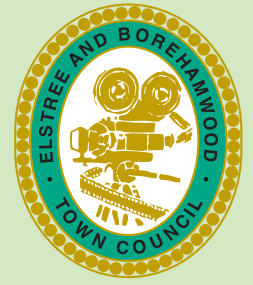


ELSTREE & BOREHAMWOOD

TOWN CRIER



The magazine for Elstree & Borehamwood residents

The celebrations continue...

In our first issue in May last year we announced First Impressions, a project which planned to celebrate the rich film and television history created right here on our doorstep.

One year later and the results of Stage One are here for all to see and enjoy.

The train station, a key gateway to Elstree and Borehamwood, has been transformed by First Capital Connect. Making the best use of this opportunity to create a new look at the station the First Impressions team has placed iconic images in the

booking hall, and added stars to the pavements and banners to the lighting columns.

The station forecourt now marks the start of a film and TV heritage trail. The plaques which the Town Council has awarded since 1996 have been cleaned and put back with added words and photos, displayed where they can more easily be

seen, from the station down Shenley Road to the gates of Elstree Studios.

And now the latest addition to the station forecourt is in place, a wall relief over 20 feet high, designed by local artists to celebrate all those local residents whose skills behind the camera have helped make the films and television for which Elstree and Borehamwood are known all over the world.

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Don't miss it!!!

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Mayor's welcome letter...

I am delighted to welcome you all to another edition of the Town Crier.

I do hope you enjoy reading about the many things our town has to offer – a big thank you to those who submit their stories and articles.

Since becoming Mayor I have enjoyed the opportunity to make a lot of new friends at various events and meetings. The Town Festival fortnight in particular showed the fantastic community spirit here in Elstree and Borehamwood. The Carnival Parade was a huge success and the floats looked better than ever. With all the crowds lining the roads around our town, the effect was simply magic. An Olympics theme is planned for the Carnival in 2012 so we look forward to a great spectacle!

You all looked like you were having a great time too on Families Day, everyone was smiling and enjoying the sunshine. Wow, what a fortnight!

To everyone that took part in our town festivities I thank you for making it so memorable. I'm looking forward to the rest of the year and the next Town Council event (probably the biggest) is the annual Fireworks Display at Meadow Park on Saturday 5th November. See you there!



Cllr Mrs Sandra Parnell (Town Mayor)

How to send articles

Email towncrier@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk as soon as you can whenever you think of something. Remember to include photos or images if you have them. You don't have to send a fully-written article but it does help! General guidelines are:

- Keep articles to 300 words or less
- Use plain text, word or email
- Typed or legible hand written articles will be accepted if you do not have access to a computer
- Photos, logos, images etc: sent as jpg, pdf, bmp or tif file formats by attachment or CD
- To include upcoming events in your article please ensure you allow for deadline and delivery schedules. For example, the Autumn edition will detail events from September to November so events falling outside those times are unlikely to be of interest!

Deadlines

Deadline for inclusion in Issue #4 (Winter Edition) is Friday 21st October 2011.

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If you know of any residents in the Elstree and Borehamwood area that did not receive a copy of this, or if you received more than one, please contact us to let us know.

