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Letter from the Mayor...

I am extremely proud to serve as your Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood.

During this successful 56th Annual Town Festival I visited a wide range of events, clubs and activities, many of which are supported by your Town Council.

I was pleased to have the opportunity to meet so many people in the town, some who have dedicated their lives to supporting the community. Still to come this year we have the Fireworks in Meadow Park and the Christmas lights. There are a tremendous amount of activities going on in Elstree and Borehamwood all year round, why not try something new.

My year ahead as Mayor will mean I get to meet lots more interesting people at the Meetings, Community and Charitable events I shall be attending.

Enjoy reading this latest edition of the Town Crier, it's packed with local news and information and lots of pictures of our Town residents enjoying themselves, as a Town Council, we are very proud of the events we provide for you.



I look forward to seeing you around Town, Please say hello.

Cllr Charles Kelly
(Mayor of Elstree & Borehamwood)



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Bus route changes

Changes have recently taken place to local bus services and further changes are planned.

Details can be found on the internet at <http://www.intalink.org.uk/> in the section News/Service Changes. In June route 550 to Watford was replaced by route 306, which will also involve B1 and B2. Changes are also taking place to B3 and 398 and Uno buses 615 and 658 also have route changes.



How to send articles

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Delivery

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

Contact

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Community information

We have a list available of local Community Groups and Organisations.

Festival Feedback Questionnaire

Delivered with this edition is our Festival Feedback Questionnaire.

Please take this opportunity to tell us about your views and any suggestions you may have for future Festivals.

The image shows a 'Civic Festival 2012: Feedback Questionnaire' form. It includes a logo at the top, followed by instructions: 'Please help us evaluate the Civic Festival this year by sharing your experience with us by completing this short questionnaire. You can indicate your level of agreement to each statement by clicking the feedback or response box we can improve our future events.' Below this are two sections for feedback on the 'Civic Festival 16 June - 1 July 2012' and 'Town Crier Weekend 16 June - 1 July 2012'. Each section has a table with columns for 'Very satisfied', 'Satisfied', 'Neither satisfied nor unsatisfied', 'Dissatisfied', and 'Very dissatisfied', with corresponding feedback boxes. There are also sections for 'What was your favourite event? What aspect did you find most enjoyable?' and 'Comments and recommendations:'. At the bottom, there is a section for 'How can we make your experience better next year?' and a note: 'We'd love to hear about Town Crier events in the future by email if you provide your email address here:'. Contact information for Elstree & Borehamwood Town Crier is provided at the bottom: 'Please return to Elstree & Borehamwood Town Crier, Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood, WD6 5BT. Tel: 020 8207 1382. Email: towncrier@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk. Website: www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk. Fax: 020 8207 1382'.

This form is also available to complete at www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk or telephone 020 8207 1382

MUSIC FROM THE MOVIES

The biggest audience in years met on 30 June at The Ark, Borehamwood's community theatre, to hear the BBC Elstree Concert Band play "Music From The Movies".

For over two hours the band played classic film themes, ably supported by comperes Paul Welsh and Keith Clement, to a selection of film clips and still photos assembled by Ben Simon.

Sponsored by the Town Council as an impressive climax to the last weekend of the annual Town Festival, the concert was organised by Elstree Screen Heritage as a musical reminder of the town's long association with film.

After the concert Cllr. Sandra Parnell said: "My thanks for an evening to remember. The audience were in such a great mood the whole evening! It truly was a fun time, not one to miss. This has to happen again!"

The concert attracted an audience across generations, with fifty special guests from the On The Buses Fan Club, a contribution to their annual celebration in Borehamwood for the On The Buses movies created at Elstree Studios.



Elstree Productions

As every year, we loved being part of the Elstree & Borehamwood Festival Fortnight.

We took part in the parade and also filled up a weekend with our summer show, 'Sing A Long A Show Tune' We had fantastic community support and loved seeing you all there to support us, so would just like to thank everyone that came out to watch the show.

