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Hear ye! Hear ye!

Letter from the Mayor...

Well, what a couple of months! Half way through my term of office as Mayor, I never thought I would have attended so many events and community activities. I have had little chance to see my own shadow come and go.

It was a great honour to be invited with my wife, Evelyn, to Pietra Ligure in Italy to celebrate town twinning together with delegates from Offenburg and Fontenay-aux-Roses. I did my best to put forward the good name of Elstree and Borehamwood - including making a speech in Italian and German!

Cutting the ribbon to open Stapleton Allotment Gardens allowed me to thank all those who had worked so hard to bring this new council service to over fifty keen fruit and veg growers. I wish all plot holders a bountiful harvest and an opportunity to enjoy the fresh air and magnificent view from north Borehamwood.

The Rotary Disabled Games were held, as usual, at 'Aspire', Stanmore Orthopaedic Hospital, which was a fantastic opportunity to raise much needed funds for such a worthy cause.

My chosen charity this year, the Dementia Group, is prospering and by the time you read this letter, we will have had our quiz night at Fairway Hall on 15 November.

I should also take this opportunity to thank Councillor Victor Eni, the Deputy Mayor, and his wife, Martine, who have attended several events, including a charity function at Elstree Film Studios and the Passing Out Parade for new recruits at the Fire and Rescue Station.



Finally, as is the custom at this time of year, I should very much like to wish you all and your families a very, very Happy Christmas!

Cllr Eric Silver
Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood
For Mayoral enquires please call the
Mayor's Secretary on 020 8207 1382



Correction

In issue 27 page 22 'The Great Faith Get Together' stated that the presentation at St Michael and All Angel's Church was given by Revd Lucy Dallas, whereas it was in fact given by Revd Louise Collins.

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Merry Christmas From Writers in the Wood



We don't have a fireplace
To exit our chimney
On Christmas Eve
We leave Santa a magic key

I bought him a cookie
From Borehamwood's Tesco
I hope to catch him eating it
When I sneak downstairs on tiptoe

I've left carrots on the table For Rudolf as well Now I patiently listen For Santa's sleigh bell

One last peek out the window At Borehamwood skies Then I lay down in bed And close my eyes

Mum tucks me in tightly And once I've been kissed She tells me that I'm On Santa's GOOD list!

I'm looking forward to the presents On Santa's sleigh I hope you also get lots! Have a great CHRISTMAS DAY!

By Hayley (age 10) & Lorraine Reed

LorraineReed.com

Christmas time Is always good But no-one does it Like Borehamwood

Dame Barbara Windsor Popped by last year To switch on the lights Bringing Christmas cheer

There's great entertainment For all to enjoy As children visit Santa And receive a fun toy

There's skating and carols
And so much to see
Come and join in the fun
The entertainment's all FREE!

Thanks Borehamwood Town Council For the festivities which you provide And bringing our community together As our families rejoice side by side

By Rebecca Reed (age 16)

The real Christmas truth in Borehamwood and Elstree
We talk about the spirit of Christmas
Of things that are pleasant and good
For some it comes from a bottle for others it comes from their god
The true meaning is being forgotten
As we think only of ourselves and our life.
It's a pity we don't remember the baby the husband the wife
Their life on earth had a meaning
One brought a message divine
Think of that as you pick up your glass and

Jason Cook from Grandpas Poems. www.authorjasoncook.com

guzzle your red wine.





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Compost Corner

Stapleton Gardens opening



On Sunday 10 September 2017, the Town Mayor, Cllr Eric Silver, formally opened Stapleton Gardens allotments; the latest addition to the Town Council's growing list of services for local residents.

There are 54 five-pole plots on this site which were developed with the help of developer contribution monies.

The Mayor said: "Stapleton has had a chequered history. It has been allotments before, a wildlife area for local schools and a single occupancy business garden. But the Council is delighted to see the site

being used so productively again and long may it continue."

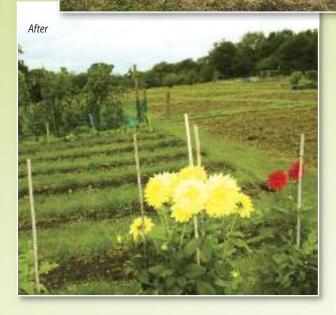
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The opening marked the final event attended by Council Warden, Peter Digweed who had worked so hard in preparing the site together with Council staff and contractors, before his retirement in October.

Residents interested in taking on a plot at Stapleton Gardens should contact the Town Council Offices (020 8207 1382) in order to be allocated a place on the waiting list.







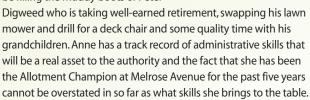
New Council Warden Appointed

Welcome Anne and Good Luck Peter

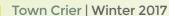
The Town Council is delighted to report that a new Warden has joined the small team of staff at Fairway Hall.

Local lady and allotment expert, Anne Nicodemus, has taken on the important role of the day to day management of the sites for which the Town Council has responsibility (including the area around Fairway Hall, the three allotment gardens, two closed churchyards, benches, commemorative film plaques and notice board maintenance).

Town Clerk, Huw Jones said: "Anne will be filling the muddy boots of Peter



All of the team look forward to working with her."



Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council

Christmas Market Coach Trips

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

The Town Council is offering a chance to have a day out at a Christmas Market for £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

Tickets available from Monday 20 November 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. Tickets are non-refundable.

The fully air-conditioned seaches leave Fairway Hall at 9am prompt and will 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 ficket).



Winchester Christmas Market
Monday 11 December

Canterbury Christmas Market
Thursday 14 December





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Celebrating Partnerships across Europe

Borehamwood and Elstree Twin Town Association (BETTA) was formed in 1982. Through the years BETTA has promoted the Town Council's links with our two partner towns in Europe, Offenburg, in south west Germany, and Fontenay-Aux-Roses, near Paris. BETTA holds various events promoting these links and organises visits to see the different cultural life in both France and Germany.

In September, a group of residents from Borehamwood visited the town's German partner town in the Black Forest. The visit, organized by the association, had been arranged for the group to experience the annual wine festival and county show in Offenburg, the gateway city to the Black Forest. This is the 3rd year that the association has visited this annual event in Offenburg, which is one of highlights in the region, with a wide range of music and entertainment.

Marijke Turner, association member, who came on the trip, commented: "We had a beautiful time, thanks to the BETTA team. The hotel and town were very comfortable and welcoming, the food and wine on offer was marvellous" She added, "In particular, I would like to thank the BETTA Committee and Klaus Teufel (Head of Die Brucke, the German partnership organization) both of whom were very helpful at looking after the group in Offenburg."

BETTA also run French language sessions, at 96 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, on the last Tuesday of every month, from 2.30pm. For further details about the association and our activities, please look at our web site, www.betta.org.uk. For more information about our trips to Fontenay and Offenburg, plus how to become a member of the association, please contact BETTA either by email bettagroup@hotmail.com or by telephone: 020 8441 6510.

Andrew Grady





Older Folks Week

Each year Hertsmere Borough Council invites local groups to submit an application for a grant of £300 for a special event to take place at the beginning of October.

Dementia Club UK held an afternoon tea with jazz from the Ionian Quartet on Tuesday 3rd October at Fairway Hall. Town Mayor Cllr Eric Silver welcomed all, including guests from Finchley. He stressed the hard work of carers in looking after their loved ones. He thanked Borehamwood Branch Committee Sasha Capocci, Ann Goddard, Sandra Parnell, Pat Strack and Chief Executive Officer Lisa Rutter for their hard work in ensuring the success of not only that afternoon but also the regular meetings.

Members, guests and friends all had a great time dancing, singing and enjoying the refreshments.

Contact 07956 858913 lisa.rutter@dementiaclubuk.org.uk for more information.

Next meetings Tuesday 28 November and 12 December 2pm to 4pm at Fairway Hall.





DR 96 held a party on 4 October at 96 Shenley Rd. Sandwiches, cakes fruit and drinks were provided after the dancing. About 60 members and volunteers enjoyed the entertainment and sang along to familiar tunes provided by our entertainer Wayne. For details of the club contact Sandra Parnell 020 8953 0832 email pat.strack@ntlworld.com.

Meetings are every Wednesday, 10am to 12pm.

