

ELSTREE & BOREHAMWOOD **TOWN CRIER**



The magazine for Elstree & Borehamwood residents

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Hear ye! Hear ye!

Letter from the Mayor...



Here we are in 2018!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

January started with a showbiz event for my wife, Evelyn, and I when we were invited to appear on the TV show "Celebrity Big Brother's Bit On The Side". We were made very welcome by the hosts Emma Willis and Rylan Clark. This particular series has captured the imagination of the public and it is terrific that this is produced here in our Town at Elstree Film Studios. It was a lot of fun to be on TV and I tried my best to promote the name of Elstree and Borehamwood.

Looking forward, by the time you read this I will have attended the preview of the "150 Years of The Railway" Exhibition at the Museum in 96 Shenley Road. It is incredible to think that trains have been stopping at our Town for all that time. I encourage you to read the excellent pull-out article on pages 17-20 of this edition of the Town Crier which will give you lots of interesting information about this topic.

This is a busy time for the Town Council as we enter the new year's meeting cycle and I hope to see many of you at the Annual Parish Meeting on 7 March (see page 33).

With good wishes to you all.



Cllr Eric Silver
Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood
For Mayoral enquiries please call the
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THE RADLEY MEMORY CAFÉ

The Memory Café was recently opened at The Radley Care Home.

The Café is open to everyone in the community and this will run on every First Thursday of the month.

Below are some important times and dates for your dairy.

- 1st February 2018 10.45am - 12.15pm
- 1st March 2018 10.45am - 12.15pm
- 5th April 2018 10.45am - 12.15pm
- 3rd May 2018 10.45am - 12.15pm

We are all here to help, support and serve our community

The Radley Care Home
 Gregson Close, Borehamwood, Herts, WD6 5RG

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Elstree & Borehamwood NSPCC 2017

This year has been a profitable one for our local committee as we have been able to raise between £8-9,000 for the work of the NSPCC through three events.

The June lunch was held at Shenley Cricket Club for 100 guests who were greatly entertained by our speaker, June Kenton, the well-known royal corsetiere. We were all disconcerted by our underwear but not by her many hilarious anecdotes.

The July garden party at Schopwick took place in a miraculous sunny break in a day of rain with the music of Borehamwood Brass and Paul Lomax to help the festivities.

Our November craft fair was very successful with the help of the same musicians and Borehamwood Community Choir. The schools art exhibition was excellent with a record 11 schools taking part. The prizes were handed out by our MP Oliver Dowden.

The year ended with the Christmas concerts by Borehamwood Brass, generously hosted by Tesco Stores for which we collected. All the money donated by the public so lavishly will, magnificently, be given to the NSPCC by Borehamwood Brass. Thanks to you all.

We shall be running all these events in 2018- dates to be announced.

Please continue to support us and help raise money for this best of causes - our children.



NSPCC first prize winners 2017

Aldenham Prep

Ella Tollman

Cowley Hill

Joint first: Liam Foord and Syeda Tanzima

Haberdashers Aske's

Chairman's prize: Aarav Radia

Joint first: Murilo Kozilek and Onkaar Niller

Kenilworth

Chloe Shepherd

Monksmead

Joint first: Isabelle Alldes and Oliver Fitzjohn

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Joint first: Zubeida Sadat and Finley Tanser

St. Nicholas

Diana Nastse

St. Teresa's

Joint first: Rebecca Iori and Mikie Nweke

Shenley

Joint first: Emily Lincoln and Emma Winsor

Summerswood

Joint first: Tiana Ely & Abigail Beadle

Woodlands

Harmony Joyce-Burchell

Tickled Pink

Tickled Pink, painting to music for older people, sponsored by Hertsmeare Borough Council.

Tickled Pink continues to meet on Monday afternoons at the Manor House, Allum Hall in Elstree. A group, no more than ten people, enjoy painting to music in a warm, friendly atmosphere and are served afternoon tea.

The work produced is very impressive and each participant is surprised at the standard of painting they reach, improving with each new work. The sessions are run by Susan Moser and Janine Greenberg.

Their contact details are

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'You'd BETTA believe it!'



It's hard to believe that forty years have passed since town - twinning started in Elstree and Boreham Wood.

In that time, hundreds of local people have visited Offenburg, the gateway to Germany's lovely Black Forest and the attractive small town of Fontenay aux Roses, near Paris.

School children, sports teams and business people have all made valuable contacts and friendships that have lasted a lifetime.

Sometimes, even closer relationships have been formed. Take Thomas and Susan Deschler for example. Susan Bailey and her brother, David, both attended the former Boreham Wood Grammar School in the 'sixties. At that time, the school had a very active exchange arrangement with a school in Offenburg. David and his German friend Thomas Deschler stayed with each other's families many times over the years.

After his schooldays, Thomas went to medical school and became a GP in one of Offenburg's neighbouring towns. He also started dating Susan, his friend's sister and eventually the couple married, settling in Germany, where Susan helped Thomas run his surgery. Susan became so fluent in German and so active in the community that she was elected Deputy Mayor of her new home town. She also acted as a guide for English-speakers visiting the famous Black Forest Museum near their home.

Thomas and Susan met with our local town twinning organisers and told them their romantic story.

Martine Eni, Chairman of the Boreham Wood and Elstree Twin Town Association (BETTA) said: "It just goes to show what twinning can lead to. This young couple's lives were totally transformed by it. Now, we have developed a programme of annual visits to both France and Germany. These are open to everybody. During 2018, we will be in Fontenay for their vibrant 'Fête de la Ville'. June and September will find us in Offenburg, for their celebrated 'Weinfest'."

Why not come and join us? Will you have a great time?
You'd BETTA believe it!"

Martine Eni



Pen Pals

The twin town association BETTA is looking for families interested in creating links for their children with our French and German twin towns.

This should be for families of teens interested in exchange visits / contacts and general discovery of another culture. We have candidates waiting.

Please contact Martine Eni, Chair of the of Borehamwood & Elstree Twin Town Association, on 07852 967160.



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Compost Corner

'Our Garden Away From Home'



It all started when the family were watching a programme about green waste and composting Adel tells me, and became a journey which to their great surprise resulted in a first prize for 'Best Effort' as newcomers to Melrose Allotments.

Adel, Andras and their two children Danuta and Nandor began growing strawberries in pots, and reminisced on how they grew veggies in the ground, growing up in Hungary. They felt it was timely to harness the interest being shown by their 4 and 6 yr olds, teach them about how compost was formed and integral to growing nutritional food in a healthy environment. Since they were not able to dig up the garden of their rented accommodation, Adel looked up 'how to rent a garden for vegetables' on the internet and came up with allotments in Herts.

She was surprised to get started so quickly, from an enquiry made in January '17, to digging the allotment in April. Despite it looking very green (with weeds), they hit the ground running and rented a rotovator for a weekend. It was a bit expensive, but within two days the whole plot was dug, saving time, and they could get things in the ground straight away.

The children loved spending every Sunday there, and had jobs to do helping with the planting, watering, and weeding, and learning to identify the weeds from the seedlings. All unwanted greenery was put onto the compost pile. They especially loved collecting worms for the pile having learned that it was worm activity (burrowing though, eating and excreting the greenery) that helped create rich compost – food for plants.

It has never been a problem to get the children involved, Adel explains, they love learning about growing vegetables and fruits, not to mention harvesting and eating them! They are very proud of what they have achieved, and notice the difference in taste between home grown and shop bought sweetcorn. Not one opportunity for learning is wasted, even the snow during January was explained as acting like a blanket to protect what was still in the ground including all the creatures. Of course, they already knew what snow was good for!

The next project is to make space on the window sills to begin growing the seedlings for this year like onion, garlic and tomatoes. Adel says they are still eating their stored potatoes and carrots from last year, and invites me to come see how they store their carrots in sand, which keeps them totally fresh.

