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Hear ye! Hear ye!

Letter from the Mayor...



It is with some sadness that I address you for the final time as Mayor of this wonderful town and community.

The Annual Parish Meeting on 14 March was a truly memorable occasion with one of the largest attendance figures yet. At this meeting, I was able to show a short video (kindly prepared by Dan Salter - Entertainments Officer and Town Crier Editor) of a selection of events that I had the honour of attending with my wife, Evelyn, throughout my mayoral year. If you missed it, you can turn to page 23 of this magazine for a synopsis of some of the highlights. The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for electors to have their say on anything they consider to be important to the people of Elstree and Borehamwood and this year it was wonderful to see so many of you 'have your say', ask questions and show how committed and involved you are to community life.

Before signing off, I should wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to Cllr Victor Eni, the Deputy Mayor, who supported me in my term of office, all the Town Councillors and the team of Town Council professional staff (especially Mayor's Secretary - Jenny Simon) and, of course, my wife, Evelyn, who has been an invaluable companion.

Here's to a terrific 2018/19 for the new Mayor who will be decided at Full Council in May.



Cllr Eric Silver
Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood
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A Tale of Two Cities

How would you like a day in Paris?



That's what your local town twinning association is offering this summer, and much more besides. On Friday 1 June, we board the Eurostar train at St. Pancras. This will be the start of a three day visit to our French partner town, Fontenay Aux Roses, a thriving community in the south west of the Greater Paris area.

We will be attending its vibrant, multi-cultural, 'Fête de la Ville'. On the Saturday, you will find us sampling the delights of the capital's bustling street markets. Lunch will be at world- famous patisserie, Fauchon. On Sunday we will take in more of the music and dance at the Fête, before our journey home.

Accommodation will be in the Hôtel La Roseraire, which has welcomed us for many years. This weekend will be a snip at £350, inclusive of accommodation and travel.

Come and join us on our 'Bon Voyage!'

Our second destination this year is Offenburg, the gateway to Germany's beautiful Black Forest.

Famous around the world for their vineyards, our partners there host an annual 'Weinfest'. This spectacular event features many great bands with open- air stalls selling delicious local delicacies.

The Hotel Union is the place which provides us with the comfort the Germans call 'Gemütlichkeit'. To attend this event, we take to the skies at Stansted, landing in Baden Baden (so good, they named it twice). We are offering this weekend experience for a bargain price of £330.

Get in touch quickly, before all the places go, because they will.

Auf Wiedersehen folks!

Martine Eni

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China Business Forum

Engaging local businesses

On 28 March we welcomed four guest speakers to the Town Council sponsored Business Forum. Entitled 'Focus on China' the speakers related their experience of, and passed on tips concerning, doing business abroad. The focus on China relates to the recent successful trip to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with our new Sister City, Huainan. The aim of the Forum was to develop this relationship and stimulate business links between the two towns.

Following introductions from the Chair, Cllr. Clive Butchins, and Dr. Peter Wong-Morrow, who instigated the project, we heard from our guests:

- Nick Brown, Chairman of the Welwyn Hatfield Chamber of Commerce
- Hugh Ottewell, Executive Director of My Language Hub Ltd.
- Laurence Montrognon, Export Sales Manager, Churchill's Confectionery
- Avi Nagel (China-Britain Business Council)

There followed a lively question time. Attendees came away with a much better understanding of what it takes to do business overseas. Please join us for the next Forum on 6th June when the focus will be on marketing, with guest speaker, author and marketing guru, Grant Leboff.

Cllr. Clive Butchins





A new look for an old friend

Conveniently located in the heart of Elstree & Borehamwood, Allum Manor has been serving our community for many years.

The Centre is run by the Elstree, Borehamwood and District Community Association (EBDCA) and has recently undergone a re-branding, plus an ongoing active marketing and refurbishment programme.

Now trading under the new name of Allum Manor – House and Hall, the centre hosts a very wide range of community events and is the ideal venue for all kinds of occasions, from exercise classes, activities for toddlers and babies, yoga, religious gatherings and business meetings in the Manor House, to wedding receptions, bar & bat mitzvahs, birthday and engagement parties, tea dancing, concerts and craft fairs in the Large Hall.

Originally constructed in the 17th century, the Manor House was extended in the 18th century and later remodelled around 1880.



Allum Manor c1863

In 1830 it was the birthplace of Euphrasia Haworth, author, artist and friend of the poet Robert Browning. Together with the great English actor William Macready, they formed an active local artistic and theatrical group.

Thirty years later the Manor House was the residence of Charles Gordon, a gin distiller (yes, THAT Gordon!). It is also believed that Baroness Orczy was living in the Manor House in the early 20th century when she wrote "The Scarlet Pimpernel".

In 1951, through fundraising led by Dame Anna Neagle, EBDCA acquired the Manor House for the benefit of the community. An All-Star Midnight Matinee was held at the Ritz Cinema, Edgware, featuring Richard Attenborough, Norman Wisdom and 21-year-old Audrey Hepburn.

In the 1990s refurbishment began and a new large hall was built. The Manor House and Allum Hall were officially re-opened in 1998.

Local stalwart and Chair of Trustees since 1998, Jim Mckean is confident the new look Allum Manor will increase awareness of the unique features of the centre and so increase the service it has been delivering to the community for over 60 years.

Jeannie Hinds
www.allummanor.co.uk
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40 years of service to the visually impaired

On 4 January the 2000th edition of the Talking Newspaper was recorded. This meant the Radlett, Elstree, Borehamwood and Shenley Talking Newspaper has been letting some light into the dark world of blind and partially sighted people of the area for 40 years.

The organisation was started by Julian Bishopp with the support of fellow Round Tablers. For 32 years the weekly recordings were sent to listeners on audio cassettes but in 2010 the organisation started to use USB memory sticks and provided each listener with a playback box/boom box.

For many years the recordings were made in the vestry of the chapel of Shenley Hospital but today we have a dedicated studio in the Village Institute. Each recording has about 30 minutes of local news and about 30 minutes of magazine articles.

There is no cost to a listener and that includes free postage for the return of the memory sticks. We run with the help of 50-plus volunteers, readers, editors, controllers and copiers.

We thank councillors on the borough council for their support in providing grants to the organisation, and the local sorting office and its postal staff for looking after us.

We know there are more visually impaired members of the community than we have listeners, so please bring our service to the attention of anyone you know who might benefit from receiving our weekly recording and then contact me David Clout, 01923 854403, david.clout@btinternet.com



David Clout

SUMMER Coach Trips

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

The Town Council is once again offering a chance to have a day out at the seaside or visit an interesting city for only £8.

Choose one of the listed destinations and bring your proof of age and residence (driving licence or bus pass/passport and a utility bill) along to Fairway Hall, Brook Close, WD6 5BT from Monday 14 May 2018. Tickets are on a first come, first served basis and are on sale from 9am to 12 noon from Monday to Friday - strictly one per person. Please bring correct change.

Destinations		
June 2018	Monday 11	Broadstairs 1
	Tuesday 12	Eastbourne
	Wednesday 13	Cotswolds
	Thursday 14	Margate
July 2018	Monday 2	Clacton on Sea
	Tuesday 3	Hastings
	Wednesday 4	Bournemouth
	Thursday 5	Brighton
	Monday 9	Oxford
	Tuesday 10	Stratford Upon Avon
	Wednesday 11	Broadstairs 2
	Thursday 12	Canterbury



Stratford Upon Avon

There may be a chance to buy a second ticket after Tuesday 29 May 2018 if any remain unsold.

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



Hastings

Feedback questionnaire Coach Trips Tell us what you think



- 1) Did you find the information, buying a ticket and booking helpful and easy to use?
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- 2) Was there a good range of destinations?
.....
- 3) Which destination was your favourite?
.....
- 4) Are there any destinations you would like to go to on future coach trips?
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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:

- Community Matters
- Planning

NEXT MEETINGS:

Tues: 15th May, 3rd July & 4th Sept 2018 - arrive at 7.50pm
(meeting is from 8pm to 9.30pm prompt)

WHERE:

St Teresa's Parish Centre (next to St Teresa's church)
Near: 291 Shenley Road, WD6 1TG

£6 annual household membership or £2 entrance fee.
Free parking at rear of church & free refreshments available.

A sizzling summer with Borehamwood Brass

Borehamwood Brass is a traditional British brass band, performing a wide musical repertoire on the standard set of instruments. The band welcomes and encourages musicians to join and learn to play a brass instrument. If you learned a brass instrument at school but have not played for a while, then come along and get going again.

During the spring and summer months the band will be performing throughout the area. Our current engagement schedule is:

- St George's Day Parade for Watford Scouts, 22 April 2018
- Bassingbourn Church, South Cambridgeshire, Friday 27 April 2018, 7.30pm
- Pre-Festival Event, Borehamwood Saturday 12 May 2018
- Borehamwood Festival Concert, All Saints Church, Borehamwood, 22 June 2018
- Meadow Park Bandstand, Borehamwood, Sunday 24 June 2018
- Shenley Fete, Sunday 1 July 2018, 12pm
- 150th Anniversary Elstree and Borehamwood Railway Station, Sunday 15 July 2018
- NSPCC Garden Party, Schopwick House, Elstree, Sunday 29 July 2018



A small group of band members will be visiting Germany, taking part in the Rammersweier Wine Festival; near Offenburg, between 20-22 July 2018. Rammersweier is an affiliated village of Offenburg, Borehamwood's twin town in south west Germany.

The band meets most Friday nights in the Holy Cross Church Hall in Balmoral Drive, Borehamwood, WD6 2QT, from 8pm to 10pm. If you would like to come, please phone us beforehand to ensure we are meeting. We particularly are interested to welcome tenor horn, euphonium, and cornet players.

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

www.borehamwoodbrass.org.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/borehamwoodbrass

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Andrew Grady

New entertainment arena for Meadow Park

Following a presentation made to Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council by Andrew Grady, secretary of Borehamwood Brass on 22 November 2017. The Borehamwood Band Stand Committee was set up. The committee comprises members from the town council, the Rotary and Satellite Clubs and the borough council. The current Hertsmere Borough Council refurbishment plan for Meadow Park has been updated to include a band stand.