The Visually Impaired Club held their party at Maxwell Road Community Centre on Friday 6 October. Sasha Capocci had prepared a feast for members and guests.

Paul and Carol played and sang songs of the Beach Boys and Mamas and Papas as the members enjoyed their tea sandwiches and cakes. Then Clare had people dancing to old time numbers incluing the Hokey-Cokey, Lambeth Walk and Pack up your Troubles.

Contact 07771 862820 sashacapocci@hotmail.com

Meetings every Friday 1.30-4pm

The Monday Club party at Organ Hall was held on Monday 9 October. The session started as usual with Sara making us all go through our paces with exercise to 60s tunes. After the party food and much needed refreshments Clare sang for us. Time to sing and dance again.

Contact Sandra Parnell 020 8953 0832 email pat.strack@ntlworld.com

Next meetings 20 November 4 and 18 December 10.15am to 12.15pm

Pat Strack

Tuesday Drop In

We have had a great year for trips. April the Cotswolds, July Southend and October to Cambridge, thanks to the grants we have received from Hertsmere Borough Council, including Silver Hair Day grant.

These days out have been great for the group and people new to the club in working to overcome loneliness and depression.

We are a friendly group where people come to meet and chat and make new friends.

We have visitors from the Aycliffe Day Centre, the Dementia Club and the local sewing group.

We enjoy a variety of activities, from local singers and professional entertainers to quizzes and indoor games.

The people who come decide on the type of entertainment and where they wish to visit.

We have had visits from the local Community Police and Fire service



to advise on protecting ourselves and our homes.

So if you would like to come and join us on a Tuesday for a cup of tea or coffee you are most welcome. Your first visit is free then just £1.50 per visit.

For further information please call 07757 827852

Carol Jones

DR 96 Trips

Camden Lock

On a sunny day in August 38 members travelled to Camden Lock to enjoy the variety of shops and food outlets. The choice is amazing.

After lunch it was time to board the Jenny Wren a for trip to Little Venice, passing a number of landmarks on the way including London Zoo. The commentary both there and back was very good and demonstrated how steeped in history our capital is.

We all had a last look at the shops and a cup of tea. Then it was time to go home.

Buckingham Palace

It was not such good weather for the trip to Buckingham Palace at the beginning of September. Thank goodness we spent most of the time indoors blown away by the splendour and luxury.



Gathering our thoughts over afternoon tea in the marquee there was a long trudge back to the coach.

Windsor

29 members made the 3rd annual trip to Windsor. On arrival, there was time free to wander in the town.

Some decided to take the open top bus trip to the surrounding countryside and back. At 2pm we boarded the boat and relaxed to the details of all the history along the Thames.

On the return journey we enjoyed cream tea before picking the coach up at 4pm

for well-deserved rest on the journey home.

Pat Strack



Borehamwood Library



Tea and Tablets session and Borrowbox free audiobooks

Firstly, thank you to all of the lovely people who attended our Tea and Tablets session on 4th October. Everyone went away happy that they had learned not to be scared of their tablets and now knew how to get the most out of them. If you missed this event we do have bookable 1:1 sessions where you too can learn how to make the most of your iPad or Android Tablet.

We have also just launched a brand new app where you can download free audiobooks – it's called BorrowBox and is free to download from the App store or Google Play. All you need is a library card and PIN, so pop into the library and we can help you download the app and show you how to register and start listening to audiobooks.

Jocelyne Walker





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ELSTREE & BOREHAMWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Started in 2013

Open to all residents in Elstree and Borehamwood.

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

CURRENT ISSUES INCLUDE:

• Local Plan Consultation • Planning • Community Matters

NEXT MEETINGS:

Tues: 30th January 2018 - 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.

school News

Summerswood Primary School

Charity Donations

On 18 September Summerswood welcomed representatives from the three charities to their Monday assembly.

The school supported Cancer Research UK, Royal National Lifeboat Institution and Barnet Hospital Charity. We were able to give them each cheques for £750. This money was raised through a whole host of activities last year, including crazy hair day, non-school uniform days and #Woodfest.

All three charities were thrilled with the amount of money we were able to give them and they spoke of the amazing work our money will support. Carly, from Barnet Hospital Charity, brought in the 'Accuvein' machine that helps doctors and nurses find veins when taking blood. It was an amazing piece of equipment that we have helped towards sourcing for the hospital's children's ward.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the school throughout the last year. Thinking about our theme of gratitude, we spent a moment reflecting on all the people who will benefit from the money we have donated.





Worry Monsters

Summerswood welcomed some new additions in school this term. Each class from Reception to Year 6 took receipt of their very own worry monster!

The worry monsters are there so the children can leave a note for their teacher if they don't feel able to tell a grown up their worry. The teacher can then read the children's worries and help them find a solution. We talked about how important it is to share our worries so that someone can help us.

World Mental Health Day

This year's theme for World Mental Health Day was Mental Health in the Workplace.

At Summerswood we know that our pupils and staff are likely to achieve more academically if we support their well-being. Therefore this World Mental Health Day we celebrated 'hygge' (pronounced hoo-ga) day at Summerswood.

Hygge is the Danish word which can be described as "a quality of cosiness and comfortable conviviality that engenders a feeling of contentment or well-being". During the day the children and staff wore their slippers to school and visited the 'hyggekrog' – cosy nook. The cosy nook was filled with cushions, blankets, soft lighting and flowers/greenery, and was a great place to experience 'hygge' with friends. Playing games, reading books, thinking about things we are grateful for and chatting to others helped ensure a supportive and positive experience in the workplace for both pupils and staff.





Saffron Green Primary School

Saffron Green would like to extend a big thank you to the "National Lottery" for a grant that enabled the school to install an outdoor gym in the playground.

As part of an application for funding Saffron Green was successful in bidding for funds that contributed to the installation of an outdoor gym, an outdoor stage and two outdoor table tennis tables. The children in Key Stage 2 are really enjoying their new facilities.

The children have enjoyed using the equipment since September and have been having such fun whilst keeping fit too. It is a pleasure to watch them use and explore their new equipment. Here's what our school councillors thought.

Kwame enthused, "We have really enjoyed using the new gym equipment on the Key Stage 2 playground. I like to use it after eating my lunch to help keep me fit and burn calories." Maria continued "I like to do flips on the monkey bars and use the gym equipment to keep strong. The table tennis is great fun when playing with my class friends." Molly agreed and added "the younger children are using the stage all the time. They practise dances and songs ready for our talent show we will be having. I'm enjoying all of our new equipment lots." And finally, Aston chipped in "We would love some more equipment to add to our playground. Me and the school councillors are going to think of ways to raise money to buy a climbing wall and swing. Watch this space!





Miss Petrou, School Secretary and Fund Raiser

Woodlands Primary School



Launch of WOW

On Wednesday 27 September, Woodlands launched 'WOW', a year-round walk to school challenge supported by Living Streets.

Project manager Sian Stanton and mascot'Strider' visited our school, handing out the first of eleven collectable themed badges to those children who actively walked to school, rode their bike or scootered.

WOW has had a big impact on other schools taking part in Hertfordshire with greater numbers of children walking to school and a reduction of traffic at school gates, making it safer for pupils and their families walking to school.

Woodlands has also organised several road safety activities for pupils from the Nursery to Year 6 to take part in to help reinforce the importance of staying safe when walking / cycling to school. These activities include:

- Road Safety for Nursery & Reception pupils 6 November 2017
- Scooter training for Years 3 & 4 13 November 2017
- Walk to School Safety Workshop for Year 4 8 and 9 January 2018
- Independent Travel Initiative for Year 6 5 June 2018

Woodlands Wins 1st Prize - Pupils in Year 1, along with the help of their class teacher Mrs Rattigan, took part in St Michael & All Angels Church Harvest Festival on Sunday 1 November 2017.

The children used their creative skills to make a life size scarecrow out of old donated clothes and recycled materials.

The children were thrilled when Reverend Louise Collins announced that their scarecrow had won 1st prize!

Well done to everyone who contributed.

Jeans for Genes - On Friday 22 September, Woodlands took part in Jeans for Genes raising £170. The children enjoyed the opportunity to come to school dressed in

denim raising vital money for children suffering with genetic disorders.





school News

Cowley Hill Primary School

Cowley Hill Eco Warriors

Cowley Hill Eco Warriors have been busy over the past term working to improve their school grounds for both their fellow pupils and the wildlife!