Now they are getting requests from work colleagues and their families to look after the allotment when they go on holiday, or to just

come visit and see what is happening. Partner Andras who works in construction finds that watering the plants after a long day is a very relaxing antidote.... I'm sure the worms gratefully agree as they munch through all the uncooked, uneaten Christmas Brussel sprouts in green bins and on compost piles in and around Borehamwood.


Anne Nicodemus



Danuta



Nandor and Danuta



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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: 20th March & 15th May 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

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Memories from the war

During the week of remembrance two residents at The Radley Care Home, Brenda Jones and Marjorie Hannock, shared their experience and contributions during World War II.

Marjorie visited St Teresa's Catholic Primary School and shared her story with the children. She was very moved by the response she received from the children and staff at the school.

Marjorie and Brenda recall their stories below.

Marjorie Hanbrook

I never wanted to talk to the children about the war. Even in their short lives you know it happens all too often worldwide.

I will tell you of one incident that happened to me. I joined the army in 1942 and we, as women, were known as the A.T.S. Auxiliary Territorial Services. I was stationed at various places in Britain and was in a mixed battery on gun sites.

The men manned the guns, the women manned the other instruments. I was on a height finder which measured the distance between us and the plane, usually a practice plane. There were also two ATS's spotting for the planes and the telephonists were below in a dugout.

We were then moved to another gun site which had search lights and that afternoon I was put on it. I had never seen one, let alone used one.

That night we heard an alarm and it was the real one and with the help of all the gun sites in the area we brought the enemy plane down. The thought of it now abhors me, that we could kill so easily, but we were fighting the Nazis and their evil leader Hitler and they had to be destroyed, which they were, so that we could all live in the free world that we know.

Ending on a lighter note I will tell you about the day I was demobbed. After going to Guildford, I was a civilian again I arrived in Borehamwood, and because it was after 5pm in those days shops were shut. I walked from the Borehamwood train station proud as a punch in my uniform along Shenley Road, up Furzehill and into Hillside Avenue and never saw a soul.



Brenda Jones

I am 94 years old. As a young girl I went to an ordinary junior school and later went to a trade school.

I joined the air force when I was eighteen and a half years old. I was very determined to join but my mum was not so enthusiastic and kept on at me saying, "What do you think you are doing? You don't have to go", but I told her I am going.

I was a flight mechanic. I did a 26 week course. I dealt with spanners. I made spanners and learnt which end I had to use. We looked after the engine before the plane could fly. I did the 'DI' daily inspection; this was a recommended thing.

I enjoyed every minute of it because the pilots were very kind to us; we were a group of eight women.

We always had a good time with the pilots when they were not flying. The pilots were always changing because a lot of them got killed. They were very lovely men; we used to have parties at the pub. The pub belonged to the services and they all looked after us. We had food when we were not supposed to; and drinks. It was fun.

We formed a bond with the other women that did the same job as me.

I was in the air force for four and a half years and enjoyed myself, apart from the oil, which was dirty oil from draining out of the plane engine; this could take all day.

I wouldn't have missed it for all the tea in China.



DR96

This lively over 60s club meets weekly on a Wednesday from 10am - 12pm at 96 Shenley Road and provides exercise, entertainment, speakers, quizzes and an opportunity to make new friends and socialise.

In November members made the winter arrangements to decorate All Saints Church for the Town Light switch on concerts on 26th November.

Highlight for December was the trip to see the lights in London. We started off at Covent Garden, with time to shop and eat, then enjoy the amazing displays in the Strand, Oxford Street, Regent Street, Sloane Square and Harrods. Then across the river to enjoy the view back from the Thames through the London Eye to the Houses of Parliament. We then went west to Winter Wonderland. That was truly amazing.

The Xmas party was held on December 14th and about 100 members, friends and volunteers enjoyed a full turkey and ham dinner followed by Christmas pudding, cream and custard. Deputy



Mayor Cllr Victor Eni and his colleagues from Sainsbury's visited us. They provided the wine for each table. Tesco Champion Marion Joyce brought two extra volunteers and provided the serviettes and crackers. The Rotary Club paid for a sweet treat for everyone. We were surprised when Santa and his helper arrived with gifts and cards from Community Hertsmere. We danced to Paul Lomax and his guitar. A really great day. Thanks to all the committee who worked so hard.

The club started back on 10 January with exercise to help recover from the Festive season. On 17 January about 80 members attended a buffet lunch at Elstree Studios. The food was great. We were entertained by Rat Pack tribute singer James Barnard.



Monday Club

The Monday Club continues to meet every other Monday at Organ Hall from 10.15am to 12.15pm.

Exercises taught by Sara help keep us fit. Quizzes, bingo, speakers and entertainers all make up the session. We finish up with soup and a roll.

In November we had a trip to Aylett's nursery to shop and see the Christmas decorations. We returned after lunch. Clare from Hertsmere Community Transport helped us on our travels. More trips are planned, including one to Bentley Priory.

Dates 5 and 19 February, 5 and 19 March, and 9 and 23 April.

Dementia Club

The Dementia Club party was postponed due to the snow so we celebrated on 9 January with afternoon tea.

Exercises were provide by Sara with music and a festive singalong by led by Nick Male.

The Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Club is growing but would welcome more members. Any families living with dementia are welcome especially those who feel isolated and want to socialise with others. We meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Fairway Hall from 2pm to 4pm.

Dates 6 and 20 February, 6 and 20 March, and 10 and 24 April.



School News

Summerswood Primary School

Summerswood reception children visit Fairbanks Lodge residents

15 children aged 4 and 5 years went to visit a local residents home in Borehamwood.

After the Early Years Leader at Summerswood, Ilana Freeman, watched a documentary on the benefits to both young and old in spending time together, she organised a project to ensure that all children in



Reception have the opportunity to visit and interact with residents.

The children sang Christmas songs to residents of Fairbanks Lodge

and they all participated in some Christmas arts and crafts. The children loved singing their favourite songs and then talking to the residents while they made snowflakes, paper chains and drawing their own Christmas pictures. To finish it all off the children and adults all shared some snacks together.

This is the first visit of many and both children and residents are looking forward to developing this relationship.



FA Cup visits Summerswood

Wow! What a privilege it was to have the FA Cup at Summerswood for a short time today!

Thank you so much to Borehamwood FC. It was really exciting having security guards, players, managers and photographers in school. Children who belong to Game On Football Club, Arsenal Girls Club or the school football teams were invited to have their photographs taken.

We were so grateful to have been asked to host them and we have invited them back if they are lucky enough to have the FA cup again. We're not sure who was more excited... the children or the staff!

Children in Need Choir 2017!

On Friday 17th November, 33 members of the Summerswood Primary School choir performed live on BBC1.

The children worked incredibly hard to rehearse a really challenging song. The honour of doing the opening solo to the song fell on the very trusty shoulders of Isaac Windsor-Richards. Such a nerve-wracking but exhilarating experience for everyone involved. Parents, staff and fellow students alike were so very proud to see Summerswood children lighting up television screens across the country.

Sarah Kneller



Saffron Green Primary School

School cook retires after 21 years' service at Saffron Green

21 years ago, a young lady, called Mary Bright, entered the school kitchen at Saffron Green.

Little did she know that she would spend a lifetime serving the children and staff so faithfully, feeding them, on a daily basis, the most scrumptious food. Little did she suspect that on the last Wednesday of term, December 2017, the children would be mourning the last day of "Mary's Famous Chicken Pie". For many years now parents have been unable to please their children at the dinner table as their pies have not matched the heady delights of Mary's.

On Tuesday 19 December 2017, Mary retired. Whilst we wish her well and joyful times ahead, spending time with her family, especially the grandchildren, Saffron Green has been left with a very big hole to fill.

Will any other cook know every child by name and know, individually, which child likes gravy on roast day and which child does not?

At the end of our last Christmas lunch with Mary, the children queued up for seconds. Our hearts were filled with joy as we saw the children bounce up and down with excitement as Mary filled their plates with extra sausages. As we all know, food is the way to everyone's heart.

