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# Christmas Switch-On

**Sunday 25 November 2018**

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# Hear ye! Hear ye!

## Letter from the Mayor...



I write to wish everyone of you a very Happy Christmas and Season's Greetings as this will be my last letter to you before the festive season, and to update you on some past and future events being organised by your Town Council.

I have enjoyed every bit of being your Mayor and many thanks go to the organisations, associations and clubs that I have had the privilege to visit.

In my last letter I mentioned the event and charity I am supporting and I believe it is right for me to inform you that the Diversity Festival organised by the Elstree and Borehamwood Unity Network was a great success and by the time you have read this Town Crier the Mayor's fundraising dinner for Hertsmere Mencap will have come and gone.

I look forward to raising some much-needed funds in support of the great work being done by Hertsmere Mencap.

The great Borehamwood fireworks will have taken place on the 5 November 2018.

The Town Council is looking forward to this year's centenary Armistice Day celebration to honour those who "for our tomorrow, gave their today".

The other events lined up for the season include coach trips to different Christmas market destinations for your purchases and sightseeing for our over 60s, and we also have the celebrated BBC Concert Band playing at Allum Hall as well as the Christmas lights switch on by our own very own Boreham Wood Football Club.

Please see the Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council website for updates on the work of your Town Council.

As always, I look forward to seeing you at these events and if you would like to invite me to your event please contact the Mayor's Secretary.

Once again Merry Christmas and Season's Greetings to all residents of Elstree and Borehamwood from your Town Mayor and Mayoress.



**Cllr Victor Ani**  
**Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood**  
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# Unity in diversity

Local people of more than sixteen nationalities were united in Elstree and Boreham Wood's first ever Diversity Festival. Now, it is to become an annual event.

Town Mayor Councillor Victor Eni is British from Nigerian origin and his wife, Martine is French. The festival was their idea.

Over two days, in a packed Fairway Hall, everyone enjoyed a fashion show an international lunch and varied musical performances. Local music and animation band Soul Jump includes Jewish and Afro-Caribbean performers; they rocked the room.



Brilliant ten year-old singer Riley Levene thrilled his audience and won several standing ovations.

A drumming workshop was a great success and was enjoyed by all the participants, including one elderly gentleman, who kept playing even while he was falling asleep!

A Leaders' Brunch brought together civic and business leaders in a dynamic networking session.

The Mayor spoke of the importance of media engagement with the festival. "We gave interviews to Barnet TV, BBC Three Counties Radio and Radio Verulam. The Town Crier published an extensive spread

about this new initiative. We have made an important start in recognising that we are now a multi-cultural community.

In our diversity lies our strength. Let us go forward together".

**Nick Male**



## Edith Oakley's 99th Birthday

At the Visually Impaired Club, we had a lovely time celebrating Edith Oakley's 99th birthday.

Edith is the longest-serving volunteer for Bloodwise Charity, and she has been at the heart of this charity since it began. And at 99 years old, she's just as committed to beating blood cancer today as she was in 1959.

She lost her ten-year-old son to leukaemia in 1959 and she has been raising money ever since.

She said: "I look forward to the event every year, especially the end so I can count how much we've raised. More people who are diagnosed with the disease have a better chance of survival these days and that is what we have been fighting for all these years." She has raised more than £250,000 and was awarded the Civic Award in 2018, by Hertsmere Borough Council.

We are looking forward to a bigger party next year.



**Sasha Cappoci**

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# Compost Corner

## 2018 – a silver lining

This year has been a challenging one for all allotment holders (and gardeners) with the late wet start in the season, followed by an incredibly long dry spell all summer. If you weren't able to get up to your allotment plot regularly to water... well!

Certainly, many of my seeds didn't germinate. And I really do mean many; nor was I alone. I didn't manage to re sow, but as it happened there was a silver lining as my time was taken up elsewhere so there was less produce to harvest and store. It was a bonus that weeds didn't germinate or grow much either.

Having said that, there are always others who come up with amazing produce and manage to keep charming or pristine plots... notably Mr Gowlett who produced the biggest pumpkins I've seen for a good while, and they (the pumpkins) managed to grow to gargantuan size without the benefit of being watered. He told me he didn't water his courgettes either and had never had such a bountiful crop... bottom of a slope... underground spring... pipe leak... fairies??? Take your pick.