We were lucky enough to secure some equipment from Learning Through Landscapes which included insect hotels, bird boxes, hedgehog homes and butterfly feeders, to help make our site more attractive to wildlife.

All of our hard work has paid off as we have been awarded our GOLD Woodland Trust

Finally we took part in The Tree Charter Competition. We were awarded a tree that we will be planting in November as part of National Tree Week. Gaining our Silver Eco Schools Award is a huge achievement and we are now working really hard to gain our GREEN FLAG!



Clubs Clubs Clubs!

At Cowley Hill we are mad about clubs. In our school, learning is not just during lesson times, we like to learn at other times too!

So, not only do we have our very popular Breakfast, After School, Parent and Toddler and invite only clubs, we also squeeze as many other clubs as we can into the school day! This allows our children the opportunity to take part in activities they might not normally do and learn other skills. Alfie (Year 5) said "it's good that we get to do so many clubs as it encourages us to not only play on our electronics like PlayStation and Xboxes. I like doing clubs because they keep me active."

Morning clubs run from 8am, lunch time clubs run from 12 noon until 12.30 and afterschool clubs run from 3pm until 4.15pm! Our clubs run

every day during at least ten weeks of each term. We cover many sports including football, cross country, netball, multi-skills, lacrosse, table tennis and gymnastics to name a few. Although sport is a huge part of Cowley Hill we also cater for the other interests our children have, including drawing and colouring, stitch club, cooking, drama, ukulele, chess and Eco clubs. All in all this term we are running a whopping 35 clubs and the children at our school get to choose which ones they would like to take part in for FREE!!!

Clubs are open to all year groups from Year 1 to Year 6 and, next term, this is extending to include our Reception children too!

Breakfast Club and After School Club have had a very successful year with many new friends joining us. We have all enjoyed this year, made new friends from other year groups, explored and learnt many new things.

Reading Evening and Pyjama Party

On Wednesday 18 October the children of Cowley Hill returned to school for class-based pyjama parties.

While they shared their bedtime stories over a glass of juice and some biscuits their parents joined our Hertfordshire For Learning Teaching and Learning Advisor, Martin Galway, for an evening on how to help their child read at home.

We had an unprecedented 161 parents join us for this exciting session! We work hard to support our parents and meet their needs as they are an important part of our school community. We would like to thank them all for attending.



St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

On Friday 13 October we celebrated our Harvest mass.

As part of our Harvest celebrations, the pupils of St Teresa's brought in food donations for the Borehamwood Foodbank. Mr Murray Devine, Foodbank Trustee, attended this mass and afterwards gave a thank you to the children and their parents for their generosity in helping others less fortunate than themselves.



International Day at St Teresa's

On Wednesday 18 October, the pupils at St Teresa's Primary School celebrated their annual International Day.

All children came to school wearing their national costume or an outfit from another country. The day started with a special assembly at which children sang songs, performed dances or recited poems from their country of origin. Then during the day, the children learnt about each other's countries. In the evening parents and family members came together to share food and drink from around the world.

Head teacher Teresa McBride said, "We have a diverse school community and this is one of the ways we value and celebrate this diversity. It is lovely to see the whole school community come together and share their traditions and customs. This is one of the special events within our school calendar, which everyone looks forward to and actively participates in."







Nights at the Round Table

Unlike those at King Arthur's round table, our weapons are the pen and paper and our steeds are left unattended outside.

In my experience the deliberations of School Governors are peaceful. Any vehemence is directed to the frequent changes in the Government education policies and their expectations of governing bodies who, remember, are all volunteers.

School Governors today meet around a central table. Until recent times we would sit in the staffroom in comfortable chairs for our meeting with a cup of tea, papers and notes in our laps. The increased amount of paperwork and writing that we have to do means we need more room for our papers and a better writing surface. We are now far more business-like.

What might not surprise people is that an increasing number of governors now make use of new technology, by having meeting papers on their mobile phones, tablets or computers. Many governing bodies now store all their documents in the "cloud," which means that they are readily available and shared in a password-protected filing cupboard in the sky. Getting to grips with this technology and using it well is another challenge for many governors, but it is the day to day expectation that our younger colleagues accept as normal. At least it is reducing the amount of paper we use and is good for the environment.

Like Merlin in King Arthur's time, we have someone to make sure we do things properly. Our advisers are clerks employed and trained in the



magic arts by Hertfordshire for Learning. Schools have to pay for the clerks but their service is invaluable. The clerks send out agendas and provide minutes soon after the meetings. Throughout they tell us what we can do, ought to do and what not to do. There is no magic in this but it does the trick.

Add for more information about becoming a governor contact qeoff.strack@ntlworld.com

Geoff Strack

Community volunteers applauded at full Council meeting

On 13 September 2017, at a Town Council meeting, the Mayor, Cllr Eric Silver, formally recognised the achievements and hard work of four volunteers who have done so much over many years in giving their time and skills to the community.

He said: "Their work for Elstree and Borehamwood Museum has made the lives of residents better and their service has not gone unrecognised."

The recipients of the Community Award were: Florrie Cowley, Mary Hanson, Ann Lawrence and Alan Lawrence.



Ann Lawrence



Sandra Parnell with Alan and Ann Lawrence

At the meeting, Cllr Mrs Sandra Parnell also presented to the Museum a book prepared by Bill O'Neill which sets out the history of Boreham Wood Football Club.



Florrie Cowley

She said: "It is a fascinating read and includes details about the very early years going back to the 1940s and before, the links between the football club and the film studios, the gargantuan task of making the club buildings and pitch and, perhaps best of all, amazing historical photographs of former players and those with a connection to this local asset of which we can all be so rightly proud."



Mary Hanson



Alan Lawrence

Remembering John Page

The Elstree and Borehamwood District Community Association commemorated the 12 years of devoted service given to the Board of Trustees by the late John Page who died in August 2016.

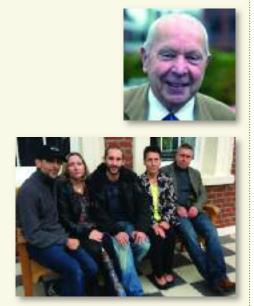
Coming from a business background he was able to give valuable help with maintenance problems with the listed Manor House and was unstinting of his time and effort.

His goodness of nature, kindness and unselfishness made him a valued and much missed friend to us all.

His widow Brenda and his family who supported him so lovingly throughout his terminal illness, which he bore uncomplainingly, were guests of honour at the unveiling of an inscribed bench in his memory.

His colleagues paid tributes to him and the ceremony was followed by a reception in the Manor House he had served so well.

Ann Goddard





"Nelson", "Hardy", "Jellicoe", "Victory", "Saskatchewan".......

just a few of the locomotives passing through Elstree & Borehamwood railway station which 10 year-old Bob Pearson and his pals recorded in September and October 1957.

These young train-spotters from Borehamwood had soon recorded hundreds of trains, their hobby taking them farther afield, first to Bushey, on to Watford and then New Barnet, where on 16 November 1957 they first spotted "Engine 60022", the iconic "Mallard"!

Within several years the boys set off on day excursions to such exotic places as Wales and Doncaster in South Yorkshire. In a world before iPhones, much of England was theirs to explore.

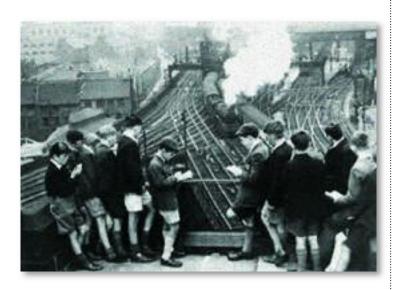
British Railways could usually be relied on to grant permits to train-spotters to visit depot sheds on a weekend when they could find many engines "stabled".

But that soon became too tame for the boys and they would indulge in "shed bunking," scaling wire fences or sneaking through forbidden doorways to get close to the giant engines asleep in their sheds on a Sunday afternoon.

Exclusively a male preserve and almost always done in a group, train-spotting in the 60s took on added urgency as older engines were phased out.

Among the first youngsters to be called "teenagers", Bob and his pals eventually discovered other ways to spend their weekends.