We saw Mary off in style, with a special assembly where the children



presented Mary with cards and gifts and we watched her go redder and redder as all the staff, dressed as fruit and vegetables, gave her a rousing rendition of "Food Glorious Food".

A fitting send off for a wonderful lady. So, from all your friends at Saffron Green, both young and old, thank you for an amazing 21 years of service and we wish you a truly joyful retirement. Don't forget to visit.

Mrs Storey

Shenley Primary School

Sport Relief

We are very proud at Shenley Primary School as we have been awarded the title of 'Super School' recognising our fund raising efforts and contribution to Sport Relief of £5,000.

The school has been involved with the charity for some years now and has had events such as 'dress as your sporting hero' and 'run a mile' around the school field.

The Sports Council were so proud to receive, on behalf of the school, a letter from Tom Daly and an award.



Visit to Wilton Lodge residential care home

The Shenley School choir spent an afternoon at Wilton Lodge residential care home where they sang Christmas carols. The residents joined in singing and really enjoyed themselves.

The choir go every year and it is something that all of the residents look forward to, during the festive period.

St Nicholas School

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A big thank you to
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for donating and planting a
Christmas tree in our wildlife
area with the Eco Council.



Year 6's Baking Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered Year 6's baking competition or bought cakes at their bake sale for the Dragon's Apprentice Challenge.

They raised a whopping £140 for charity Barnardos!

Well done to Kiyanne - Year 6 whose entry won first prize!



First Prize



Hertfordshire Outstanding Governor Awards 2017

Congratulations to our Chair of Governors – Geoff Strack – who won the Hertfordshire Outstanding Governor Award at St Nicholas Elstree.



Cowley Hill Primary School

More awards at Cowley Hill

Cowley Hill has been awarded the top award from the The Woodland Trust Green Tree Award Scheme.

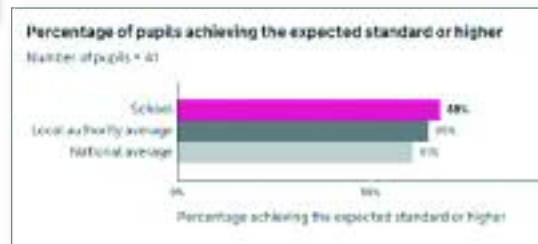
The Platinum Award is the highest accolade that can be awarded and has been the culmination of lots of hard work. As part of the award scheme children from across the school went to the new Heartwood Forest in St Albans and planted 100 trees. When fully planted, it will be the largest continuous native forest in England and in years to come the children will be able to visit the site and see the trees they have planted!



SATs results

It's official – SATs results just keep getting better at Cowley Hill

Figures published by the Department of Education in December confirm that the children at Cowley Hill not only do better than other children in Hertfordshire but also in the rest of the country. As a diverse community it is testament to the excellent teaching across the school that we have consistently built on our successes over the past 5 years.



(Data from www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk)

St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

St Teresa's children being good citizens

The pupils of St Teresa's were busy at the end of last term, helping others and the environment.

In November the whole school took part in Switch Off Fortnight, when everyone made a special effort to switch off lights and computers not being used. The school's Energy Monitors checked each classroom at lunchtime and reported back how well each class did. The children were also encouraged to do the same at home.

Also in November, the whole school took part in Children In Need Day, wearing either spots or stripes to school. The school raised £234 for this worthy cause.

Other charitable work has included the children donating Christmas shoeboxes, which get sent around the world to children who will not be receiving a Christmas gift and fundraising for children in Addo, Africa. The school choir sang carols at Tesco, other children made Christmas baubles and the KS2 pupils performed a wonderful carol concert - all of which raised £236 to help pay for uniform and school stationery for these children.

The school choir also spread Christmas goodwill by singing to the residents at Fountain Court and joined other local schools for the Switch On The Lights service at All Saints Church.

Head teacher, Ms Teresa McBride, said she was delighted that the children of St Teresa's take part in these community events and are learning to be good citizens - helping others locally and overseas.

Teresa McBride



Woodlands Primary School

FA Cup comes to Woodlands

On Tuesday 28 November, pupils at Woodlands Primary School were given a rare and special treat, when Boreham Wood Football Club visited the school, bringing along with them the FA Cup.



Headteacher, staff and pupils with FA Cup

Luke Garrad (Manager), along with the head coach and two players from B.W.F.C, talked to the children during assembly about the history of the competition before allowing them to have their photograph taken with the trophy.



Whole school with FA Cup

Harvest Festival parcels

A big thank you to all Woodlands parents, families and friends who kindly donated items to the school's Harvest Festival which took place on Friday 20 October.

The school received lots of donations which WSSPA members organised into a variety of specially decorated food hampers which pupils then delivered in the community. These parcels were gratefully received.



Mrs Mason with Harvest Gifts

Woodlands gets ready for Christmas

Woodlands held their school Christmas Fete on Friday 8 December 2017, organised by the Staff and Parents Association – WSSPA.

Father Christmas found time in his busy schedule to visit Santa's grotto where he met the children and posed to have photographs taken, before treating them all to a small gift.

On behalf of Woodlands staff, pupils and governors, we would like to wish all local residents and businesses a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Woodlands brings Christmas cheer

Pupils in Year 4 treated residents and staff at Fountain Court and Forest Care Village to a Christmas carol concert of their own on Wednesday 6 December.

Residents thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas singing and joined in merrily.



Yr 4 singing at Forest Care Village

Kenilworth Primary School

This year Kenilworth School is supporting Mind as our school charity. Mind works across the country supporting people with mental health issues.

We chose Mind in recognition of our wonderful author in residence Jonny Zucker who sadly died in November 2016. Jonny inspired so many of the children at Kenilworth to enjoy books and writing.

Here are a few pictures of Jonny working with our children and opening our wonderful library.

On 16 January 2018 we will be holding a Striker Boy day in school. Striker Boy is a thrilling book, set in the football world. Special editions of the book are being sold to raise awareness of mental health issues and we will be setting a challenge to all pupils/parents to submit extreme reading photographs of people reading the book. The photos could be from places around Borehamwood, London, the UK or around the world.

If you want to join in, send your photo in a JPG format to admin@kenilworth.herts.sch.uk by 1 March 2018 which coincides with World Book Day 2018. We will feature pictures on our Twitter page. If ex-pupils in Borehamwood who remember working with Jonny would like to join in we would love to have a photo or two from you. For more information about the book and campaign go to Strikerboy.com.

Kenilworth Primary School is continuing to work on developing emotional wellbeing with the introduction of mindfulness sessions in every class from January 2018.

All staff have been trained on using the Mindup materials which were devised by the Hawn Foundation. There are many positive factors to the Mindup programme, but all aim to enhance our pupils' lifelong learning.

Mindfulness training builds on Kenilworth's commitment to purposeful collaboration with agencies outside our school and builds on the school's vision to teach pupils to be emotionally resilient, have a love of creative learning and be physically active. We are looking forward to an exciting 2018.



First time in Hertsmere: Junior Dragons' Apprentice Challenge 2018

This year Community Hertsmere held the Junior Dragon's Apprentice Challenge for the first time. Six teams across four schools entered the Challenge with more than 100 students participating.

The Challenge runs over six weeks with local primary school teams, giving students in years 5 and 6 an opportunity to experience the business world. Each team is given £50 seed funding, which is invested into the teams business ideas to make a profit for their matched Charity.

The schools taking part include Saffron Green Primary School, Summerswood Primary School, St. Nicholas Elstree C of E and Monksmead Primary School. Business Dragon support has donated

by Metro Bank, Hertswood Academy and Hertsmere Borough Council. Local charity and community groups partnered with the teams include Live Well Project, Wheelchair Dance Sports Association, Goods for Good, Borehamwood Drop-in, Barnardos and Gratitude.