Elstree Productions are currently working on their next big production 'FOOTLOOSE'. Don't miss it! You can see us at The Radlett Centre from 10 to 13 Oct 2012.

HAM it up

Hertsmere Acoustic Music (H.A.M.) puts on free 'Sing-around' evenings in local pubs.

Joint organiser Nick Male says: "Everyone is welcome to our relaxed and informal free events Be you 18 or 80, beginner or experienced performer, we want to meet you. It's not the X factor, so nobody is going to judge you."

We appreciate all styles of music and admire anyone who is willing to have a go. If you want to just come along and listen, you are equally welcome.

For details contact Nick on 020 8953 5231 or nick.male2@btinternet.com

THE ELSTREE PROJECT



In partnership with staff and students at the University of Hertfordshire's film and TV course we have recorded interviews with almost 30 film and TV veterans who worked on films and TV productions created in our local studios. The range of jobs is wide.

If you worked in the studios and would like to share your memories with us please leave us your contact details on our answerphone 020 8953 2903 or email bob.redman@btinternet.com

Annual Fireworks Display Penny For The Guy Competition Monday 5 November 7pm Meadow Park

The Competition Winners will bring their entry to the Town Council Fireworks Display at Meadow Park and the winners will also have their names and photographs with their Guys printed in the Town Crier magazine.

The Judge will be the Town Mayor, Cllr Charles Kelly.

Application Forms available from www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk
For more information please call 020 8207 1382

Applicants should be aged between 10 - 16 years old and be a student at a School in Borehamwood or Elstree or a resident of the area.

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Friendship builds a bridge

New friendships were formed and old ones renewed when the German and French Twin Town representatives came to the Town Festival and join us to celebrate the 30th anniversary of BETTA, which was a most pleasurable and productive reunion.

Our guests enjoyed a concert in Fairway Hall, provided by the Borehamwood Brass Band, Hertsmere Acoustic Music Club, pianist Adria Jackson and piper George McGregor. The Town Mayor's Elvis impression brought the house down.

Imaginative international food was prepared by Sophie Eni. The weekend ended with a meal at the Arkley. Martine Eni says "As we look around us we see a world in conflict. Friendship is the BETTA way."

Bold as brass

Borehamwood Brass Band has been very busy over the Summer months playing at school fetes and church garden parties all over the area, at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacon Lighting at Woodcock Hill.



The Band put on a concert as part of the Civic "Festival Fortnight" with local members of the Hertsmere Academy of Performing Arts and Adria Jackson, including Adria dressed to sing 'Rule Britannia.'

In September, band members with their conductor, Derek Holland and compere Nick Male, will fly for a weekend in Offenburg. Piper George McGregor will bring the stirring sounds of the Black Watch to the Black Forest. The Band will give an 'open-air' concert in the town's historic market place, as part of the Weinfest celebrations. Thanks for help and support go to Martine Eni, BETTA; Klaus Teufel, Chairman of Town twinning in Offenburg; for financial support Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council and Cllr. Morris Bright, Hertsmere Borough Council. Thus the tradition of exchanges started in 1980s and 90s is revived.

We accept players from all standards. Rehearsals Friday nights at Holy Cross Church Hall, Balmoral Drive, Borehamwood 8-10 pm. Contact Alan Gibbins 020 8953 4097, www.borehamwoodbrass.org.uk

Youth council report

The youth council has been involved in some local events and given new opportunities.



The youth council were asked to help with a campaign for the environment, which has a main focus on Elstree and Borehamwood station. They were represented at the civic parade and also at the beacon lighting to celebrate the Queens diamond jubilee.

The most recent achievement is raising £134 at families' weekend in Meadow Park. The charity committee decided that the money would be for the Teenage Cancer Trust that helps teenagers with cancer. The money was raised mainly from a

chocolate tombola and also a human fruit machine. The youth council would

like to thank everyone who helped and donated chocolate to help raise money for an important charity.

We are keen to recruit new councillors who care about the youth and the environment. Anyone is welcome aged 10 -19. The meetings are the first Wednesday in each month except August at 6.30pm at the civic offices.