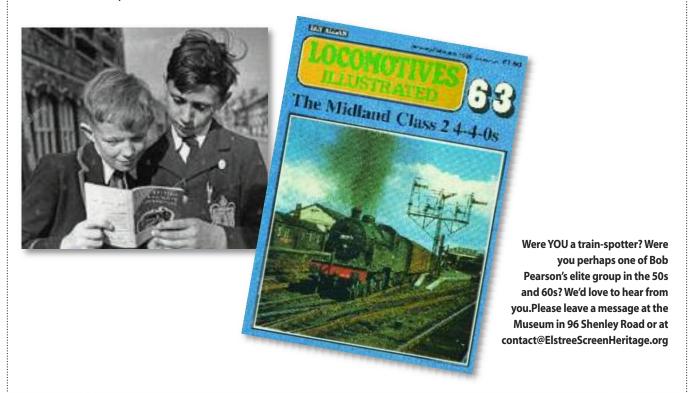
But old habits die hard, and their fascination with Britain's railways has continued. Today many who started as train-spotters form the backbone of local volunteer groups committed to preserving what remains of our railways.



Bob's memories add a new dimension to the exhibition now being prepared to celebrate 150 years since the railway came to Elstree & Borehamwood.

Exhibition Coordinator Mike Rollins has himself confessed to having briefly been a "runner" in a group of train-spotters, often despatched to race down the platform chasing trains and their elusive numbers and badges.

Bob Redman



Elstree & Borehamwood

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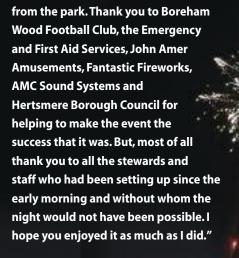
Sunday 5 November

On Sunday 5th November 2017 the Town Council held its annual free fireworks Display in Meadow Park. The skies above Elstree & Borehamwood lit up in a bright and colourful pyrotechnics show celebrating 40 years of Star Wars and the music of John Williams.

Around 6,000 spectators showed up to see the display which combined fireworks set to a soundtrack of John Williams movie classics including Star Wars, Harry Potter, Indiana Jones, E.T. and many more.

The event also marked the 28th year of the Town Council's free display in Meadow Park.

Town Mayor, Cllr Eric Silver said "What another wonderful and explosive display this year! It is terrific that the Town Council can provide a spectacle of this quality with no entry fees to Meadow Park and long may this continue. The John Williams themed event fitted in nicely with the Summer Festival 40 Years of Star Wars theme and helped to put the occasion in some local context with the Film Studios only over the road





Manor Way, Borehamwood WD6 1QY

Sunday Service 10 a.m.

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Penny for the guy winner -The Air Cadets

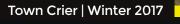


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Elstree and Borehamwood Christmas Guide

Sunday 19 November



Saturday 2 December



Sunday 26 November



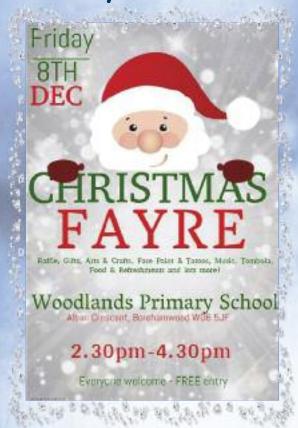
Saturday 2 December



Tuesday 2 December



Friday 8 December



Tuesday 5 December



Friday 8 - Sunday 10 December

St Nicholas Church Elstree Christmas Tree Festival 2017 A weekend of Celebration Friday 8th to Sunday 10th December

Carol singing, stalls, Santa visits, Local groups and organisations have been asked to donate £15 for an artificial tree to help raise funds for the church. These trees will be decorated by the organisation and entered as part of a competition. Luxury Hamper prize.

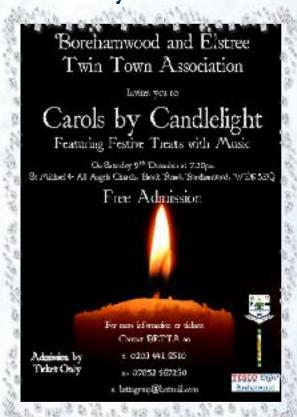
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for more details and info contact Lucy Dallas. Email: <u>licabilistingmail.com</u> Phone: 0208-327-0841

Saturday 9 December



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Wednesday 13 December



Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 December



Sunday 10 December



ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

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Roman Catholic Parishes of Borehamwood

St Teresa of the Child Jesus (St T's)

291 Shenley Road

Ss John Fisher & Thomas More (SsJF&TM)

28 Rossington Ave

Father Dominic McKenna 020 8953 1294

Sat 23 Dec 10am - 1pm Extended Confessions (St T's)

6pm Vigil Mass (St T's)

Sun 24 Dec 8.30am Mass (SsJF&TM)

10am Mass (St T's) Noon Mass (SsJF&TM)

5pm Christmas Vigil & Nativity (St T's) 8pm Christmas Vigil Mass (St T's) 11.30pm Carols (SsJFTM) Midnight Midnight Mass (SsJFTM)

Mon 25 Dec 10am Mass (St T's)

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Noon Mass (SsJFTM)

 Tue 26 Dec
 Noon Mass (St T's)

 Thu 28 Dec
 9.15am Mass (St T's)

 Fri 29 Dec
 9.15am Mass (St T's)

 Sat 30 Dec
 6pm Vigil Mass (St T's)

 Sun 31 Dec
 8.30am Mass (SsJFTM)

10am Mass (St T's) Noon Mass (SsJFTM)

9.30 pm Vigil Mass with Parish Party in Hall (St T's)

Mon 1 Jan Noon Mass (St T's)

King's Grace Chapel

Holy Cross Church Hall, Balmoral Drive, WD6 2QU

07852 963659,07957 694417

Sun 24 Dec 11am - 1pm Sunday service
Sun 31 Dec 11am - 1pm Sunday service
Sun 31 Dec 10pm - 12.40am Watchnight service

Church of England

Team Parish of Elstree & Borehamwood

Parish Office 020 8905 1365 - www.borehamwoodchurches.org.uk

Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm

All Saints Church

Shenley Road WD6 1EB Revd Tim Warr 020 8207 6603

Sun 24 Dec 11am Carols, Lessons & Communion

4pm Crib Service 11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Mon 25 Dec 10am Family Communion Sun 31 Dec 10am Parish Communion

Holy Cross Church

Balmoral Drive, WD6 2QU

Revd Christine Hina 020 8953 2183 or John Auton 020 8346 1200

Sun 17 Dec 9.30am Nativity Service

7pm Lessons & Carols with mulled wine and mince pies

Thu 21 Dec 4.30pm Crib & Christingle Service
Sun 24 Dec 9.30am Family Communion
Mon 25 Dec 10am Service of the Word

Sun 31 Dec No service - Parish Communion at All Saints

St Nicholas Church

Elstree High Steet WD6 3EW - www.stnicholaschurchelstree.org

Revd Lucy Dallas 020 8327 0841

Sun 3 Dec 6.30pm Advent Hope Service

Fri 8 - Sun 10 Dec Christmas Tree Festival

Sat 9 Dec 7.30pm Lucy Bunce Harp Concert Sun10 Dec 9.30am All Age Service Sun 17 Dec 4.00pm Blue Christmas Service

4.00pm Blue Christmas Service 6.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols

Sun 24 Dec 9.30am Holy Communion

4pm Crib Service 11pm Midnight Mass

Mon 25 Dec 9.30am Family Communion

Sun 31 Dec No service - Parish Communion at All Saints

St Michael & All Angels Church

Brook Road, WD6 5EQ

Mon 25 Dec

Revd Louise Collins 020 8953 2362

Sat 2 Dec 10am - 1pm Christmas Fair
Sun 17 Dec 4pm Carol Service
Sun 24 Dec 9.30am Holy Communion
5pm Christingle Service
11.30pm Midnight Mass