Junior Dragons' Apprentice Challenge is co-ordinated by Community Hertsmere. Chief Executive Stephen Craker said: 'This is the 1st year we are delivering the Junior Challenge and the response and enthusiasm we have had from Primary Schools has been great. We are looking forward to see which school will become the winners this year.'

Stephen Craker

Look forward to 2018 with Borehamwood Brass



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

During the festive season the band brought some 'Christmas Cheer' to the area.

The band played Christmas carols as usual in front of the Christmas tree at Tesco's, at the entrance to the store, in aid of the NSPCC, their chosen charity, raising some much needed money for this cause.

During spring the band will be preparing a concert programme for our summer season and envisage playing at many numerous carnivals and fetes over the summer months.

The band will be playing at different events in the town throughout the year. Look out for more information on the band's web site or like the Facebook page, to receive further news and updates. Also look out for information in future editions of the Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council's Town Crier magazine.

The band is considering an option to visit our German twin town, Offenburg, following an invitation to visit the area from a local music group, Musikverein Rammersweier.

If you currently play or used to play a brass instrument and fancy a challenge for the New Year, then why not contact the band?

The band meets most Friday nights in the Holy Cross Church Hall in Balmoral Drive, Borehamwood, WD6 2QT, from 8.00 to 10.00 p.m. If you would like to come, please phone us beforehand to ensure we are meeting.



The band welcome all ages to join the band; anyone wishing to join must have some musical experience.

For more information on Borehamwood Brass, and how to join, look at the band's web site or Facebook page.

Or please contact Andrew Grady on 07802 736628 or email borehamwoodbrass@hotmail.com

Web site: www.borehamwoodbrass.org.uk

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Andrew Grady



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



Borehamwood Foodbank

thanks you for your ongoing support



Foodbank has busiest Christmas yet.

Our build up to Christmas began with our Tesco collection at the beginning of December. Thanks to local people's generosity we collected 1.9 tonnes of food. This was really only the start of our busiest month since we opened four years ago. By Christmas we had been donated just over 4.5 tonnes of food. This was from individuals, schools, churches and faith groups, community groups and local organisations and businesses. From all of this generosity we were able to provide 189 adults and 165 children with 3 days' worth of food. We also made up and gave out 118 Christmas Hampers.

We had lots of lovely feedback and thanks, comments like "As a mother of two children I was able to have a full meal without feeling guilty, your help this Christmas is greatly appreciated."

As we move into 2018 the need for our service is increasing. We will be continuing with our Foodbank Friday collections at Kings Cross station on the last Friday of every month. We are looking for volunteers to help with this. We're especially keen to hear from local businesses who'd like to support us. If you are interested please get in contact via info@borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk



We will be continuing with our family lunches and cookery. Our next session will be on Wednesday 14 February, 11.30am - 1.30pm. If you would like to book a place please call us on 020 3583 1109 or via info@borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk.

Thank you again for all of your support during 2017. We look forward to helping more local people during the coming year.

Kim Gray
Foodbank Co-ordinator



Being a Trustee

Trusteeship is a great way to make a difference to a charity or cause you care about. As a respected and responsible role, it is also a brilliant route to developing new skills, gaining more experience and getting involved with new networks.

We all have a unique combination of expertise and perspectives to offer – from personal knowledge of a cause or the community a charity is working in, to professional skills and experience the charity needs. And boards of trustees need people like you to bring new insights, vision and support to what they do.

Interested? Then call the Hertsmere Volunteer Centre on 020 8207 4504 or visit www.communityhertsmere.org.uk/volunteering and complete the short application form.

Here are some local charities who are looking for Trustees:

- Borehamwood Foodbank, Borehamwood
- Cherry Tree Housing Association, Shenley
- Citizen's Advice Hertsmere, Elstree
- Community Hertsmere, Elstree
- Herts Sports and Wellbeing Foundation, Hatfield



“All Change!”

150 years of rail, from the past into the future

What if? What if the Midland Railway Company had not built a station at Elstree & Borehamwood when it opened its new line from Bedford to St. Pancras in July 1868?

Without a passenger rail service, the small rural village would not have grown into a town, the film studios would not have started to settle here from 1914, and the world might never have known the film and television classics created here.



Today passengers make an amazing 3.4 million journeys a year through Elstree & Borehamwood station, one of the busiest 5% of main line stations in the country. And with the second fastest projected growth in footfall of all the stations on its line, the railway's impact on the town will continue to increase.

To celebrate this milestone, so critical to our town, the “First Impressions” initiative plans an extensive programme of activities. Over the past nine years, the Town Council has worked with Hertsmere Borough Council, Hertfordshire County Council, train operator Thameslink and local volunteer group Elstree Screen Heritage to make the station and other public spaces more attractive and welcoming, using high impact visuals from our unique film and television heritage.

But the 150th anniversary is the most ambitious challenge “First Impressions” has yet faced. With the support of a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund as well as funding from all the members of “First Impressions”, the Elstree & Borehamwood Museum is staging a



6-month exhibition about the impact of our railway, drawing on its collection and the knowledge of its volunteers and local residents.

Staff and students at the EUTC (Elstree University Technical College) have helped create a brief documentary film with highlights from interviews with railway veterans. During the exhibition further interviews will be filmed with other railway staff as well as with local residents.

The exhibition will even feature a mock railway waiting room and ticket office from the 1940s and a range of exhibits. Most of the railway items in the exhibition have been loaned by the St. Albans Signal Box Preservation Trust.



A brief guide to the exhibition

Started in the early 19th century, British railways revolutionised how people lived, just as the advent of the age of the internet has done.

Elstree and Boreham Wood were farming communities of fewer than 300 people, living in just 50 houses, when in 1863 the Derby-based Midland Railway was granted 'Royal Assent' to extend its line from Bedford to London. On 13 July 1868 passenger services started running on what later became known as the Bed-Pan line.

The new Elstree station looked out over farmland, a few large houses... and little else. New industries and hopeful workers soon settled along the route of the railway, and within 30 years the local population had trebled.



By 1914, houses and shops had been built on land north and south of Shenley Road, in Furzehill Road, Glenhaven Avenue and Malden Road. Along with shops, pubs, a post office, churches and emergency services came businessmen and industrial pioneers.

The pioneer town of Borehamwood was well away from London smog and offered cheap land with good transport connections, and in 1914 a new state-of-the-art industry arrived when Neptune Film Company opened Lits studio in Clarendon Road. The film industry was to become the key employer in Borehamwood for the next 100 years.



During the First World War, Hertfordshire became a vast training and transit camp, and trains carried troops to the ports. The railways were again pushed to the limit during the Second World War. Railway staff were 'essential workers', and many women were employed to fill the skills shortage.

But this was the beginning of the end for steam engines. To meet the needs of a nation returning to normality, the railways were nationalised in 1948, creating British Rail. As road transport became cheaper and more reliable for moving goods, by the mid-1960s a third of routes and stations had been closed (the Beeching Cuts) to reduce costs. By 1968, steam locomotives had gone, replaced by diesel engines. The Bed-Pan line was then electrified, although an industrial dispute over 'driver-only' operation delayed the new trains for nearly a year. Elstree & Borehamwood station also changed, replaced with temporary structures alongside Platform One and a ticket office in a small building on Allum Lane.



In 1993 it was decided to break up British Rail; by 1997 a private company, Railtrack, controlled the track, signalling, land and buildings while private franchisees ran rail services. GTR (Govia Thameslink Railway) took over the franchise in 2014 and the old forecourt was transformed into an integrated transport interchange.

Thameslink continues to invest in the rail system and the station, with new high-tech trains and lifts. The station building itself is being redeveloped.



It's about the people too!

The story of the railway is not just about the trains. It's about the people: the people who run the station, sweep the floors, sell you tickets, maintain the track, drive the trains and operate the signals.

Trains and technology come and go, stations are demolished and rebuilt, but the dedicated people who have run the Bed-Pan line,

generation to generation, are the real champions behind the story of 150 Years of Rail at Elstree & Borehamwood.