The committee has arranged a series of brass band concerts. Over the summer there will be four Sunday afternoon brass band concerts starting at 3pm on each date, in a temporary performance arena. The aim is to allow residents to see how this facility will benefit the wider community in Elstree and Borehamwood.

The Committee is planning that the permanent structure will be fit for purpose, having all the necessary facilities required to make this an arena to be used by a wide variety of community groups.

Working with the London & Home Counties Brass Band Association, brass bands from Hertfordshire will be performing on four separate dates during June and July. The details are:

Sunday Afternoon Concert Dates

- Sunday 24 June 2018 - Soul Jump & Borehamwood Brass
- Sunday 8 July 2018 - Welwyn Garden City Band
- Sunday 15 July 2018 - Hemel Hempstead Band
- Sunday 22 July 2018 - Watford Band

Other local community groups have been approached for input about the type of performance space that is needed. The Community Choir welcomed the fact that the floor will be level with the surrounding area and be wheelchair accessible.

Civic Award to Andrew Grady

Andrew Grady received this special award for his services to the community and with Borehamwood Brass who provide entertainment at many of the town's and other organisation's events.



Here is just some of the work he does for the community.

- He's always offering technical help at events with sound and other equipment
- Works with the NSPCC at their Xmas Fayres and Garden Parties.
- Supports at the town council coffee mornings
- Support to the Twin Town Association in organising trips to Offenburg
- Liaising with bands from Offenburg.
- A founding member of the Town Band Stand Project in Meadow Park following its refurbishment.



Dementia Club

It is a pleasure to see the Dementia Club of Elstree and Borehamwood go from strength to strength.

All monies raised are used by the club for local activities for people with dementia and their carers. Especially as this helps carers to have a little break, as they willingly look after their loved ones day in and day out, so together they can come to our Dementia Club.

We meet fortnightly, on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 2pm, where we have gentle exercises with music, entertainers, tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits, jokes that you groan at with Eric (our Mayor), and information about help that is available locally for people with dementia.

There is no charge to come to the club.

Recently we have had a donation of £1,000 from the owner of Borehamwood Football Club and £460 from Nick Male from his special birthday party which he specially asked not for presents but donations for our Dementia Club.

Thank you both for your generosity and the fund raising efforts by all who go out of their way to raise funds for our club. We welcome anybody who would benefit from coming.

Cllr. Eric Silver
Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood

on behalf of Cllr. Pat Strack, Cllr. Sandra Parnell, Sacha Capocci and Dr. Ann Goddard.



DR96

DR96 started three years ago. Membership has grown to over a 100 with an average attendance of 65 members a week.

Singers Wayne, Clare, James Bernard, and guitarist Paul Lomax get feet tapping and people dancing. Sara visits fortnightly, putting members through their exercises. Carol Ward writes a quiz every week. Every week we have a game of bingo and a raffle and sometimes a game of Hoy.

We celebrated the Chinese New Year in February and 44 members had lunch at the Chinese Buffet in Shenley Road. St David and St Patrick were also duly honoured.

As we enter this new year for the club we are planning outings over the next few months to Reveley Lodge for afternoon tea, to Bentley Priory, Bletchley Park the Houses of Parliament, the Poppy Factory, Stoke Bruerne for a canal trip and museum visit, the Royal Courts of Justice, Woburn Safari Park and Southend. Our programme of weekly events includes celebrating Easter, St Georges Day, the Royal Wedding, American Independence Day and Bastille Day.

New members are always welcome. We meet on Wednesday mornings at 96 Shenley Road from 10am to 12pm. Annual subscription is £5 weekly attendance is £2.

Cllr. Pat Strack

Defibrillator Team

On behalf of the "Defibrillator Team" it was a pleasure to present an AED to the Islamic Society of Borehamwood on 18 February 2018 at the mosque in Aycliffe Road by the Mayor and Mayoress of Elstree and Borehamwood.

The "Defibrillator Team" (in addition to the Mayor Eric Silver) included Councillor Pat Strack, Councillor Gary Silver, Councillor Clive Butchins, Councillor Sandra Parnell and Laurence Stack. The funds were raised by the "Defibrillator Team".

What is a defibrillator (AED)?

A defibrillator is a device that gives a high energy electric shock to the heart through the chest wall to someone who is in cardiac arrest. This



high energy shock is called defibrillation, and is an essential lifesaving step in the chain of survival.

Here in Elstree and Borehamwood, the "Defibrillator Team" took the initiative to make sure everybody, young or old, who might be in need of a lifesaving defibrillator has one available nearby. We are proud that we enabled 50 defibrillators to be available for the people of Elstree and Borehamwood.

Cllr. Gary Silver

on behalf of the Defibrillator Team



Compost Corner

At this year's Annual Parish Meeting, held on 7 March awards were given out to plot holders from Allum Lane and Melrose allotments for their achievements throughout the year.

Melrose allotments

Alf Warman Cup

Best plot

Helen Stamp has worked hard to create an immaculate, charming character plot, well stocked with a variety of fruit, vegetables and flowers – including edible flowers! Her plot is an excellent example showing what can be achieved with regular and manageable attention.

Best effort

Adel Kovacs, Andreas and their two children have put in an incredible amount of effort in a short time with the whole plot cultivated and producing plenty right from the 'get go!' Well done!

The Neil Mapp Cup

Most produce

Alan Bennett has successfully grown a huge amount of produce, with special varieties grown from seed, using vertical space as well as horizontal...including the 'ceiling' with an arc of dangling cucumbers. Envious and inspirational!

Allum Lane allotments

Best kept plot

Peter Woolveridge has kept a very neat and tidy plot which is pleasing to look at. He has considered details such as putting board on the outside of his chicken wire fencing to enable safe and efficient strimming of paths and perhaps more importantly to Peter... intact fencing!

Best grown

David Worley has grown an abundance of fruits and vegetables, all winning specimens, and tasty looking! No doubt his success has been due to careful attention to conditions, and well managed beds, giving the utmost chance for a good crop.



Gratitude for bird feeders

On 13 March the Woodcock Hill Village Green committee were presented with several bird feeders which were put up on trees at the open space. The feeders had been donated to Gratitude by one of their regular donors.

Sheila and John Carlisle run Gratitude to put something back into the community. They solicit donations of overstocked or surplus products and items to redistribute where they can be put to good use. They often have food available to pass on to those in need. If interested you can contact them at sheilacarlisle.gratitude@gmail.com to find out what, if anything, is available.

Gratitude Lunch

The following day Elaine and I were invited to attend the 5th birthday lunch held at St. Teresa's Parish Hall, along with the Borough Mayor, Cllr. Charles Goldstein. All the food is cooked on the premises by volunteers, mainly using ingredients donated to the group. After a short video about Gratitude produced by Phillip Appleby, we were serenaded by Paul Lomax and Friends whilst eating the delicious food.

These lunches take place on Wednesdays during term time and you can just turn up. It is all vegetarian. See www.gratitude4all.org.



Cllr. Clive Butchins

School News

Cowley Hill Primary School

Most decorated school in Rock Challenge! – second overall!

After several months of rehearsals, children from Cowley Hill took part in the regional heats of the National Rock Challenge competition.

The event took place on Tuesday 6 February on a specially erected stage alongside the Gordon Craig Theatre in Stevenage. The children spent the day perfecting their performance and working with lighting and film technicians before putting on their costumes and having their hair and make-up styled. Schools from across Hertfordshire and London took to the stage to perform an 8 minute performance in front of the judges. Cowley Hill's theme was about a young girl whose father was in the army. The theme told the story of her conflicted feelings about war and the deep sadness that she felt in saying goodbye. Our children and stage crew were absolutely incredible. They danced and acted out their performance wonderfully and every single member of the team gave 100%. When it was finally time for the awards presentation, we were delighted that their hard work had been



recognised, especially when the standard of all of the performances had been so high.

At the end of the evening not only did we go home with overall second place, we also took home awards of excellence for:- Stage Use, Lighting, Soundtrack, Stage Crew, Concept, Choreography, Entertainment, Performance Skill, Drama, Visual Enhancement, Healthy Lifestyles, Cultural and Educational Achievement and finally Student Leadership.

Mad about science!

Running alongside National Science Week Cowley Hill held its own prestigious Science Week (12 -16 March).

With a week jam packed with experiments and fun activities, science gripped the school - culminating in Science Evening, an investigative discovery for parents and children. Throughout the week children focussed on science with a range of visitors coming into school.

On Tuesday we had an informative visit by Animals UK, when the children had the opportunity to see and hold a snake, tarantula, hedgehog, tortoise, barn owl and a lizard. Children and staff had the opportunity to overcome their fear of certain animals!

Wednesday evening saw the return of our annual Science Evening which was a fantastic success. It was lovely to see so many families engaging in all the experiments we had on offer!



On Thursday the children had an out-of-this-world experience in the UK's largest mobile planetarium. The Astronomy Road Show gave the children an unrivalled opportunity to learn about constellations, planets and our galaxy.

Its official - Cowley Hill is the fastest school in Borehamwood for the 2nd year in a row!

Cowley Hill stormed to victory in the annual Borehamwood District Schools Swimming Gala on Friday 23 March.

As the reigning champions the pressure was on and from the first event through to the last event, our swimmers powered down the pool, leaving the competition gasping for air. The majority of children from the team made it through to their individual finals, and in the relay phase all of our teams finished in either first or second place. This is a direct reflection of their hard work in preparation and training leading up to the gala. The level of support from both their peers and the parents in the audience was admirable, a true demonstration of all we stand for at Cowley Hill.



Meryfield Community Primary School

Conversion to an academy

Meryfield Primary School is now an academy - part of Herts for Learning Multi Academy Trust. This will give the school the extra benefit of working in partnership with a smaller group of schools outside the area in addition to continuing to work with all the Borehamwood schools. An exciting time and we hope it will help us to provide an even better education for all our children.

