bustling town of Borehamwood that we have come to know and love was still in its infancy, a piece of land was purchased in the hope of building a Catholic primary school. Twenty one years later in 1957, curtailed by the outbreak of the Second World War, St Teresa's Roman Catholic Primary School finally opened its doors. Its aim was to provide education with a caring and religious ethos to the ever growing Catholic community; something that still remains to this day.

Over the past 60 years, more than 2000 children have stepped over the threshold of the school and some can even boast of being the third generation of their family to do so! In the light of this and as a celebration of all the school has come to achieve and represent, St Teresa's will be holding a Diamond Jubilee Summer Festival on Saturday 10 June from 4pm-9pm in the school grounds. There will be live music, great food and drink and fun for all ages! Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the atmosphere with pupils and teachers past and present. So start off your summer with a bang and join us to celebrate 60 years of education and community at St. Teresa's. It will truly be an event not to be missed!

Tickets are priced at £5 for adults and £2 for children with unlimited bouncy castle go's and are available from the school office on Brook Road or on the day.



# St Nicholas

## Year 6 trip to Houses of Parliament

Our year 6 class were invited to visit the Houses of Parliament by our local MP Oliver Dowden. They had a fabulous day!



### Sign 2 Sing

The school has learnt the sign language for a special song last term, for the Sign 2 Sing Assembly which was held on Friday 10 March. This event was run by SignHealth, a charity that has been working for over 20 years to improve the health of deaf people.



## Borehamwood Food Bank



On the last day of the Autumn

Term the Worship Group visited the Food Bank to drop off the very kind donations of food that we had received here at school.

# Year 3 Egyptian pyramids

The pyramids we built were very small and then we built bigger ones. Firstly, we made smaller ones by ourselves, then we got into

groups and we put them together. Then as a class we put the group ones together. Then we made bigger ones as a group and put them together. It was so much fun!



### Year 5 Tudor Globe theatre

Year 5 had a fantastic day and learnt a lot about Tudor architecture and theatres. They worked collaboratively to build the structure of

the Globe theatre in our school hall, only using bamboo and elastic bands. It was incredible to see the structure of the theatre rise into a magnificent skeleton of the Globe. Henry, Elyas and Aleksander performed a small extract of Macbeth which was really good fun to watch.



# **The Voice**

You don't have to have a great song and dance routine to be a school governor, but juggling would be a useful skill. Nevertheless, governors at town schools have a very important voice and hopefully sing the same tune.



It is really important that schools are able to recruit enough governors, including people with key skills who can help make sound decisions. These include those with financial, human relations, management, health service, small business and education backgrounds. But we do need parents too, who will have experience of childrens' needs and a vested interest in their education.

Governors have a voice in

- the number of children who can be admitted to their schools
- · changing the school's status and becoming academies
- the choice of headteachers and other staff
- where new building work is proposed, working along side experts to reach the best decisions
- asking challenging questions
- safety issues for staff, pupils and buildings

For an informal word contact me on 020 8386 3151 or geoff.strack@ntlworld.com

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/edlearn/getinvolved/governors/becschgov



# 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:
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 T	: Fables)
Type of stall:	
Contact name:	
Organisation: Charity/Local	
Organisation: Commercial	
Address:	
	Post Code:
Telephone:	.Mobile:
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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.

# ELSTREE & BOREHAMWOOD'S GOT

# Wednesday 21 June at 7pm



1st Prize £75 2nd Prize £50 3rd Prize £25

If you think you have an entertaining talent, skill or party piece we want to hear from you, young or old!

If performing is not for you just book some tickets for a fantastic night of fun (Available free of charge from Fairway Hall).

I/ We would like to apply for a place in the Elstree & Borehamwood's Got Talent event and will comply with the rules.

I/We understand that there will be a ballot for entries and I will be notified if successful.

I /We have no objection to being photographed or having our name printed in relevant publications, including the Borehamwood Times.

#### Signature:

If under 18, parent/carer should sign

If a group, group leader should sign

Please return to Dan Salter, Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council, Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood, WD6 5BT or email: dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk

Name:	
(If a group act, select a leader and use their details)	
Address:	
Post Code:	
Your contact details	
Telephone:Mobile:	
Email:	
Age (optional for adults):	
N.B. Under 16s must be accompanied by a parent/care	۲ <b>.</b>
Your performance	
Give us details of what you intend to do - title of song,	, type of dance
etc.	

Telephone:.....Mobile: .....

Email: .....

Will you need the full 5mins? YES / NO

#### **Group** acts

How many in the group? .....

(Please provide the names and age of the rest of group on a separate sheet)

Name of your act i.e. how you would like to appear in the programme.

Technical Requirements - i.e. hand held microphone(s), lapel microphone(s), backing track (CD or iPod, participants to provide): .....

# Elstree Studios Celebrates 40 Years as The Force Behind STAR WARS

#### Star Wars Episode VIII:

Elstree & Borehamwood 2017. It is a dark time for the rebellion. The surprise appointment of intergalactic Emperor Jar Jar Trump, and inevitable end of the Eurovision Song Contest, have led to a rise in over gesturing to unqualified opinions at ill-timed family dinner parties.

Amidst political misgivings residents go about their lives selflessly unaware of the extent Elstree Studios have had in creating some of the greatest sci-fi films of all time. Soon they will discover a weapon, a revelation so powerful, that it threatens to bring the Hollywood Empire to its knees.....

A long time ago in the Milky Way galaxy not so far, far away Inspired by George Lucas' love of Flash Gordon, and intended at first simply to be a version of the movie serials that weren't quite 'so awful', Star Wars began the first day of principal photography at Elstree Studios on July 16th 1976 on Stage 8.

Producer Gary Kurtz toured studios in Paris, Istanbul, and Rome looking for his Episode IV home and still chose Elstree. A decision Influenced primarily by the ample space the studios had with its 9 lavish Production stages, but on a visit to Borehamwood he would later jest that as Italians and their sound technicians 'don't quite know yet how to be quiet' our studio just edged out Rome. Chalk one up to old fashioned British values. And sound proof stages.

Negotiating a 'four walls' agreement Lucas was granted use of 8 stages (stage 5 had been leased to Paul McCartney) and the ability to use his own crew exclusively. A splatter of homegrown talent, including British Cinematographer Gilbert Taylor and special effects supervisor John Stears, would soon become a stream for the sequels and Lucas would soon use talent from within the studios. In the words of the most powerful Jedi however 'smoothly the collaboration between Lucasfilm and Elstree was not. Into such epic struggles the first production did run.'

Industry regulations meant filming could begin earliest 8.30am and had to stop by 5.30pm even in the middle of a shot. Running millions



over budget, with a crew that regarded the material as a children's film, artistic conflicts a plenty -Lucas had. Star Wars would return to Elstree of course, a further 5 times for 5 films in the franchise, ending the years of partnership between Star Wars and Elstree in 2005 with the filming of the Revenge of the Sith on the very same stage it all began.

So how much influence did being shot at Elstree instead of Hollywood have on the outcome of Star Wars?

Sith producer Rick McCallum provides perhaps the biggest clue as to why Lucas came back to create 29 working years - and 40 to commemorate- of a film partnership that made creative and box office history. Singling out Julie Wicks who co-ordinated all strands of a production in 2005 he said of Elstree 'Every stage is basically the samean empty four walls but what makes it different is the way you're treated [...] That place is fantastic.' Star Wars was created in Borehamwood and not Hollywood. Let's take the time to attempt something that in essence is, quintessentially un-British. Let's brag about it. This olde English town, just outside of London- and a stark contrast to Tinseltown -made Star Wars a reality.