Inter Faith Week A celebration of faiths

Wednesday 21 November 2012 in Allum Hall from 5.30pm. Local Faith Schools - Jewish, Christian, Hindu and Muslim, come together to celebrate our diversity and show who we are. Stage acts, stalls and foods..Organised by Hertsmere Forum of Faiths



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Saffron Green's reflections on the year

Saffron Green Primary School is proud successfully to have participated in numerous projects and events this past academic year. Major achievements included reaching the county finals in both the gymnastics and tennis competitions.

The sun managed to shine for 'Olympics Sports Day,' at the end of June. It was a huge success. Winners were presented with medals on a podium, Olympics style!

Another highlight was the Jubilee celebration. Classes paraded in the colours of the Union Jack and sang the National Anthem before enjoying a street party with parents and staff. Children had entered a competition to design an accessory 'fit for a queen' and were presented with prizes at the end of the day. Saffron Green pupils have written about the day in a book and sent it to the Queen!

The Jubilee theme continued through the Borehamwood art competition with high-quality artwork from all school years receiving much admiration when it was on display at St Theresa's Church hall. Earlier in the year, art competitions were successfully entered. Pupils were winners of both the Hertfordshire 'Fireworks Safety' and 'Design a Dinosaur' competitions.

The Saffron Green school choir enjoyed performing at a special Gala Concert at the Royal Albert Hall in May. More than 2,100 children from 100 schools in Hertfordshire joined together to sing songs celebrating the London 2012 games and other sporting themes.

The curriculum was enriched with the many trips. These included the nursery visiting Butterfly world, Year 4 going to Whipsnade Zoo and the reception class seeing Wellington Barracks. A Year 5 archaeological visit to the River Thames led to the findings of a roof tile that had been burnt in the Great Fire of London!



Com.unity Choir was set up eight years ago as an inclusive, inter faith and multi cultural choir.



No one auditions, needs to read music, nor have prior singing experience. The members start with a fun singing warm up, then practice the current song programme, especially arranged for the choir by Chel Revens, the musical director.

Although there is no membership fee, members pay £2 a week to cover costs. New members are welcome: give us a try! Meetings are Mondays 7.30 - 9.30pm at the Ark Theatre Café, Hertswood School, Thrift Farm Lane, WD6 1TS.



Balloon Launch

The sky was alive with the colours of 140 balloons sending "Voices of 2012" messages, Hopes for the Future, when the Town Schools took part in an exciting event at Aberford Park on 18 July.

Each school had chosen ten pupils to release a helium balloon with a message attached. The event was organised by Lucy Harrison, assistant head at Hertswood School as a cross school project.

One pupil from each school was chosen to read out their hopes for the future. Then, with a countdown from Hertswood Head, Jan Palmer Sayer, the Balloons were released to a big cheer.

Borough Mayor Cllr Pat Strack thanked all involved particularly the Representative from Borehamwood Library, Claire Barraclough, a partner in the project which has been ongoing for a year. Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr Clive Butchins, thanked the readers and commented how clearly and confidently they spoke.

All assembled repaired to the Aberford Café to enjoy refreshments. The pupils were a credit to their schools. It was great to have an opportunity to see the cooperation between schools to push up standards for all in the community.

Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr Clive Butchins, judged the best overall display and the best



scarecrow at the VEG FEST 2012, held in conjunction with Groundwork Hertfordshire at Woodlands School in July.



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The Garden Crafts Society's popular monthly workshops will continue until October this year: Thursday 27 September will be all about preserving of fruit and vegetables. Thursday 25 October will be preparing for Rest and Recuperation for soil and plants! Enquiries to Len Anderson 020 8445 8454 or Rose Barry 020 8207 2237.

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A new Museum

Work will begin this autumn on the new multi-purpose community complex at 96 Shenley Road.

Volunteers at Elstree and Borehamwood Museum are busily preparing to move to their new home on the second floor of this new complex in Autumn 2013. Before the museum doors can open, there is much to do. The museum space within the complex will be an empty box which must be turned into a vibrant museum.