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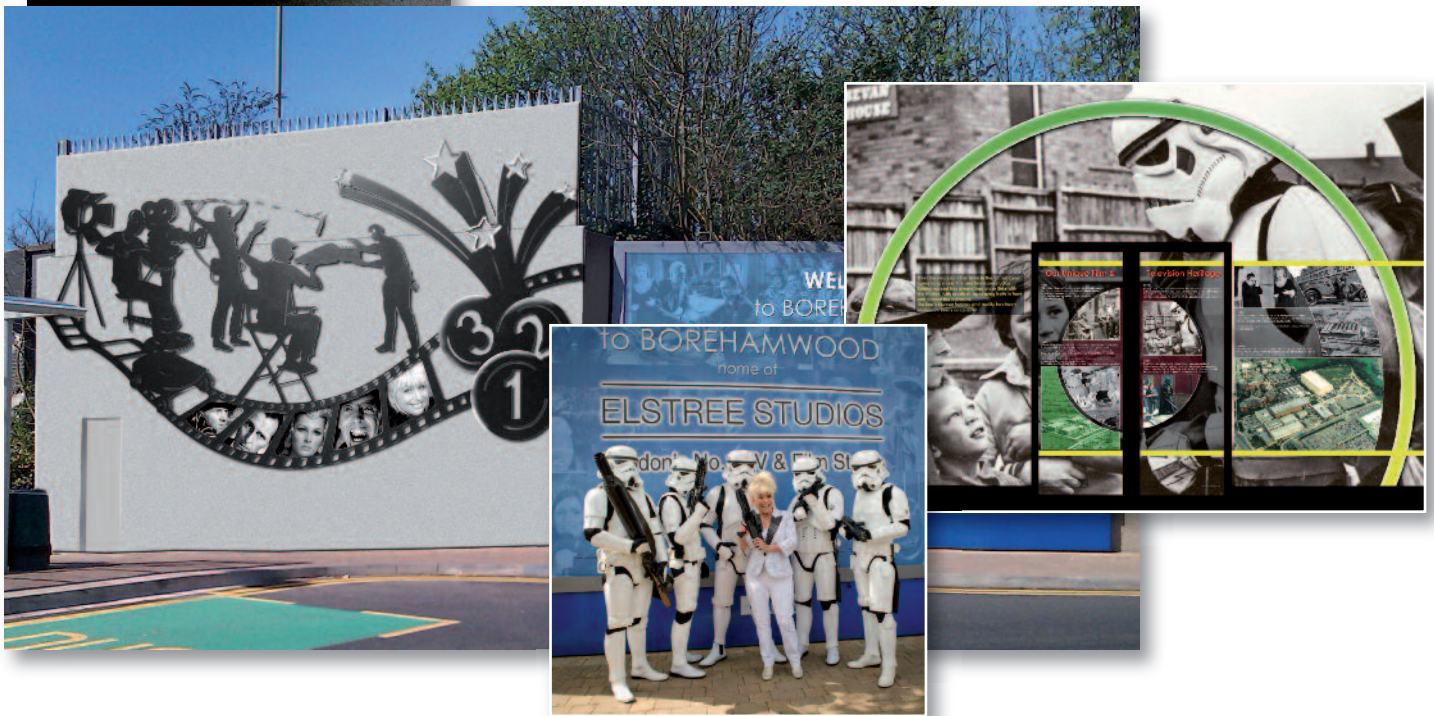
The town is seeing many changes designed to make it more attractive to residents and visitors alike. The new Community Centre and the clearance of unsightly vacant buildings will, when combined with further efforts by First Impressions, create a more attractive town centre for everyone to enjoy.

Stage One is now complete. To celebrate, guests from the many organisations who contributed their time as well as financial support joined Barbara Windsor and Burt Kwouk as well as a host of Star Wars characters, travelling down Shenley Road in vintage Routemaster buses for a brief ceremony at the station.

But there is still more to follow

Eight more plaques need to be added to the heritage trail. New panels could mark local sites of interest to film and TV fans. The Design Team has received suggestions for other ways to build on what it achieved in Stage One. These are difficult times for everyone, but the initial responses to requests for new financial support have been encouraging. Best of all, this celebration of such an extensive film and TV heritage could only happen here in Elstree and Borehamwood.

Are these steps heading in the right direction? Do you have ideas about what else should be done? If so, please contact us at The Town Crier, and we'll make sure your comments and suggestions reach the First Impressions team as they plan Stage Two.



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Happy 25th Birthday Fairway Hall!

Prince Andrew, Duke of York married Sarah Ferguson at Westminster Abbey, Argentina defeated West Germany 3-2 to win the World Cup Final and Fairway Hall was opened to great jubilation in Borehamwood.

That was the Summer of 1986 and the Town Council was able to move in to its first permanent home since 1894! The Council has decided to mark the occasion of its quarter Century and to wish it many more years of providing a well used and much loved facility as through the years the hall has been used for parties, wedding receptions, lectures, meetings, lunches, exhibitions as well as hosting a number of local groups, drop in centres, dance classes and performances.

The Town Council is currently also looking for a friendly and meticulous person (see page right) to look after the hall and build on the fantastic reputation created by our soon-to-be-retiring Caretaker.

For more information about booking the hall, fees and availability for a special occasion, please contact the Council Offices, but be warned... bookings are already being made well into next year and so as much advance notice as possible is recommended.



Transport Forum back on track

After a gap of 15 months there was a full committee room at the Borough Council Offices for the resurrected Transport & Road Safety Forum, chaired by Cllr Clive Butchins under the auspices of the Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council.

The main agenda items, the County and Local Area traffic plans and the Transport for London experiment at Stirling Corner (where the traffic lights will be reactivated again soon) were discussed, as well as other issues relating to traffic and road safety in the area and changes to bus services. The minutes will be available on the Town Council website. The forum is open to the public and the next one will be on 27th October.



ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

CARETAKER

(36 hours per week – which includes evening and weekend work)

**Salary £18,000 per annum
(figure includes London Fringe Allowance and Car Allowance)**

The Council is seeking to appoint a customer focused Caretaker.

Duties include caretaking, cleaning of Fairway Hall and Office, general maintenance as well as assisting the work of the Handyman, as required. Preparation and Clearing of Fairway Hall and the security of the site form a large part of the role.

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

Closing date for the receipt of applications is 5.00pm Friday 14 October 2011, with interviews planned for Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 November 2011.

Applications welcomed by CV and covering letter only.

For a Job Description and Person Specification or any further details please contact:

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Or visit our website at www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk

The start date for the post is scheduled for Monday 14 November 2011.

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

Council gets handy

With great pleasure and appreciation, the Council welcomes Peter Digweed to the Staff Team as the new Handyman.

Peter really has an important role making sure that all the Town Council benches, film plaques, allotment sites and churchyards are maintained to a high standard as well as carrying out work in the Council Offices and Hall when supplementing the Caretaker's job. When asked about the challenge ahead, he said: "After the sad death last year of my long serving predecessor, there was a big job to do in bringing the Council sites up to scratch, Mother Nature had really taken over at All Saints and St Nicholas Churchyards! With the right tools and the support of local residents, we will get there." Please do not hesitate to contact the Council Offices to report issues needing attention (e.g. damage or litter) in the areas that the Handyman covers.

Fairway Hall

Located in Brook Close, off Brook Road, Borehamwood, Fairway Hall is available for hire at competitive rates. This attractive and modern



facility has a fully equipped kitchen, cloakroom, toilets and small stage - making it ideal for weddings, barmitzvahs, children's parties, lectures and meetings. For more information, please call 020 8207 1382

40 years of Brass

Formed initially around a nucleus of players from Holmsill school in 1971, Borehamwood Brass this year celebrates 40 years of performing in the local community.

Fetes, contests and concerts have provided the staple performing opportunities for the band over the intervening years as it has had to adapt to a rapidly changing music scene. From a cameo role on stage at the Knebworth rock festival, a live TV performance on 'Little Brother' to playing at weddings and other celebrations, the band has enjoyed a variety of playing moments and experiences.

Supporting civic events including the Town Festival fortnight and Christmas lights switch on, the band is also involved with fundraising - having adopted one local charity (Watford Peace Hospice) and one national charity (NSPCC) as the main beneficiaries of its support. Recently (July 16th) the band, ably supported by the children's choirs from Monksmead and Summerswood schools together with the young performers from Theatre Club Kids, raised just over £1,000 for the NSPCC with a concert held in the Old Chapel Shenley.

Importantly, the band wants to remain an integral part of a healthy performing arts mix in Borehamwood and always welcomes new players wishing to join. For more information see the band's website www.borehamwoodbrass.org.uk.



Youth Council get networking



Elstree & Borehamwood Youth Council recently helped the Town Council make further progress in to the digital age by successfully proposing the use of social media websites.

Recognising that alongside mail, telephone and email, many residents now communicate and receive information through popular sites such as Twitter and Facebook. Regular users of such media will know the convenience and directness these sites offer but others may be new to the experience or prefer different methods so the message will be consistent across the platforms. The Youth Council are hoping that they and the Town Council are now able to provide accurate and timely information to all via your preferred method.

You can follow the Youth Council (@EBYouthCouncil) and Town Council (@EBTownCouncil) on Twitter or visit the Facebook pages 'Elstree & Borehamwood Youth Council' and 'Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council' to find out more.

Community Action Hertsmere

Community Action Hertsmere has been very busy this summer, organising activities and events for families in the local community.

Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council has heavily contributed to funding for family coach trips to including 4 to the seaside, the British History Museum and the Science Museum. This has given families opportunities to enjoy days out together, days that would normally have been inaccessible due to transport or costs. These have been hugely successful with waiting lists and extra trips being organised. This would not have been able to take place without the support and funding from the Town and Youth Councils.

Other activities and events have included the Big Picnic in Aberford Park on Fathers' Day in June. Families were able to enjoy a variety of activities, make presents for their dads, watch local groups perform on the stage and get to know more about what is going on locally in the area they live.

CAH have run family team building days, taking over 100 families to a nearby farm and enjoying a full day out taking part in fun and varied outdoor games. One father commented that he had the hard choice of an AFC match or spending the day with his kids, but he came on the family trip and enjoyed the time he spent with his kids far more than the football!

