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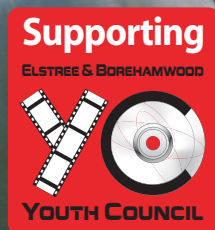
TOWN CRIER



The magazine for Elstree & Borehamwood residents

Renaissance at Aldenham Country Park

Free 4 page news update inside



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Letter from the Mayor...

Welcome to the Town Council's spring edition of The Town Crier, I hope that you had a great Christmas and are looking forward to the rest of the year.

Over the last few months, we have had many things going on, the switch on ceremony of our town's beautiful Christmas lights was a tremendous success with a record number of residents and familiar faces counting down to illumination and enjoying the family entertainment provided.

We have had the start of our celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a Cadet Tattoo, a fabulous event tremendously enjoyed by everyone that came.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you round the town, or at the Annual Parish Meeting (see page eight). Have an exciting Easter.

My best wishes to you all on behalf of the Town Council.



Cllr Mrs Sandra Parnell
(Mayor of Elstree & Borehamwood)

How to send articles

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

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

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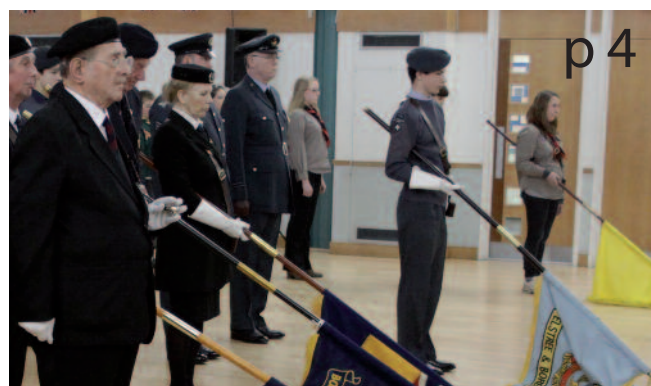
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Precept 2012/13: The Town Council's commitment to value for money

The Town Council has no income from Central Government. All income is obtained from the share of the Council Tax (the Precept) or from rents and fees of Council owned land or property (e.g. allotment rents or Fairway Hall fees). The Council faces a wide range of financial challenges this year; chiefly in continuing to provide high quality services that residents expect and deserve, but also in ensuring that adequate provision is made for asset maintenance and in improving community based initiatives and events.

Nevertheless, recognising the effects of the current economic climate and in a commitment to providing value for money to residents, at its January meeting, the Town Council once again decided to freeze the Precept Demand for 2012/13. As such, the cost to the Band D Council Tax payer will remain at £24.12 per year (in other words just 50p per week) to fund all of the Town Council's wide range of services and terrific events.

Christmas review

Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council continued the yearly tradition of Christmas lights for the festive season, with stunning new designs placed around the Town for 2011.

The official ceremony for the Lights switch on took place on Sunday 4th December where a large supportive turnout of around 600 people enduring the cold weather outside All Saints church to see the high street lit up by the Town Mayor Sandra Parnell.

The gathered crowd enjoyed the switch on celebrations in a great friendly community atmosphere whilst enjoying Borehamwood Brass

Band, who of course, played to their usual level of excellence.

The rather impressive temporary Ice Skating Rink, aimed at children, proved very popular for the whole five hours it was there, and the vintage carousel was just as exciting for the young ones.

Six year old Katie described the entertainment as "Fantastic fun".

The lights remained in place for the festive season and were safely removed in January so everything went brilliantly and according to plan.

We look forward to this year's celebrations with equal enthusiasm, watch this space!



Pictured enjoying the celebrations are (L-R) Rev. Tim Warr, Cllr. Anne Mitchell, Deputy Borough Mayor Cllr. Pat Strack, Town Mayor Cllr. Sandra Parnell, Deputy Town Mayor Cllr. Charles Kelly and Marijke Turner.



30 years of partnership

The Borehamwood & Elstree Twin Town Association (BETTA) is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year.

BETTA is a local community organisation formed to harbour and maintain links between the two Twin Towns of Fontenay aux Roses, near Paris, and Offenburg, near the Black Forest in South Western Germany.

To celebrate this momentous year, BETTA is organising a concert in conjunction with Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council. As part of this year's Festival Fortnight, BETTA has invited two musical groups, one from each of our two Twin Towns.