Energy makeover

We are delighted to share the photographs of our new solar panels. These were installed by British Gas following our Green Team's successful competition entry to win an energy makeover for Meryfield. In addition to the 30 solar panels, we were given LED lighting for four of our classrooms and a monitor was installed in our reception area which transmits live data informing us about the energy being created from the solar panels. We are very grateful to British Gas and our wonderful Green Team for this exciting 'eco-friendly' project!

On-line interaction with royal couple

Earlier in the term a few of our children were chosen to speak with Prince Edward and the Countess of Wessex during their on-line maths lesson. Third Space Global, based in Sri Lanka, who provide an on-line learning programme which Meryfield uses to support Year 6 children with maths, received a visit from Prince Edward and the Countess of Wessex. The royal couple who were in the country as part of the 70th anniversary celebration of Sri Lanka's



independence, visited Third Space as part of a tour linked to projects and causes they support, including youth development and education. Following time spent with the Third Space team, they asked to take over the headsets from two tutors at the end of the session to chat with two of our children. The royal couple commented that the children were delightful and they were very impressed by their warmth, enthusiasm and confidence throughout the conversation.

Fairtrade week

We were delighted to have hosted a Fairtrade week in school. As part of our commitment to making us all global citizens, we all took part in fun activities and events to help us know and understand how the Fairtrade Foundation is helping farmers and producers in developing countries achieve better trading conditions. All our children had the opportunity to visit our Fairtrade café and were able to sample Fairtrade juices and snacks. The week ended in a sea of yellow with everyone dressing as a banana or simply wearing something yellow, as this fruit is an important symbol of the movement. We are delighted to have raised £145.98 for Fairtrade.

Saffron Green Primary School

The spring term was full of Easter joy at Saffron Green.

The children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 enjoyed an Easter egg hunt with a guest appearance by the Easter bunny who could be spied out of the window hiding eggs for the children to find. In Years 3 and 4 the children produced a very moving re-telling of the Easter Story which ended with an uplifting Easter song. The performance was beautifully executed with singing that was truly joyful. Our thanks go out to all the children and Ms Curran who led the production so professionally. Thank you to the many parents and carers who attended the performance too.



The term drew to a close with an Easter Service at Holy Cross Church where all the children contributed through songs, poems and prayers. It was wonderful to see so many parents, family members and



carers come along to celebrate Easter with us and enjoy the children singing. We were also delighted to welcome back our vicar, Christine Hina.

The spring term also saw our pupils enter the Watford and Hertsmere Schools Sports Partnership Key Stage 1 gymnastics competition. Teams were chosen from our Year 2 and 4 classes. This dedicated group of children rehearsed regularly during their lunch and break times and made sure they gave their very best efforts to the competition. Excitement amongst the team reached fever pitch when they were presented with their team costumes. I am sure you will agree they look so smart and professional. Their efforts were rewarded with a skillful performance, a performance which made all of us at Saffron Green very proud. A huge well done to all the children who took part and many thanks to their gymnastics coach, Ms Nicholls. It was truly a team effort.

Mrs Storey (Headteacher)

St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

St Teresa's choir performs at the Royal Albert Hall

On Sunday 11 March, twelve members of St Teresa's School choir had the opportunity to sing at the Royal Albert Hall. They joined over 50 Hertfordshire schools in their gala performance of If I Had Wings.



"The Royal Albert Hall was ginormous. When we got in, they showed us to our dressing room - it was massive but we had to share it with three other schools. Once we got settled in, we had around two hours of rehearsal before we started the show but it seemed like a lot longer. There was even a special guest - it was Michael Rosen, the author. We sang 18 songs and had to learn them off by heart. On our last song "The Final Countdown" we had torches and waved them in the air - it looked really cool. We are all very proud of this wonderful achievement and to be able to say we performed at the Royal Albert Hall." (quote from Amy - Y6 choir member).

Kick into reading

On 8 March, our Yr 2 and Yr 3 pupils had some special visitors. Tony Dallas (professional story teller) and three apprentice footballers from Tottenham Hotspur spent time in their classrooms, reading stories to them. This initiative (led by the Tottenham Hotspur Education Foundation) is put in place to promote an enjoyment of reading for all children, but also to spread



the message about the importance of reading. The three footballers were asked what advice they would give to the children to prepare them for their future. They gave the following responses:

- Listen to your parents and teachers, as they know what is good for you.
- Always try your hardest, both at school and at sport.
- Your education is important. You need to have it behind you just in case your first choice of a career (e.g. being a footballer) doesn't work out.

Tony Dallas also spoke to the children about the importance of working as a team and how learning takes practice, time and effort if you are going to succeed. It was pleasing to hear our visitors' advice all reinforced the Growth Mindset values that St Teresa's are promoting this year.

Mad about maths

Each February the pupils of St Teresa's take part in a special week to promote an enjoyment of maths. During this week we have our Wear a Number to School Day, when every child and member of staff comes to school wearing a number between 1 and 100. These numbers are used for learning during the day. This year the children were given the challenge to try and wear a number no-one else had thought to wear. Surprisingly, no-one wore number 1! That afternoon, parents and carers were invited into the school to play different games with the children. We received positive feedback from this event and it was a delight to see the children energetically taking part in games that involved some aspect of maths.



Teresa McBride (Headteacher)

Monksmead Primary School

Circus

On 28 March 2018 Monksmead School turned 60 years old.

The children enjoyed many activities, including taking part in circus workshops to help celebrate the school's 60th birthday.

Continuing the celebratory circus theme, Friends of Monksmead are proud to announce that Happys Circus will be attending Monksmead School, Hillside Avenue, WD6 1HL on Saturday 22 September 2018, 4pm - 6pm (doors open 3pm)

All welcome. Come along and join the celebrations.

Tickets priced at £10 per person or a family ticket for 2 adults and 2 children is available costing £35

Tickets available online: www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofmonksmead



Woodlands Primary School

Greek Day - 14 December 2017

- Yr 5: As part of their topic for the autumn term, Mr Weston from Past Pastoral visited Woodlands and delivered a Greek workshop.

Words in the Wood: As part of our 'Words In the Wood' project this year, the children were reading 'A Song for Will' written by Hilary Robinson and Martin Impey. On 1 March, as part of World Book Day, the children dressed up in their favourite book character and parents were invited into school to look at the children's work. Mr Impey visited us on 2 March when he delivered workshops and signed copies of his book.

Ola Brazil - 15 January 2018 - Yr 6: As part of their topic on Brazil, our Year 6 pupils took part in a very lively, fun filled Brazilian Workshop. The children learnt lots of interesting facts about the history of Brazil and even had a go at learning the traditional dances: samba, bossanova and capoeira.



Woodlands Bake Off and Cake Sale

was held on 23 February 2018 and raised £270 for the school and Marie Curie. Children and staff baked fantastic cakes which were initially judged by their peers and then by judges in assembly. The overall winner was Amy Spears with her amazing unicorn cake; 2nd was Paige Wilson with a dinosaur cake and 3rd Lois Bannister with her amazing chocolate cake. Miss Islam won the teacher entry.



Mother's Day Secret Room: Thank you to Woodlands School Parents Association for organising this great event when the children brought unwanted gifts into school on a non-uniform day and then had the opportunity to purchase a gift for their mum on 9 March 2018 for Mothering Sunday.

Woodlands Talent Show was held on 22 March in school when our talented children took part in a very enjoyable show. The overall winners were Emily Lane and Joel Barrass; 2nd James Obern and 3rd Josie Arpino. Thank you to Mr Lomax for organising the music and Mrs Haffner and Miss Islam for organising the event.

Easter Bonnet Parade and Raffle: EYFS and Key Stage 1 took part in our Easter Bonnet Parade at our Easter Assembly on 29 March. The hats were fantastic. We also held our Easter Raffle which was organised by our parents association. A great end to the spring term 2018.

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There's something for everyone!

Please contact us on 020 8953 4295 info@maxwellpcc.org
Or visit our 'What's on' page at www.maxwellpcc.org
for more information on activities

St Nicholas Primary School

Year 1 visit to Mountfitchet Castle

Year 1 had a fantastic trip to Mountfitchet Castle. We managed to avoid the rain and snow and enjoyed some beautiful sunshine. The children were incredibly well behaved and an absolute credit to St Nicholas. They enjoyed finding out even more about castles and medieval life as part of their 'castles' topic. They could try on knights' helmets, use a mill, practise riding a horse, wear chainmail and lift up heavy swords and shields as well as feed the farm animals. The highlight of the trip for most of them was rolling down the hill and getting very muddy!



Year 3 designs a reptile

Classes from Year 2 to 5 had a competition to see who could make the best reptile out of paper and the winner was Kacey from Year 3. This will now be sent off to Set Point and it will be entered into a County Competition.

Science week

Science week started with an assembly from Haberdashers' Aske's School 6th formers who performed science investigations for us.



The children all took part in the Sign2Sing fundraising activity at school on Thursday 22 February 2018.

This fundraising activity was organised by the deaf health charity SignHealth, which helps to give deaf children and adults a brighter, healthier future. For this event, the children sang a specially written song "Friends Forever" with signs.

Thank you to all the children for their very kind donations towards the SignHealth charity. We raised a total of £154 - a fantastic amount that we will be sending off to the charity.

Thank you for supporting this exciting challenge and helping to make a difference.



Kicking off

The topics that school governors have to deal with increase by the minute and increase the amount of time that we, as volunteers, have to spend.

The most pressing decisions that we have to take are to do directly with the children, although we may also get involved in more mundane decisions like carpeting, curtains and parking.

A most interesting topic today is the spending on sport and its effectiveness. Since 2015, the Government has provided money specifically for sport in schools and this is known as the Sports Premium. For a small primary school, it is around £16k, and £20k for a larger one and it must be spent on sport-related activities. We have to ensure that it is used effectively and contributes to the good health and lifestyle of the children.