The Kreative club, for children aged 5 years and over, has been very successful throughout the summer with lots of new children joining. Kickboxing has also been very popular with young people enjoying some very dynamic martial art training.

All these various events have not only strengthened families relationships but also created many new friendships in the community. CAH are grateful for the support Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council has given to be able to put some of these activities on.



To find out more please call 0208 386 4006 or drop into the Community Shop in Leeming Road.

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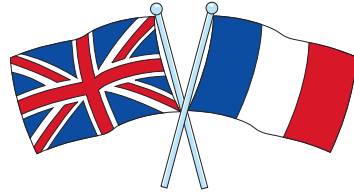
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A BETTA way



If we want a better world, international friendship is a must. That's the thinking behind the many activities of BETTA - The Borehamwood and Elstree Twin Town Association.

Many Town Crier readers will know of this fast-growing movement. Perhaps your children or grandchildren attend Le Club Escargot - our Saturday morning French language activities club.

Or maybe you have enjoyed one of our blockbusting social events such as the Three Divas or the Big Bastille Ball.

BETTA has something for everyone. Why not try the free BETTA conversation groups at the IBIS hotel? French learners meet on the last Tuesday of each month, while the German session is on the last Wednesday.



You can't beat the atmosphere on one of our trips. 85 local people of all ages went to Fontenay - `Aux - Roses, near Paris last summer. Our winter trip was to the Christmas markets of Offenburg in Germany's Black Forest and the picturesque villages which surround this lively town.

Now BETTA is working hard to foster links between local schools and their twin town counterparts. As London prepares to welcome the world to the Olympic Games, Offenburg is organising a Schools' Olympics in the run-up period. British, French and German children will all take part.

Led by Martine Eni (who is herself French) BETTA goes forward into a bright future of friendship and co-operation.

To find out how you can play your part in BETTA's vital work, why not contact BETTA on 0203 441 6510 or email bettagroup@hotmail.com www.betta.org.uk



Home-Start preparation course

Home-Start supports families with young children. Volunteers visit one family for a couple of hours each week, offering them support, encouragement and friendship.

In return volunteers benefit by gaining experience, confidence and making new friends. Most employers take account of valuable voluntary work. Expenses will be paid. We welcome all ages, background and gender, but must have some parenting experience. All volunteers will be CRB checked.

The next volunteer preparation course starts on Wednesday 21st September (every Wednesday 9:45 - 2:30 pm for 10 weeks excluding half term) at Elm Court Youth and Community Centre 363 Mutton Lane, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 3BP.

To find out more about volunteering please contact us using the details below.

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Town Mayor, Sandra Parnell, captains community float

It all began with a high turnout of participants and spectators for the Carnival Parade, despite having to change assembly point at the last minute (well, at least the car park at Brook Road is like new now!)



EBLOS going for a song



Carnival spirit with Woodlands Primary School



Hare

2011 Town Fes



Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum!
The Giants are at Families Day



We'll Meet Again.
The Legion's nostalgic float



Stormtroopers hold off as Parade enjoys sunny start



Eyes right!
Elstree Productions team salute onlookers



Krishna's add colour to celebrations

With floats galore (and a number of colourful, creative and musical walking entries) it was a sight to behold. The rain even took a break for us as the Melton Toy Soldiers marching band steered the procession through the streets. Huge congratulations to all that took part for their wonderful efforts in producing a great event and to Saffron Green School for their winning entry.

There was enthusiastic support from the audience waving flags and singing along with

the talented BBC Band at the Proms concert held at Allum Hall - many of you got in contact after the show to say what a great event it was. Sadly we had to cancel the Festival Cricket match due to rain but the Sticky Kids event held earlier the same day was great fun as lots of families came along to sing, dance and play together with the wonderful staff from the BECC (Borehamwood & Elstree Children's Centre). The festival offered so much variety this year with dance, music, sport, craft and community events the Town Council is proud to be able to coordinate the fortnight. The support of the community groups, clubs, venues, services and individuals we have in the town is incredible - you all give so much back to the community and that's what makes Elstree & Borehamwood special.