This is a 'once in a lifetime' opportunity for the volunteer-run museum to create a great resource, where everyone can enjoy, engage with and be inspired by their heritage. Free admission will continue and a service for schools and groups will be provided.

Alan Lawrence, Honorary Curator said "We are always on the lookout for volunteers to help at the museum." Volunteers have been working with Helen Giles, Museums Officer at Hertsmere Council, to create a number of 'concept' drawings to show how the museum could look. The new museum will be fitted with display cases, interpretation boards, touch screen kiosks to view the photographic and video collection, a listening post for oral histories, a flexible storage system, museum lighting and a reception desk. The team want to install hands-on interactive features for younger visitors. An exhibition and series of events in 2014 will celebrate 100 years of local film history (working with Elstree Screen Heritage).



The Museum will be applying for a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. But other funding through grants, sponsorship and donations are needed. Helen Giles said: "This is a busy time for this museum as it enters an exciting new phase."

The museum is still at 1 Drayton Road from Thursday to Saturday, 11am - 3pm. Website: <http://www.elstree-museum.co.uk/>

Helen Giles, 020 8207 7801
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Elstree and Borehamwood NSPCC

We are an active group who run three or four fundraising events through the year and also take part in regional (Barnet NSPCC Branch) and national NSPCC activities and campaigns.

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of Childline the Committee organised a very successful Midsummer Lunch at Shenley Cricket Centre attended by the Mayor of Hertsmere, Cllr Pat Strack. Our guest speaker was Esther Rantzen CBE founder of Childline. With her help we raised £2,805 for Childline (0800 1111). The sun shone and the band played at our annual Summer Garden Party at Schopwick Place, Elstree on Sunday 22 July. Just over £2,000 was raised.

Our next event will be Christmas Craft and Gift Fair on Sunday 25 November in Allum Hall, Allum Lane, Elstree WD6 3PJ, to be opened at 10.30am by The Mayor of Hertsmere Cllr Pat Strack, a faithful supporter. Live music from Jim Phillips Jazz and Borehamwood Brass with many gift stalls, bargains, food and games are excellent reasons for coming and solving all your Christmas gift problems.

We run two Xmas Art Exhibitions; one for local schools and one for the Elstree Art Circle. James Clappison MP will be giving out the prizes to the children at 2pm. The November raffle with many great prizes will be drawn at 3pm. Come along! Roll up! Lunch with us and have a fun time!

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Holy Cross (Balmoral Drive) and St Nicholas (Elstree). Yes, we all have our Sunday services, at which all are welcome, but we at St Michael's do other things too. We have a hall attached to our Church (as does Holy Cross) and this is used for many different activities by lots of different organisations throughout the week. It is available for children's parties at weekends.

On Saturday September 8 (6.30pm) we are hosting a quiz and the proceeding will go to the Otters Swimming Club - bring a team or just come along and join in. On Saturday 13 October we are planning a Harvest Social evening so, if you think you have the X Factor or are one of the Borehamwood's got Talent set, come along and do a turn. Entry is free and it will be a fun evening.

The four Churches are holding an Open Air Service on Sunday 26 August (please may it not rain) at All Saints at 11am and, again, everyone is welcome. We also have Harvest Festival Services, Bring a Friend Sunday as well as our "Birthday of our Church" services at each location - all very friendly (we don't bite) and we will be very pleased to see you.

Want to know more? ring me on 020 8386 5469

Pat Clarke (Churchwarden)
St Michael and All Angels Church



Aldenham Country Park Trust is planning accompanied nature walks around the park this September. Details are not yet finalised but will be posted on the website when available: see <http://acp.ebgreenbelt.org.uk>

Borehamwood and Elstree U3A: 2012 - A year of celebration.



In September last year we planned our 10th anniversary celebrations. I am always amazed at the way voluntary workers give so generously of their time, and our committee is no exception.

Marking 10 years needed to be more auspicious, so we would try for one extra event a month, in addition to our usual monthly meetings.