10am Family Communion

Sun 31 Dec No service - Parish Communion at All Saints

Borehamwood Baptist Church

12 Furzehill Road WD6 2DF - www.borehamwoodbapch.org

Revd Hillary Nyika 020 8905 2842 Sun 17 Dec 6.30pm Carol Service

Mon 25 Dec 10am Christmas Morning Service

St Andrew's United Reformed Church

Aycliffe Road, WD6 4HB

Revd David Aplin 020 8907 6246

Sun 17 Dec 10.15am Nativity Play
Wed 20 Dec 8pm Carols by Candelight
Sun 24 Dec 10.15am Sunday service
Mon 25 Dec 10.15am Christmas Day service

International Christian Fellowship (ICF)

Manor Way, WD6 1QY - www.icfellowship.org Pastor Patrick Bateman 020 8207 1837

Sun 26 Nov 5pm Youth & Children's Christmas Service

Mon 25 Dec 10am Joint Service with New Life Assembly at ICF Manor Way Sun 31 Dec 10pm Joint Service with New Life Assembly at ICF Manor Way

New Life Assembly

info@nlaborehamwood.co.uk 07931 784966

Mon 25 Dec 10am Joint Service with ICF at Manor Way Sun 31 Dec 10pm Joint Service with ICF at Manor Way

St Paul's Lutheran Church

St Paul's Close (corner Cranes Way & Furzehill Road) WD6 2DB

020 8953 3308 - www.stpaulslutheran.co.uk
Sun 17 Dec 6pm Carol & Verse Service
Sun 24 Dec 6pm Christmas Eve Service
Mon 25 Dec 9.30am Christmas Day Service

St John Apostolic Church of the Whole World

Pastor Leonard Mamvura 07551 056278 - www.stjohnapostolicchurch.uk Venue: St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Aycliffe Road, WD6 4HB

Sun 24 Dec 12 noon to 5.30pm Service Venue: St Andrew's URC, Aycliffe Rd WD6 4HB

Sun 31 Dec 9pm till 6am on New Year's Day, All night service

Venue: St Andrew's URC, Aycliffe Rd WD6 4HB



Festive cheer from Borehamwood Brass

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

Recently on Saturday 7 October 2017, the band performed a concert at 96 Shenley Road, organised by the Anglican Parish of Elstree & Borehamwood to help raise some money for the Holy Cross Church, in Balmoral Drive, where the band has rehearsed for over 30 years.

The concert raised over £1,000 with additional donations making a total of £2,600 already raised by the church to meet the £5,000 required.



The concert included music performed as the audience arrived and departed, giving an overall musical entertaining evening for everyone.

Revd Tim Warr, from All Saints Church welcomed and introduced the evening, and the Deputy Mayor of Elstree & Borehamwood, Cllr Victor Eni and his wife Martine were guests of honour. Cllr Eni commented about the evening, "this is the perfect way to support our local community, with residents rallying together for the cause, well done all." He added "that the band, which was founded in 1971, has worked over the years to support the local community, supporting the Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council, Borehamwood & Elstree Twin Town Association, and other local community organised functions."

During the festive period the band will be at numerous events in and around the Town, bringing some 'Christmas Cheer' to the area.

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

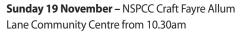
We welcome all ages to join the band, but anyone wishing to join must have some musical experience, or have taken at least Grade III
Associated Board of Music examination.

For more information on Borehamwood Brass, and how to join, look at the band's web site or Facebook page, contact Andrew Grady on 07802 736628 or email borehamwoodbrass@hotmail.com.

www.borehamwoodbrass.org.uk Facebook www.facebook.com/borehamwoodbrass Twitter:www.twitter.com/BWoodbrass

Andrew Grady

You can hear the band on:



Sunday 26 November – Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council Christmas Light Switch On 3.45pm

Friday 8th December - St Marks Church, 56 Potters Road, Barnet, EN5 5HY 8pm - 10pm

The week before Christmas the band will be playing Christmas carols at Tesco's raising some money for their recognised charity the NSPCC.



Borehamwood Foodbank

Thanks you for your ongoing support



Harvest

Thank you so much for the generous donations for Harvest from individuals, local schools, churches, faith groups and businesses. We have also received fresh produce from local individuals, allotments and even a film set! We always try to provide a healthy diet so these are great.

Tesco Bags of Help

We were thrilled that your votes won us the top award. This was for our 'More than Food Packs' programme. This includes family cookery sessions, a singles cookery class next year, help towards fuel for those who struggle to cook, recipe packs and flask cookery. Many of our clients struggle to cook healthy meals with limited facilities. A kettle and flask can cook pasta, rice and more.

Christmas opening times

We are open every Monday 1pm - 3.30pm and Thursday 10am - 12.30pm up to Thursday 21 Dec - our last session before Christmas. We will be open again on Thursday 28 Dec and Thursday 4 Jan. Emergency food boxes are held by the Council offices and other local agencies.

Christmas collections

We are so grateful for the regular and occasional giving of store cupboard food throughout the year but at Christmas we are extra busy and we seek to give our Christmas hampers to ease the burden at an especially expensive time of year.

Tesco allow us not only the permanent box near the checkouts but three collections a year in store. We will be there on 30 Nov, 1 Dec and 2 Dec. We need volunteers to give out shopping lists and take in donations.

Want to learn more? - please contact us at info@borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk or phone 020 3583 1109.

It makes such a difference and it builds community to have local people supporting other local people. Thank you.

Kim Grey



Dates for your diary

Christmas Opening

Every Monday 1pm - 3.30pm and Thursday 10am - 12.30pm up to Thursday 21 Dec.

Open again on Thursday 28 Dec and Thursday 4 Jan, then as usual.

Family Lunch - Valentines Special 14 February 11.30am - 1.30pm. Lunch and activities for all the family. St Teresa's Church, 291 Shenley Rd. To book - please contact us at info@borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk or phone 020 3583 1109.

Borehamwood Community Choir

Borehamwood Community Choir meets every Monday evening (term time only) 7.30pm start in St Teresa's Hall, Shenley Road, Borehamwood finishing at 9.30pm.

No singing experience required with all the songs you know and love from the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s and one or two surprises from more recent times. If you want fun and a chance to meet new friends along with a good sing, then come and join us. All ages and abilities welcome.

Martin Lowther lowther_martin@yahoo.co.uk



Friends of Care Homes

Tamsin Hill from Loom Lane, in Radlett, climbed to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro together with her mum Karen in September this year. Tamsin set up a charity page on the Justgiving website and raised in excess of £3,000 for the Friends of Care Homes, a new registered charity also based in Radlett, who support people and families living with Alzheimer's and dementia.

The Friends put on weekly live entertainment inside and outside care homes, and also support seniors, the isolated and the lonely. The Friends have weekly events every Sunday afternoon at Phillimore Court in Radlett and also on a Saturday afternoon in South Oxhey. Our events take place at the weekends when social clubs often do not operate.

One of our youngest volunteers, Tamsin is currently taking an MSc degree at King's College, London. The Friends presented Tamsin with a glass trophy at our event, which she will be able to keep forever as a reminder of her achievement. Tamsin shows incredible interest for one so young and understands how important it is for people with mental illness to be kept occupied on a regular basis. I think Tamsin sees the benefits that our musical events can bring to our seniors, especially families living with Alzheimer's and/or dementia. She is so popular with everyone. The Friends will always be incredibly grateful to both Tamsin and her mother Karen for their support. The funds Tamsin has raised are being put into immediate use, providing regular live entertainment and lots of fun every weekend for our seniors.

Vicky Churchill founder of The Friends of Care Homes www.friendsofcarehomes.com



Mencap Golf Day

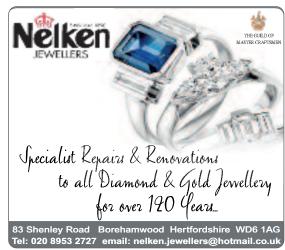
Rain did not stop play when players took to the course at Hendon Golf Club for Hertsmere Mencap's annual Golf Day, despite the inclement weather.

All said how much they enjoyed the day and told us how they were "looking forward to next year." A special treat for the golfers was an exhibition of incredible golf shots by Jeremy Dale, a professional golf trick shot artist, at one point balancing on a 2" rubber ball to take a drive

Chair Paul Moser said how happy he was the day went so well, providing much needed funds to pay for the activities for all our members. He thanked the sponsors of the day, Pelicans Manufacturing and Grower Freeman and also expressed his appreciation to Morris Bright, Leader of Hertsmere Borough Council, who acted as a highly entertaining auctioneer. Jeremy Dale was a fascinating after-lunch speaker and handed out the player and team prizes.