The exhibition includes filmed interviews with several railway staff; highlights are shown below.

Cliff Watts

Cliff joined the Midland Railway in 1940 (aged 17) as an engine cleaner. He became a fireman and then drove steam engines, diesels and electrics until he retired in 1968.

"The best time on the railways was the steam days. The driver's money was just under £2 an hour and we didn't get any raises throughout the War."

"Steam engines? There were no two the same, and you could get 100 miles per hour coming downhill. But electrics? It was like driving a tram."



Bill Davies

In 1964 Bill joined as an engine cleaner in Nottingham, later becoming a driver. The Bed-Pan line started to be electrified on the same day he moved to Bedford.

A union rep for ASLEF (train drivers' union), Bill drove the first D.O.O. (Driver Only Operation) train from Bedford to St. Pancras in 1983.

"I wanted to be an engine driver, but they don't let you start at the age of three so I had to wait a bit before I could start." "It's much better to drive the commuters to work because you're guaranteed a seat!"

Don O'Brien

Don joined the railway at Cricklewood in 1989 before working in stations at Luton, St. Albans and Kings Cross. He moved to Elstree & Borehamwood station 25 years ago and retired in 2016.

"I was amazed to discover the railways had so many rules. Back in the 1980s it was like joining the army."

"Relations with customers are important, and I do like a bit of banter. I made some nice friends, and worked with a great team. I will miss them."



Siggy Cragwell

Siggy came to the UK from Barbados in 1962 to join British Rail, where he worked as a cleaner, a chargeman, a supervisor and in customer care, coming to Elstree in 2007.

Paul Green

Born in Sheffield, Paul Green joined in 2000 in revenue protection at Kings Cross Thameslink, and has worked in customer care at Elstree since 2008.

"Customers like to see a familiar face." "The biggest change is the amount of people who use the station; that's gone up every year. When I first came here we had three staff on duty; now we have platform staff, ticket office staff, and barrier staff."

"When things start going wrong you've just got to get in there and try to do the best you can."



But there's even more to our celebration

The exhibition will be held at the Elstree & Borehamwood Museum on the second floor of the Community Centre ("96 Shenley Road").

Admission is free and the exhibition will run from 23 January until 21 July. The Museum is open from noon to 6pm every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and from 10am to 3pm every Saturday.

In conjunction with the exhibition, student learning packs have been prepared for local primary schools.

The Library is also based at 96 Shenley Road and plans to create its own displays and possibly run railway-themed reading programmes.

There will be a free display of model railroad track layouts on Sunday 24 June in the hall at 96 Shenley Road, and possibly a second display in April when local model railway enthusiasts will be invited to display their track layouts at 96 Shenley Road.

The series of local walks known as "Teddy's Trails" have proved very popular and a new rail-themed trail will be added for the 150th anniversary. Guides to these trails can be found on the Town Council's web site and have been designed so that walkers can follow a trail without being part of a formal guided tour. The new trail will also have its own printed guide, but plans are being made to host a tour of the trail, starting with an orientation session at Allum Manor.

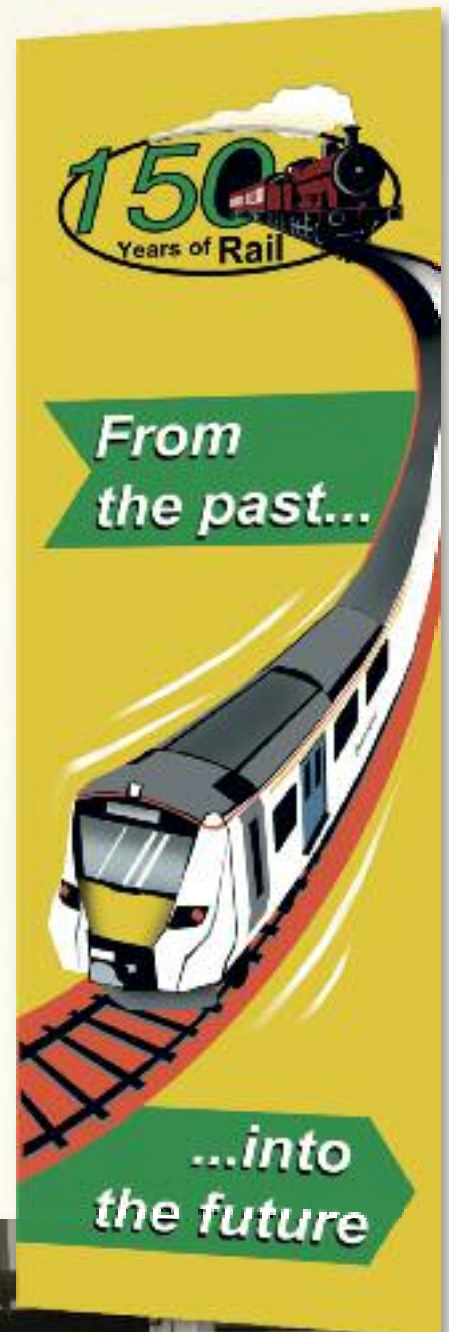
Other activities, including free screenings of railway-themed films made in the town's studios, are being planned and will be announced in "Town Crier".

The 150th anniversary will be a golden opportunity for Thameslink to share positive news with residents. As Stuart Cheshire, Passenger Services Director, says: "We're delighted to be involved in this very special anniversary. It's a fabulous coincidence and highly appropriate that 150 years after trains first started serving Elstree, the Thameslink Programme will be completed giving Elstree & Borehamwood a very real improvement in service with many additional services and new trains."

This year the Town Council's Summer Civic Festival will have the 150th anniversary as its theme (see page 34). Cllr. Sandra Parnell represents Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council on "First Impressions" and says: "The Town Council has successfully worked as part of "First Impressions" for many years, helping to achieve something remarkable in Borehamwood. To now be involved with celebrating 150 years of our railway station is something we are really excited about!"

If you have a strong interest in the railway and would like to contribute your memories or perhaps photos or other memorabilia, please let us know. You can contact Elstree Screen Heritage at contact@ElstreeScreenHeritage.org or simply leave a message at Fairway Hall, the Town Council's office in Brook Close.

Bob Redman



Money for JAM

How well is it used?

This is another important role for school governors. The term JAM comes from Theresa May's phrase "just about managing," which referred to people just getting by.

But it was Sir Nick Clegg in the coalition government who really did the most for these children. While in coalition Nick Clegg, alongside David Laws, managed to allocate extra funding for children who were on free school meals.

The money allocated is known as Pupil Premium money and about half of Borehamwood primary schools receive more than £100,000 a year extra money for these children. Almost 40% of Hertswood school's pupils are Pupil Premium and Borehamwood has more of these children than the national average. School governors have the important role of challenging schools on how well these large amounts of money are spent. A governor will meet with teachers and ask questions about how the money has been spent and how the schools know that it is effective.

What we are trying to do is break these children out of a spiral of low achievement by providing them with extra support and opportunities that will enable them to do as well as or better than non-free school meals children. Support is provided for attending breakfast clubs and for going on school visits. Extra training is provided for teachers and

teaching assistants in working with these children. Governors, too, go on special training to ensure that they are knowledgeable about Pupil Premium and how it is best used.

Schools are always on the lookout for new governors and if you are interested either contact your local school or go to the School Governors One-Stop Shop website, www.sgoss.org.uk and volunteer there.

Geoff Strack



"Tea and Tablets" session at Borehamwood Library

Wednesday 7 March 2018 10-11.30am

Did you get a new iPad or tablet for Christmas? Are you keen to learn how to make the most of it? Then your library has the solution!

We are holding an informal group session to introduce beginners to using an iPad or tablet.

The session will cost **£3 per person** and will include tea/coffee and biscuits.

Places are limited so please pop into the library at any of the following times to pay in advance and book your place.