## Here are this year's 2018 cup winners for Melrose Avenue and Allum Lane allotments

**Melrose – Alf Warman Cup for "Best Plot"** went to Mark Young who is a hard act to beat. His plot is always organised and immaculate, leaving no stone unturned (usefully chucked under the shed). He is a good example to us all, as he also cares for the area surrounding his plot, planting up neglected borders and generally caring for the site.

**John Clarke Cup for "Best Effort"** went to Kevin Hempstead who recently moved onto his plot which is now planted up to bursting. He installed several raised beds, a pond, and a rockery with interesting and attractive plants to encourage insects. Ponds are also known to attract frogs which help keep pests at bay... not so for Kevin's pond where 'Jaws' skulks in its murky depths.

**Neil Mapp Cup for "Most Produce"** went to Harry Murphy who was the allotment site's undoubted all-rounder, trying new varieties, planting in every available space, and all year round. He puts in Herculean efforts from early morning to the last sun ray, and still finds time to give the odd hand to neighbours, and offer up his extra seedlings or veg.

**Tom Cunningham "Good Neighbour" Cup** is a new cup which is awarded to the person who shows the most neighbourly attributes – named after our own beloved Tom Cunningham who never held back on giving good advice, help, a cup of tea, a chat, and all with passion cup winner in the form of Jim Mullen who in his calm, assured and steady way, goes out of his way to help allotment plot holders far and near, and he makes a perfect cup of tea which he can now drink from his Tom Cunningham Cup mug.

**Allum – "Most Produce" Cup** went to D Worley aka Louis, whose plot is crammed to bursting with top quality specimens, varieties that you just have to ask about, traditional ones that warm your heart, and he is a great example, giving encouragement to all. He has the magic touch.

**"Best Plot" Cup** went to A Leith who had a very tidy plot, crisp managed borders, and with different beds of produce... a lot of work went into it, with deserved acknowledgement for a great effort to excellent effect.

Stapleton Gardens allotments... Get ready for next year's trophies!

*Anne Nicodemus*



**We have a small number of vacancies at our sites. If you would like to find out more about renting an allotment plot please call: 020 8207 1382 or email: [admin@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)**

# NSPCC

**Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.**

The Elstree and Borehamwood NSPCC Committee have had a very active year so far and are on target for raising £10,000 for the vital work for abused and neglected children.

We held a very enjoyable lunch at Shenley Cricket Club in May, followed by the Annual Garden Party at Schopwick Place, Elstree at the end of July.

This occasion was not blessed by the summer sunshine we expected but we carried bravely on in the lovely but rainswept gardens of Schopwick.

So generous are our supporters, however, that our eventual profit was only slightly reduced.

Most recently on 7 October we organised a concert with buffet supper at Reveley Lodge Bushey, with chamber music played by the Elstree Mozart Players under their leader Derek Holland. This was a social and cultural success and raised over £700.

Yet to come is an open day laid on by Field House Designs in support of the NSPCC on Thursday 8 November at The Field House, 33 Loom Lane, Radlett WD7 6AB, where you will be able to buy lovely silk flower arrangements and other gifts and enjoy a glass of bubbly! 10am to 6pm.

Our final event will be the annual NSPCC Craft and Gift Fair on Sunday 18 November from 10.30am to 3.30pm opened by the Mayor of Hertsmere Cllr Brenda Batten. Many varied stalls selling amazing bargains, a mega book stall and games with live music all day from Borehamwood Brass, the Community Choir and Paul Lomax on electric guitar are among the attractions. The refreshment stall will be serving the legendary Chinese lunches with sandwiches, cakes and pancakes and the high point of the fair will be the Schools Art Exhibition. Ten schools are taking part this year. The prizegiving will be at 2pm with our MP for Hertsmere Oliver Dowden handing out the prizes. Please come along and support the NSPCC.

**Ann Goddard**  
**Chairman E&B NSPCC Committee**





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## Visually Impaired Club

A great day out with our members on board Sheldrake 3 with Waterways Experiences.



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The members enjoyed helping with the locks and steering the boat. It was a perfect sunny day too.