#### Joanna Mansfield



# **STAR WARS FESTIVAL MOVIES**

# Saturday 24 June ROGUE ONE A**JSTAR WARS** STORY

From Lucasfilm comes the first of the Star Wars standalone films, "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story," an all-new epic adventure. In a time of conflict, a group of unlikely heroes band together on a mission to steal the plans to the Death Star, the Empire's ultimate weapon of destruction. This key event in the Star Wars timeline brings together ordinary people who choose to do extraordinary things, and in doing so, become part of something greater than themselves.

"While its whole purpose is to tread water, I was ready to do cartwheels in the aisle by the end of this latest spin-off. This is a movie made for fans'

#### Jordan Hoffman - The Guardian

The ultimate Star Wars fan film, it's short on whimsy but when it gets going there's enough risk-taking and spectacle to bode well for future standalones.

James Dyer - Empire

# Free outdoor screening in Maxwell Park at 7:30pm

(The movie will also be playing inside Maxwell Park Community Centre in case of rain)

# Thursday 29 June Elstree 1976

with Q&A from Director Jon Spira

In 1976, during the hottest summer on record, Star Wars was shot in suburban North London. Nobody involved had any idea how big the film would become, many couldn't even remember the title. Yet, for the extras and actors in smaller roles, their faces hidden in masks and helmets, this seemingly insignificant job would go on to colour their lives even four decades later. ELSTREE 1976 is a portrait of a cross-section of these people; from the man inside the most iconic villain in film history to the guy whose character was completely cut from the final film. It tells the stories of their lives and explores the eccentric community they have formed, traveling the world, signing autographs for fans.

"Star Wars" fans will, of course, love this film, but it's also a thought-provoking exploration of the dawning of our current age.

Neil Genzlinger - The New York Times

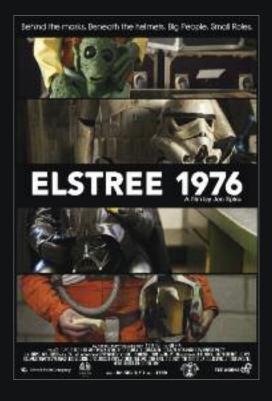
### Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood, WD6 5BT at 8:00pm

#### **Tickets £6**

Available from Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood, WD6 5BT (cash or Cheque only).

To book online please visit www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk for more details.







Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council Presents

# BBC ELSTREE CONCERT BAND

# The John Williams Story Music from a galaxy far, far away....

# Monday 19 June 2017

Allum Hall, Allum Lane, Elstree, WD6 3PJ

8pm (doors open at 7:30pm)

# Tickets £6

(no concessions – cash or cheque only) Tickets available from the Town Council offices, Fairway Hall, Brook Close WD6 5BJ (0208 207 1382) and Allum Hall (0208 953 3415) To book online please visit www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk



# 2017 Civic Festival 17 June - 2 July

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
17 Carnival Parade – Star Wars 40th Anniversary and the films of George Lucas & Steven Spielberg 1:45pm - 3:30pm EBLOS "Old Time Music Hall" Fairway Hall 8pm	18 Teddy's Trails Festival Walk Elstree & Borehamwood railway station 1:30pm - 5pm Please visit website for details. Festival Church Service St Michael's and All Angels Church 3pm EBLOS "Old Time Music Hall" Fairway Hall 4pm	19 Beginners Ballet class - Hertsmere Academy of Dance for 4.5 & 5 year olds St Paul's Church Hall 5pm - 5.45pm Dynamic Yoga Free Taster Sessions Maxwell Park Community Centre 7.30pm - 9pm BBC Elstree Concert Band - The John Williams Story "Music from a galaxy far, far away" Allum Hall, 8pm	20 Primary Schools Performing Arts Concert Allum Hall, 9:30am Senior Commercial Street class Fairway Hall 5.15pm - 6pm Bowls Club Open Evening Brook Road 6:30pm	21 K's Dance Free Taster Class Maxwell Park Community Centre 4.15pm Elstree & Borehamwood's Got Talent Fairway Hall, 7pm	22 Allotment Open Day Melrose Allotments 12pm Star Wars Tabletop & Roleplaying Game Evening Fairway Hall 7pm - 10pm 'Neurobics' Free Taster Session Maxwell Park Community Centre 2pm - 3:30pm Adult Musical Theatre Dance Class St Teresa's Church Hall, 8pm - 9pm	23 School Arts Show 96 Shenley Road 9am - 5pm (Sat 9am - 5pm) (Sun 11am - 4pm) Dynamic Yoga Free Taster Session Maxwell Park Community Centre 9:30am - 11am Borehamwood Brass Concert All Saints Church 7:30pm
24 Festival Park Run Aldenham Country Park, 9am Flower Show All Saints Church 10:30am - 3pm Fire Station Open Day 1pm - 4pm Elstree Productions Show "Colour of Summer" Fairway Hall 2:30pm & 7:30pm Outdoor Screening of "Star Wars Rogue One" Maxwell Park 7:30pm	25 Synagogue Open Day Croxdale Road 12pm Elstree Productions Show "Colour of Summer" Fairway Hall 2:30pm	26 Flower Festival Coffee Morning All Saints Church 11am Dynamic Yoga Free Taster Sessions Maxwell Park Community Centre 7.30pm - 9pm	27 Bowls Club Open Evening Brook Road 6:30pm	28 K's Dance Free taster class Maxwell Park Community Centre 4:15pm Festival Quiz The Royal British Legion Club 7pm	29 'Neurobics' Free Taster Session Maxwell Park Community Centre 2pm - 3:30pm Pregnancy Yoga Free Taster Session Maxwell Park Community Centre 7:15pm - 8:45pm "Elstree 1976" Screening with Q&A from Director Jon Spira Fairway Hall,8pm	30 Dynamic Yoga Free Taster Session Maxwell Park Community Centre 9:30am - 11am
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# **The Defibrillator Project**

# The defibrillator project is now ended except to tie up a few loose ends.

Ten of the 11 primary and two secondary schools have had a grant for a defibrillator from the town team project. The Government initiative with the NHS allowed schools to purchase their machines at half price. Training by Verity MacLachlan is underway for staff. Assemblies have taken place at Cowley Hill, Parkside and Yavneh schools. Elstree Tennis Club now has its defibrillator installed.

"Defib here" signs will be appearing around the town with those not available 24/7 having opening times displayed. All the defib sites will be registered with the Ambulance Service. Thank you from the town team Cllrs Clive Butchins, Sandra Parnell, Gary Silver Eric Silver and Pat Strack, and Lawrence Stack, to all who



have given grants, donated money and otherwise helped us. We are pleased Lawrence is almost ready to rejoin us after his long break.

Clive Butchins will update the town map. This will be displayed in all the town notice boards, community centres, and GP practices around the town reflecting over 60 defibs located in the town.

Pat Strack

# Celebrating Local Talent and Services at the Spring Community Fun Day

The local community celebrated the coming of Spring during the second Community Fun Day organised by Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council and Aldenham Country Park.

The event was made more accessible with the parking charge being waived by Aldenham Renaissance Ltd. Sullivan Buses ran a free shuttle service with a new buggy friendly bus to the station and back, sponsored by the Town Council. The day was well attended with local services and groups providing entertaining activities to brighten a damp day in Aldenham Country Park. The Mayor and Mayoress of Hertsmere, Cllr Pete Rutledge and Cllr Jane West did a walk around the park in the morning and met the new arrivals at the farm.