The evening will celebrate the cultural ties that have been built during the last 30 years by BETTA. It is envisaged that the event will enforce BETTA's motto for this anniversary year: "Celebrating 30 Years of Partnership between France and Germany." The event will feature each musical group performing traditional, original music from both countries. Further details of the event will be announced shortly. An event to look out for at this year's Festival!

The Town Mayor Sandra Parnell commented "We're looking forward to the concert to celebrate the wonderful work that BETTA has achieved over the last 30 years".

For further details about The Borehamwood & Elstree Twin Town Association, contact us:

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Elstree & Borehamwood Queen's Diamond Jubilee

On Sunday 12 February in Allum Hall, a huge collection of community minded individuals of all ages, joined together to watch and participate in the town's first event (of what we hope to be many) to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The original brainchild of The Rev. David Jackson, The Cadet Tattoo was a great success; this was a free event, sponsored by Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council, with donations being invited to the Poppy Appeal on the day. The array of young and old who took part was a joy for all to see, we had various presentations from the younger

generations from The Sea Cadet Corps, The Army Cadet Force, The Air Training Corps and The Scouts, even The Police Cadets helped out, all the young people were a great credit to their organisations and a very positive reflection on our town. The Standard Bearers deserve a particular mention, as does the keynote speech of The Staff Chaplain Rev'd Canon Beaumont Brandie which everyone enjoyed.

From the British Legion we had Veterans of the older generation and everyone working together, ensured a smooth delivery for the audience that included The Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, Lady Verulam, who, as the guest of honour, along with Vice Admiral John McAnally, inspected and personally met the cadets.



High Tea in the Manor House.



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Standing proud.



A moment of silence.

bilee celebrations

Cadet Tattoo

Borehamwood Brass Band provided their usual high standard of musical contribution along with Piper George MacGregor. M.C. Nick Male did a superb job; a particular highlight and poignant moment of the afternoon was the playing of the Last Post; the silence that followed was particularly powerful.

All in all this was a great start to Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in our town. After the Tattoo, Guests including Cadet Leaders, Dignitaries and Community Members were treated to High Tea in the Manor House, which rounded off a perfect afternoon. To everyone involved, Your Town Thanks You.



Singalong now.



Inspection time.



Patriotic waving.

Let there be cake!

Diamond Jubilee Beacon

WHVG committee in conjunction with the Town council is inviting all residents to join in the Diamond Jubilee celebrations at Woodcock Hill. The event will take place on Monday 4 June 7.30 for 8pm start.

Local organisations have been invited and a wide range of entertainment is planned to be on offer. The Beacon will form part of the National Chain that will be lit across the country. The first Beacon will be lit at Buckingham Palace at 10pm. Our Beacon will be lit at about 10.05pm

Borough Councillors representing Town Wards have provided funding for the replica beacon, which will cost nearly £2,000. Thanks to Morris Bright, Harvey Cohen, Hannah David, Sam Dobin, Derrick Guneskera, Sandra Parnell, Pat Strack and Andrew Zucker. A permanent site for the Beacon will be found in the Town at a later stage.

The Beacon site at Woodcock Hill is a very special place, steeped in history; it was a beacon site in 1588 to celebrate the defeat of the Spanish Armada. There were no oak trees obscuring the view to the south towards the Hampstead Heath Beacon and the next Beacon north was at Ivinghoe near Whippsnade. The Woodcock Hill Beacon, burning brightly, was the only one in Hertfordshire. In 1935 local scouts ensured that the Beacon to celebrate the jubilee of George V was kept safe.



In 1988 the Town organised a Beacon lighting in celebration of the tri-centenary of the Armada defeat. The District Venture Scouts were stewards at the event where school children processed from Vale Avenue to the Beacon arena at the top of the hill, dressed in period costume, they carried lanterns and were led by Queen Elizabeth I.

We look forward to continuing the Borehamwood Beacon History in June 2012.

Join in the fun! - Entertain the town

We are looking for members of the community who would like to showcase their talents at this exciting historical event, Band, Performer, Entertainer, whatever you do, if you would like to join in the fun and entertain your community send your details for consideration to events@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk



Borehamwood library: Keeping the service open for longer!