First experience on a canal boat and we are already thinking of booking another trip. It was a really fantastic experience for all of us. Thanks to everyone at Waterways Experiences.

**Sasha Capocci**





## Recovery Support Worker Vacancies

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Opportunities are available for Recovery Support Workers (RSW) to join the CQC 'Outstanding' Vision MH Ltd., an independent hospital in Borehamwood providing the highest quality of service to people with longstanding mental health problems.

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- Delivering a caring, effective, patient focused service, in keeping with the aims, objectives and standards of the hospital
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- Working closely with the nursing team
- Ensuring that with other colleagues, the communal areas are always staffed
- Interacting in a positive and natural manner with all patients
- Identifying signs that may indicate that patients are at risk either to others or to themselves and reporting these concerns to the relevant staff members
- Reporting any concerning patient behaviours or conversation topics immediately

To be considered for the RSW position you must possess the following key skills and experience:

- Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written
- Excellent interpersonal skills, friendly, patient and helpful

- Great, self-motivated team player, capable of working on own initiative
- Responsible and honest with strong organisational and time-keeping skills
- Practical with a proactive approach

**Full-time** - A 2-week pattern of 8am - 8:30pm shifts, 3 days one week, 4 days the next, including alternate weekends. You would also be expected to work night shifts, currently set at 1 week in 5.

**Nights only** - As above, but working from 8pm - 8:30am on all allocated shifts.

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If you are interested in applying, please submit a CV and covering letter to [a.carter@vision-mh.com](mailto:a.carter@vision-mh.com). All appointments to the hospital service are subject to registration with the Vetting and Barring scheme and the receipt of a Disclosure at the appropriate level which is acceptable to the company. The hospital service is an equal opportunities employer.



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# School News

## Parkside Community Primary School

### Our new multi-use games area (MUGA)

We were very excited to open our new MUGA at the end of the summer term.

Our school council worked alongside the designers to create an all-weather sports pitch which will greatly enhance our PE sessions and playtimes. We had a grand opening ceremony and invited Boreham Wood Football Club Manager Luke Garrard and some of the club's community coaching team to officially cut the ribbon. The first game on the new pitch was under way in minutes and the children pitted their skills against the best in Borehamwood. Since its opening, the MUGA has been in constant use and we look forward to holding many exciting tournaments on it.



### Mascots for Boreham Wood Football Club

Members of the school football team were selected as mascots and flag bearers at the pre-season match between Boreham Wood Football club and Arsenal earlier in the season.

The children were able to meet the new Arsenal manager, Unai Emery, and had a fabulous time watching the match from the best seats in the house.



### Developing our love of reading

The children came back to school after the summer holidays to find a brand new building in the key stage playground!

This will become our new library and it is the school council's next exciting project to help design. The library will be a calm, relaxing space filled with fun and interesting books for everybody to enjoy. Our new library will open later this term.



### Year 3 trip to Bushcraft

Year 3 had great time learning about survival in the wild at the Bushcraft centre in Hatfield Woods.

They took part in a range of activities which promoted teamwork and personal development as well as having fun learning new skills. The children enjoyed making their own fires and cooking burgers. They also learnt how to build shelters and set traps and enjoyed camouflaging themselves and using knives to make their own pencils.

### Future events

Christmas cake sale - Friday 14 December 3.20pm.



# Saffron Green Primary School

## Our key stage 1 playground at Saffron Green

The start of the autumn term was very exciting for the children at Saffron Green primary school because on their arrival they discovered new play equipment had been installed on the KS1 playground.

The children have really enjoyed having this second play area which has given all of them to access adventurous play equipment during the school day. A child in Year 1 shared: "I really enjoy sliding down the hill which has a secret tunnel underneath and swinging on the monkey bars with my friends."

Since the equipment has been installed we have noticed that the children have become more imaginative and proactive on the playground.

A child in Year 2 told us: "I'm a lot happier now we have the new equipment as there is more to play on and I enjoy balancing on the stepping logs."

Everyone here at Saffron Green appreciates all the hard work which has been put into this project, especially by Mrs Andrews and Ms Petrou in our school office. This project would have not been possible without the government funding programme launched alongside the 2012 Olympics named "The Sports Premium" which was designed to get all our young people active and interested in sport.