For Key Stage 1 the expectation is that they undertake at least 30 minutes of physical activity every day in school. For all older children, it is intended that the profile of PE and sport is raised across the school as a tool for whole school improvement. One way that schools can show how they are doing is through the Sainsbury Sports Kite Mark. This can be achieved at three levels; Bronze, Silver and Gold.

Today, as we would expect, girls benefit just as much as boys, and girls' football in particular has flourished in our community. I remember when my granddaughter was at Kenilworth School; she not only

played football but also mixed netball and rounders. Some girls are so good that they also play in the boys' football teams.

Schools have to account for how effectively they have used their Sports Premium

money and from last year National Curriculum swimming performances had to be included. The number of Year 6 children who can swim 25 metres and use a range of strokes effectively has to be counted.

We are fortunate that transport to The Venue swimming pool is free for all our primary schools, as it is funded by our Town Council.

Borehamwood and Elstree schools are always pleased to consider anyone who wants to join them as governors. It is an interesting and worthwhile way in which you can contribute to our community. Governors do make a difference, and having been involved in three Ofsted inspections in the last six months, I can vouch for this.



Parkside Girls' Football team

Geoff Strack

Chair of Governors at St Nicholas C of E Elstree School and Chair of Education Committee at Parkside Community Primary School



Wednesday 20 June at 7pm



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

Name:

(If a group act, select a leader and use their details)

Address:

..... Post Code:

Your contact details

Telephone: Mobile:

Email:

Age (optional for adults):

N.B. Under 16s must be accompanied by a parent/carer.

Your performance

Give us details of what you intend to do – title of song, type of dance etc.

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Telephone: Mobile:

Email:

Will you need the full 5 mins? YES / NO

Group acts

How many in the group? (max 5)

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

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

.....

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

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Entries in by 13 June 2018.

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

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

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

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

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

Signature:

If under 18, parent/carer should sign

If a group, group leader should sign

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

Junior Dragons' Apprentice Challenge 2018

Community Hertsmere
- Inform · Involve · Enable · Enrich -

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

The Challenge ran over six weeks, giving students in years 5 and 6 an opportunity to experience the business world. Each team was given £50 seed funding, which was invested into the teams' business ideas to make a profit for their matched charity. The teams raised a total of £1,073.05

Pupils from Saffron Green Primary School, Summerswood Primary School, St. Nicholas Elstree C of E Primary School and Monksmead Primary School worked hard at putting on bake sales, movie nights, Christmas sales and other activities as they competed in making a profit for their charity. Local charity and community groups which partnered with the teams include Barnardos, Borehamwood Drop-in, Goods For Good, Gratitude, Live Well and Para Dance.

Sadie Shear (year 6), Chair of the St. Nicholas Primary School governors said: "It was really fun and a great experience. It was exciting counting the money at the end to see how much we'd raised."

Miss. Parethamby, Teacher-in-Charge of the Summerswood Primary School team, said: "It was a fantastic experience for the children, which truly allowed them to enhance their entrepreneurial skills."

Vinesh Patel, Dragon for Saffron Green Primary School said: "What Community Hertsmere is doing is an inspiration to many school children in the local area and the charities they raise funds for. As



Monksmead Primary School

one of the Dragons it was great to see the enthusiasm and passion the pupils had to raise as much funds as they could for their chosen charity. I look forward to supporting the project in the future."

Community Hertsmere Chief Executive Stephen Craker said: "This is the 1st year we are delivering the Junior Dragons' Apprentice Challenge and the response and enthusiasm we have had from primary schools has been great. The teams have done a fantastic job. Well done!"

If you're interested in participating in next year's challenge, please contact Nazra, at engagement@communityhertsmere.org.uk or call

020 8207 4504 and let us know the nature of your interest and we'll respond as fast as we can.

Nazra Zuhyle



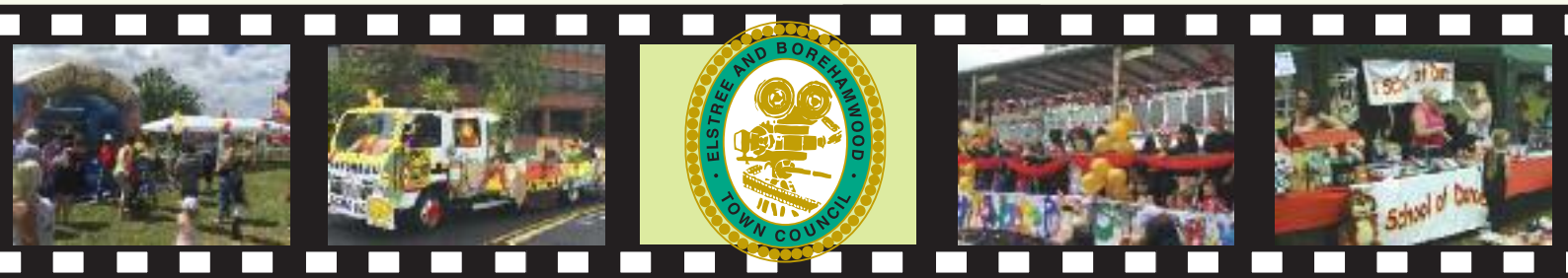
St. Nicholas Elstree C of E Primary School



Summerswood Primary School



Saffron Green Primary School



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 the 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).

Entries in by 8 June 2018.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE TO COVER YOUR FLOAT FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROCESSION.



2018 Families Day Saturday 30 June, Meadow Park

To have a stall at 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 and 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.

Entries in by 22 June 2018.

Civic Festival

16 June - 1 July 2018



Saturday 16 June

Carnival Parade - celebrating 150 years of the railway coming to Elstree and Borehamwood

A fortnight of Festival events begins with the Carnival Parade. Cheer on all our participants as they tour the town to the sound of African Drummers. Leaving Brook Road car park at 1.45pm, the procession heads up Shenley Road to Theobald Street, turning at Aycliffe Road and Leeming Road before completing the circuit.

We welcome you to join us!

If you wish to take part with a bright and colourful walking or float entry contact the Town Council for details: admin@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk or 020 8207 1382.

Application form on page 16 in the Town Crier.

1.45pm - 3.30pm.



Elstree Productions "An American Dream!"

For more details go to www.elstreeproductions.co.uk

Fairway Hall, Brook Close, 7.30pm.



The Elstree Mozart Players Summer Concert

Conducted by Derek Holland, Tom Torley. Soloist: Kate Walsh

Inaugural event, first chance to hear: Mendelssohn: Overture, The Hebrides; Mozart: Flute Concerto No. 2 in D Major, K314; Elgar: Chanson de Matin - Chanson de Nuit; Vaughan Williams: Fantasia on Greensleeves; Haydn: Symphony No. 104 The London.

Raising money for the Dementia Club.

Tickets £5 from Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council, 020 8207 1382 / admin@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk, and at the door on the night

All Saints' Church, Shenley Rd, 7.30pm.

Sunday 17 June

Wrestling World Clash 2018

Tickets from £5, www.skiddle.com

Maxwell Park Centre



Details correct at time of printing

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Elstree Productions "An American Dream!"

For more details go to
www.elstreeproductions.co.uk

Fairway Hall, Brook Close, 3pm.

Festival Service

To be confirmed.

Please visit www.elstreeborehamwoo-tc.gov.uk
for an update.

Monday 18 June

BBC Concert Band "A Night at the Movies"

Festival favourites the BBC Elstree Concert Band return to present a concert of rousing classics and anthemic masterpieces from the world of movies - the perfect accompaniment to a summer's evening.

Tickets are only £8 and are available from Fairway Hall or www.ticketsource.co.uk/EBTC.

Allum Hall, Allum Lane, 8pm (doors open at 7.30pm).



Tuesday 19 June

Primary Schools Performing Arts Concert

Local schools from around the area assemble at Allum Hall for the Performing Arts Festival.

Attendance is limited to pupils and parents only, so if your child is taking part, please contact their school for tickets and details.

Allum Hall, Allum Lane, 9.30am.



Chess Night

A welcome return of this old festival favourite, come along and play a game or just watch.

Fairway Hall, Brook Close, 7.30pm. Free.

Wednesday 20 June



A gala night of pure entertainment at Fairway Hall as, with the help of the audience, our friendly judges select Town Talent 2018. You know the format! Who will emerge victorious to take the trophy and a special prize? If (you think) you have an entertaining talent, skill or party piece and can bring it to the stage we want to hear from you, young or old.

*For information and tickets contact dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk
Application form on page 15 in the Town Crier.*

Fairway Hall, Brook Close. Tickets are free.



Thursday 21 June

Allotment Open Day

Come and explore Melrose Allotments on a guided tour by the Town Council warden. Along the way you will pick up tips for growing fruit and vegetables and perhaps meet a plot holder or two.

Melrose Allotments, Furzehill Road, 12pm. Free.



Schools Art Show

See the work of local schools. Organised by Elstree and Borehamwood Rotary Club.

96 Shenley Road, 9am - 5pm.



Friday 22 June

Borehamwood Brass Concert

Borehamwood Brass Band provide a musical treat at **All Saints Church** tonight. With a full selection of well-known musical numbers there'll be something for everyone.

Doors open 7.30pm. Free.



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96 Shenley Road, 9am - 5pm.



Full listings available on



Saturday 23 June



Festival Parkrun

Parkrun running club stages the popular festival run at Aldenham Country Park. Be on your marks for the Fun Run at 9am. Whether you are an experienced runner or just want to try the Fun Run, this event is for all abilities.

To register with Parkrun please go to www.parkrun.org.uk

Aldenham Country Park, 9am.



Schools Art Show

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96 Shenley Road, 9am - 5pm.

Festival Flower Show

Pop in to All Saints Church on Saturday to see some imaginative flower displays on show from many local community groups and organisations. It's a festival of colour!

All Saints Church, Shenley Road, 10.30am - 3pm.



Fire Station Open Day

One of the Festival's most popular **FREE** events. The Fire Station Open Day offers a fascinating peek behind the scenes of our local fire services in Elstree Way. With family games and exhibitions it's lots of fun for children (and adults!) of all ages

Elstree Way, 1pm - 4pm.