The Town Council has paid for Borehamwood library to open for three additional hours on a Thursday between 11am and 2pm - the busiest of the days when the library is not currently open for the full day. This funding commenced in December 2011 and is committed in the Council's 2012/13 budget for the Council year ahead.

Also, since January, the library has been open for an extra three hours on a Tuesday between 11am and 2pm following Hertsmere Borough Council's decision to match the Town Council's funding.

The Town Council recognises that libraries play an important role in developing children's literacy skills, helping parents to read with their children and supporting schools with projects that promote reading.

You can use the library to:

- Borrow books, maps, videos, DVDs, music recordings, audio books, language courses, music scores and playsets
- Find information
- Use computer facilities, including internet access
- Read a newspaper or magazine
- Attend a storytime, a baby rhyme time, a homework club or a reading group
- Photocopy or send a fax.

The Borehamwood Library Opening Hours are:

Monday:	09.00 - 19.00
Tuesday:	11.00 - 19.00
Wednesday:	09.00 - 19.00
Thursday:	11.00 - 19.00
Friday:	Closed
Saturday:	09.00 - 16.00
Sunday:	Closed

For more information about your local library service, contact Hertfordshire County Council or if you do not already have a Library Card, visit the Borehamwood Library to get one - it is free and easy to do so. You will need to show one form of identification that shows your name and current address, such as a bank statement, rent book, driving licence, utility bill.



Creating new plots responsibly

In the last edition of the Town Crier we reported on the Council's commitment to create more allotment plots at the Allum Lane site.

Listening to the very best advice (which included the commissioning of an environmental and ecological survey), we are delighted to announce that by the time that you are reading this article, the work will have been completed.

As such, if you are already on the waiting list for a plot at this location, you can expect a telephone call in the early Spring inviting you to take up a fresh plot or half a plot depending on your needs and the availability.

The Council was mindful that there are many plants and animals protected by legislation which must be considered before any works were undertaken. Some examples as below:

- hedges - which may have nesting birds
- woodlands or scrub - which may support nesting birds and mammals such as badgers, hedgehogs and dormice
- ponds or watercourses - which may support otters or amphibians.

As well as providing a space for humans to grow fruit and vegetables, the Council wants the site to be a green space and haven for wildlife.

The Council's Environment and Planning Committee has worked hard to bring about this improvement which should increase the number of plot holders leasing allotments from the Council from 124 to 145 or thereabouts.

If you are interested in joining the waiting list for a plot (or half plot) at either Melrose Avenue or Allum Lane or if you would like to discuss what is involved in greater detail, please contact the Council Offices on tel: 020 8207 1382.

Big local update

The Big Local Project will be funded by the Lottery for up to £1 million to get people more actively involved in improving their community and be the decision makers of this project over a 10 year period.

A group of local residents from the Leeming/Aycliffe Road area of Borehamwood, have been producing a Community Profile that reflects key issues affecting their community and potential strategies for dealing with them. These issues have emerged from the comprehensive consultation work that Community Action Hertsmere has completed over the last 9 months.

Residents are preparing their own community profile document that will be available for anyone to see. To find out more please look at www.communityactionhertsmere.org or phone the Community Shop on 020 8386 4006.





Spring 2012 Newsletter



Aldenham Country Park

A Renaissance of the Country Park

Welcome to our first newsletter. We are Aldenham Renaissance, and we are looking forward to launching our partnership with Herts County Council to secure long term public access to Aldenham Country Park on Monday 2nd April 2012.

Under our stewardship, the park will remain an oasis for quiet countryside enjoyment, outdoor recreation, farming, education and a great value day out.

Our emblem is a bee (you can see it in the top right corner of this page). Whatever we do, we always bear in mind the bees. We will run the park in the same manner as we do Church Farm (see www.churchfarmardeley.co.uk), for food, people and wildlife, with free range outdoor activities for people of all ages.

We aim to introduce Red Poll cattle, Black Welsh Mountain sheep, British Lop and Berkshire pigs, as well as Norfolk Black turkeys, Embden geese, Aylesbury ducks, and laying hens. Grow-Your-Own vegetable plots will be made available to local groups. Over the coming months, we will be providing outdoor fitness opportunities, woodland adventures, events, food and craft markets and more, all in partnership with local people.

We would like to extend an invitation to you to visit the park during the first week, when we'll be holding special events.