Let the creative play begin.

*Ms Arbi*  
*Year 1 Class Teacher*



# St Nicholas Primary School

## Year 4 Trip to Verulamium

On Thursday 27 September Year 4 went on a trip to St Albans to explore the old Roman town of Verulamium.

First, we went to the amphitheatre where we imagined what entertainment the Romans would have. Next we went to the hypocaust which had a huge mosaic in it and underfloor heating pipes that heated Roman houses. We then walked to the ruin of the old city wall. After that we visited the museum where some of us drew pictures

of Roman objects and mosaics. It was fun to find out about Roman life. After lunch we had a run around and went back to the museum for an artefacts session where we were allowed to touch and hold 2,000 year old objects! Some people dressed up as rich Romans, Celts and slaves.

We had a great day and learnt lots more about Roman life.





## Year 6 trip to Batchworth Canal Lock

On Thursday 27 September 2018, Year 6 went to Batchworth Waterways so they could learn all about locks in the Victorian times.

They had lots of fun learning about the history of these locks. They got to push one open, went inside a family's barge, dressed up and washed clothes the Victorian way and even got to go on a boat ride themselves! - Diana



## Choir

St Nicholas choir and the Worship Group were invited to St Albans Abbey for the Harvest Celebration Service.

The Worship Group did a fantastic job leading the Kyrie Confession and the choir sang beautifully!

Well done for representing our school so well.



## Macmillan Coffee Morning



## Owen pugh the Woodland Trust

To commemorate the event local primary schoolchildren scattered wildflower seeds over the meadow.

President of the Studios Rotary Club Sandra Parnell led other Rotarians in planting crocuses around the trees. Committee members Clive Butchins, Yvonne Harris, Jo Kay, Paul Peters, Pete and

Sue Williams, led by Alex Melson, Woodcock Hill Village Green project manager. There are plans to install another bench close to the location. Residents will be able to relax, reflect and enjoy yet another aspect of this historic site.

All enjoyed hospitality and refreshments at 44 Carrington Avenue after the event.

# Cowley Hill Primary School

## Building for our children's future... Headteacher helps get the Big Build under way!

September was a fantastic month at Cowley Hill as we opened our doors to our all-new purpose-built nursery.

The old nursery has been transformed and has almost doubled in size making it a fantastic learning space for our youngest children. The space is light and bright with amazing free flow for learning inside and out. The children now have a state of the art space to support their fantastic learning.

If your child still requires a place at nursery come and have a visit as we have only a few spaces left!



## Fruity Fun Fun Fun

Histon Produce ran some exciting fruit workshops for our Year 3 and 4 children.

Children and staff had to pedal a bicycle to power the blender and make some scrumptious smoothies!

## Cowley Hill visits Aylmerton

Many of our children had an amazing week visiting Aylmerton in Norfolk.

The glorious weather allowed for a fantastic week of many activities including a trip to Blakeney to see the seals and explore the salt marshes, orienteering, splash swimming (they particularly enjoyed the wave machine) and a disco. Our children were brilliant ambassadors for our school and took part in all of the activities and events with their normal dedication and good manners.

We can't wait to go back next year.



## Cake and coffee morning for Macmillan

Cowley Hill took part in the biggest coffee morning by holding our cake sale.

We had so many donations – our children and their families were so generous. We raised a staggering £284.19 for Macmillan Cancer Care.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated and purchased on the day.





# I'm a little teapot!

Some of us can remember going to nursery all day, having lunch there and everyone having a sleep there in the afternoons on truckle beds.

There were mostly play activities but at the time these were not as educationally based as they are today. As a governor, showing a recent interest in early years education, there seems to be just as much work and planning going on as for much older children.

I do not recall there being as much emphasis on keeping children safe as there is now. One of the things you will see as you go into a nursery will be notices banning mobile phones. Staff have to hand them into the office and only retrieve them at the end of the day or by prior arrangement.



All this came about because a nursery worker at Little Ted's child care centre in Plymouth pleaded guilty to taking pictures of herself abusing children, and sharing them with other paedophiles on the internet. As a result of this type of incident, lessons have

been learnt that ensure children are safer today than they have ever been.