Monday - Wednesday	9am - 6pm
Thursday	9am - 7pm
Friday	9am - 1pm
Saturday	9am - 4pm

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Bring your own tablet to the library to learn on your own device or we will have a couple of tablets available on the day for you to have a go.

In a small, relaxed group you will be able to learn the basic layout and functions of a tablet, how to access the internet, use the library app and download free e-books, audio books and magazines.



Christmas Switch On

Sunday 26 November 2017

To mark the festive season Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council brought some festive cheer to the town with the annual Christmas Lights Switch On event that was held on Sunday 26 November.

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

Outside entertainment was provided by James Stowell, Elstree Productions and Borehamwood Brass, inside by All Saints Church and local schools St Teresa's School, Meryfield School, Monksmead School and Cowley Hill School. The Borehamwood Community Choir put on a carol concert.

Behind the church free activities including the popular ice rink, fairground ride and Santa's grotto were very busy.



Monksmead School



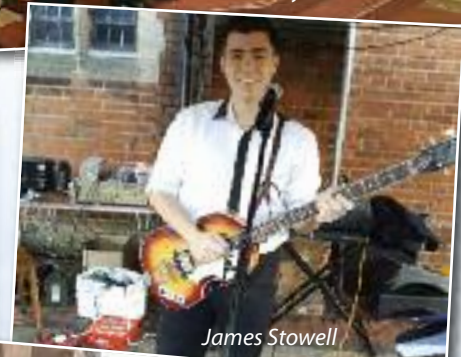
Community Choir



Cowley Hill School



Mr and Mrs Claus



James Stowell



Merryfield School



St Teresa's School



Elstree Productions



Borehamwood Brass



Switch On 2017

At 4.30pm Town Mayor Cllr Eric Silver switched on this year's Christmas lights, formally marking the start of the Christmas season.



Photos by Dan Salter, Andrew Grady, Peter Flanagan and Huw Jones

All Saints coffee mornings

High Sheriff's visit

On 17 November we were pleased to welcome the High Sheriff of Hertfordshire to All Saints Church.

It was an excellent opportunity for him to meet many of the volunteers that make our town a good place to live. Some 22 organisations took part. Guitarist Paul Lomax entertained us. Paul volunteers to play at so many charity events in the town.

Will Hobbs was accompanied by his wife and Cllr Charles Goldstein, Mayor of Hertsmeire. He was particularly taken with the Knit and Natter

Club of St Michael's Church who had knitted a Nativity Scene amongst other things. They were disappointed that he was not in his regalia but he challenged the group to knit a High Sheriff and his wife and then he will return to meet them in his finery.

Refreshments were provided by Tesco and the Town Council.

Our next coffee mornings will be 10 February, 10 March, 14 April, 12 May and 23 June.



Huainan, our new Sister Town

On a cool November Sunday, a group of councillors and local business representatives set off to Huainan, a city in central China, to represent Elstree & Borehamwood and formalise a Sister Town link.

A formal ceremony to sign the Memorandum of Understanding started the five day visit. The E&B group was then taken on trips to meet local businesses, a university, and government departments. The tour showcased the Dongjin Culture Company that makes traditional Chinese art, a reconstructed village used as a film set, a Data Center in Huainan, and a visit to a sauce manufacturer. The group also had the opportunity to sample local Chinese dishes and visit Huainan's 1300 year-old Buddhist Temple and the Shou County Museum.

Introductions were made to various businesses that were keen to make links in the U.K., and a number of opportunities are currently being explored, including links with universities and schools for language exchanges, a football summer camp in Borehamwood and partnerships with film productions.

The China Sister Town gained support from the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and local MP, Oliver Dowden. The Foreign & Commonwealth Office stated that: "Initiatives such as these have helped to lay the ground for the strong bilateral relationship that we have with China, and will continue to be central to our aspiration to support the growth of both nations."

Elstree & Borehamwood's China Sister Town project was driven by the commitment and vision of our councillors who self-funded the trip to



Huainan, as well as seeking local business sponsorship and personally contributing to gifts for the representatives of Huainan. We owe our thanks to our councillors and those involved in the project for preserving and working tirelessly to provide opportunities to our people and our town.

If you are a local business and would like to explore opportunities this offers, or you are a student interested in a pen-friend in Huainan, please contact elstreeborehamwood.china@effigacy.co.uk.



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Environment

Aldenham Country Park advisory panel

The Aldenham Country Park advisory panel has been meeting for over 20 years and has expanded to include new organisations that have an interest in retaining the park for use by the public in perpetuity.

Representatives from the Town, Parish and County Councils, the Aldenham Sailing Club, Angling Society, Elstree & Borehamwood Green Belt Society, Aldenham Country Park Trust Ltd, Elstree Village Preservation Society, Radlett Society & Green Belt Association, and park users meet with Aldenham Renaissance three to four times a year to discuss issues with Aldenham Country Park and the reservoir.

The major concern remains the future of the reservoir. Hopefully Hertsmere's emerging Local Plan will be helpful.

The advisory panel met with Tim Waygood in November when he shared his longterm vision for the Park. All members of the Committee congratulated Tim to see how his hard work keeps the Country Park running serving the community. We were pleased to endorse his plans and pledged to help wherever we can to support him.

Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council is pleased to announce that they will be coordinating Fun Days on Saturday 17 March and Sunday 18 March from 12pm to 4pm at Aldenham Country Park. There will be free rides, activities and an opportunity for local organisations to take part. Plans for a market are underway. If you want to take part contact Dan Salter dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk.



Aldenham Renaissance

In July 2016 AR converted to a CIO (a community interest organisation providing (social care and education)).

Using a map Managing Director Tim Waygood aims to restore hedgerows and ancient field boundaries. The 100 Aker Wood will be planted with heritage fruit trees and plants are afoot to plant a copse.

AR needs to generate an income that is not weather dependent. Ideas to encourage more use by schools and a proposal to set up vacation opportunities similar to Cuffley Camp for schools to use. Extension of glamping and camping experiences is proposed.

A future extension of market stalls at weekends, retail cabins and better food and drink facilities. Extension to and the covering of the area by the kiosk will see an increased use of refreshments in all weathers.

There is an intention to go greener, harvest rainwater, add solar panels and build educational greenhouses.

Other plans include a wheelchair allotment, green gym, cycle tracks and shower facilities.

SEND facility

This area was specially designed for use by children with special needs. The running of this facility has been taken over by A R.

The SEND indoor facility open to SEND Families only every day, outdoors SEND exclusive till 11 am and then mixed play rest of day.

Recently Clare Moss, a volunteer, has taken charge of fundraising for the SEND facility.



Woodcock Hill Village Green

Working parties were held in November and December clearing vegetation and litter.



Thank you to the small dedicated band of helpers. On Mitzvah Day 19 November we were joined by deputy Mayor Cllr Victor Eni and his son Nkenna Eni, Chair of the Town Youth Council

Our next big project will be The Battle's Over, a time to remember those who gave their lives in World War One. The beacon at Woodcock Hill is part of the registered national chain that will be lit at 7pm on 11/11/18. We will have the Last Post

played by Andrew Grady of Borehamwood Brass and George McGregor will play the bagpipes and the specially commissioned 'The Battle's Over' anthem. The WHVG Committee will be working with the Town Council and the British Legion to provide a fitting ceremony in honour of all those men and women who gave "their Today that we may have our Tomorrow".

Working parties 11 February, 18 March and 8 April.



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Rotary Club of Elstree & Borehamwood

Rotary Table Top Sale

The Rotary Table Top Sale held at Fairway Hall was well supported by local organisations with stalls but the weather and difficult access during the building work and, as the pavements were closed, meant that we had few visitors. We raised nearly £200 for Rotary charities.

Concert

The Rotary Concert was postponed due to the snow.

It was held on Sunday 7 February at Allum Hall. A number of acts performed to delight the audience. It was decided to proceed with the mince pies and mulled wine to keep the Christmas spirit going.