Paul Moser





MAKE IT A NEW YEAR AT MAXWELL!

...do something different!



New to Borehamwood? Lived here for ages but feeling lonely or uninvolved? Kids bored and looking for something to do? Well, here's some good news – for a change! Maxwell Park Community Centre, right here in the centre of town, is just waiting to welcome you!

Being part of the 'Maxwell Family' is a great way to make new friends in the community, get fit, or relax. The atmosphere in the centre is welcoming and warm, with all our groups going out of their way to be friendly and supportive.

We have regular groups and clubs to suit all ages, seven days a week, morning, afternoon and evening, and the centre is often buzzing with several activities running in our hall, lounge and studio.

Maxwell Park Community Centre

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50 Plus, dance, keep fit, karate, art, music, yoga, table-tennis,
bowls, support groups etc.
Visit our website for more details
There's something for everyone!

Our spacious Main Hall is also available at weekends for private functions – please contact us at: 020 8953 4296 Enquiries @maxwellpcc.org - www.maxwellpcc.org

Our regular groups include:

Baby Massage; Bar-K Line-Dancing; B'Nai Maccabim Synagogue; Butterflies Community; CA Substance Abuse Support; Carers' Coffee Morning; Elstree & Borehamwood Table-Tennis (junior & senior, coaching & competition); DrugFam; Fifty Plus Art/Bowls/Table-Tennis; Fit Club; Funky Friends Youth Group; Hartbeeps for Babies; Job Club; Keep Fit; K's School of Dance (award-winning dance group); MFMM Church Ministry; Shogun Karate; Super Soccer Stars (for ages 2-5); Stroke Association; Positive Movement; VRCC Church; Visually Impaired Club; Yoga (Beginners, Advanced, Dynamic & Pregnancy). We also host regular training courses. You can also book private guitar or keyboard lessons with our resident music teacher, Sheldon Conrich.

Our spacious main events hall is available at weekends, for private parties and events.

So please don't be a stranger – call us on 020 8953 4295, pop in and see what's happening for yourself, or visit our website – www.maxwellpcc.org – where you can find details and contacts for all of our regular activities.

The Maxwell Team!



7th Borehamwood Scout Group



On Saturday 14 October, Cub Scouts from the 7th Borehamwood Scout Group attended All Saints Cemetery in Shenley Road.

The object of their visit was to prepare for the coming remembrance period by clearing the war graves of two members of the RAF who died during the Second World War. The graves are those of RAF Corporal B Binoth and Pilot Sergeant Claude Seaton-Williams, who died in 1942 and 1943 respectively. Over time these graves had become a little neglected and the Cubs felt that it would be good to remember local heroes by giving the graves a good clean up. This work involved cutting grass and weeding, removing leaves and moss and washing and scrubbing the stone work.

All the work had to be agreed beforehand by consultation with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and the Reverend Tim Warr of All Saints Church. Cub leaders Danielle Dorsett and Carol Denbigh were thankful for the help given by the Cooperative Funeral Care, who supplied materials for use with this project, and said that the Cubs really enjoyed the task and showed a lot of interest in the local people within the graveyard. Some even found traces of their own families.

Following on from this cleanup, the Cubs will be making some wreaths at their pack meetings, which they will be laying on the graves after the District Remembrance Service on 12 November. This will also help with their understanding of how disabled people are employed in carrying out this work for the British Legion nationally.

Len Denbigh





The Berlin Marathon

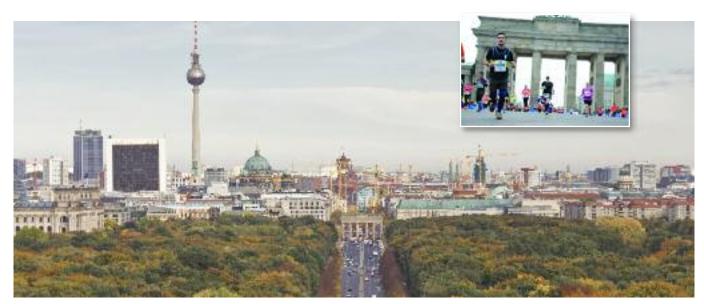
Sunday 24 September was a beautiful sunny morning for 41,000 runners who were taking part in the Berlin Marathon. One of the runners was David, who was running to raise money for the Guide Dogs Association.

David's father, John Cooper, headteacher of Borehamwood's Monksmead Primary School from 1982 to 2002, retired due to his sight loss and is a familiar sight around Borehamwood, walking with Andy, his second guide dog.

David had previously completed the London and Brighton marathons, the one hundred mile bike ride and a triathalon, always raising money for visually disabled charities. This was the first time that he had raised money for the Guide Dogs Association. David said "Dad walks about 40 miles in a good week; the marathon was just 26 miles and I had the bonus of running through the Brandenburg Gate".

David's efforts raised just over £800. David added "I would like to thank all of the people who supported me with donations, they were terrific".

John Cooper



Environment

Woodcock Hill Village Green

Woodcock Hill Village Green committee held their AGM on Tuesday 17 October.

Time to reflect on the achievements from August 2016 to September 2017. We still need more members both for funds and to come along to working parties. Some committee members attended the CPRE ceremony where Alex Melson received his well-deserved commendation.

Tesco Green Bag grant work is almost complete. Work on the footpath, vegetation clearance and the ponds has all been carried out by Maydencroft, an environmental company. Only the notice board remains to be installed.

Working parties in September and October removed large amounts of rubbish from the area including two doors and four car wheels, three of



which were brand new. Deeply embedded rubbish has been uncovered during the recent meadow clearance. At the next working party on Mitzvah Day 19 November clearing this rubbish will be one of the tasks. Children's activities are planned for that day: habitats making, games and masks.

Membership is £5 per household and life membership £50. pat.strack@ntlworld.com

Aldenham Country Park Trust Limited

The committee submitted an application to Hertfordshire County Council in 2013 for the footpath around Aldenham Reservoir to become a designated footpath, ie a Public Right of Way.

Evidence supporting the claim was collected. Hertfordshire County Council turned the application down. ACPT Ltd appealed to the Secretary of State and the appeal was upheld. The next step was a notice issued by HCC on 25 August 2017 asking for any objections to be registered. The deadline of 6 October for objections has passed. There have been two objections.





The reservoir suffered from blue algae during the hot summer months but the water has cleared now.

The Hertsmere Local Plan calls for developers to put forward land to be considered for development for the period of the Plan. Liberty Aldenham has put forward the land in the Green Belt at Watford Road. The original application for housing failed, but included funding of £4.5 million coming forward from the developers to set up a Trust to manage the reservoir and its curtilage in perpetuity for all to enjoy. This 200 year old dam, built by French prisoners of war, must be preserved.

You are invited to the AGM on Monday 27 November at 7.30pm at Allum Hall.

ACPT Ltd membership contact pat.strack@ntlworld.com

Reviva

STENCH is a group of representatives from Elstree & Borehamwood Green Belt Society, Brockley Hill Residents Association, Elstree Village Preservation Society and Composers Estate residents.

The Environment Agency has the power to revoke the Reviva licence. The original application made in 2011 states that the operation would be odourless. Quite clearly this is not the case. STENCH members are urging that the EA use that power.

Reviva continues to operate and no enforcement has yet taken place, either by Hertsmere Borough Council or Hertfordshire County Council.

Reviva has been advised to produce an air management scheme (AMS) and an odour management plan (OMP). Reviva has until January 2018 to submit a revised planning application to HCC. That would probably be heard by Hertfordshire Planning Committee in

June and is likely to be refused again. Then an appeal would be lodged and the residents would have to suffer for at least another 2-3 years.

The odours were particularly bad at the end of the summer and autumn as compost was taken from the Elstree site and spread on fields behind Woodcock Hill Farm. Residents as far as Stanmore and north Borehamwood were affected by the nauseous cloying smell exacerbated by damp warm weather.

STENCH Committee has been promised support for a solution by County Councillor Caroline Clapper and Borough Councillors Harvey Cohen (portfolio holder) and Morris Bright, Leader of the Borough Council. Stench Committee members met Oliver Dowden MP on 20 October to prove their case for action.