We are also proud of the home grown talent on show and want to encourage others to join in. The nurturing skills of the garden crafts society, the knowledge of the quiz teams (well done to the Green Dragon Pub team!), the runners in the 10k, dancers, singers and actors entertaining us all deserve a mention. Some of this variety was evident at the 2nd Elstree & Borehamwood's Got Talent night where a dozen acts put on a great show for a packed Ark Theatre. It's always a difficult choice for the judges but this year the Town Talent title went to Dancing Stars for their brilliantly coordinated routine. Next year we want more of the same and to inspire some budding comedians, magicians and unique acts to enter the competition.

Families Day officially closed the festival on Saturday 2nd July when thousands of you came to Meadow Park to enjoy an afternoon packed full of fun games, activities, arena acts and the many community stalls on show.

So there we are, another year, another great Civic Festival. We hope you had a chance to attend some or at least one of the events offered - the Town Council always welcomes your feedback and new ideas so please get in touch. If you want to help shape how Town Council events are organised why not come along to the Events Forum held bi-monthly and get involved. For more details and any other information on Town Council events please contact us via the details on page 2.



Quick March! Melton Toy Soldiers keep the parade in time

STIVAL

88 Years of Jam, Jerusalem and much more in Borehamwood

When Mrs Wellington set up a meeting in a church hall in Theobald Street in October, 1923 she probably didn't imagine that the branch of the Women's Institute she created would still be going strong 88 years later.

But here we are, fewer in number than the original 63 ladies who gathered that November to watch a demonstration on how to make a Christmas Pudding, a friendly, sociable group of local ladies.

In August 1924 Mrs Wellington held a garden party at her home the profits from which bought 120 sets of cups and saucers! The current president Mrs Elsie Roberts continues this tradition by holding a garden party at her home each year.

Sadly there are none of the original members with us today but one current member Mrs Florrie Cowley can still remember how when she came to Borehamwood in 1949 knowing no one in the area, it was her introduction to the Women's Institute that she really settled into the area.

Although a non-political organisation, these days the WI annually submits a resolution at its AGM, these are brought to the attention of the Government of the day, the last major resolution regarding the labelling of food to ensure that the actual country of origin of produce was known, went as far as the EU, resulting in an agreement with major supermarkets that anything stating "Made in the UK" means just that, not just produce from other countries assembled in the UK. Even earlier, when in 1991 the then Minister for Food, David Maclean addressed 10,000 ladies at their AGM he told them that because of the influence they could bring he felt it was the most important address of his career. The WI, he said, has been at the heart of good food for longer than any other institution in the United Kingdom. Few will forget the slow handclap which embarrassed Prime Minister Tony Blair when he addressed the assembly in 2000.

The current group of 19 ladies meet on the second Monday of each month in Room 3, Manor House, Allum Lane at 2 pm. All ages are represented – at a recent meeting the youngest present was 12 day old Harriet – getting a taste of an organisation that hopefully will last for the rest of her life! Why not drop in – visitors are welcome, new members especially so.

For further information contact Mrs Elsie Roberts :020 8953 3889.



Flower show

The Mayor was on hand to award the trophies at the annual summer fruit, vegetable and flower show.



Borehamwood & District Garden Crafts Society's show had over 120 exhibits this year. The stars of the show were Chris Vivian's stunning sweet-peas. Chris won all three classes, narrowly beating Hatch End's Peter Mazillius to the Rudge Cup. The Rose section and Eric Evans Cup were won by Mrs K Rutland with Chariman (and Show Secretary) Len Anderson taking home the Borehamwood Trader's Cup. Other notable winners were: Rose Barry (Tann Cup for vegetables) Yvonne Harris (Floral Art, Mr & Mrs J. P Baxter Cup and Civic Trophy) Doris Bramley (Fruit section and Eva Doherty Cup)

Local florists, Heaven Scent and L.A Flowers, generously donated magnificent arrangements which were auctioned to raise much needed funds.

The Society's Autumn show will be held at Allum Hall, Allum Lane on the 17 September 2011 at 2pm. Entry is 50p for members of the public, but for those members who show their flowers and vegetables, entrance is free. We really want to encourage new members to stage produce they have grown over the year so why not show off your best flowers or vegetables and fruit? Help will be provided to choose and stage your produce. Give it a try. For help and advice, please call Len Anderson 02084458454 or Rose Barry 0208207223.



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Something for all at The Ark this autumn



This autumn The Ark Theatre, Borehamwood has an impressive mix of comedy, music, dance and drama to entertain theatregoers from September through December.

Located on the Hertswood Upper Site just behind The Venue, the season kicks off with Charles Ross's acclaimed *One Man Star Wars™* Trilogy on Wednesday 7th September in which he recreates all the action in an affectionate and entertaining 60 minutes.