Satellite

The Studios Satellite Club of Elstree and Borehamwood continues to attract members who need a more flexible approach to Rotary.

Members can attend once or twice a month on the 1st Monday or 2nd Tuesday or both. The only commitment is the yearly subscription to Rotary and £5 when we meet. So far we have had Clare Morris speak about her efforts at The Send playground at Aldenham Country Park, Carol Denbigh and Audrey about the year long work associated with Poppy Appeal, Stuart Nagler about his work as Deputy Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire, John Cooper as a blind person on his tales of sailing with the Jubilee Trust and his plans to sail the Atlantic in May. Our last speaker was just for fun. Maxine Steinberg has introduced Love on the Rox to the town. These painted stones are hidden, found and rehidden and just bring a smile.

The Charter Dinner was held on 24/1/18 at Elstree Studios. It was a perfect setting for such an important occasion. This is the first Satellite Club to be inducted in District 1130. Seven members were inducted into the Studios Satellite Club by the Sergeant at Arms ??????

Paul Lomax entertained us on arrival and during dinner. Speeches were made by District dignitaries. The hard work of the steering committee Sasha Capocci, Nick Male, Sandra Parnell and Pat Strack was acknowledged. The Chairman of the Studio Satellite Club will be ??? for the year 2018-2019.

After this was completed it was time to dance to the Jumping Fleas.

We would like to thank those at Elstree Studios that host us twice a month and provide us with an opportunity to hold our function in such a prestigious venue.

Fish and Chip Quiz Supper


The Rotary Club of Elstree and Borehamwood worked with the Town Mayor to raise funds for the Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Club.

Sasha Capocci, president of the Rotary Club chose the Dementia Club as one of her charities for 2017- 2018. Town Mayor Cllr Eric Silver chose the Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Club as his Mayor's charity for 2017-2018. Twelve teams took part from a number of town organisations. Cllr Eric Silver brought a Rotary team from Northwick Park, his Rotary Club. The winners were Museum team. Well done!

The evening was a great success raising £500 for the Dementia Club and £60 for the Rotary Crocus appeal.

Thank you to Andrew Grady and Mark Meighan for hosting the evening, Clive Butchins for setting the questions and Yvonne Harris for the flower arrangements and all those who took part.





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Christmas Trees

We were delighted at the town when our County Councillors Susan Brown, Caroline Clapper and Alan Plancey offered us the opportunity to apply for money from their Locality budget to pay for one Christmas tree, lights and containers for each ward.

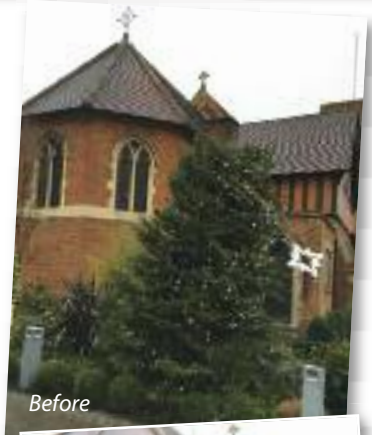
Rodney Burt and Norman Shuker kindly put up the lights and stars. The one at Elstree was lit as part of the Christmas Tree Festival organised at St Nicholas Church. We were saddened that the tree at Leeming Road was vandalised not once but twice. The wires to the lights were cut deliberately and an attempt was made to pull the star off. Rodney repaired it twice.

Sadly the tree at All Saints Church was also mindlessly vandalised. The congregation went happily into Midnight Mass at 11.30pm on 24 December only to find when the service was over that vandals had attempted to climb the tree, broken some branches, pulled the star and broken the top off the tree. I called Cllr Richard Butler and he and I went down to All Saints on Christmas morning to see what could be done. Richard's skills as an electrician and a gardener meant he could lop off the unsafe top of the tree, reconnect the lights and test them, and restore the star for residents to enjoy once again.

Pat Strack



Station Tree



Before



After

Sullivans Buses

Sullivans Buses continue to play a significant part in the town year.

In March they provided free travel to and from the Fun Day at Aldenham Country Park. Sullivans are seen every year at the Town Parade and now run a bus for the start of the Festival Walk along one of the Teddys Trails.

This year they took part at a special event at Elstree Studios.

They attend all the Town Council's Transport Forums.



Teddy's Trails creator, John Cartledge, setting off the Festival Walk

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What's on

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

Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Club

Fairway Hall, 2pm - 4pm
Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

Monday Club

Once a fortnight at Organ Hall Bairstowe
Close
12 February, 26 February, 12 March, 26
March, 9 April, 23 April and 21 May.

Aldenham Country Park Fun Days

1pm to 4pm
Saturday 17 March and Sunday 18 March.

Saturday 10 February

All Saints Church Coffee Morning
Music Makers

All Saints Church, 11am - 1pm

Singers and players who live in the town
taking part in celebrating their contribution
to entertainment in the town.

Monday 12 February

Borehamwood and District Garden Craft
Society

Allum Hall, 6.30pm

AGM with guest speaker on roses.

Tuesday 20 February

U3A - The Life & Science of Galileo by
Graham Marrett

St Teresa's Church Hall, from 10am

Tea, coffee and a chat.

Saturday 10 March

All Saints Church Coffee Morning
Photography and Art

All Saints Church, 11am - 1pm

Calling all local photographers and artists to
display their work. Landscapes, portraits etc.
Colour black and white all photographs tell a
story. Any form of media can be displayed
paint, crayon, charcoal etc.

Tuesday 20 March

U3A - In the Footsteps of a Wedding
Toastmaster by James Higgs

St Teresa's Church Hall, from 10am

Tea, coffee and a chat.

Saturday 14 April

All Saints Church Coffee Morning
Performing Arts

All Saints Church, 11am - 1pm

Tuesday 17 April

U3A - Ware Barges on the River Lea by
David Perman

St Teresa's Church Hall, from 10am

Tea, coffee and a chat.

Saturday 12 May

Town Pre Festival Multicultural Event
All Saints Church

Food entertainment and activities celebrating
our diverse community.

Saturday 23 June

Town Flower Festival

All Saints Church, 11am - 3pm

Details correct at time of printing.

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Monday and Tuesday, afternoon and evening (term time only) times vary.
Contact Chahna Morgan 020 8207 3980 cj.danze@hotmail.co.uk

BOREHAMWOOD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

2nd Monday of each month from 1pm. Contact 07930 539 739.

AJ FITNESS

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (evenings). Contact 07999 123139.

DROP IN CENTRE (over 60s)

Tuesday mornings 9.30am - 12 noon. Contact Ann, Ros, Carol c/o 020 8107 1382.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday afternoon (alternate 2nd & 4th) 2pm. Contact 020 8207 1382 for dates.

WEIGHT WATCHERS

Wednesday 12 noon - 1.45pm. Contact Angie 07795 187936.

BOREHAMWOOD & ELSTREE TWIN TOWN ASSOCIATION

Monthly on a Wednesday evening. Contact bettagroup@hotmail.com for dates.

YOGA

Thursday morning 10am - 11.15am. Contact Liz Eley 07751 958433.

STARMAKER SCHOOL

Thursdays 4pm to 6pm. Contact 07774 447932.

JUNIOR SOCCER STARS

Friday 9.30am - 11am. Contact Adam 0208 945 7171 or London@supersoccerstars.com

BOREHAMWOOD ISLAMIC SOCIETY

Friday 1pm - 2pm. Contact 07909 523717.

RADLETT REFORM SYNAGOGUE

1st Friday of each month 6.15pm. Contact 07792 618897.



Have you discovered... ?

Teddy's Trail from Dyrham Park



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 bus ride via Barnet, followed by a gentle 6-mile walk.