Mayoress Cllr Jane West demonstrated impressive Keepy Uppy skills with Elstree Tennis Club. Writers in the Wood did some book readings for different age groups through the day and were there to chat to visitors. Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust brought their popular mask decorating activity again. Old Vodka were back with new flavours to try and their originals including one made with Hertfordshire honey. Cllr Victor Eni scooped up one of our stray Rhode Island Red hens with ease, returning her to her enclosure, and braved the mud to meet the pregnant ewes and



new lambs at the lambing shed. Children practised skills on the popular Scout climbing wall and Rolling Base activity bus came with giant chess. Elstree and Borehamwood Town Mayor Cllr Clive Butchins and Mayoress Elaine Butchins made sure they inspected the Thomas the Tank Engine ride when meeting Phillip Green & Sons Amusements. A fun day was had by all who attended.

**Michelle Artiss** 

# Launch of help for carers and dementia suffers

The town's Dementia Support Group was set up in 2016 to identify needs for carers and their families. Three Town Councillors, Sandra Parnell, Eric Silver and Pat Strack, with Sasha Capocci from the Visually Impaired Club, began to investigate what was available locally, identify needs and to invite others to join and help our group. We also joined the Hertsmere Dementia Friends, a Hertsmere Borough Council initiative.

An invitation was extended to attend the launch of Dementia Club UK at Stephens House, Finchley, on Monday 13 March. Dementia Club UK was founded by Lisa Rutter, a former Mayor and Barnet councillor. She now has five clubs running in Barnet. She based the format on research from Middlesex University as well as advice from professionals in the field. The launch in Barnet was a joint project with the Barnet Carers' Trust, Barnet Council, Rotary and Barnet Community Voluntary Services. Funding comes from The Saracens Foundation.

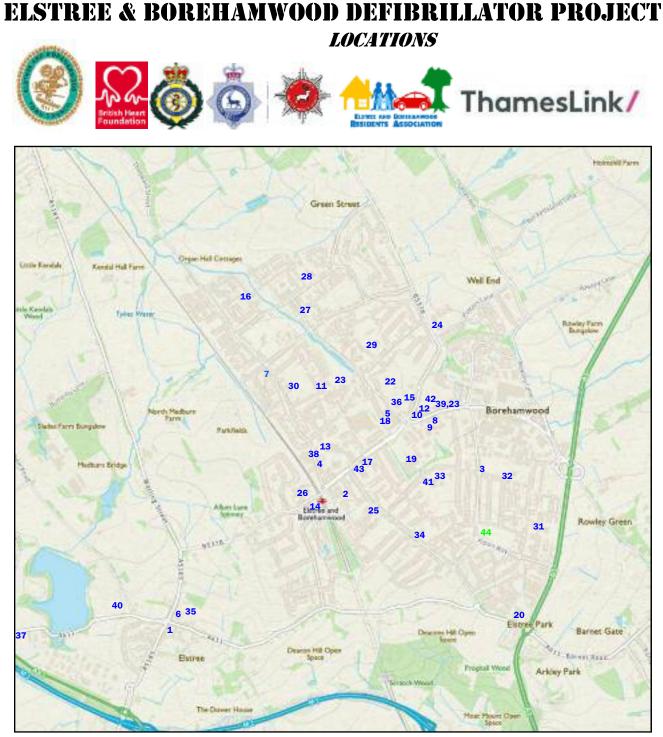
Help is offered from Lisa Rutter to get a club started in the town. Sian Kenrik and Steven Wax are people who have worked with dementia

clients and have come on board to help us. Dr Ann Goddard, Stephen Craker, Barbara Kennedy the Mayors of the Town and Hertsmere have been invited to join the board.

Scott MacLachlan, District Governor and Barnet Rotarian is

about to start a Dementia Club UK in the new community centre in Mays Lane (next to the Co-op) and has offered the chance for people from the town to attend if they wish while we get started.

The new club in Stephens House meets fortnightly and has a programme of exercises, Tai Chi, singing, activities and musical entertainment. Each carer and guest can also attend other Dementia Club UK venues at Finchley Memorial Hospital, Britannia Centre and Sha'arei Tsedek.



#### **Existing locations:**

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

- **96 Shenley Road** 17.
- Fairway Hall \* 18.
- 19. Tesco
- 20. Morrisons
- 21. **Aberford Hall**
- Boreham Wood F.C. 22.
- The Venue 23.
- 24. **Hertswood Centre**
- The BECC 25.
- **Allum Hall** 26. 27.
  - **Community Shop (Leeming Road)**
- 28. **Parkside Primary School**
- 29. **Cowley Hill Primary School**
- 30. Meryfield Community Primary Sch.
- Saffron Green Primary School 31.
- 32. **Kenilworth Primary School**
- 33. **Monksmead Primary School**
- 34. Summerswood Primary School

Amended 23/03/2017 by Clive Butchins

- St. Nicolas' C of E Primary School 35.
- St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School 36.
- 37. **McNicholas**
- 38. **Kinetic Centre**
- 39. Ibis Hotel \*
- **40**. **Elstree Lawn Tennis Club**
- 41. Yavneh College
- 42. Elstree Way Clinic
- 43. Pure Gym
- In the near future:
- 44. Three-ways Community Centre

\* Available 24 hours

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# A SPECIAL ANTIQUES ROADSHOW TO CELEBRATE STAGE AND SCREEN

# BBC1's Antiques Roadshow is coming to the EastEnders set in Borehamwood for a special entertainment programme.

As part of its 40th series, Antiques Roadshow is producing an episode devoted to stories from the world of stage, screen and music. Over the years, items with a celebrity connection have turned up on the programme now and then, but never has a whole programme been devoted to them.

Highlights in recent years have included diamond jewellery owned by Rita Hayworth, Marc Bolan's guitar and clothing, a ring worn



by Jimi Hendrix, photographs of a meeting with The Beatles and even a brooch worn by Ingrid Bergman, but there are so many more objects out there with fascinating back-stories waiting to be told.

Antiques Roadshow is filming the special invitation-only programme on the EastEnders set at BBC Elstree in Borehamwood in the summer. The stories and items filmed will be chosen from submissions received by the





production team in advance. Knowing of the rich film and television heritage of the area, they'd like to encourage the residents of Elstree and Borehamwood to get in touch. So, if you have a story and memorabilia

connected with stars of music, film, theatre or television, now is the time to let them know.

Please contact the programme at antiques.roadshow@bbc.co.uk and mark your email 'Entertainment Special' or via the Share Your Story link on www.bbc.co.uk/antiquesroadshow.

This special episode will form part of the 40th series. Visit www.bbc.co.uk/antiquesroadshow for more information.



# New faces at Elstree & Borehamwood railway station

### Over the past six years the "First Impressions" project team has built up a Heritage Trail of 26 heritage panels.

These panels honour significant contributions to the town's unique film and television heritage, and incorporate the 18 plaques which the British Film Institute awarded to Elstree & Borehamwood to mark a century of UK film in 1996.

Another two heritage panels have been added in March 2017. One panel stands beside the panel for Sir Cliff Richard and invites you to follow the Trail. Inside the booking hall at the railway station you'll find paper leaflets with a map of the Trail.

But a second panel has been added at the station. For only the second time, the person honoured in this way already has a star on the station forecourt. Jim Henson, "Father of The Muppets" was the first person voted to be awarded such recognition.

Now Harrison Ford has his own heritage panel. Those with long memories may recall that he was the overwhelming choice of residents of all ages in a poll carried out locally. It's time to get down to the station and start taking "selfies" with Harrison Ford!

Perhaps you feel strongly that one of your film or TV favourites deserves a heritage panel of their own? If so, please contact Elstree Screen Heritage at www.elstreescreenheritage.org

Bob Redman



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# **DR96**

# The club membership continues to expand and the variety of activities, entertainment and speakers grows.

A group went to visit to Parliament in January. An interesting two hour guided tour was made through this historic building. A visit to the House of Lords was included but not the Commons as the Brexit debate was underway. Lunch in the café and then a walk in the sunshine across Westminster Bridge to see the sights completed the visit.