September continues with Matt and Nat a tribute to the music of Matt Monroe and Nat King Cole on Friday 16th and concludes with Flamenco Express which promises an amazing evening of music and dance on Thursday 29th.

Mark Burgess' lively and funny play *Two Halves of Guinness* on Saturday 1st October charts the life of life and insecurities of the legendary Sir Alec Guinness whilst later in the month erudite comic and Radio 4 regular

Robin Ince pays a visit to Borehamwood with his new show on Saturday 8th. Children's Laureate and *Gruffalo* author Julia Donaldson's play *Stick Man*, is a fabulous show for ages 3+ and visits on Monday 10th whilst TV's *Grumpy Old Man*, comedian, writer and all-round British institution Arthur Smith pops in on Wednesday 12th.

Those Magnificent Men on Saturday 15th October tells the classic tale of plucky British pioneers and the race to conquer the skies with just two actors and a crate full of funny props. Described as a 'sonic phenomenon' by *The Guardian*, *The Magnets*, bring their a cappella harmonies and jaw dropping beatboxing to The Ark the following weekend on Saturday 22nd whilst half term entertainment comes from *The Unlikely Tales*

of Molly Moonshine a fun show for ages 4+ on Thursday 27th.

Concluding the programme, the festive season is marked by a classic tale as Mike Maran stages his music fuelled version of *A Christmas Carol* on Wednesday 21st December.

All shows are now on sale and tickets can be purchased by calling the box office on 020 8238 7288 or by booking online at www.thearktheatre.co.uk.

Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council meetings

Forthcoming meetings open to the press and public as follows:

7 September	Youth Council	Civic Offices	6.30pm
7 September	COUNCIL	Civic Offices	7.30pm
13 September	Entertainments Committee	Fairway Hall	8.00pm
21 September	General Management Committee	Fairway Hall	8.00pm
27 September	Environment & Planning	Fairway Hall	7.30pm
4 October	Events Forum	Fairway Hall	6.30pm
5 October	Youth Council	Civic Offices	6.30pm
11 October	Entertainments Committee	Fairway Hall	7.30pm
25 October	Environment & Planning	Fairway Hall	7.30pm
27 October	Transport Forum	Civic Offices	7.00pm
2 November	Youth Council	Civic Offices	6.30pm
8 November	Entertainments Committee	Fairway Hall	7.30pm
15 November	General Management Committee	Fairway Hall	7.30pm
23 November	COUNCIL	Civic Offices	7.30pm
29 November	Environment & Planning	Fairway Hall	7.30pm

Note: Times and venues of meetings may be changed at short notice. A full meeting schedule and further details available online or on request.



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Mon 10 October — 2.00pm & 6.30pm
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Access to The Ark Theatre is via the Civic Car Park, Elstree Way, WD6 1WA, just look out for The Ark Gate.

Demolition of the old village shops

In July, the old, boarded up shops in Shenley Road opposite Furzehill Road were demolished after a number of years vying for the title of Shenley Road's worst eye-sore.

The shops - the white buildings, shown in the picture on right had stood on the site for at least a century. Some were cottages that were converted into shops as Borehamwood developed. Until the year 2000 two purpose built shops of similar age were immediately to their right, on the site where the coffee shop now stands. One of these was run by the Hanson family for over 65 years, and is remembered by many for its delicious home made ice cream.

The brown brick building to the left, also demolished in July, was built in 1926 by the 'Northmet' Electrical Power Company for use as a showroom and offices. In that same year it had installed a transformer in the area behind the premises to provide the town with electricity for the first time. Part of the site had previously been occupied by a house called 'The Firs'. Today on the same site a bigger sub station named 'The Firs' supplies a large part of the electrical power consumed in the area.

Do any of the old village shops still exist?

The answer is yes. The oldest is in Theobald

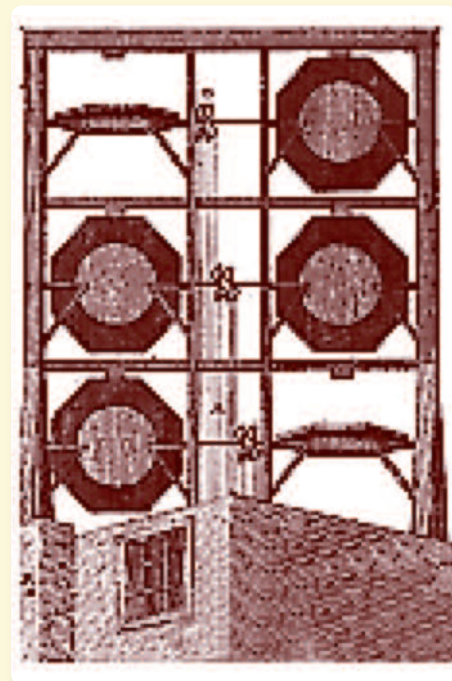
Street, which was the first part of the area to be developed after the railway came in 1868. It is the tall row of five shops on the east side of the street (see photo below).