EBLOS Show "A Sentimental Journey"

Tickets £8.

Contact Marianne 07888741208.

Fairway Hall, Brook Close, 7.30pm .



Sunday 24 June

Schools Art Show

See the work of local schools. Organised by Elstree and Borehamwood Rotary Club.

96 Shenley Road, 9am - 5pm.

Outdoor Bandstand Concert

Featuring Soul Jump and Borehamwood Bras.

Meadow Park, 1pm - 3.30pm. Free.



Teddy's Trails Festival Walk - Arkley

Join us for a bus ride to Arkley followed by a 5-mile (3 hour) conducted walk back across the countryside visiting points of interest along the way. Please wear strong footwear and bring a raincoat if the forecast is wet. Regrettably the trail is not suitable for wheelchairs or buggies.

There will be a refreshments break at the Mops and Brooms pub.

The walk is free but registration is essential.

Please register with www.hertsdirect.org/walksandmore.

Every registered walker will receive an exclusive "Teddy's Trails" water bottle free of charge.

Elstree and Borehamwood Railway Station.



150 years Model Railway Exhibition

As part of the celebration of the 150th anniversary of our local rail passenger service, "First Impressions" has arranged a free display of model railway layouts.

The South West Herts Model Railway Society will exhibit a selection of their layouts in the Small Hall at 96 Shenley Road. Everyone is welcome.

96 Shenley Road, 10am to 5pm.



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Hertsmere Acoustic Music Club

Open Mic Night.

Contact Nick Male 020 8207 3057.

The Fishery, Watford Road, Elstree, 7.30 pm. Free.

EBLOS Show "A Sentimental Journey"

Tickets £8.

Contact Marianne 07888741208.

Fairway Hall, Brook Close, 3pm.

Monday 25 June

Flower Festival Coffee Morning

Come and join us for a coffee at All Saints Church as part of the Flower Festival.

All Saints Church, Shenley Road, 11am.

Wednesday 27 June

The Royal British Legion Quiz

Enter a team in our Festival Quiz battle of wits at The Royal British Legion. Prizes for the winning team but more importantly the title of Festival Quiz Champions and the Trophy Shield!

It's FREE to enter but you must register in advance as places in this ever-popular event are limited.

Please contact 020 8207 1382 or email admin@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk to take part.

The Royal British Legion, Shenley Road, 7pm.



Thursday 28 June

Tabletop and Roleplaying Game Evening

Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council and The Pit Gaming Store present a free tabletop and roleplaying evening. Whether you're an expert gamer or a complete beginner, all are welcome.

Featuring introduction and beginner games, demonstration games and participation games.

Fairway Hall, Brook Close, 7pm - 10pm.



Sunday 1 July

Museum History Walk

Join in this historic walk around the local area with interesting facts and information by the museum curators.

Anticipated start 2pm but for further details contact Elstree & Borehamwood Museum on 01442 454 888.

2pm - 4pm. Free.



Saturday 30 June

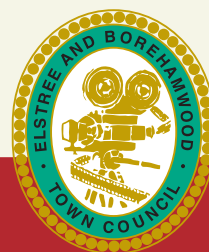


Families Day

Join us for our annual Families Day with free Fairground Rides, Arena Acts, Refreshments, Circus Entertainers and much more.

Stall application form on page 16 in the Town Crier.

Meadow Park, Brook Road. 12pm - 4pm.



On behalf of Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council we hope all of you enjoy the festival

Full listings available on





Pre Festival Family Fun Day 2018

Saturday 12 May 11am – 4pm
Behind All Saints Church

- **FREE** Kids Rides
- **FREE** Tea & Coffee
- Live Entertainment
 - Stalls
 - Food





Elstree and Borehamwood
Town Council

**BBC ELSTREE
CONCERT BAND**

A Night at the Movies

Monday 18 June 2018
Allum Hall, Allum Lane, Elstree, WD6 3PJ

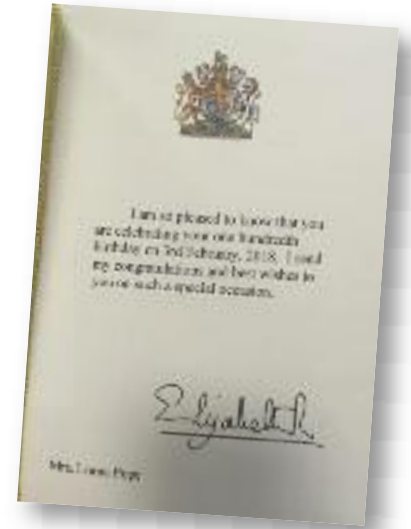
8pm (doors open at 7.30pm)
Tickets £8
(no concessions – cash or cheque only)

Tickets available from the Town Council offices, Fairway Hall,
Brook Close WD6 5BJ (0208 207 1382)
and Allum Hall (0208 953 3415)
To book online please visit
www.ticketsource.co.uk/ebtc

Telegram from the Queen



Lorna Pope celebrated her 100th birthday on 3 February 2018 and her family threw a beautiful party for the occasion. The Mayor and Mayoress attended and presented the birthday card from Her Majesty the Queen.



Lorna has four daughters, six grandchildren and, so far, seven great grandchildren, two of whom live in Brisbane, Australia.

After the war they were stationed in Birmingham but soon started moving, first to Austria and then to Chester, Shropshire, York and to Germany twice, finally finishing up in Northamptonshire.

Lorna talked about her love of music and how they used to go dancing when she was in top form and how lovely it was. She still makes one or two moves when she hears a good song and was particularly good at the rumba!

After the party Lorna was asked how it feels to be 100, she gave a big smile and said, "I feel nothing. I mean nothing has changed, I am still me, just getting on with life. It's not easy, of course. I never expected to turn 100 years old, but here I am."

Lorna told me that she was born in Birmingham where her father, a former silversmith turned delicatessen owner, had several shops. She was one of thirteen children and the middle of three girls.

She went to school in Birmingham. After she left, she went to work at Triplex glass and eventually became the secretary to the manager.

When WW2 started she signed up for the Auxiliary Territorial Service and was commissioned as an officer, moving around the UK. She met her husband Peter in 1941, who was later sent to Scotland to learn to abseil down cliffs. He was a regular soldier in the Royal Engineers.

Lorna spoke proudly about her time in the ATS and how life was so different then compared to life now. I asked Lorna what makes her proud about her life and especially turning 100. She smiled and said

her four beautiful girls. Lorna says she misses her husband but the great grand-children are always there to make her smile.

When I asked her what she thought about her birthday party, she said "Honestly? I didn't want a party but the children surprised me. I even got the card from the Queen" and smiles "It was beautiful".



Florence Ballentine

High Sheriff visits local Church

'Knit and Natter' of St Michael and All Angels Church, Borehamwood, presented five hand-knitted figurines to the High Sheriff of Hertfordshire, Will Hobhouse, when he joined the church for worship on 25 February.

The Service was also attended by Elstree and Borehamwood Town Mayor Cllr Eric Silver and Mayoress Evelyn Silver, and Cllr Pat Strack.

'Knit and Natter' meet every 1st Thursday in the month at 1.00pm in St Michael's Church Hall, Brook Road, Borehamwood. They welcome knitters, non-knitters and beginners alike.

Revd Louise Collins

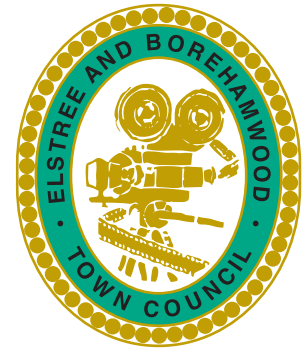


Town Councillor Pat Strack received an award from the High Sheriff for services to the community



Our Mayoral Year

As Mayor and Mayoress of Elstree and Borehamwood Town for the year May 2017 - May 2018, it has been our privilege to represent the people of the town to the best of our ability. We have attended over a hundred events in the past year all very varied and all interesting. Below are just some of the highlights from the past year.



7 June

Elstree District Scout AGM at Denbigh Lodge followed on 13 June by 7th Borehamwood Scouts.

20 June

Primary Schools Performing Arts Show at Allum Hall. It was great fun and entertaining showing how talented our local youngsters are.

30 June

Borehamwood Twin Town Association (BETTA) celebrated its 35th anniversary of being twinned with Fontenay-aux-Roses; their Deputy Mayor came over for this event.

11 July

We launched our first Dementia Club (my designated charity for this year) for Elstree and Borehamwood.

1 September

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the town twinning between Pietra Ligura in Italy and one of our two twin towns,

Offenburg in Germany, we were invited to a special event held in the lovely seaside town of Pietra Ligura. It was an honour for our town to be selected and I gave a speech in both Italian and German to show our appreciation.



25 January

Holocaust Memorial Day was held in the Radlett Centre. Always a sombre and thoughtful reminder how some of mankind can murder millions of innocent people young and old just because of their race.



29 February

We visited the BBC Studios in Eldon Avenue home of "Eastenders" and were privileged with a three hour tour where we met and had photos taken with some of the cast.

17 June

The start of our Summer Town Festival celebrating 40 years of "Star Wars". One of our highlights was being surrounded by "Storm Troopers" which was both exciting and scary as they all appeared to be 7ft tall.



9 July

We took part in the "Great Faith Get Together" where we walked from the United Synagogue in Croxdale Road to the local Islamic Centre in Aycliffe Road then on to St. Michael's Church in Brook Road, ending with a picnic in Aberford Park.

12 November

One of the most important yearly events is Remembrance Sunday which is always very moving.

26 November

It was a great honour to switch on this year's festive lights in Borehamwood.

17 December

We had the Menorah Lighting for the Jewish festival of Chanukah. Unfortunately it rained throughout the ceremony.



5 January

The Mayoress and I were invited to appear on "Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side" This was for the two presenters Emma Willis and Rylan Clark-Neal to predict which of the celebrities will win this year's "Celebrity Big Brother".



All visits are important to us to see the large variety that is Elstree and Borehamwood. Thank you for giving the Mayoress and me this opportunity to serve this town.