Chinese New Year was celebrated with quizzes, examples of Chinese teas and ended at the Chinese Restaurant.41 members enjoyed a buffet at The Dragon Garden.



St Patrick's Day was celebrated with the wearing of the green and an Irish quiz. Wayne entertained us with a variety of music including some Irish favourites. As well as the usual party dances attempts were made at Irish dancing.

# **Borehamwood Library** Station Book Swap at Elstree and Borehamwood station

Elstree & Borehamwood station-goers need not fear boredom during any future journey, as the Station Book Swap introduced by Borehamwood Library was finally unveiled to the London-bound, book-loving commuters.

Over half of the eighty books originally donated by the library have been picked up since the promotion began chugging along on February 14th, with just as many kindly left in their place by members of the public as the initiative invites.

Staff family members have been keen to report seeing many more commuters with their faces buried between pages. Library staff will continue to support the book swap with weekly visits to the station to tidy the books.

We will regularly add library information to the bookshelves so that readers can find out about our opening hours, the Hertfordshire Library App, books, magazines, events, free PC use and WiFi that we offer. We

would like to see commuters pop in to the library to see us – we are open until 7pm on Thursday and are open on Saturdays too! See full opening hours below.

Monday-Wednesday 9am-6pm Thursday 9am-7pm Friday 9am-1pm Saturday 9am-4pm Tel 0300 123 4049 www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries



The Borehamwood Foodbank opened in April 2013 and we have been helping local people ever since. Due to the kindness of our local



community, to date we have fed 8556 people!

As well as feeding local people we are also involved in many other projects. Our most recent was our Surviving Winter project. Fundraising for this was launched in November by Hertfordshire Community Foundation who then split the money raised between a number of different foodbanks across Hertfordshire. We were able to help 28 families with a fuel top up directly onto their gas and electric meters, a much needed boost during the colder months.

We also run family lunches during half terms. Our last one was Family Cookery, held on 15 February. It was our busiest session yet and whilst noisy and hectic we all had a great time! We made scones, cookie recipe jars, salads and side dishes for our curry. We also made a handy jar opener. Our next cooking session is on Wednesday 31 May.

If you would like to come along, booking is essential, so please contact us on 07902 437872 or email info@borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk.

Kim Gray

# Maxwell Park CommunityCentre

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



50+ Art, Bowling & Table Tennis, Bar K & Sundance Line Dancing, Boogie Bounce Extreme, Butterflies, Carers Coffee Morning, Cocaine Anonymous, DrugFam, Funky Friends Youth Group, Hartbeeps, Jui Jitsu, Keep Fit, K's Dance, Men's Shape up programme, MoveDanceSweat, Music Lessons, Neurobics, PopDance, Religious Groups, Shogun Karate, Stroke Association, Super Soccer Stars, Junior & Senior Table Tennis, Visually Impaired Club, Dynamic & Pregnancy Yoga

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

# Tapestries of Faith

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

# **A Time for Remembrance**

Suffering the loss of a child is an extremely sad event for people at any time, whether it be during pregnancy, at birth, in childhood or adulthood. The loss of a child can be truly heart-breaking.

Having had three miscarriages and lost five angel babies, I approached St Teresa's Church, Borehamwood to have a yearly Remembrance Service. This year will be the fith service and it is held on the first Sunday in July, for people of all faiths, or no faith, so they have somewhere to go, remember their children, and not to feel alone or isolated.

It's a respectful, inclusive and touching service with moments of reflection, some readings of poems or stories around the loss of a child, read by parents, grandparents or whoever would like to, and some musical interludes to give people space to grieve, think and remember as they wish. The service concludes with a candle lighting ceremony with flowers.

Refreshments are then served, with an opportunity to share their experiences with others, or just be around people that understand.

Please feel free to share this information to anyone who

might need it or to contact me, Mary Sherwood, via St Teresa's Church or contact Father Dominic directly.

mailto:borehamwood@rcdow.org.uk - 020 8953 1294

**Mary Sherwood** 

# International Christian Fellowship Manor Way, Borehamwood WD6 1QY

Sunday Service 10 a.m.

Bible taught; Lively Worship Children Welcome



You'll soon feel welcome



Discover the meaning of life What happens when you die How to have joy in this life

For times and places of Mid-week meetings and any other questions you may have

> Phone: 020 8207 1837 or email: icf@icfellowship.org

# Young peoples' charity sleep-in

Young people from St Michael and All Angels' Church, Borehamwood, recently raised several hundred pounds for homeless charity 'Shelter'.

Eleven children, five mums and one vicar slept over at the Church Hall in Brook Road. A lot of fun was had building their own 'cardboard city' to sleep in.

A Q&A answer session on homelessness was led by Jenny Hewson from St Albans 'Emmaus' charity.

Vicar Revd Louise Collins said, 'Once again, we are proud of how the young people have shown their practical kindness towards others.'

**Revd Louise Collins** 



# **East Africa Food Crisis Appeal**



Volunteers from the Borehamwood and Elstree Synagogue (BES) also supported the charity, World Jewish Relief, on Sunday 19 March, helping to pack customers' shopping bags and raise money at Tesco Borehamwood. The British Jewish community's international humanitarian agency launched an emergency appeal in March for the East Africa Food Crisis.

Commenting on these initiatives, Melanie Lester, volunteer charity co-ordinator, said: "Giving back to the community and



supporting worthy causes is a core Jewish value. I was delighted by the number of volunteers who turned up to show their support for both a local and global charity. The contributions made a significant impact on the recipients, and so I am grateful to all those who stepped in to help."

# Firefighters and police save the day during Storm Doris

On 23 February, local firefighters and police came to the rescue when Storm Doris blew in, damaging the roof of the Borehamwood and Elstree Synagogue (BES). Ninety nursery children were safely evacuated from the site in Croxdale Road, as the emergency services worked quickly to secure the roof.

Following the incident, children from the BES community delivered pastries from local bakery, Orli, to the Borehamwood fire and police stations to show their gratitude. Michael Goldstein, a member of BES, said: "We were extremely impressed by the speed and professionalism of the emergency services. As a parent, I feel it's important that our children are taught to value the work done by our firemen and police officers. The baked goods were a small token of our thanks. I was delighted these were well received!"

The emergency services of course assured the children they could call on them any time their support was needed. The synagogue roof has since been fully repaired.



# Vacancies at Celia Johnson Court

We currently have permanent and respite care vacancies Contact us for more information

Celia Johnson Court provides an environment that all residents can regard as their home. We offer person-centred care that is of the highest standard to meet individual needs.

 Registered Care Categories: Old Age

 Admission Information: Ages 60+

 24 hour personal care

 37 private bedrooms

 Lots more great facilities

For more information please contact: Celia Johnson Court, Gregson Close, Borehamwood, WD6 5RG

t: 020 8207 3700

www.aldwyck.co.uk



#### **VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY REQUIRED**

A much loved and popular Scout Group is looking for enthusiastic, reliable and fun loving adults to work with our Beaver, Cub & Scout sections.

#### Right **NOW** we need:

1 x Assistant Beaver Scout Leader to work with 6 – 8 year olds 1 x Assistant Cub Scout Leader to work with 8 – 11 year olds 2 x Assistant Scout Leaders to work with 11 – 14 year olds

Full training is available for the right person.

Community volunteering is a hugely rewarding experience and helping young people to explore and develop life skills is one of the best feelings in the world.

For more information and to discuss what is involved please contact us via our internet page 7thborehamwood.org.uk

# Top Beaver awards at 7th Borehamwood

Three Beaver Scouts from the 7thBorehamwood Beaver colony have been awarded their Chief Scout Bronze Awards which is the highest award in Scouting that Beavers can earn.