The shops were built by Henry Robinson a local land owner. At the time they were nicknamed 'Robinson's Folly' as the population in the area was very small. However for the next twenty five years Theobald Street was the village centre.

By 1900 the area of development had shifted to Shenley Road and a row of four shops were built opposite the new 'Crown' followed shortly after by those on either side of Glenhaven Ave. All of these are still operating today. Together with those recently demolished, they were the forerunners of all the shops that now line Shenley Road.

In the late 1800s the locals coined the phrase 'Going down the Village' when visiting the village centre, Theobald Street. It was then applied to Shenley Road when it became the village centre. The phrase is still in use even though Borehamwood has been a town for the best part of a century.

The Woodcote



The shops in the early stages of their demolition. The old Northmet showrooms at left.



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Woodcock Hill Admiralty Optical Telegraph, 1807

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Britain stood firm against Napoleon's aggression and The Royal Navy and its heroes such as Horatio Nelson took control of the seas to thwart attempts to invade England. The Admiralty, being at the centre of technological innovation, led the way in navigation, ship design and communication.

Today we take instant communication over long distances for granted, with our telephones, mobiles, and Internet connecting people with ease, but in those days life was very different.

In the days before electricity the only way to send messages long distances on land was by rider on horseback. It was a day's ride from Portsmouth to London.

In 1797 Lord George Murray invented an Optical Telegraph that consisted of just six shutters that could be individually opened and closed to make 64 different patterns that enabled the entire alphabet to be coded. Spare patterns were used to represent whole

words or common phrases. The shutters were large enough to be seen at a great distance with the aid of recently invented telescopes. The Admiralty quickly saw the potential of his design and constructed optical telegraphs a few miles apart on towers or buildings at high points in the landscape so that every telegraph was visible by telescope from the next one in line.

Invasion was expected to occur in Kent so a line of telegraphs ran from Deal to London, shortly followed by lines to the Navy's bases in Portsmouth and Plymouth.

The Great Yarmouth line came about in 1807 to include the East Coast Fleet in communications and was completed in 1808. The first station to the north after the Admiralty in Whitehall was at

Telegraph Hill, Hampstead. The summit of Woodcock Hill, the site of our Woodcock Hill Village Green, at a distance of seven miles from Hampstead and eight miles from St Albans had an unobstructed view in both directions and provided an ideal site for the construction of a telegraph, trees having been cleared where necessary.

A plaque, commemorating the Telegraph, is soon to be erected on the Village Green.



An impression of the Woodcock Hill Telegraph that entered service in 1807 to link London with Great Yarmouth

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Borehamwood Seniors

The Borehamwood Seniors is a new day activities club for Seniors living in and around Borehamwood. We are based in Fountain Court, Brook Road, Borehamwood.



The club is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 3pm, transport can be arranged if necessary.

Everyday is different and we have lots of activities from crosswords to quizzes, reading club, Arts & Crafts, outings, Yoga, Tai Chi plus many more, we always welcome new activities ideas from members.

We also arrange talks, presentations and advice sessions. All Senior club members decide the lunch time menus in advance. We have a chiropodist that will visit when required and hopefully a hairdresser will be coming soon.

The club is driven by the people who attend, Borehamwood Seniors is a not for profit organisation and all fees are kept to a minimum to cover operational costs.

We still have some spaces available, if you would like to join us for coffee and experience the warm and friendly environment please contact Debra on 0203 538 3247 for more information. We would also welcome volunteers for a few hours during the day once or twice a week.

Penniwells riding centre for disabled

Penniwells is the only Riding for the Disabled Centre within 30 miles providing hugely beneficial and enjoyable therapy for children and adults of all ages and disabilities.

140 riders benefit each week. Sessions are geared towards individual needs, which leads to increased self esteem and success according to capability. We have 14 horses and a team of 5 staff, supported by a very dedicated army of volunteers. Starting over 25 years ago with just 2 ponies and a shed, we now have first class facilities, including a large indoor and outdoor riding arena. The running costs of the centre are approx £100,000 per annum which is covered by donations, riders' fees and fund raising.