Oliver Dowden has now arranged a meeting with EA, Hertsmere County Council officers and three Stench representatives to try to find a solution.

EVPS add Committee members meet to discuss the ongoing traffic and parking problems and lobby the appropriate authorities.

Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society

Numerous letters of objection and concern about the urgent necessity of preserving Aldenham Reservoir- the treasured and beautiful recreation facility and wildlife habitat. We support the development of the land parcel on Watford Road possibly for employment with the provision of funds for a Community Interest Company to run the Aldenham Reservoir from the developer.

Designation of the path round the Reservoir as a Public Right of Way is one of our campaigns. This is currently awaiting consideration by the Planning Inspectorate. We have discussed the new Local Plan at length and will be represented at the meeting on 23 November. This will direct changes in our community for the next fifteen years.



Light up the town

As well as the lights outside All Saints Church and the railway station, this year the three county councillors representing our Town are joining in the Town Festival of Light.

Xmas trees with lights and decorations will be erected in each of their wards: Caroline Clapper in Elstree village, Alan Plancey in Manor Way and Susan Brown in Leeming Road. There will be a ceremony at each tree when local residents will be able to join with councillors and representatives from local organisations singing carols and Christmas songs around the tree.

Thank you to Gristwood and Toms for providing the trees and arranging for secure containers to be made that can be reused annually. They will store the containers as they have for the station.

The Borough tree, at the end of Furzehill Road, will also be lit as part of joint working of the three - Town, Borough and County - Councils.

Macmillan Cancer Nurse Appeal



On a wet and windy Friday afternoon 29 September Sasha Capocci with help from Borehamwood Safer Neighbourhood Team held an afternoon tea party to raise funds for the Macmillan Cancer Nurse Appeal.

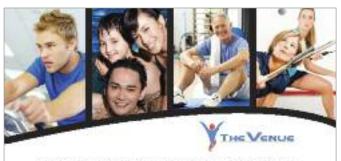
About 40 people enjoyed the sandwiches and Sasha's pastries, speciality green fairy cakes and scones. A raffle raised £150 and contributions were another £200, a total of £350. While the music played a fun guiz was set to challenge all.

It was a great afternoon. Thanks to all who helped

Pat Strack







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The Borehamwood and District Garden Craft Society

The Borehamwood and District Garden Craft Society was conceived during the Second World War when folks were feeling the pinch of rationing causing great shortages of food.

Up to 1948 the showing of glorious dahlias and chrysanthemums was probably encouraged to take minds off the horrors of war. Interestingly, older men had the time to grow the award winning flowers, but decided at a meeting in 1948 to include vegetables and fruit. A simple constitution was drawn up and an affiliation to the Royal National Horticultural Society was proposed.

In 2018 our Society will celebrate 70 Years as a fully constituted Garden society with a membership consisting of adult residents of Borehamwood and District and any such persons acceptable to the committee. It exists to promote and encourage interest in the use and cultivation of garden plants and to assist members in every facet of garden activity.

There are not many garden societies continuing to encourage their members to take part in Spring, Summer and Autumn Shows every year. This is not an easy task given the amazing changes in climate experienced and the very small number of committee members who ensure a display of plants judged by Royal Horticultural Society accredited judges and impressive enough to show to the public and be awarded magnificent trophies.

Please join with our Borehamwood and District Garden Craft Society in celebrating the forthcoming 70th year. We proudly acknowledge the wonderful effort contributed by Elstree and Borehamwood and devoted residents past and present who have kept this Society in existence all these years.

Rest well over the festive season.

The AGM will be held on 12 February 2018. Allum Hall at 6.30pm and will feature a speaker on roses.

Rose Barry



Elstree & Boreham Wood Museum

In the last Town Crier we mentioned the great success we've had with our current exhibition, Toys, Games & Gadgets, with well above average visitor figures. Many visitors are keen to relive their memories of playing with the toys from their youth and introducing them to their children. Nostalgia wins every time!

And to keep up the pace we are planning to have a Games Night at the Museum on Tuesday 28 November for everyone to come along and play the games. The upstairs library area as well as the Museum will be open to the public from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Tables will be laid out for visitors to play board games from snakes & ladders to draughts, and card games from cribbage to whist, and lots more. There will be devotees of Tippit (or Up Jenkins), conkers, and other games.

Refreshments and nibbles will be provided to help, or hinder, your eye-hand co-ordination, and we hope as many of you as possible will pop in and have a go. It will be a fun evening for sure. Of course if you have any unusual items from the last four decades since the start of the digital age, please bring them in with you. And you can still play the games in the Museum itself – Pong, Simon, Pinball, etc. Book a place by ringing the Museum on 01442 454888, or drop by and see us at 96 Shenley Road.

Now available is the Museum tote bag. A strong and practical bag for shopping, sandwiches and carrying the paper, this is now on sale in the Museum for only £2. A great way to show your support and publicise your local history outlet.

Toys, Games & Gadgets runs until the end of the year, and we are open from Tuesdays to Thursdays from 12pm to 6pm, and on Saturdays from 10am to 3pm.

Visit us on the Second Floor at 96 Shenley Road, Borehamwood. Visit our website at www.elstree-museum.org.uk, see us on Facebook, or catch us on Twitter.

Simon Gee







Make a Face

This is me - the children of Elstree and Borehamwood

Primary school children of Elstree and Borehamwood will be invited to draw a self-portrait on A4 paper in whichever medium (crayon, pencil, paint) they prefer. The plan is for each picture to be hung along either side of Shenley Road during the Town Festival fortnight and the local library thereafter.

The benefits of this project are manifold. A self-portrait is the most introspective of art forms, enabling young children to learn how they want to present themselves to the world around them. It also offers the maximum amount of artistic freedom, giving a child time to look at themself in a mirror, studying their own features, working out how it all fits together and teaching themself how everyone is different. This is a perfect opportunity for teaching basic body shapes and an excellent way to introduce art history since so many famous artists painted self-portraits.



An additional benefit is that through this project, children will be enabled to nurture a feeling of belonging and to have a sense of pride in where they live. As they walk along the road in the centre of our town, they will experience the pleasure of participating with other children in their community, engendering a feeling of belonging.

The project will work with the heads of all the local primary schools to organise the drawings and will approach the Fire Brigade to help to display the self-portraits. It has been the idea of Susan Moser, a qualified drama therapist who has lived in Elstree since 1971. Susan has three children, one of whom has a learning disability, and has a long involvement with Hertsmere Mencap. She has produced and directed many shows in the area, working with children of all ability levels and successfully ran Up & Away, a drama workshop for children both with and without a learning disability.

Susan believes the Make a Face project is the first in the country and will be a trailblazer for other communities!

This will be a joint initiative with the Town Council.

Rotary Club of Elstree & Borehamwood



Rotary Golf Day

This year's Rotary Golf Day at Aldenham Golf Club was very successful due to the hard work of Steve McNicholas in organising the event, in a very short time.

At the evening dinner, the golfers were joined by Rotarians and guests. Sasha Capocci, president of Elstree and Borehamwood Rotary Club, thanked fellow Rotarian Steve McNicholas and all who had helped in so many ways, especially to the eight teams taking part. The many sponsors were thanked for helping to raise funds for Rotary charities.

During the evening an auction and a raffle were held which boosted the final total to over £5,000.



Purple Crocuses

Rotary International has in recent years launched 'Purple Crocuses' to raise the profile of its long-running campaign to eradicate polio by vaccination across the world. For every £1 Rotary Clubs raise the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation donates another £2.

Just three cases of polio have been reported so far this year in Afghanistan and Pakistan, the last two countries affected. We are nearly there but we need three clear years!

Every year Elstree and Borehamwood Rotary Club raises funds for Rotary International Eradicate Polio Project and has again bought crocus bulbs to be planted in the town. There are a few thousand to be planted in the town, double the number we purchased last year. They have been donated to local faith groups, community centres and schools to plant in their grounds. These should be planted before the end of the month for the best results.

Rotarians will plant corms outside the Civic Offices and by the Rotary bench beside Elstree Studios.