JJ Sherwood, James Brown, and Jack Hannon Trimmer, all aged 8, were presented with their badges by the local District Commissioner, Helen Hawthorne, and Councillor Victor Eni.

To achieve the award, the boys had to complete six other awards and earn four activity badges during their time in Beavers. The boys have now moved on to the Cub section at the 7th Borehamwood Scout group where they will start working towards their Chief Scout Silver Awards.

Beaver Scouts are aged between 6 and 8 and are the youngest section in Scouting. There is a waiting list so it's adviseble to add your child. If you would like to find out more about Beavers for your child, or would like to help out as an adult leader, please contact Mary Sherwood dc.elstree@hertfordshirescouts.org.uk

Mary Sherwood



The Town Youth Council provides an exciting opportunity for our local youth to become more engaged in the town and help to shape its future.

This inspirational group of youngsters has recently expanded and is busy planning a variety of positive contributions they would like to make to the community in which we live.

Initiatives that are being developed at the moment range from supporting social action projects to organising community events. The young people are working with "First Impressions" to plan a celebration in honour of Elstree and Borehamwood railway station's 150th anniversary. They have also been talking about how they can support the amazing work that MENCAP and Noah's Ark do in the community with adults and children who are faced with the challenges of learning difficulties.

I feel privileged to be involved with Youth Council and am so looking

forward to supporting the children and helping them to bring their ideas into fruition.



Leanne Altberg





# LEGION

# **The Royal British Legion**

The Royal British Legion Borehamwood Branch welcomed their new

Chairman, Tony Wass, who took over from Fred Grimes who has moved onto an Area committee.

Tony was welcomed by the President, Mr John Brown, who was a previous Chairman.

The Legion works for the welfare of service and ex-service men and women and their dependants. The Branch is always looking for new members and runs in conjunction with RBL Club which is open to anyone who wishes to take part in its social activities.

The Club and Branch are situated at 289 Shenley Rd or phone 020 8386 2900 where all enquires will be welcome.

**Carol Denbigh** 



# A brief history of the Well **End Scout Activity Centre**

# In 1957 a museum was



created to the memory of F. Haydn Dimmock MBE, "Dim", a world famous Hertfordshire Scout. It was opened by Sir Thomas Halsey and members of "Dim's" family. In 2015, 60 years after his death, a commemorative exhibition was held in his memory. It was attended by his surviving daughter who was at the original opening. This museum, now a heritage centre, is the centrepiece of what is now the County Scout Headquarters for Hertfordshire Scouts.

In 1965 a new pedestrian entrance was created. It was built where the public footpath began off Well End Road. The materials used were from a redundant chapel, previously located in the woods to the memory of a St Albans Cub Scout Leader.

By 1968 the site was in constant use and it was decided that there should be a permanent resident warden on site. A bungalow was constructed and extended some years later.

The site continues to be well used. It houses the first Scout climbing wall in the county, rifle and archery ranges and many other activities in constant use by young people from London and surrounding counties. In 2017 an appeal will be launched to replace CUBSAC (Cub Scout Activity Centre) with a new residential centre. Proposals can be viewed at www.hertfordshirescouts.org.uk If you would like make an appointment to visit the heritage centre and view some of the rich history of Hertfordshire Scouting, or make a donation of Scouting artefacts, please contact the County Scout Historian.

> Frank Brittain Archivist & Historian, Hertfordshire Scouts. 07850 818600 archivist@hertfordshirescouts.org.uk

# Hertfordshire Scouts opened one of the first County

It was inspired and financed by Graham Wallis who was a Rover Scout from Barnet. The lease was negotiated with the Wrotham Estates by Sir Percy Everett (County Commissioner) who lived in Elstree. The Campsite is located in the village of Well End, opposite what was Littlechilds Farm and Dairy. It was opened on 3 June 1933 by the Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, Lord Hampden.

Campsites and Training Grounds in the UK.

At that time the site consisted of a wooden training hut built in the shape of a patrol tent, toilet facilities, a field and woods of seven acres. The site was increased in 1953 by the addition of a further field of five acres (originally scheduled as a cemetery by the Rural District Council). The purpose of this training ground was to provide a safe, adventurous activity centre for the training of young people and adults.

During WW2 the site was used for the training of teams from S.I.R.S, (Scout International Relief Service). They assembled from ten other counties during 1943-5, prior to their teams entering Europe immediately hostilities ceased. Their training included how to meet and communicate with refugees, identify their needs and help them return to their country of origin. A number of Hertfordshire Scout Leaders from Team 102 were based at Well End on a permanent basis. The majority of the Team members came from all over the south of England.

Also during the war, members of the Elstree Scout Rover Crew used the site as well as those from Cockfosters (Barnet). They took on the task to build a hut at the entrance called The Rover Den. This was destroyed by fire in 1968 during a training exercise. The campsite was still used for adult and boy training throughout the war.

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# Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society

EBGBS aim to defend the peaceful Hertfordshire countryside and the pleasant environment we now enjoy - as far as possible.

This objective is compromised by reality. New housing targets for Hertsmere of 9,000 homes, imposed by central Government, means more schools and facilities generally. Inevitably some Green Belt land will have to be used, kept to a minimum and carried out with forethought, care and sensitivity. Family houses are needed; not the high rise flats that predominate in the Elstree Way corridor.

It is logical to prefer development of sites that confer community benefit such as the Watford Road Elstree land behind the Fisheries Inn. The developers have promised five million pounds to repair the failing dam on Aldenham Reservoir and fund public ownership of this beloved and important local asset. Loss of 'The Res' would be a disaster for people and wild life.

Population increase has led to more road congestion on roads dating from medieval, Victorian and post WW 2 times: traffic jams are routine at rush hours and indeed throughout the day. Widening of the roads would mean destruction of Borehamwood and Elstree.

Air pollution, carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide and nanoparticles from diesel are a known health hazard. The option of a planned environmentally friendly new town seems a logical alternative. It would sadly mean sacrifice of some Green Belt and should be built away from built up areas.

- · Opposing extensions at Reviva on Elstree Hill South,
- supporting the removal as it must pose a health hazard from the noxious fumes emitted which can be smelled from miles away,
- continuing to monitor the Rail Freight Interchange threatened in Park Street and oppose it along with all local conservation bodies.

Apathy is our greatest enemy.

Membership £5 per household, email pat.strack@ntlworld.com

Ann Goddard







# **Revision of Hertsmere** local plan

- 1- Current plan has to be revised. Consultation process at the moment.
- 2- Using the government-approved methodology, and government provided information on population growth and demographic changes, the latest estimate shows Hertsmere will need 9,000 new homes and 9,000 new jobs over the next 15 years.
- 3- Hertsmere planners have made an assumption of what economic growth Hertsmere should be planning for, and have used a median level
- 4-9,000 homes is roughly twice the number of new homes that is in the existing local plan.
- 5- Hertsmere will have to identify significant new development, either brownfield development and increased density (option 1), village/town extension (option 2) or new settlement (option 3)
- 6- Options 2 and 3 will probably require building on Green Belt land. It is more than likely that Hertsmere will have to consider both these options.
- 7- Call from Hertsmere Borough Council for developers to come forward with proposals with sites. Liberty Aldenham want the land at Watford Road considered.
- 8- The Aldenham Country Park Panel steering group continue to work to find a solution.

The stakeholders are committed to retaining Aldenham Reservoir as it is now, with protection for the fauna and flora and undiminished public access.

# **Reviva application for extension at Elstree Hill South**

STENCH is a campaign group representing Elstree & Borehamwood Green Belt Society, Elstree Village Protection Society, Brockley Hill Residents Association, Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council and the residents of the Composers estate.