Penniwells is increasingly successful within RDA. We have riders competing at Regional, National & International level. In July this year 10 riders competed at the National RDA Championships – between them they won an incredible 18 classes with 5 becoming National Champions. We really do have riders with realistic dreams and goals of competing at European, World & Paralympic level – 2016 could become a reality.

Penniwells is a unique, special place expanding year by year. Our disabled riders derive great enjoyment from their activities and their successes. We are continuously looking for new volunteers to help with all aspects of the Centre – this can be from helping with the ponies, to leading and side helping in lessons or helping with gardening & maintenance.

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Rotary is non religious and non political which means the organisation does not encounter the barriers that can hinder some other organisations when it comes to getting aid to a disaster area.

This does not mean that there are no Rotarians who are followers of Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, etc; nor does it mean that no Rotarians become involved in politics, far from it. Several members of the Rotary Club of Elstree and Borehamwood have been local councillors and 2 members of the Town Council are currently members of the Rotary Club.

All Rotarians do share a common faith, in that they believe that from their business or professional lives they are given skills and expertise to do some good in the community. Following the teaching 'to love your neighbour' does not necessarily mean the person next door, in the next street or even in the same town, although that does apply, because it can mean showing love for people in another country.

All Rotarians throughout the world follow the universal motto 'Service above Self'. The motto is the basis of Rotary Awards. A Rotary Award is presented to a child/student who has been nominated by his/her school for exceptional service, either to the school community or to the wider community.

The Rotary Club introduced Rotary Awards in 1971 when its president was Cyril Beattie, remembered by many as the town's photographer who had his shop near where the NatWest Bank is now sited.

The Club has made contact with a few former winners; one is Julie Murray, nee Strack. Julie obviously was set a good example by her mother Pat who has served our community through Girl Guiding and politics. Julie received her Rotary Award in 1983 when she was in the upper sixth in Nicholas Hawksmoor School. One of her teachers was David Clout, now a member of the Rotary Club. David reports that a few years ago he went to present Rotary Awards at Summerswood School and one of the recipients was Katie Murray, Julie's daughter and Pat Strack's granddaughter.

In either 1971 or 1972, one of the first recipients was Keith Macknelly who studied physics at University and went on to be a professional scientist.

Another winner from the 1980s is Simon Mansell who continues to do good work in the community as a member of the Borehamwood Brass Band; the band frequently plays in support of local charities and organisations such as the NSPCC.

Rotary Club President, Paul Clark, who received Rotary's accolade for his own exceptional service, the Paul Harris Fellowship, said 'The Club is delighted to be celebrating 40 years of recognising our young citizens and it has been good to hear how some previous awardees have continued to serve the community.'

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What's on in Hertsmere this October half-term?



Be There! Do It! is back this October with your favourite activities plus some exciting new additions. The activity programme offers a range of fun things to do for ages 9+ and 13-19.

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Find out what's on during the October half term holiday by visiting www.hertsmere.gov.uk, the Be There! Do It! Facebook page, by following us on Twitter @HertsmereBC or by visiting the Be There! Do It! blog www.bethereidoithertsmere.wordpress.com.

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Elstree Lawn Tennis Club

As part of the drive to get more people to partake in sport, Elstree Lawn Tennis Club held two junior tennis coaching afternoons this summer.

Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council accepted the offer of free qualified coaching for kids and many enjoyed a very well attended session at Families Day. ELTC also planned a challenge for interested adults during their July open day in the shape of a fun tournament, but unfortunately the weather stymied efforts and the event was rained off.

Never-the-less, Elstree Lawn Tennis Club remains committed to getting more people involved in the game and would like to invite anyone interested in playing tennis to contact the club (www.elstreetennis.com) and discuss the membership options. If you're already a confident, competent player, feel free to visit the club during one of the social tennis session and see if the standard of play suits your game.

Elstree field 4 teams in the Watford and District league through the summer and are always on the lookout for new members who feel that they'd like to play doubles at this level. If you are keen to move your game up a level, the club would really like to hear from you. If you are learning or just a bit rusty, they also have fully qualified coaches on hand to raise your game.

Elstree has 6 courts and is fully floodlit, so play takes place all year round. Only snow or a heavy frost prevents games taking place. If you want to stay active this autumn and winter rather than hunkering down in front of the T.V, Elstree Lawn Tennis Club could be just the place for you.



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