Rotary District 1130 Disability Games

On Sunday 15 October Rotarian Scott McLachlan, District Governor for District 1130, organised the annual Disability Games at Aspire, Stanmore Orthopaedic Hospital . Elstree and Borehamwood President Sasha Capocci arranged for two teams from the town to take part. One team came from the Visually Impaired Club and the other from Mencap.

There were a variety of activities including boccia, darts, bagatelle, stick ball, new age curling, quoits, bowls, table tennis and wheelchair slalom. It was a great success. Rotarian Town Cllr Clive Butchins was the official photographer. Friend of Rotary Andrew Grady provided the sound system and support for it throughout the afternoon.

The prizes were presented by the Town Mayor Cllr Eric Silver at the end of a long afternoon. He is also a Rotarian at Northwick Park Club.



Rotarian town Cllr Pat Strack ran the raffle which raised £150. All the proceeds will go to Wheel Power (British Wheelchair Sport).

Thank you to all who helped with transport and carers and thank you to Marion Joyce at Tesco for providing the water for all contestants and helpers.

Rotary Shelter Boxes

These are equipped with shelters, blankets, water tablets, etc. Other versions now reflect the need of the area of the disaster.

Following the string of disasters that have occurred we are just

collecting for money for the Shelter Boxes to be directed from International HQ. Rotarians started collecting for Sierra Leone raising £600. Since then we have raised another £500. We would like to thank Pat Sperry at St Michaels Church for organising a quiz and raising £150.

The Studios Satellite Rotary Club of Elstree and Borehamwood

This club meets every first Monday and third Tuesday of the month at Elstree Studios at 6.45pm for 7pm for one hour. We have had several interesting speakers. Claire Morris who is a volunteer at Aldenham Renaissance on her work in obtaining funding for the special needs facility and support for SEND parents. Adrian Faiers gave a talk about Shelter Boxes and the ever growing need to support disaster appeals around the world and at home. Stuart Nagler, Deputy Police Commissioner for Hertfordshire, gave an update on policing in the county and in the town. Carol Denbigh reminded us of the need to support The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. John Cooper told of

the work of the Jubilee Sailing Trust and looked forward to his adventure sailing round the world next year. We look forward to hearing about Love on the Rocks, a craze that is sweeping the town. Maxine Steinberg will tell us about the exciting idea of crocheting covers for rocks or painting them and hiding them around the town.

The club has applied for full Rotary status from January 2018 as a satellite of the parent club Elstree and Borehamwood Rotary. A date is set for the launch at Elstree Studios on Wednesday 24 January. Members of the parent club will also be celebrating Christmas and the New Year. The membership is growing and we would welcome all enquiries.

Contact pat.strack@ntlworld.com or Sandra Parnell 020 8953 0832.



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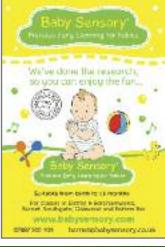
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Clubs & Groups

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 Drop In

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

Borehamwood W.I.

2nd Monday monthly between 1.15pm - 3.15pm

Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood WD6 5BT

Sunday 19 November

NSPCC Craft & Gift Fair

Allum Hall, Elstree, WD6 3PJ, 10:30am - 3:30pm

Tuesday 21 November

U3A

St Teresa's Church Hall, 10.30am

Talk on "Great Ormond St. Hospital Children's Charity", arrive from 10am for coffee and chat

Sunday 26 November

Christmas Lights Switch On

All Saints Church, 2pm - 6pm

Sunday 26 November

Acoustics Night at the Fisheries

8pm

Everybody welcome: singers, instrument players, monologue tellers, poets or just be a spectator

Tuesday 28 November

Free French Language Sessions

96 Shenley Road, 2.30pm - 4pm

Open to all adults

Thursday 7 December

Going Down the Village - Church Lads Brigade

The Museum, 96 Shenley Rd, 10.30am – 11.30am

Wednesday 13 December

BBC Elstree Concert Band Christmas Concert

Allum Hall, 8pm

www.ticketsource.co.uk/ebtc

Saturday 16 December

Santa Saves Christmas

96 Shenley Road, 1.30pm

Tickets £9.75 including a present for every child

Tuesday 19 December

U3A

St Teresa's Church Hall, 10.30am

Christmas Social, with Christmas readings by Geoff Hales

Arrive from 10am for coffee and chat first

Thursday 1 February 2018

Going Down the Village

The Museum, 96 Shenley Rd,

10.30am - 11.30am

Sportsdays (egg, spoon & sack races!

Monday 12 February 2018

Borehamwood and District Garden Craft Society

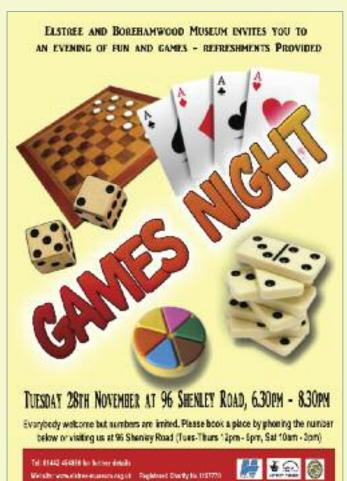
Allum Hall, 6.30pm

AGM with guest speaker on roses

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Love on the rocks UK

If you have discovered a painted rock in Borehamwood, this is what it's all about! This activity has been inspired by the Facebook group Love on the Rocks UK, created to encourage people to paint rocks and hide them for others to find, simply to bring a smile to someone's day.

The idea originated in the USA and the UK group now has a membership of nearly 40,000! In Borehamwood we now have lots of happy hiders and finders! This is an activity for everyone!

There is no requirement to be artistic – just a few words on a rock or perhaps a smiley face is sufficient!

The idea is simple - (1) get some rocks, (2) paint/decorate them, (3) hide them, (4) go and hunt for rocks someone else has hidden, (5) post a photo of your find on the Facebook group to let the hider know their rock was found!

When you find a rock, the choice is yours whether to keep it, leave it for someone else to find or take it to hide it again.

This pastime is relaxing, can be very therapeutic and has the following benefits:

- The whole family can spend time together decorating rocks (and it gets us all away from our electronic devices).
- It encourages participants to get some fresh air in order to hide rocks or search for them.
- Members of the group report it has eased symptoms of anxiety and depression as decorating rocks is quite absorbing.

Hiding them ensures the maker will get out of the house, and when your creation is found the smile generated by the finder is a huge morale boost!

Please join us and have a go yourself! For ideas and inspiration join the Facebook group 'Love on the Rocks UK'.

[Article written by Maxine Steinberg with thanks to Nancy Frost and Tracie Anne Beevor for permission to use their smiley finder photos!]











Have you discovered....? Teddy's Trail from Caldecote





This is one of eighteen walking routes through the local countryside, promoted by Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council and named after the fox terrier who helped to devise them.

The trail starts and finishes at the station, beginning with a 10-minute bus ride, followed by a gentle 5-mile walk.

Among the points of interest along the way, you will see

- An Italianate-style convent, once a private house and now part of a Jewish school
- · A footbridge under which 33.5 million vehicles pass every year
- A reservoir holding enough water to make 1.5 mugs of tea for everyone on Earth
- A gothic-style "castle" used in filming Lolita and episodes of The Avengers and Miss Marple
- An airfield used in wartime to assemble Wellington bombers
- A pub named after the coat of arms of the aristocrat who built it
- A school once attended by comedians David Baddiel, Matt Lucas and Sacha Baron Cohen.
- The site of a medieval manor house
- A road once used by Roman soldiers and Olympic marathon runners
- A house previously used as a rehearsal studio by The Kinks
- Borehamwood's original shops, oldest pub, first place of worship and first school.













To download a copy of the trail guide (and to find out about the rest of Teddy's Trails), visit www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk,

or ask for a printed copy by phoning the Town Council on 020 8207 1382.





When walking in the countryside, always remember the Countryside Code:

- Be safe plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- · Consider other people.

Enjoy the trail - and please let us have your comments and suggestions about it.

Teddy's Trails written by John Cartledge

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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.

22 November	Full Council	Main Hall	7.30pm
28 November	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7pm
16 January	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7pm
17 January	Full Council	Main Hall	7.30pm
31 January	Business Forum	Main Hall	7.30pm
6 February	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7.30pm
8 February	General Management	Meeting Room	7pm
13 February	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7pm
21 February	Transport Forum	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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