STENCH campaigners oppose the extension. Supporters include Andrew Dismore, Great London Authority member for Barnet, Oliver Dowden Hertsmere MP and Matthew Offord, Hendon, MP, County Councillor Caroline Clapper and Ward Councillors Morris Bright and Harvey Cohen.

Reviva directors were taken to court in June 2016 and asked to present a plan to alleviate the smell and control the bio aerosols. The planning application for an extension trebling the size of the existing building was refused in October and more evidence requested.

A site visit on Friday 10 March by Matthew Offord MP Hendon, Oliver

Dowden MP Hertsmere, Pat Strack EBTC, showed improvements had been made. No paper pellets, no wood, no gravel for sale. The area was



tidier but still a huge pile of wood from demolition sites was in place.

The extension application was withdrawn on Tuesday March 21. Officers had recommended refusal. Speakers against were Mike Branston BHRA, Ann Goddard EBGBS and Pat Strack. EVPS will remain on alert. The main objections are that green waste should not have been allowed on Green Belt land originally. Advice was given to the directors by their own experts that an Air Management Scheme (AMS) and an Odour Management Plan (OMP) are necessary to control dust, bio aerosols and odour. Although acknowledging that advice, there was no intention to produce these plans until after planning permission is granted. Only then would these two pieces of work be commissioned. Surely, both of these should be provided now, ahead of the application coming to the planning committee.

# **Aldenham Country Park Advisory Panel**

The Panel is constituted of representatives of twelve stakeholders groups, meeting regularly to ensure that all interests in the Reservoir and the Country Park are addressed and preserved.

The application for 150 homes by Liberty Aldenham Company to Hertsmere Borough Coucnil was rejected in October. The Gosrani brothers own the Reservoir and its environs through Liberty Lake Leisure Ltd. The Gosrani brothers would have set up a trust with five members to manage the reservoir and its land. Aldenham Renaissance, Aldenham County Park Trust, Aldenham Sailing Club, a resident of Elstree and LLLL would each have had one of the five seats on the Board. An endowment of £5 million would be given to the Trust to manage the reservoir, carry out any work needed on the dam to manage the area and improve facilities for the public to enjoy.

Mark Silverman HBC planning officer met the panel to explain the revision of the Hertsmere Local Plan.

# Woodcock Hill Village Green

Monthly working parties led by Alex Melson continued in January, February and March this year.

The main tasks were clearing brambles and non-native trees, clearing litter, construction of trial ponds and constructing habitats.

Plans are well ahead for implementing the project financed by a Green Bag grant from Tesco including work on footpaths, restoring ponds,



mowing brambles to enable flower meadows to flourish and installing a notice board at the Carrington Avenue entrance.

An application for a grant for a petrol mower and other tools and to ensure a place for picnics has been submitted.

Next working party dates always Sundays 11-1pm on May 11, June 14, July 9 and Aug 13.

Membership £5 per household per annum to pat.strack@ntlworld.com

# **Aldenham Country Park Trust Ltd**

The application to have the complete path around the lake designated as public right of way was declined by Hertfordshire County Council in November. The submission of evidence of use of the path was made in 2013 but the Committee were given just 28 days to appeal. With massive help from the Ramblers' Association and pro bono legal advice an appeal was submitted. Further evidence of use of the footpath around the lake was also provided with particular emphasis on the years between 1954 and 1974 and earlier. 1974 was the year the lease was taken by HCC.

The appeal is now with the Government's Planning Inspectorate.

Pat Strack

# **Elstree and Borehamwood Museum**

In January, our new exhibition, 'From Village to Town, Celebrating a Century of Migration', was formally opened by the Mayor of Hertsmere, Cllr Pete Rutledge, with Town Mayor Cllr Clive Butchins, and Hertsmere Council Leader Cllr Morris Bright in attendance.

Film Director Jason Cook spoke at the opening about his life in Elstree and Borehamwood. The exhibition focuses on the many people who have come to Elstree and Borehamwood over the past century, what brought them here, and the lives and contributions they have made here.

In mid-February, we held a successful Museum Friends event, where we hosted authors, from the local 'Writers in the Wood' group, including Lorraine Reed, Steven Pemberton, Emily Payne, and magician Mark Warwick.

We have also had visits from members of the local Beavers group, as well as continued our regular reminiscence group 'Going Down the Village'. The latter, run by museum manager Dave Armitage and



education officer Vania Ermolly, hosts the over 60s in conversation sessions that deal with a range of subjects on Elstree and Borehamwood's history. Topics have included old

Eistree & Borehamwood Museum invites you to:

# GOING DOWN THE VILLAGE

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



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The next 'Going Down the Village' sessions take place at 10.30am to 11.30am, on Thursdays May 4 and July 4. Please note that there is no meeting in June.

Our next exhibition, 'Toys, Games and Gadgets', will look at computer games from the 1970s onwards! If you have any of these, from a 1970s 'Simon' toy to a 1990s Gameboy, that you might be prepared to loan to the museum, then do feel free to get in touch with us, on the details below.

The museum opens Tuesday – Thursday 12noon – 6pm and Saturday 10am-3pm, and welcomes new volunteers. Call 01442 454 888 or call in. Our current exhibition is open from January 17 until July 8.

Matt Caro

# Why purple croci?



### This year is the centenary of the Rotary Foundation, Rotary's charity arm.

It has been working with the World Health Organisation (WHO) and national governments, supported in recent years by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, for over 30 years to eradicate polio (infantile paralysis). The campaign has been extremely successful, such that polio is now endemic only in three countries: Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria that had been free for several years but had a rogue outbreak last year. There were a small number of cases last year and there have been fewer than 50 cases this year.

When mass vaccination is carried out in a country such as India, thousands of children are vaccinated in a day. Each child has his/her little finger dipped in a purple dye so operatives know that a child has had a vaccination.

Rotary's birthday is 23rd February, the time when spring flowers are in bloom. So the purple crocus is a celebration of the near eradication of this terrible disease.

Back in October members of the Elstree & Borehamwood Rotary Club planted 4500 corms in front of the civic offices and gave 500

purple crocus corms to each primary school. The first photo shows the lovely display of croci planted by the Rotary Club and the second shows the croci at Summerswood School.

Later in June the Rotary Club has its own anniversary, its 75th.

David Clout





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# **The Leecliffe Big Local launches**

The Leecliffe Big Local celebrated the launch of its second Community Plan on Friday 9th December, at Aberford Community Centre in Borehamwood. The launch received a good attendance, with arts, crafts and performances from Blitz School of Dance.

The plan has been forged from feedback by residents who were consulted earlier in the year about what they thought of the Leecliffe area. We asked them how their area needs improving and how we can help them make things happen. Community stakeholders were also consulted, to give a more complete picture of the community and where our plan fits in.

Chair person Donna Inwood said "I would like to say thank you to all the residents and stakeholders who took part in the consultations from October 2015 to March 2016. Without your views, ideas and thoughts, we would not have a plan. We hope that you will continue to support us with those ideas over the next ten years."

Leecliffe Big Local has several projects starting in the coming months; The School Ready project addresses the need to enable children to be school ready. Various child based agencies have identified that children are entering nursery school with below age related expectations of spoken language and lacking many of the skills they need to engage in education. We will bring together relevant organisations to enable us

to gain a clear understanding of the issues locally and how best to tackle them. Once we have a clear understanding of the issues, a pilot project will be developed and the work commissioned from local provider(s).

The Garden Project aims to identify land within Leecliffe that can be used by residents to develop a garden to enable them to grow their own fruit and vegetables. Once we have found a suitable piece of land to develop a garden, we can develop an area that is pleasing to the eye and provides an enjoyable experience for all members of the community. We will also run a range of cooking classes and cook and eat sessions



in local venues to give community members the skills and ideas needed to use the produce grown.