Starting in January with an opening event by the Town Mayor Cllr Sandra Parnell. In February a Study Day was arranged, entitled "In the Days of our Grandparents". March saw a Social Bridge afternoon. In April a Quiz Supper. May we visited a local Victorian School, linking with the February Study Day. In June we went to Normandy, for 4 days, with visits to the Bayeux Tapestry, the Abbey at Mont-St-Michel, Musee des Beaux Arts, Monet's house and garden and a Chateau and in July we provided a guided tour of St. Alban's Abbey, followed by tea and cakes.

We plan this month, **September**, a Drop-in Garden Party to be held in a member's garden. In **October** we plan to visit a stately home renowned for its art collection and gardens designed by Capability Brown. In **November** an Arts and Crafts event and in **December** the Play Reading Group will put on a play to close the year before our annual Christmas lunch.

Information about our U3A is in the local library, on our website <http://u3asites.org.uk/borehamwood/>, or at one of our monthly meetings, held on the 3rd Tuesday each month 10 for 10.30, at St Teresa's Church Hall, Shenley Road, where you will be made very welcome.

Saved from developers! The Waggon & Horses



This ancient coaching hostelry in Watling Street, the last pub in Elstree, has reopened again for food and drink.

Grand launch Tuesday 18 September by the Mayor of Herts, Cllr Pat Strack proceeds from auction to Herts Air Ambulance Trust.

Royal British Legion



The Royal British Legion proudly heard that for 2nd consecutive year they were named as 2nd highest reputation for a charity in the UK. Our local branch has just raised over £34,500 for the Poppy appeal this year.

Here we highlight the Women's section. Pat Lowther, Chair, Carol Denbigh, President, June Master, Deputy Chair, and Rene Davies, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary, form the committee. Membership is increasing rapidly. This branch was awarded a cup last year for recruiting the most new members.

Any women over sixteen can join the a friendly organization that provides care and support for current and former service personnel. The Women's section always takes part in The Town Parade. We meet on the 2nd Monday each month. Contact Rene Davies on 020 8207 6053 for more details.



Insurance firm Cardif Pinnacle has been in Borehamwood since 1971. The company retails its products direct to the consumer under the brand helpucover.co.uk and employing over 650 staff.



Cardif Pinnacle has always played an active part in the local community but it was the adoption of The Peace Hospice as its chosen charity in 2010 that saw staff motivated to raise funds in an innovative way.

So far, Cardif Pinnacle has raised over £30K for The Peace Hospice through a range of initiatives.

The firm also introduced the hospice to Boreham Wood Football Club and raised over £15K from a staff and Arsenal Celebrity football match. Each year we organise quiz nights and classical concerts.

Last month our Jubilee Staff BBQ raised £1,300 just by having a raffle and we will be doing the same at our staff Olympic event. All these fundraising activities add up and we would really encourage other local companies to do the same. The Peace Hospice always says it needs more Cardif Pinnacles! We are just happy to make a difference.



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Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council meetings

For a full list of our forthcoming meetings, please see our website www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk or telephone 020 8207 1382.

School Swimming

The Town Council has agreed to continue with its support of the School Swimming Programme, providing primary schools with travel (thanks to Hearn's Coaches) to swimming classes at the Venue Leisure Centre.

Head Teacher of Cowley Hill School, Mrs Terry Willis, said, "We are very grateful for the help of the Town Council in helping with this scheme. It is especially valued by the children - they just love it!"



Dinner dates

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- 29th September 2012
- 13th October 2012
- 3rd November 2012
- 24th November 2012
- 15th December 2012

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Allotments: Lots of rain... now some sun, please!



Although it has been the wettest summer anyone can remember, Allotment Plot Holders have not been deterred and are working hard to cultivate their plots and to grow fresh produce at both the Council maintained sites. The work to create 20 new plots at Allum Lane has been completed and all these have been taken up by eager growers. In fact, due to popular

demand, the Council has no current vacancies but if you want to go on the waiting list or to find out more, please contact the Town Clerk (020 8207 1382).



Fresh Plots at Allum Lane Allotments