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

- A road built to carry the Irish mail coaches between London and Holyhead
- A classical arch reputedly built to welcome King Charles II back from exile
- A tubular bell rung to tell golfers when the course is clear
- A field pattern which may be 3500 years old
- A six-wheeled gypsy caravan
- A radio transmitting station
- A "hoofbridge" built to allow horses to cross an arterial road
- An equestrian centre where horses are trained for show jumping
- An activity centre used by Scouts for camping and outdoor recreations
- A park built on the site of a former sewage works, which appears in the sitcom Birds of a Feather
- The studios where EastEnders and Holby City are filmed
- 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

Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council: Grants Awards 2017/18

In 2017 the Town Council is proud to have assisted the following organisations with grant awards to contribute to the cost of local activities which are of benefit to the community (or a section of it).

The total sum granted in Budgeted, Community, Special and Fee Waiver grants was: £11,959 as follows:

- **First Impressions** £4,000 (£1,000 for admin costs and £3,000 towards the 150 Years of the Railways event);
- **BETTA** (Twin Town Association) £1,000 for admin costs;
- **Boreham Wood Football Club** £1,000 for advertising;
- **Herts Inclusive Theatre** £425 for theatre performance costs;
- **Monday Club Senior Citizens** at Organ Hall £400 coach trip;
- **DR96 Senior Citizens Drop In** at 96 Shenley Road £400 coach trip;
- **TWF Short Film Awards** £200 for awards ceremony costs;
- **Community Hertsmere** £1,000 for IT equipment;
- **Aldenham Country Park** £800 for play equipment (for children with disabilities);
- **Elstree Productions** £500 for hall hire and props;
- **Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Support Group** £1,374 (£500 for admin costs and £874 in free use of Fairway Hall for 23 weeks);
- **Borehamwood and Elstree Synagogue JLEX Project** £500 costs towards transport and hosting exhibition; and
- **EBRA** (Residents' Association) £360 in free quarter page adverts in Town Crier magazine.

The Council has agreed to a 3rd tranche of Community Grant awards! These will be considered by the General Management Committee at its meeting on 8 February 2018 for approval by Full Council on 14 March 2018.

Further information (including an application form and guidelines) can be obtained from the Council Offices or downloaded (www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk) in the New Year.

The Council would wish to take this opportunity to send all of the above organisations best wishes for the year ahead and to thank them for their work in making life better for people in the area!



Precept and financial matters 2018/19

The Town Council will not be increasing the precept demand on Hertsmere Borough Council (its share of the Council Tax) in 2018/19.

As such, the Band D yearly charge will remain at £36.26 as it was in 2017/18, making a total precept of £461,662.32. Whilst the Town Council receives no direct funding from central government, it relies on the precept for providing the lion's share of its services to the community. Other income is received from leases, rents and fees, although these monies largely subsidise rather than pay for the services that are provided.

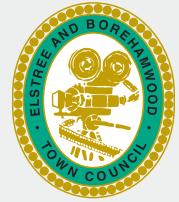
The Council's accounts and accounting practices are audited each year by three tiers of auditors. In 2017/18 the Council was found to be performing to a high standard with no significant issues arising from the external auditor's report.

Developer contributions to Hertsmere Borough Council (s.106 monies) have and continue to assist the Town Council in rejuvenating its sites and assets where there is a legal power to do so (e.g. the redevelopment of Stapleton Gardens allotments site in the past year, providing a core and much enjoyed service to residents of Elstree and Borehamwood).

In addition, the Town Council receives Community Infrastructure Levy monies (CIL) from Hertsmere Borough Council to be spent on schemes, often in partnership with other authorities, which improve the local infrastructure (with £60,000 being utilised from the Town Council's allocation to install a bowling green in Aberford Park before the end of 2018).

The Council is committed to providing value for money services and its payments, budget, detailed income and expenditure reports, audit reports and precept information are published in accordance with good practice and regulations on its website (www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk/index.php/yourcouncil/financial-information).

Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Date: Wednesday 7 March 2018 at 7.30pm

Venue: Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood, Herts, WD6 5BT

The Annual Parish Meeting is held at Fairway Hall and is an opportunity for electors to have their say on anything they consider to be important to the people of Elstree and Borehamwood.

All Parish and Town Councils throughout England are required by law to hold an Annual Parish/Town Meeting between 1st March and the 1st June (inclusive). Meetings should not commence before 6.00pm. At Elstree and Borehamwood the meeting is usually held at 7.30pm.

Any registered elector is welcome to attend – you will be asked to sign an attendance sheet confirming that you are a registered to vote in Elstree and Borehamwood – and ask questions of the Council, which will usually be answered by one of the Councillors or the Town Clerk. An elector may also make suggestions and comment on anything pertinent to the people of Elstree and Borehamwood. This will be welcomed and is the whole purpose of the meeting. The Council may invite local clubs, societies or other voluntary and statutory organisations to provide an exhibition and/or a representative to speak about the work of their group.

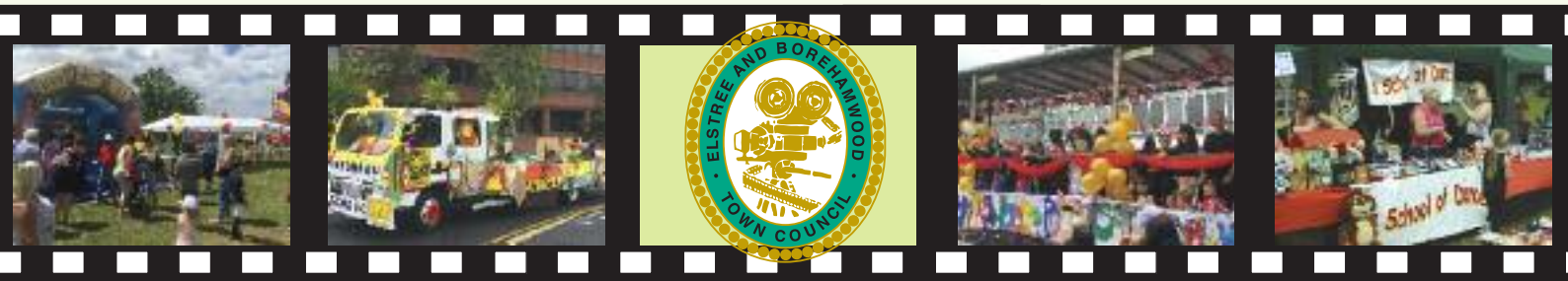
The Town Mayor chairs the meeting. If the Mayor or Deputy Mayor is not able to attend, then the meeting will elect a chairperson from amongst those electors present. Other Town Councillors usually attend and will speak if need be. But the purpose of the meeting is to enable the ordinary electors to have their say. Councillors will listen with interest and as electors themselves, also have the opportunity to raise questions and make comments if they wish.

Minutes of the meeting are taken and approved at the following year's Annual Parish Meeting.

H R O Jones
Town Clerk

15 January 2018





2018 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

2018 Civic Parade Saturday 16 June

Theme: 150 years of coming of the railway to Elstree & Borehamwood

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 16 June 2018.

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)



2018 Families Day Saturday 30 June, 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 30 June 2018 in Meadow Park, Borehamwood.

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

Type of stall:

Contact name:

Organisation:

Charity/Local

Organisation:

Commercial

Address:

..... Post Code:

Telephone:..... Mobile:

Email:.....

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.

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2017/18 Deputy Mayor: Cllr Victor Eni

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Elstree

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

Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council meetings

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

All meetings now take place at Fairway Hall.

8 February	General Management	Meeting Room	7pm
13 February	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7pm
21 February	Transport Forum	Main Hall	7pm
6 March	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7.30pm
7 March	ANNUAL PARISH MEETING	Main Hall	7.30pm
13 March	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7pm
14 March	Full Council	Main Hall	7.30pm
28 March	Business Forum	Main Hall	7.30pm
3 April	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7.30pm
24 April	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7pm
26 April	General Management	Meeting Room	7pm
8 May	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7pm
9 May	Transport Forum	Main Hall	7pm
16 May	ANNUAL COUNCIL MAYOR MAKING	Main Hall	7.30pm

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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Phone: 020 8207 1382 (all staff)

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