BMX Project: young people identified that there is nowhere for them to ride their bikes safely in the Big Local area. Discussions with local Police Community Support Officers revealed that a lot of their time is spent ensuring that young people are not riding their bikes dangerously on local roads.

We are launching our BMX trial sessions over the half term and Easter holidays with another BMX racing event in August. To develop this project further we want to organise coaching sessions using professional coaches to build the skills of local children and young people and we hope in the longer term toestablish a local club and permanent site.

To see the plan in full on our website visit www.leecliffe.org

Donna Inwood







# 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 60s 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

#### **Borehamwood Brass performances**

Sunday 24 April - St. Georges Day Parade March, in North Watford

Friday 5 May - Concert St Peter & St Paul Church, Bassingbourn

Saturday 6 May - Elstree & Borehamwood Pre Festival Event

Sunday 18 June - Shenley Fete

Friday 23 June - Civic Festival Concert 2017

Sunday 23 July - NSPCC Garden Party, Shopwick House, Elstree

#### Acoustic Music Nights

Wednesdays 10 May, 14 June, 12 July & 9 August Cat and Fiddle Watling Street, Radlett, 8pm to 11pm

Sundays 30 April, 28 May, 24 June, 30 July &

28 August Waggon and Horses Watling Street, Elstree, 7.30 pm to 11pm All musicians, singers and listeners are welcome. Contact Nick Male. 020 8207 3057 nick.male2@btinternet.com

# THE MONDAY OWB

Monday Club has been meeting every 2nd Monday of the month at Organ Hall, Bairstowe Close from 10.15 to 12.30pm. It is a Town joint initiative with Affinity Sutton and Sasha Capocci, Visually Impaired Club. The morning starts with chair exercises, refreshments, quizzes bingo, hoy, raffle and discussions. The morning ends with soup and a roll. Members have asked we run alternate Mondays.

Membership will be  $\pm 5$  per year and  $\pm 2$  for each attendance

Dates Apr 24, May 8 & 22, Jun 5 & 19, Jul 3 & 17 & 31, Aug 14, Sep 11 & 25

# Foodbank

Our summer family lunches with crafts and activities will be held on *Wednesday 2, 9, 16, 23 August.* 

If you would like to secure a space please contact us on 07902 437872 or email info@borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk. Booking is essential and spaces are limited.

# EBLOS Musical Theatre 'Kiss me, Kate'

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

#### Borehamwood W.I

Meeting on the 2nd Monday monthly between 1.15pm - 3.15pm at Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood WD6 5BT Next meetings

**8 May** Bring & Buy sale and AGM. **12 June** Speaker - Ann Hall on Denman College.

#### Borehamwood Drop In

Every Tuesday from 9:30am – 12pm At Fairway Hall, WD6 5BT £1.50 per week

#### Sunday 23 April

Arsenal Ladies Family Festival Meadow Park, 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Saturday 6 May Pre Festival Event All Saints Church, 11am - 4pm

#### Wednesday 17 May

An author talk by "The Crime Panel" Leigh Russell and Howard Linskey *Borehamwood Library, 7.15pm - 8.15pm* £7.00 per ticket

#### Saturday 27 May

**Elmer storytime and craft activity Borehamwood Library, 2.30pm** For 2 - 5 years old



#### Sunday 4 June

7th Borehamwood Scouts Family Car Treasure Hunt! 2pm - 6pm Followed by a BBQ, raffle, and the prize giving Email dawnmbarton54@gmail.com

Saturday 10 June St Teresa's Summer Festival St Teresa's School, Brook Road

### Wednesday 21 June

Elstree and Borehamwood NSPCC Summer Lunch

Shenley Cricket Club, 12.30pm for 1pm 3 course lunch and speaker All profits for the NSPCC Tickets from Ann Goddard 020 8953 1436

#### Saturday 1 July

Maxwell's Family Event Presentation evening for winners of Maxwell's Logo competition

Maxwell Park, 7:30pm - 11pm

Sunday 2 July

"A Time for Remembrance" St Teresa of the Child, 291 Shenley Road, 3pm

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#### Saturday 15 July

The Library's annual children's Summer Reading Challenge starts Read 6 books in 6 weeks and get a certificate and medal

### Sunday 23 July

NSPCC Garden Party

Schopwick, High Street Elstree , 2pm - 5pm Large Victorian Garden, Live Music, Stalls, Raffle, Teas Disabled Access, Dogs on leads All profits for the NSPCC Children free. Adults £3

#### **Crochet & Chatter**

Tuesday 9 May, 13, June, 11 July, 8 Aug All Saints Church, 1pm - 2:30pm All Welcome

# BUSINESS FORUM



ee and Borehamwood Town Council sors a regular forum for business le who live or work in the area with ntention of:

Providing an opportunity to meet and network with other local business people. Providing a conduit for concerns that are related to council services.

related to council services.

• Forging links between the council and businesses.

We will sometimes provide a speaker on a subject we believe will be of interest. If you would like to make a presentation please let us know.

The next Business Forum will take place on: Wednesday 7th June 2017

Please join us for some informal networking, interesting speakers and let us know what you would like to get out of the Forum.

Meetings take place at: Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood WD6 58T We start at 7:30pm and light refreshments are provide FREE ENTRY



# Annual Report 2016/2017



### **Mayor's Summary**

Summing up at the Council meeting on 15 March 2017, the Town Mayor ClIr C Butchins said "Elaine and I attended over 90 Mayoral engagements since I took on the role last May and it has always been a pleasure and honour to meet a broad variety of friends at these events. They do so much for the local community! Particular projects of interest to me this year have been fundraising for my Museum charity and the Seniors' Drop In sessions at 96 Shenley Road on Wednesday mornings."

### **Community Services**

Hall Bookings: Whilst Fairway Hall is much in demand by community groups for regular hire or as a place of worship, the Council continues to seek new mid to long term bookings for activities that serve the community such as keep fit, dance, yoga, mindfulness classes, arts and crafts or local clubs. New initiatives in the year included a new home for the Borehamwood Women's Institute, alternative fitness classes and the Borehamwood Islamic Society.

Allotments (Allum Road, Melrose Avenue and Stapleton Gardens): Plot occupancy was at 95% (139 tenants and 147 plots) with 50 new plots being opened in the north of Borehamwood (Stapleton Gardens) from 1 May 2017. Potential applicants for the Stapleton Gardens site waiting list are encouraged to contact the Council (currently 25 names are on the list).



Planning and Consultations: The Council considered a total of 324 planning applications referred to it by Hertsmere Borough Council as a statutory consultee. Comments were made on 103 of these with concerns including issues of tower block developments, problems with smaller unit developments failing to meet local needs for family sized homes, highways infrastructure and potential basement developments negatively impacting the water table. Consultation responses were made on Sustainable Development Planning Guidance, taxi licensing policies and an Electoral Review of wards in Hertsmere.



Site and Street Maintenance: In partnership with local businesses, the Council maintains the film plaques in Borehamwood, 47 benches and 9 notice boards (with plans for a new board at All Saints Church). Both war memorials, St Nicholas and All Saints Churchyard (and Church Clock) are maintained by the grounds team and the high street planter cost is shared with Hertsmere Borough Council.

*Grants:* With three tranches of grant applications, the following awards were approved by the Council to assist local organisations or organisations serving a particular local need:

Herts Inclusive Theatre	£380
Elstree Screen Heritage	£1,250
<ul> <li>Woodcock Hill Village Green</li> </ul>	£500
<ul> <li>Borehamwood Women's Institute</li> </ul>	£300
<ul> <li>Elstree &amp; Borehamwood Light Operatic Society</li> </ul>	
Musical Theatre	£500
• All Saints Church	£558
<ul> <li>Young Carers at Hertswood School</li> </ul>	£500
(with £500 from Youth Council)	
Elstree & Borehamwood Community Charity	£300
DR96 Over 60s club	£250
• Funky Friends	£316.46
Hertsmere MENCAP	£500
Borehamwood Drop In	£400
Hotshots Flyball Team	£300
St Albans Educational Partnership (Foodbank)	£375
Aldenham Renaissance	£272

In addition budgeted grants were made to Borehamwood & Elstree Town Twinning Association (£1,000) and Boreham Wood Football Club (£1,000) with the Residents Association also receiving no cost advertising space in the Town Crier magazine.