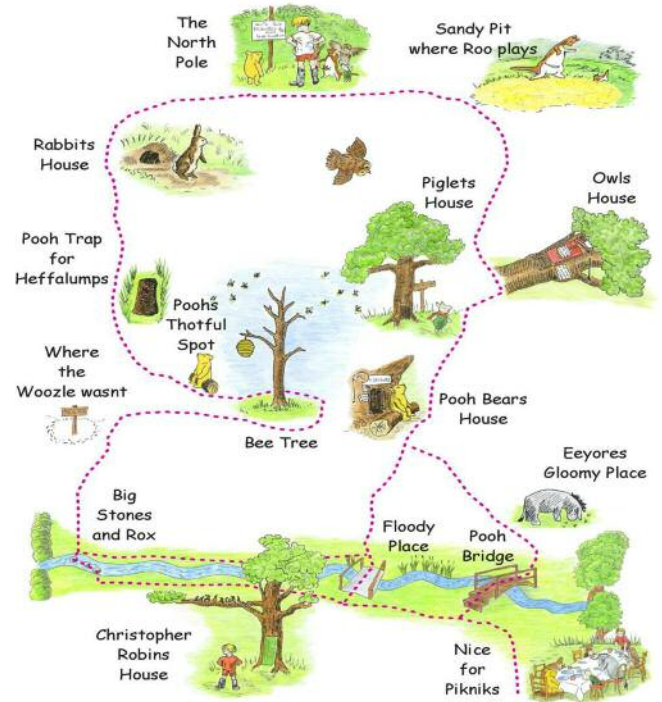
We look forward to welcoming familiar and new visitors to Aldenham Country Park.

Robert, Tim, Olivier & the Park Team



Pooh Bear's 100 Aker Wood

Free to wander round, this has been a magical place for families and small children since its installation by Herts County Council, Blue Peter and Buena Vista.



Aldenham is perfect for fitness, picnics, wildlife photography, walks and quiet outdoor enjoyment.

About the Park

There is **free public access** to the 92 acres of parkland, including a walk all the way around the 60 acre lake.

Did you know that this historic lake was originally dug by hand by prisoners after the Napoleonic Wars!?

Our new website can be found at:

www.aldenhamcountrypark.co.uk



ALDENHAM COUNTRY PARK

A Free Range Experience



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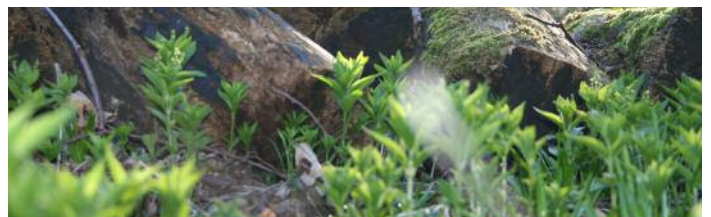


Something for Everyone

Plans for 2012:

- Food & Farmers markets, a craft market, donkey rides as well as bee keepers to expand bee enterprises and run courses.
- Pony rides starting 2/4/2012
- Groups to take on "Grow your own" vegetable plots. Six plots available immediately!
- Countryside, craft, farming courses and educational workshops
- Woodland activities, a green gym, outdoor fitness classes & activities.

We are open to ideas that enhance the park, farm, education and visitor experience and looking for local partners.





Real Food and Farming

Daily Farming Events & Feed the Animals From 2nd April 2012

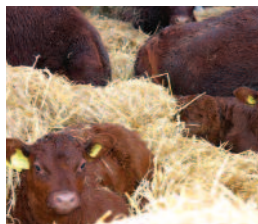
Enjoy a real farm experience. Help feed the animals by purchasing a bag of food at the entrance to the farm (£3 per person or £12 for 5).

Meet the farmers, as well as chickens, pigs, cattle, sheep, goats, geese, and turkeys. Explore a mile long educational farm tour. Enjoy indoor and outdoor play areas, learn and take part in the daily events:

- 9.15am Public entrance open
- 9.30am Caring for chicks and mature poultry
- 10.00am Egg collecting in Home Field
- 11.00am Caring for geese and turkeys in Home field
- 12.00pm Meet the farmer in the Hay barn
Five minute talk plus Q&A
- 1.00pm Pigs bedding, water and piglet checks
- 3.30pm Egg collecting in Home Field
- 4.00pm Cattle, calves, goats and sheep checks
- 4.15pm Meet the farmer in the Hay barn
Five minute talk plus Q&A
- 4.30pm Last entrance to the farm
- 5.30pm Farm closes

Farming and rearing rare breeds at Aldenham is being managed in conjunction with Church Farm, Ardeley.