Cllr Eric Silver and Mrs. Evelyn Silver
Mayor and Mayoress Elstree and Borehamwood



150 years of rail... and it's "All Change!"

150 years ago in the summer of 1868, a railway station was built. At a stroke, Elstree (the name given to the new station) was connected to a new rail line straight into London.

New businesses swarmed to the small village of Boreham Wood, eager to transport their goods to London. Adding a passenger rail service also created... the commuter. And in 1914 it was the rail service, offering rapid access to Elstree & Borehamwood, which attracted the first of the many film studios who made their home here.

Old railway engines and carriages have been replaced by new rolling stock fit for the 21st century. And from May, new timetables will increase the frequency of the rail service.

The rate of growth of passenger traffic, already in the top 5% in the UK, is expected to continue, and so our station is now being redeveloped. Our local rail service changed Elstree & Borehamwood forever and will continue to be a key to the town's growth. Almost 3.5 million passenger journeys are made to and from our local station each year.

How to celebrate this 150th anniversary? We've started with "All Change!", an exhibition in the museum located in the Community Centre at 96 Shenley Road.

This is an exhibition with a real difference; inside the museum, volunteers have built a railway station! Visitors pass through rooms decorated in the style of the 1940s, discovering surprises around each corner. Relics of the days of steam engines and hand-operated signals mingle with personal mementos loaned by local residents, plus interviews filmed with railway staff happy to share their memories.

Funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and members of the "First Impressions" initiative, the exhibition is free to all and open four days a week at 96 Shenley Road until October.

But there's more! Local primary school classes are visiting the exhibition, with lots of activities to keep young visitors engaged. The Town Council has adopted the 150th anniversary as the theme of its Summer Festival, starting with the parade on 16 June.

There will also be a free display of model railroad track layouts by the South West Herts Model Railway Society on 24 June.

An addition to "Teddy's Trails" will be launched in May, "National Walking Month." You'll find details about this new "rail trail" at Herts. County Council's "Walks and More" website.

And now the forecourt of the railway station has been decorated with new banners as reminders of the 150th anniversary, "From the past... into the future".

2018 will be a memorable year for Elstree & Borehamwood, the home of UK film and television. See you at the station, where it's "All Change!"



Bob Redman

Visitors have given rave reviews:

"Thank you. A fantastic exhibition. All the children really enjoyed it. Lovely staff make the experience even more enjoyable."

"Truly inspiring. A beautiful journey from past to present (and future)."

"To those who are still thinking about a visit, do it, you'll not be disappointed!"





Volunteering for the Home Library Service at Borehamwood Library

We run a wonderful and much appreciated Home Library Service enabling housebound customers to receive a selection of library books every four weeks once they are no longer able to get into the library, if they become less mobile or are a carer for a relative.

We would really like to be able to offer this to even more customers but we need your help! We manage the customers and provide the books but we need more of our lovely volunteers to help us choose and deliver them.

Here are a few words from one of our existing volunteers:

"I always found reading for pleasure was a lovely way to switch off and one day I looked up from choosing a book for myself and saw a poster enquiring 'Would you like to take books to housebound readers?'"

"I would be utterly lost without a book to escape into, so I applied for the role."

What does the job involve and how often? Once every four weeks, I choose the books and then deliver them. I also have the

support of library staff to choose the right books and contact the customers.

How long does it take? It usually takes me around an hour to choose books. Delivery times vary as some days my customers don't want to take time to chat with me, and some days they do. All are interesting to talk to on any number of subjects and many have a full lifetime of experience to call on.

Would I recommend the job to anyone? That's a very easy question to answer, with a resounding YES. Each person is different and so interesting to meet up with. Moreover, all are extremely grateful that they can get a regular supply of books to enjoy."

If you are interested in applying to be a volunteer or to become a customer please contact us in one of the following ways: call 0300 123 4049, email libraries.information@hertfordshire.gov.uk or apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries and click on "volunteer at your library".



Borehamwood Foodbank applauds YOU for your support

In April 2018 Borehamwood Foodbank achieved five years of service to the community, only made possible by YOU - members of the community.

We are not celebrating this milestone as we see it as a sad reflection of our society that we are needed but we do want to thank you for your unflinching support without which none of this would have been possible. From one can or packet donated at Tesco to school, church, synagogue or business collections, all are needed and all most valued.

What have we achieved so far?

- 11,250 local people have received a three day food parcel. This represents over 100,000 meals; 40% of those are for children. Each is warmly welcomed, offered refreshment and a listening ear.



- 78% of clients are from Borehamwood, the rest being from surrounding areas.
- 120 tonnes of food have been donated, 116 tonnes have been distributed.

Special projects include - Family lunches - a fun time for families with children, to help them when school meals are not available.

Cookery - for families and singles to encourage the use of fresh ingredients and the best use of our packs.

Fuel - Many return food to us because they do not have fuel to cook it.

How you can help

- **Continuing your generous donations.**

- **Kings Cross Station fundraising** - we have been given the opportunity to raise funds on Foodbank Friday - the last Friday of each month - and we need more volunteers. If you can combine a trip out with an hour of service to the Foodbank we would love to have your help.

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Borehamwood's Gorillaz



New cartoon band 'Soul Jump' put on a highly original live show at the Elstree Film Studios on Thursday 25 January at 7pm to a packed audience of 200 people including the Deputy Mayor Victor Eni.

The show included six live singers with animations on screen behind them performing 13 original songs.

"The thing that's different about Soul Jump compared to the Gorillaz is that we blend comedy sketches between the songs and have live cartoon voices interacting on stage with the singers."

Songs included 'The Pun Police', 'Never Give Up', 'Fight the Darkness' and 'Inspire the World'.

The show entertained a diverse crowd from children to adults. Reactions were highly complimentary "Amazing to see the band really coming together and maturing into a great live act – can't wait to see the next show," "The most original live act I've ever seen," "Had the kids dancing in the aisles".

The music can be described a melodic Soul pop which blends genres from hip hop, rock to power ballads.

The talented performers include lead singer Nathan Devonte playing Ricky Clep, Gabby Niman female vocalist singing as Joy, Dominic Pierre hip hop rap artist acting as Jerakim, Abigail Fetrsenstein singing as rock

sister of Ricky 'Rickelle', Yuval Havkin as the cyber geek producer DJ Sketch and finally Soul Jump creator Martyn Niman singing live cartoon voices on songs.

People were amazed at how original and novel it all was and can't wait to see the next show. Soul Jump will be putting on more shows around the county in 2018.

For full info on their next shows visit www.letsouljump.com

Martyn Niman



All Saints coffee morning

There was a fantastic turn out for the concert at the monthly coffee morning at All Saints.

Three soloist singers Riley Levene, James Stowell and Margaret Hall; Roswitha Lamb entertained us on the piano accordion; three sets of duos Nick Male and Brian The Woodmen, Nick Male tambour and Andrew Grady

cornet, Derek Holland piano and Town Corley tuba; instrumentals Strummers in the Wood; Ukulele players from U3A; the Community Choir, Elstree and Borehamwood Light Operatic Society and the U3A singers surprised us with their professional performances.

The compere Nick Male was in fine form in spite of celebrating his 65th birthday the night before. It was touch and go whether he would make it - but it was problems in the car park, not too much celebrating, that caused a late start.

Town Deputy Mayor Victor Eni, accompanied by his wife Deputy

Mayoress Martine Eni, welcomed all present. He then shared his amazement at seeing such a range of talent in the town and thanked them all for taking part.

About 200 people enjoyed this diverse concert. A range of music suited to all tastes culminated with a Cockney sing-a-long from the U3A singers. Audience participation was encouraged by most of the performers.

We are indebted once again to the ladies of All Saints for managing the refreshments sponsored by the town council. We thank the Rev Tim Warr for allowing free use of the church. The audience was really appreciative of all the people giving their time free to make this concert such a success and demonstrating some of the opportunities there are in the town to make music.

Andrew Grady did a sterling job, managing the technical side of the concert, setting up the Yamaha piano and sound equipment. Thanks to Andy the requirements of each group were met.

On 12 May the town Pre-Festival Event will run from 11am to 4pm. The venue will be All Saints, the piazza behind, and 96 Shenley Road. The theme for this is sharing the diversity of the town, with performances, food and activities. If you want to find out more, contact Dan Salter: dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk or 020 8207 1382.

Cllr. Pat Strack

Borehamwood Rox and the Great Snail Trail 2018

Borehamwood Rox participated in the Great Snail Trail 2018, an event organised to celebrate the first birthday of the Facebook group 'Love on the Rocks UK'.

In its first year, the UK group has attracted over 60,000 members and hundreds of local rock painting groups have been established around the country. Borehamwood Rox Facebook group was created five months ago and we currently have over 400 members locally!



Our local snail trail was well supported and we managed to achieve a total of 120 snail painted rocks in our trail. More importantly, the rocks brought smiles to many happy finders and have hopefully encouraged more local children and adults to paint some rocks and hide them for others to find and to bring a smile to their day!

We held a rock painting activity at the Community Fun Day at Aldenham Country Park on 29 April and many came along to see what rock painting is all about and had a go themselves! It was fun and it felt good to make others smile! (You might also like to search for some of these hidden rocks in the 100 Aker Wood while you are there!).

To find out more about rock painting (hiding and finding) in our local area, and to receive notifications of where rocks may be hidden and our forthcoming events, please join us on Facebook at Borehamwood Rox. You will be joining a growing group of rock painters who are always happy to offer advice and support about how to get started and get involved in this rewarding hobby.

Maxine Steinberg



Job club and new digital hub at Maxwell Park Community Centre

Free internet access and IT support for the local community!

Mondays – Job club

Clarion Futures run a free community resource for anyone needing help and guidance to find employment. The club runs every Monday from 10am - 3pm and there's no need to make an appointment – you can just drop in.

A Clarion Futures Employment Support Officer will be ready to assist you with a range of tasks, such as creating your CV, completing application forms, identifying which job goals would suit you best, etc.