**Transport Forum:** Four well attended meetings of the Forum took place with lively discussions on topics including specific traffic problems on Bullhead Road, unmanned ticket dispensing at Elstree and Borehamwood railway station, bus service changes, police updates and traffic flow in Borehamwood and Elstree. **Business Forum:** Five well received meetings of the newly formed group took place in the year, providing networking and sponsorship opportunities for local businesses of varying sizes. The Forum also provided a platform for guest speakers to offer advice on relevant issues (e.g. internet security) or to showcase their own business services or products.

*China Sister Town:* The Council agreed to enter into a relationship with Huainan in China in order to promote business links and for cultural and friendship contacts to be formed. A sub-committee was established to oversee the arrangements leading to the signing of the agreement.

# **Leisure and Entertainment**

**Coach Trips:** The twelve subsidised summer coach trips for the over 60s included new destinations of Margate and Stratford upon Avon. In addition, two Christmas Market Winter trips visited Winchester and Rochester, a first for the Town Council. Questionnaire feedback indicated high levels of satisfaction by the users of this service and a desire for it to be rolled out as an annual activity.



**Civic Festival:** The Festival fortnight began with a civic parade dedicated to 90 years of the life of HM The Queen with the Town Council float celebrating the Coronation. The James Bond themed Classic Car show on the following Saturday displayed 16 vehicles (including 007's Aston Martin) with indoor and outdoor films of The Spy Who Loved Me and Goldfinger in Maxwell Park Community Centre. After the show, to commemorate the life of David Bowie, the Elstree Studios fantasy classic Labyrinth was also screened. Families Day included 45 community stalls with the addition of a traditional seaside Punch and Judy show (suitable for audiences of all ages). The live music concert got into full swing with talent show winner, Romario Faldes, followed by Elstree Productions with songs from their Festival show





and culminated with headliners The Poppets (1960s cover band) and Michael Jackson impersonator (David Boakes) on a fixed stage erected in Meadow Park. Other events in the fortnight included the new Festival Park Run around Aldenham Reservoir, a guided Teddy's Trail walk, allotment open day, the annual Festival Flower show, Primary School Performing Arts and Royal British Legion Festival Quiz. 'Elstree and Borehamwood's Got Talent' was held at its new home of Fairway Hall. The Pre-Festival event held in May each year continues to help with ticket sales and to highlight many of the attractions to come.



*Fireworks Display:* This was the 26th free entry fireworks display, choreographed this year to Motown music to tie in with the concert held on Families Day. Over 5,000 spectators enjoyed a safe and well organised show. The pyrotechnics were sponsored by Spire BMW.





Musical Concerts and Film Nights: The BBC Band returned to Allum Hall for a Christmas concert in December paying tribute to Jimmy Perry OBE, former Honorary President of the Band with a rousing rendition of the Dad's Army theme. Youth Councillors welcomed guests to the evening which included a book signing session by Writers In the Wood. As part of a new entertainments programme, in March a film night was held in partnership with The REEL Cinema screening the rarely seen American extended edition of Stanley Kubrick's horror classic The Shining, filmed in Elstree Studios.

*Christmas Switch On Display:* For the second year in a row, the lights were switched on by a celebrity. This year, Dame Barbara Windsor (Carry On and Eastenders legend) performed the role, adding in a little humour to the occasion as well. In view of the increasing popularity of this event, the Council will be reviewing future options for hosting this special occasion.



# **Children and Young People**

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

**Youth Council:** With 18 active Youth Councillors, this group continues to represent and be a voice for young people in the local area and carries out community service work and environmental improvements. The Council has been pleased to involve a project worker in helping to shape the future of the Youth Council in raising its profile and attracting new membership with opportunities for the young people to grow and learn new skills. An up-to-date safeguarding policy has also been adopted to ensure that the very best practice is followed.

# Public Access Report and Communications

The report's contents were approved by Full Council on 15 March 2017 and the report is available for inspection by any elector in the Parish by contacting the Town Council Offices or viewing on the Council website (www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk) and social media pages. The report is published in the quarterly Town Crier publication distributed to every resident in Elstree and Borehamwood (16,000 copies). Copies are available at the Town and Borough Council offices and at Borehamwood Library.

### **Finances**

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

	Actual year to date	Current annual budget
General Management		
Expenditure	£289,937	£304,625
Income	£520,893	£495,647
Net Expenditure	-£230,956	-£191,022
Environment and Planning		
Expenditure	£8,203	£31,430
Income	£12,128	£6,467
Net Expenditure	-£3,925	£24,963
Leisure and Entertainment		
Expenditure	£96,270	£110,125
Income	£8,918	£13,403
Net Expenditure	£87,352	£96,722
Community Support		
Expenditure	£35,878	£46,940
Income	0	0
Net Expenditure	£35,878	£46,940
TOTALS		
Expenditure	£430,287	£493,120
Income	£541,938	£515,517
Net Expenditure	-£111,651	-£22,397

General Reserve Fund at Year End: £158,074

Earmarked Reserves at Year End: (Van: £4,451, Capital Projects: £215,640, Election: £4,450, Car Park: £40,000 and Allotments: £31,950)

# Town Councillors

### 2016/17 Mayor: Cllr Clive Butchins 2016/17 Deputy Mayor: Cllr Eric Silver

The new Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be appointed at the Annual Council meeting on 24 May 2017 along with Committee Chairmen and representatives on outside bodies.

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# Elstree & Borehamwood **Town Council meetings**

For a full list of our forthcoming meetings, please see the website. All meetings now take place at Fairway Hall.

25 April	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7pm
27 April	General Management	Meeting Room	7pm
10 May	Transport Forum	Main Hall	7pm
23 May	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7pm
24 May	ANNUAL COUNCIL MAYOR MAKING	Main Hall	7pm
25 May	General Management	Meeting Room	7pm
6 June	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7pm
7 June	Business Forum	Main Hall	7pm
14 June	FULL COUNCIL	Main Hall	7.30pm
20 June	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7pm
5 July	Transport Forum	Main Hall	7pm
11 July	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7.30pm
13 July	General Management	Meeting Room	7pm
18 July	Environment & Planning	Main Hall	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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# Pre Festival Event

**Saturday 6 May 2017 11am - 4pm** Outside and at the rear of All Saints Church, Shenley Road



Stalls, Live Music, Activities and Entertainment throughout the day for your enjoyment, tickets for events during the festival will be on sale.

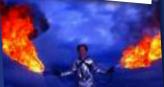
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# Families Day









# Saturday 1 July 2017 12pm - 5pm Meadow Park

- ★ Fantastic Arena Entertainment ★
  - $\star$  Dance and Performances  $\star$
  - $\star$  Food and Drink Vendors  $\star$
  - $\star$  Stalls and Entertainments  $\star$ 
    - $\star$  Star Wars Characters  $\star$
  - ★ Traditional Punch & Judy ★
     ★ Bubbleologist ★
- $\star$  The Joseph Peace Fire Stunt Show  $\star$
- ★ Above and Beyond Acrobatic Display ★
  - $\star$  Dwarf Vader & The Short Troopers  $\star$ 
    - ★ Jedi v Sith Lightsabre duel ★
      - ★ Plus Much more!!! ★