We are setting up an agro-forestry demonstration in Home Field. This means planting rows of fruit trees and cultivating and grazing animals in rotation within the rows.



New Reception at Farm Entrance

Here you can find a friendly welcome, information, buy feed for the animals, and buy produce from Church Farm and Aldenham Country Park.

Coming soon, you will also be able to "click and collect" food for picnics.

Order Weekly Local Food Boxes

Farm baked bread, vegetables, fruit, meat, and eggs from Church Farm and Aldenham can be ordered for pick up from the park on Thursdays from 22nd March.



Visit our website for more information:
www.aldenhamcountrypark.co.uk



PULL OUT!



Visit Aldenham Country Park

Open every day 9am – 6pm From 02/04/12

Reduced Parking & Free Invitation

Car Parking is currently £4 in the week and £5 at weekends. This will be reduced to £3.50 applicable everyday from the 2nd April 2012. 😊

Free public access to 92 acre park, the adjoining 60 acre lake and free access to Pooh Bear's 100 Aker Wood 😊

Entry by bicycle or on foot is free. 😊

Season tickets to the car park will remain at the same great value rate. 😊

Everyone who signs up for our newsletter will receive a free car parking pass for 2nd April 2012. 😊

Launch Week Events

Official opening under our management on Monday 2nd April.

Easter eggs hidden in 100 Aker Wood every day!

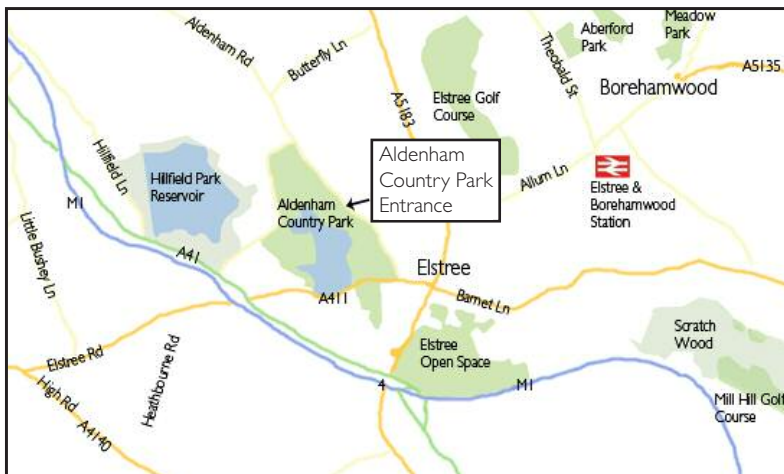
Help feed the animals, meet the farmers, agro-forestry.

Walk and talk tours, pony ride, woodland activities

Fitness instruction, tree planting. Refreshments available all day every day.

Details all to be confirmed – keep up to date with the latest plans and sign up to our newsletter:

www.aldenhamcountrypark.co.uk



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Boreham Wood Royal British Legion



Last year saw the end of an important chapter in the history of the branch.

Our Chairman John Brown retired from his post after seventeen and a half years in the role. John was identified with the Legion for so long he is going to be a hard act to follow! Fortunately he says he will always be on hand should the new Chairman Dave Lowther need a hand.

John has been involved with the Legion since 1979 and was very involved in the Services Committee, a vital side of the Legion's work, John helped people find their way through the minefield of financial difficulties facing them directly attributable to their service career. He stated he could not always guarantee success but he always tried his hardest. John said "The Royal British Legion is there for people who have suffered and are still suffering, including people who as they grow older suffer both mentally and physically because of the pain that has become embodied in them and they had not received the help they needed". Not just the survivors of the World Wars, but the more recent conflicts have showed that, sadly, the work of the Legion is still vital.



Membership of the Legion is open to everyone; you do not have to have served in the forces. As John put it in a recent interview "The Legion needs new blood – we need to get rid of the image that it is a spit and sawdust place full of old people talking about the trials and tribulation of their old war"

So come along and see us, you'd be very welcome.

Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council meetings

Forthcoming meetings open to the press and public as follows:

7 March 2012	Youth Council	Civic Offices	6.30pm
13 March 2012	Entertainments Committee	Fairway Hall	7.30pm
14 March 2012	ANNUAL PARISH MEETING	Fairway Hall	7.30pm
20 March 2012	Environment & Planning Committee	Fairway Hall	7.30pm
28 March 2012	COUNCIL	Civic Offices	7.30pm
4 April 2012	Youth Council	Civic Offices	6.30pm
10 April 2012	Entertainments Committee	Fairway Hall	7.30pm
11 April 2012	General Management Committee	Fairway Hall	7.30pm
24 April 2012	Environment & Planning Committee	Fairway Hall	7.30pm

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

Come along to our Quiz Evening

Woodcock Hill Committee is running a mid week Quiz Evening Tuesday 27 March at the Three Ways Community Centre Manor Way at 7.30pm.

The cost will be £12.50 which includes a fish and chip supper. Come along and enjoy the fun. Tickets available at the Town Council Office and from Pat Strack chair WHVG Committee 020 8386 3151.

Borehamwood Seniors

The Borehamwood Seniors is approaching its 1st anniversary. This Day Service was desperately needed in the Borehamwood area and has been a fantastic success building strong relationships with the service users.



The Seniors themselves have expressed how patient and helpful all the staff and volunteers are and how the day service provides excellent value for money. The Seniors participate in various activities, which also include imaginative ways of raising funds for the club. Any creative ideas would be welcome.

There have been many highlights over the previous year, but a few to mention were the Christmas lunches that were held at various locations. These outings were a huge success with many comments such as "can't wait to go again next year" and "what a wonderful time we had". The children from Woodland School provided some Christmas entertainment of dancing and singing, again a fabulous festive experience and "what lovely children" was heard many times during the concert.

The Club is fortunate in having excellent links with various community groups such as The Princes Trust, We say a huge thank you to them for inviting the Seniors to join them at their Christmas gathering. A great time was had by all. Members look forward to the monthly service from Reverend Richard Leslie, of St Michael and All Angels Church.

If you think you would like to attend this vibrant group or for more information call: 020 3538 3247.

This is a reminder that the Hertfordshire County indoor track & field championships will be taking place at Lee Valley Athletics Centre on Sunday 4 March 2012, alongside the Middlesex County Championships.

Annual Meeting of the Parish in Fairway Hall

Date for your diary

Come and meet your Councillor

7.30pm Wednesday 14 March

Fairway Hall Brook Close

Borehamwood WD6 5BT



This is your chance to meet your Town Councillors and to ask questions on matters that interest or concern you about our roles and responsibilities. You can do this formally during the meeting or informally after it.

At the meeting, the Council will report on what it has achieved in the previous year and what challenges it faces for the future. Residents from Elstree and Borehamwood are encouraged and invited to come and have their say.

All your questions will be taken seriously and if we cannot give an answer on the spot, we will get back to you after the meeting with a written response.

Borehamwood Hillside



Mayor
Sandra Parnell
Conservative



Deputy Mayor
Charles Kelly
Conservative



Pat Strack
Conservative

Borehamwood Cowley Hill



Ernie Butler
Labour



Richard Butler
Labour



Graeme Franklin
Labour

Borehamwood Kenilworth



Susan Maughan
Labour



Kerri Prince
Labour

Elstree



Anne Mitchell
Conservative



Farida Turner
Conservative

Borehamwood Brookmeadow



Clive Butchins
Conservative



Sam Dobin
Conservative



Simon Rubner
Conservative

All contact details are on our website or call the Town Council on 020 8201 1382.

Community Action Hertsmere



Community Action Hertsmere has been commissioned by Hertfordshire County Council to set up a Time Bank in Hertsmere.

This new and exciting project is a way for people to share skills with others in the local community and make a difference, as well as getting to know people in your neighbourhood. Time Bank is for everyone regardless of age, race, religion, disability or gender – everyone is welcome to join, everyone has something they can give, the possibilities are endless! You can give your time and earn credits to have for yourself, you can choose to put your time in the 'Community Bank' if you don't want anything back, or you can register with us if you need help and can't offer anything back. We need you to help us make this a successful community project.