A range of free training courses is also available, such as CSCS Card, Food Hygiene, Computer Skills etc. This is an invaluable resource with an excellent track record in helping people into employment.



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Awards for all*

Tuesdays – Digital hub

No computer? Internet playing up? Just need to get online?

Feel free to drop in on a Tuesday morning between 9.30am - 12.30pm.

We were delighted to receive a Big Lottery Fund grant to set up a digital hub at Maxwell. Our aim is to help anyone in the community who needs internet access. Assistance is on hand from a Clarion Futures Digital Champion to guide you through various tasks, such as: learning to use the internet, completing online forms, doing online shopping, emails, keeping in touch with family and friends, etc.

We have eight laptops available and also a printer should you need one. During busy periods, laptop use may be limited to one hour and there may be a waiting time – but you can always enjoy a tea or coffee in the meantime!

Refreshments are available at both sessions.



Goods For Good

In December 2017, Borehamwood-based charity, Goods For Good, hit a milestone after just over three years in operation.

The charity, which sends overstocked goods donated by UK businesses and individuals to vulnerable communities around the world, provided over a million refugees overseas with £12 million-worth of donated goods.

"Thanks to generous support, including the support of our new Ambassador, Cllr Gary Silver, aid has reached refugee camps in Kurdistan as well as those in need in Ukraine, Israel, Syria and Zimbabwe," said Goods For Good founder and CEO Rosalind Bluestone. "We reached a milestone, but there are many more people that urgently need our help. To think of mothers without blankets or nappies for their babies is unimaginable."

The charity has coordinated donations from 65 UK companies, sending over 200 consignments, helping people in 12 countries globally. This has been accomplished with industry donors such as Harrods, Regatta, Nike, Next, Dune and the Dutch-registered charity, HRIF. A network of volunteers of all ages, faiths and backgrounds works together in Borehamwood for those in need.

For businesses, donating overstocked goods, such as nappies, shoes and bedding, the charity provides a way of helping vulnerable communities, as well as the environment. "Instead of sending these goods to landfill, they go to those in desperate need," said Rosalind.

Recently, Goods For Good began to donate second hand goods donated by the local community to provide local charities with goods needed to support their clients. Rosalind said, "There are so many people in need locally, as well as internationally. The generosity of the local community means we are able to provide exactly what is required for local charities that support the homeless, victims of domestic abuse, asylum seekers and refugees."

Rosalind and the charity's trustees have ambitions to hit a milestone of £25million-worth of donated overstocked goods by 2020.



Cllr Gary Silver, Ambassador of Goods For Good, packing goods at their warehouse in Borehamwood



Distribution of Hunter wellington boots in the refugee camp in Kurdistan

Winter 2018 Writers In The Wood poetry competition winners- Topic... "The Life of a Writer"

*The sad unreality
over all that words do not encapsulate
is one of the forces that keeps me up so late.*

*I feel it in conversations
when what's behind what is said
calls out to be articulated
and my stomach drops
and I think "This is me."*

*Or when my friends come knocking on my door
seeking retribution for past pain,
knowing only my hands can give them life,
I bend to their wishes
slip into their minds,
and when I'm no longer myself,
I think "This is me."*

*Or endless nights of chasing a muse,
fingers breaking their backs
as they struggle to lift the weight of a world
that will not soften to their touch,
and I remember that old perfect dream
of words, and wonder "Was that me?"*

Hannah Lawson

To be a writer is to live in a paradox...

*It is a beautiful freedom, and yet a crippling slavery.
It is a great escape, and still an act of bravery.*

To be a writer is never to have peace...

*Always questioning every word, line, or a dot.
Always agonising over a character, paragraph or a plot.*

To be a writer is to be insane...

*To despair over the people in your head.
To disturb the living, or to wake the dead.*

*To be a writer is to truly breathe...
There is no other life for eternal dreamers like me.*

To be a writer is who I always was, and forever will be.

Nera Hart

Depression

Intercession

Progression

Digression

Obsession

Expression

Joanna Lisa Todd



Honourable mentions: Stephen Miller, Emily 'Madge' Payne and Michael Lawson

Judged by author Steven J Pemberton www.pembers.net

Organised by author Lorraine Reed www.lorrainereed.com



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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, Brook Close, Borehamwood

WD6 5BT

£1.50 per week

Borehamwood W.I.

2nd Monday monthly between

1.15pm - 3.15pm

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Monday 14 May

Local History - David Armitage

Monday 11 June

Charity Shops - Christine Sydney

Monday 9 July

AGM with County Adviser

Monday 10 September

Bill Hamilton, BBC reporter &

correspondent

Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Club

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

Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood

WD6 5BT

50's Social Group

Farriers Way Hall, 1pm - 3pm

Every Monday.

Tuesday 15 May

U3A - Talk by Ron Howes, "Steam
trains/engines Steam Museum at Kew"

St Teresa's Church Hall, from 10am

Tea, coffee and a chat.

Saturday 19 May

Royal Wedding Celebration

Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood

WD6 5BT, 11am - 4pm

Tickets £3

Wednesday 23 May

NSPCC Garden Lunch

Shenley Cricket Club

3 course meal.

Tickets £35

Friday 25 May

Dementia Club Barn Dance

St Teresa's Hall, 7pm - 10pm

Contact: pat.strack@ntlworld.com

Wednesday 30 May

Elmer Storytime and craft activity

Borehamwood Library, 96 Shenley Road,

2.15pm

Saturday 9 June

St Michael and All Angels Church

Summer Fair

Junction of Gateshead Road and Brook

Road, 10am - 1pm

Raffle, cake stall, tombola, face-painting,

plants, refreshments, etc.

Free entry.

Push the Boat Out 2018

Aldenham Sailing Club

For more details go to

www.aldenhamsc.co.uk

Dementia Club Folk Night

St Teresa's Hall, 7pm - 10pm

Chile con carne & dessert (vegetarian option)

Raffle for Dementia Club

Contact pat.strack@ntlworld.com

£10

Tuesday 19 June

U3A - Talk by Patrick Burke, "Lot 33
Showing here Sir" (talk on Auctioneering
and Silver)

St Teresa's Church Hall, from 10am

Tea, coffee and a chat.

Tuesday 17 July

U3A - Talk by Dr H Falvey, "Manor of the
Moor - Rickmansworth"

St Teresa's Church Hall, from 10am

Tea, coffee and a chat.

Tuesday 21 August

Talk by Carol & Steve Robson, "Fool's
Gold, Stories with Strings"

St Teresa's Church Hall, from 10am

Tea, coffee and a chat

Sunday 8 July

10 years of Woodcock Hill

Wood Cock Hill, Carrington Road,

12pm - 2pm

Bring a picnic

Contact pat.strack@ntlworld.com

Free Adult French language session

Tuesday 29 May

Tuesday 26 June

Café area of 96 Shenley Road,

Borehamwood, WD6 1EB, 2.30pm

BMX taster sessions

Leecliffe Big Local are also running BMX
taster sessions again this year. We will be
doing sessions for beginners (even if you
have never ridden a bike) as well as
sessions for those more skilled at riding! All
equipment provided.

Due to the success of last year's visit to
Hawks BMX track, we are doing another
session - so grab yourself a chance to ride
over a Regional BMX Race Track.

Thursday 31 May

Half Term - Hawks Track

11am - 4pm Aberford Park

Wednesday 8 August

Summer holidays - Hawks Track

12pm - 4pm (coach leaves at 11am return
5pm)

£5.00 per person riding

Thursday 16 August

Aberford Park Race day

11am - 4pm

Saturday 22 September

Aycliffe Sports Field

Please could you let us know if you are
coming to any of these events.
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Rotary Club of Elstree & Borehamwood

Fred Thomas Civic Award Winner 2018

Fred Thomas has been living in Radlett for over 58 years and is involved with the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) where he is a Trustee, being on the Finance and General Purposes committee for many years. Fred also concentrates his time on health and safety matters for the CAB visiting all the offices to ensure all the health and safety policies are met.

He joined Elstree & Borehamwood Rotary Club in 1964, has been

president of the club twice, and has recently received a long service award.

Fred, who is also well known within the town for being the former owner of 'Boreham Wood Ironmongers' on Shenley Road, has been a Hertsmere borough councillor, and involved with the local Chamber of Trade.

Andrew Grady



Brief Encounter

As the wheels of the steam train brought the two lovers together, in 'Brief Encounter', so the Rotary wheel brought 120 local senior citizens to see it. Noël Coward's famous film, directed by the great David Lean, retains its emotional power 73 years after it was made.

Trevor Howard, who starred with Celia Johnson, lived in Arkley, where he was a regular at 'The Gate'. They both made films at Elstree Studios.

The timeless tale of a doomed affair brought out many a hanky in the Reel Cinema.

Rotary president Sasha Capocci and her helpers served sandwiches, cakes and cuppas to the filmgoers, who thoroughly enjoyed themselves, in the makeshift station refreshment room at 96 Shenley Road. Already, our film fans are asking what the next epic will be. Meanwhile, the Rotary train steams on to its next outstanding success.

Nick Male

First Brick

Rotarians from North London and South Herts were invited to the first brick ceremony for Noah's Ark Children's Peace Hospice on Friday 16 March. Rotary clubs have been instrumental in helping to raise £8million of the £12 million needed to build this much needed facility in Byng Road, Barnet. Elstree and Borehamwood President Sasha Capocci and Rotarian Pat Strack were proud to represent their Rotary Club.

Noah's Ark Children's Hospice is a community-based hospice service providing support for children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions, and their families, in the central and north London boroughs of Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington, and Hertsmere.



Wishing Well

Rotarian George Male was instrumental in getting a wishing well, to collect money for Rotary good causes, outside the Village Hall in Shenley Road. Sadly this disappeared when the Village Hall was knocked down and 96 Shenley Road built.

George Male is remembered for setting up the Otters Swimming Club, providing lessons or an opportunity to swim for frail and vulnerable members of our community. This club still meets at the Venue on Saturdays.