This project for the Community of Hertsmere, started on 20 February 2012 so please look at our website www.communityactionhertsmere.org or call Emma or Keely on 020 8386 4006 for more information.

Town Council Grants

In 2011 the Council was proud to be able to assist the following organisations with grant awards to contribute to the costs of a range of local activities which are of benefit to the Community:

Elstree Screen Heritage	For First Impressions Project	£1,000
Elstree & Borehamwood Light Operatic Society	For Costumes and Scenery	£500
Borehamwood Football Club	For Stadium Board	£1,500
Box Cleve	For Running Costs	£1,000
Elstree Cricket Club	For Mechanical Equipment	£300
Child UK	For Running Costs	£1,000
Community Action Hertsmere	For Community Shop operation	£10,000
Elstree & Borehamwood History Society	For Museum Running Costs	£10,000
		Total: £25,300

For further information to see whether you are eligible to apply for a grant and for information on how to do so, please contact the Council Offices or better still download an application form and guidelines from our website (www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk).

The deadlines in 2012 are:

To apply for 1st round of grant awards you must submit your application by: Wednesday 9 May 2012.

To apply for 2nd round of grant awards you must submit your application by: Thursday 25 October 2012.

Hire Fairway Hall

A wide variety of organisations and groups use Fairway Hall on a regular basis.

The clubs and groups that meet here cater for all age groups and many tastes. But the Hall is booked for one off events from birthday parties to bar mitzvahs for concerts, shows and fundraising events. Fairway Hall is a very popular, smart, community hall.

In January Woodcock Hill Village Green Committee booked the Hall for a Jazz evening to raise funds for environmental projects on the Hill. Jim Phillips and his band played a wide range of jazz entertaining an enthusiastic crowd. It was a very successful evening enjoyed by many. The catering was fantastic and the kitchen facility is purpose built to serve that need. With the raffle some £700 was raised to boost the funds. This was a typical event for the hall.

Located in Brook Close, off Brook Road, Borehamwood, Fairway Hall is available for hire at competitive rates. This attractive and modern facility has a fully equipped kitchen, cloakroom, toilets



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Thursday 12 April promises to be an interesting evening as **Hardeep Singh Kholi** visits Borehamwood with his new show **Indian Takeaway** in which he not only shares anecdotes and stories of his shared Scottish and Indian heritage but also orders a curry from a local takeaway before proceeding to cook his own live on stage in the time it takes to arrive. The show culminates with some lucky audience members getting the chance to sample both.

Lilies on The Land celebrates the Land Girls of World War II through the personal journeys of four women who sign up to help the war effort. Touching, funny and revealing in equal measure this captivating portrait of the war's unsung heroes plays at The Ark on **Friday 4** and **Saturday 5 May**.

Following the huge success of *Stick Man*, *Scamp* return with another Julia Donaldson classic on **Tuesday 15 May**. **Tiddler and Other Terrific Tales**, with performances at 2pm and 6.30pm, is a brand new collection of the Children's Laureate's most popular titles brought to the stage for the first time. Expect to see *Tiddler*, *The Smartest Giant in Town*, *A Squash and a Squeeze* and *Monkey Puzzle* all brought to life with live music, puppets and plenty of joining in.

Tickets for all these productions can be booked online at www.thearktheatre.co.uk or by contacting the Box Office on 020 82387288.

Park Street Camera Club 50th Anniversary 1962 – 2012



We are now coming to the end of our photographic year with the best images of the year being contested on 8 / 15 March for the Annual Awards, so now is the time to come along and see the best of our Club Members work.

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These are followed by our AGM and Presentation Evening – we then have our Easter recess and return on 19 April 2012 when we start the beginning of our 50th Anniversary Year.

We are a small and extremely friendly Club, we welcome new members (both beginners and advanced photographers) and you will always be given a warm welcome on arrival. If you would like to come along one evening as a visitor, you will be more than welcome (there is no pressure to join) we meet at 7.45pm for 8pm start, each Thursday at St. Stephen Parish Centre, Station Road, Bricket Wood.

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Rotary Club News



It was not all doom and gloom in 1942.

After 3 years of war, life was pretty tough in 1942 but a group of local business people looked to the future by founding the Rotary Club of Elstree and Borehamwood. In 2012 the Club celebrates 70 years of service to the community and starts its celebrations with a screening of the 1942 film Casablanca, the top grossing film of that year. The celebration event is being held at the Ark Theatre in Borehamwood on March 8. Tickets at £10 are obtainable from the box office of The Ark Theatre: 020 8238 7288; www.thearktheatre.co.uk

The Club's President Paul Clark, said 'The Club's greatest fund raising event involved a film evening; in 1951 the Club organised a midnight matinee involving a large number of film stars of the time, including local resident Anna Neagle. So it seemed appropriate in this film orientated town to celebrate with a film evening.' Many people will know of the many ways in which Rotarians have enriched this community, as a group in the club and through individual service; so we hope many of our friends will come and join us on the evening.

An all star mid night matinee was held at the Ritz Cinema in Edgware on June 1 1951 to raise funds for the purchase of Allum Hall and four and a half acres of land. It was organised by Leslie Henson and the Rotary Club. Among the artistes were Frances Day, Robertson Hare, Ronald Shiner, Richard Attenborough, Leslie Henson, Norman Wisdom, Anona Winn, Audrey Hepburn, Richard Murdoch and Kenneth Horne. Local resident, Anna Neagle, was the president of the District Public Hall Association. Audrey Hepburn, then only 21 years old, had just made her film debut but was prepared to sell programmes to help the people of Boreham Wood and Elstree.

In 1942 Rotary was a male only organisation but from about 1990 membership has been opened up to ladies. One of the first lady members was Barbara Kennedy, manager of Cross Roads Carers South. She was the Club's first lady president in 2003/4.

In the photograph Barbara is joined by two recent lady members, Cynthia Barker and Sasha Capocci.



The universal motto of Rotary is 'Service above Self'; all Rotarians give freely of their time to put something back into the community. However, some give exceptional service and Rotary has its own honours system, the Paul Harris Fellowship, which is only awarded to Rotarians whose service has been exceptional. Over the years several members of the Club have been presented with this prestigious award. Recently this award was presented to John Page and David Rose who have given dedicated service over many years.



David Rose and John Page receiving their Paul Harris Fellowships from President Paul Clark.

Noah's Ark Playscheme

Children from Noah's Ark Playscheme enjoyed a fun day out during the half-term, at the new adventure playground for children with disabilities, at Aldenham Country Park.



Noah's Ark provides a valuable respite care service for children with disabilities and their families in the Hertsmere area, catering for children and siblings and they provide 1 to 1 care where necessary.

The scheme runs for approx one week at Easter and four weeks during the summer holidays. The next scheme will be held in Borehamwood from 4 - 12 April (excl Bank Holidays), with a nominal fee of £10 per day (concessions available).

The Playscheme provides fun and stimulating activities, outings and entertainment, eg. trips to soft play, bowling, gymnasiums, parks and the cinema; also in-house activities such as music groups, creative play, entertainers etc.

Noah's Ark is a non-profit making scheme affiliated to Elstree, Borehamwood & Radlett Mencap and funded by the local council. The scheme is run by a management committee consisting mostly of parents.

For further information please contact the co-ordinator: Rochelle Gould: 020 8906 2783

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Youth Council appoints new Chair and Vice Chair

Elstree and Borehamwood Youth Council are pleased to announce the appointment of Alex Walker as Chair and Emilia Walker as Vice Chair.

"I am very proud to be chosen to chair the Youth Council; I look forward to setting our plans into motion and making a better Elstree and Borehamwood for the youth" Said Alex and Emilia added "being in the Youth Council and being the vice chair is exciting as it will give me the opportunity to help the community and make a difference".

Get involved

Elstree and Borehamwood youth council is a group of young people that want to make a difference in the area and change the stereotype of young people. We are working hard to achieve our goals and targets. As a group we have split into 3 sub-groups:

- Publicity
- Business card group
- Environment.

The publicity group are trying to promote the Youth Council so that we can have more members and make sure that people are aware of the work that the Youth Council is doing and have achieved. The business card group is trying to get a discount card for the youth to use so if you would be interested in adding your business to the growing list, contact us. The environment group is trying to change any problems with the local environment and make the youth more aware of the environment and of how they can help make a change just by doing small things.

Overall as a main group we are trying to improve Elstree and Borehamwood and it would not be possible without help and support from the whole community.



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