Nick Male, his son, wanted as part of his legacy as Rotary president 2016 - 2017 and as a tribute to his father to raise funds for a wishing well for the town.

That dream has now been realised. A modern portable wishing well will grace the foyer of 96, collecting money initially for Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Club. The wishing well will be taken to town, Rotary and other events.

On Friday 25 May the wishing well will be officially launched at a Folk Evening 7pm - 10pm at Schopwick Place, Elstree. Tickets are £10, to include chilli con carne and dessert.

On Friday 8 June a Barn Dance at St Teresa's parish hall 7pm - 10pm will be held. £10 to include Ploughman's. Bring your own drinks.

Tickets available from Nick Male. Contact nick.male2@btinternet.com or phone 020 8207 3057.



Paul Harris Fellowship Award

On Thursday 15 March Rotary President Sasha Capocci received the Paul Harris Fellowship Award at an afternoon tea party in her honour at Fairway Hall.

Guests included Fellow Rotarians past and present members and friends from other rotary Clubs, Satellite Club members and representatives of all the groups. Sasha continues to help in the Town.

The Deputy Mayor of Hertsmere Cllr Brenda led the Boroughs thanks to Sasha. Town Mayor Cllr Eric Silver praised her for her work with the Dementia Team. Representatives from All Saints coffee mornings, DR96, the Monday Club, the Foodbank, NSPCC, St Teresa's Church, and The Visually Impaired Club.

The Award was presented by David Palmer District Governor and Past President Mike Hodge for her outstanding work in the community. If there is an event there is Sasha with her help and her mouth-watering cakes.

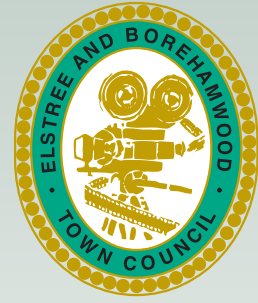
Sasha was even fooled into making a special cake for this ceremony as she thought we were launching the Rotary wishing well.

Sasha is in good company as the award, that takes the name from the founder of Rotary, is only given to people who go the extra mile.

Cllr. Pat Stack



Annual Report 2017/2018



Mayor's Summary



Town Mayor Cllr Eric Silver visiting the EastEnders set

Summing up at the Council meeting on 14 March 2018, the Town Mayor Cllr E Silver said "Evelyn and I attended over 100 Mayoral Engagements since I took on the role last May and it has always been a pleasure and honour to make new friends at these events. Particular projects of interest to me this year have been fundraising for the Dementia Club charity, being on the Big Brother tv programme and going to the EastEnders set at the BBC. Visiting places of worship, care homes and schools was a priority for me and I have always been welcomed at these and valued the opportunity to discuss matters of benefit to our communities."

Community Services



Fairway Hall

Hall Bookings: Fairway Hall was booked for 2,055 hours for casual hire such as party bookings, amateur dramatics and shows. Regular hirers for the year were:

- Ballet: Hertsmeire Academy Of Performing Arts
- Borehamwood Women's Institute

- AJ Fitness:
- Drop In Centre (Over 60s)
- Dementia Support Group
- Born To Move
- Weight Watchers
- Borehamwood & Elstree Twin Town Association
- Yoga
- Star maker School
- Junior Soccer Stars
- Borehamwood Islamic Society
- Radlett Reform Synagogue

Improvements to Fairway Hall during the year included the installation of a speaker system and the recoating of the wooden floor.

Allotments

Site	Managed	Occupied	Occupancy
Allum Lane	46	43	93.5%
Melrose Avenue	100	97	97%
Stapleton Gardens (Opened September 2017)	54	54	100%
Total	200	194	6 vacancies



Stapleton Gardens Opening

Planning and Consultations: The council considered a total of 364 planning applications referred to it by Hertsmeire Borough Council as a statutory consultee. Comments were made on 93 of these with concerns including issues of tower block developments, problems with smaller unit developments failing to meet local needs for family sized homes, highways infrastructure and potential basement developments negatively impacting the water table. Members also raised concerns over the high levels of retrospective applications locally. Consultation responses were made on the Hertsmeire Local Plan (Planning for Growth), Local Council Tax Support Scheme and the Electoral Review of Hertsmeire.

Site and Street Maintenance: In partnership with local businesses, the Council maintains the film plaques in Borehamwood, 47 benches and 10 notice boards. Both War Memorials, St Nicholas and All Saints Churchyard (and Church Clocks) are maintained by the grounds team and the High Street planter cost is shared with Hertsmeire Borough Council.



Harrison Ford Film Plaque

Grants: In 2017/18 the Town Council was 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 £14,959 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 Hertsmeire £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.
- Borehamwood Bandstand Project £3,000.

Transport Forum: Four well attended meetings of the forum took place with lively discussions on topics including potholes at Elstree and Borehamwood Railway Station bridge, train timetables and services, bus service changes, police updates and traffic flow in Borehamwood and Elstree.

Business Forum: Five meetings of the group took place in the year, providing networking and sponsorship opportunities for local businesses of varying sizes. The Forum also provided a platform for guest speakers to offer advice on relevant issues (e.g. Business working in China, Recyclable Plastic Carrier Bags and Prosthetics for film and medical use).

China Sister Town: The council signed a memorandum of understanding with Huainan in China in order to promote business links and for cultural and friendship contacts to be formed.



China Sister Town Signing

Leisure and Entertainment

Coach Trips: the 12 subsidised Summer coach trips for the over 60s included two trips to both Eastbourne and Broadstairs with new destinations planned for Brighton and Oxford. In addition, due to popular demand resulting from the success of 2016/17, two Christmas Market Winter trips visited Winchester and Canterbury. Luxury 53 seater coaches were provided by local company, Hearn's.

Civic Festival: The Festival fortnight began with a civic parade dedicated to the 40th Anniversary of Star Wars being filmed at Elstree Studios. Highlights included a free outdoor screening of Rogue One: A Star Wars Story at Maxwell Park Community Centre, a screening of Elstree 1976 at Fairway Hall with Q&A from director Jon Spira, Star Wars table-top role playing evening, John Williams BBC Band concert at Allum Hall, Borehamwood's Got Talent! (with thanks to Elstree Productions for helping on the evening), Teddy's Trail community walk (led by walk creator John Cartledge), Festival 5k Run at Aldenham Country Park (in conjunction with Park Run), allotment open day, the Annual Festival Flower show, Primary School Performing Arts and Royal British Legion Festival Quiz. Families Day included 44 community stalls with the addition of a traditional seaside Punch and Judy show (suitable for audiences of all ages). Arena events were Joseph Pearce Fire Show and Above and Beyond Acrobatics. Throughout the Festival, characters in Star Wars costume helped to bring a sense of occasion and celebration to the activities.



Civic Festival Parade

Fireworks Display: This was the 27th free entry fireworks display, choreographed this year to musical scores by John Williams to tie in with the 40th Anniversary of Star Wars.



Fireworks Night

Christmas Switch On Display: The BBC Band performed their annual Christmas concert at Allum Hall. The Switch On ceremony was conducted by Town Mayor, Cllr E Silver. Activities included free Santa's Grotto, Ice Skating and children's rides. Borehamwood Brass Band, Community Choir, Elstree Productions and local musician James Stowell helped to generate a festive mood. Four schools performed concerts at All Saints Church.



Christmas Lights, All Saints Church

Children and Young People

Youth Council: With 20 active Youth Councillors, this group continues to represent and be a voice for young people in the local area and carries out community service work and environmental improvements. Work undertaken during the year included 'Urban Angels' homelessness initiative, 150 Years of Railways project, 'Make a Difference' (a 'Dragon's Den' style ideas community initiative), Youth Councillor training and working with the Borehamwood Times to develop writing skills.



Youth Council 2017

School Swimming: The Council supported local schools in meeting the cost of travel to The Venue swimming pool for lessons (£32,000). This much appreciated service is applauded by Head teachers and students alike.

Public Access Report and Communications

The report contents were approved by Full Council on 14 March 2018 and the report is available for inspection by any elector in the Parish area by contacting the Town Council Offices or viewing on the Council website (www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk). The report is published in the quarterly Town Crier publication distributed to every resident in Elstree and Borehamwood (16,000 copies). Copies are available at the Town and Borough Councils and at Borehamwood Library.

Finances

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

	Actual year to date	Current annual budget
General Management		
Expenditure	£303,260	£328,466
Income	£604,939	£504,085
Net Expenditure	-£301,679	-£175,609
Environment and Planning		
Expenditure	£29,175	£40,239
Income	£8,378	£6,989
Net Expenditure	£20,796	£33,250
Leisure and Entertainment		
Expenditure	£107,765	£116,804
Income	£7,876	£11,344
Net Expenditure	£99,889	£105,460
Community Support		
Expenditure	£43,627	£47,000
Income	£0	£0
Net Expenditure	£43,627	£47,000
TOTALS		
Expenditure	£483,827	£532,509
Income	£621,192	£522,418
Net Expenditure	-£137,365	£10,091

General Reserve Fund at Year End: £110,910

Earmarked Reserves at Year End: (Van: £5,451, Capital Projects: £206,025, Election: £11,750 Future Planning: £40,000).

Town Councillors

2017/18 Mayor: Cllr Eric Silver
2017/18 Deputy Mayor: Cllr Victor Eni

The new Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be appointed at the Annual Council meeting on 16 May 2018 along with Committee Chairmen and representatives on outside bodies.

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Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council meetings

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

All meetings now take place at Fairway Hall.

8 May	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7.30pm
9 May	Transport Forum	Main Hall	7pm
16 May	ANNUAL COUNCIL MAYOR MAKING	Main Hall	7.30pm
22 May	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7pm
24 May	General Management	Meeting Room	7pm
5 June	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7.30pm
6 June	Business Forum	Main Hall	7.30pm
13 June	FULL COUNCIL	Main Hall	7.30pm
19 June	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7pm
4 July	Transport Forum	Main Hall	7pm
10 July	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7.30pm
12 July	General Management	Meeting Room	7pm
17 July	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7pm
4 September	Entertainments	Meeting Room	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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