Children in the nursery are encouraged to explore, moving from things that they are familiar with to having a go at something new. It is important for them to keep trying activities and enjoy achieving something new. The adults help children to develop their own ideas and to see links to other things. Children certainly have fun in the nursery. On one occasion children had been provided with a large bowl of soapy water that they were using with brushes to sweep down the playground. Another time children were adding glitter to figures they had made using play dough. As the children progress they are made responsible for clearing up and putting things away. This is directing them onto the path of independence that is so important for them.

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YOUTH COUNCIL

## Past Youth Councillor in Kilimanjaro Climb

Borehamwood resident Shriya Samani climbed one of the highest and most daunting mountains in the world in September this year.

She was raising money for Dig Deep, a charity which helps provide for schools and communities in rural Kenya with access to clean water and sanitation.

Shriya, 21 a former Hertswood School pupil, and former Youth Councillor for three years from the age of 15 - 18 yrs, received a boost in her fundraising mission from Elstree and Borehamwood Youth Council who donated £360.

***Anne Nicodemus***





## “All Change!”

150 years of railway, from the past into the future

# A day to remember

When it was completed in 1868, the new terminal building for St. Pancras Station was the largest man-made structure in the world! Extensively rebuilt at a cost of £800 million, it was reopened in 2007 as St. Pancras International. Now home to Eurostar, the station remains an impressive London landmark.

The station was built as part of the construction of a rail link from Bedford to London 150 years ago. Elstree & Borehamwood station was also built as part of that link, and all year we've been celebrating our shared anniversary.

The Town Council's Youth Council has been active in those celebrations, helping publicise model railway displays and the “All Change!” exhibition at the museum.

In return we were able to arrange for them a tour of St. Pancras International Station. The Marketing Manager of High Speed 1 kindly organised a tour guide, while GTR Thameslink enabled Youth Councillors to travel free of charge.

On the morning of 28 October, the group of Youth Councillors (Raisa, Rahma, Adam, Alex, Noah, Leo and Natan) accompanied by Cllr. Sandra Parnell and “First Impressions” Bob Redman set off from Elstree & Borehamwood Station to meet their guide, Mike Moran.

After an hour and a half there wasn't a corner of the station which the group had not visited. So much has happened over the past 150 years in this remarkable building, full of fascinating facts which Mike shared with the group.



Returning to our own station, the group spotted new posters describing plans to redevelop our own station, though not on the scale of St. Pancras! Here's to those changes and the next 150 years of rail in Elstree & Borehamwood.

**Bob Redman**



## Youth council trip to St Pancras

*On Sunday 28 September I went on the St. Pancras walking tour with the Elstree and Borehamwood Youth Council, kindly arranged by Mr. Bob Redman and this is what I have to report back.*

*The 90-minute tour was fascinating despite the fact that it was absolutely freezing. The tour guide was very charismatic and had loads of information to share.*

*He spoke about both Kings Cross and St Pancras International. The tour guide stunned us with facts and statistics regarding all of the station buildings. I never knew that the arches in Kings Cross are 110 FT wide- as the builders in the nineteenth century were scared to build an arch any wider so they built two arches instead of one. Yet, the one arch in St Pancras is 240 ft. wide – this is because St Pancras was built slightly later by which point the builders believed that they could safely build an arch over double the size of the arches in Kings Cross. Overall, I would give the tour top marks and I would recommend it to a friend.*

**Adam Duke**





# Transport Forum 24 Oct 2018

At the Transport Forum that took place on 24 October we bade farewell to Larry Heyman the local development manager for GTR Rail who is retiring.

Larry has been a stalwart supporter of the Transport Forum representing both First Capital Connect and Thameslink Rail through thick and thin. We also had the opportunity to welcome Patrick Ladbury who is taking over Larry Heyman's role and our new station manager Mark Asamoah.

In addition to Thameslink Rail, the forum also hosts representatives from the local bus companies, the police and town, borough and county councillors.

This Forum is all about the community and was established by Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council to enable members of the public to air their views to stakeholders, service providers and councillors on anything to do with getting about.

If you have an opinion on public transport, roads, footpaths and cycle provision we would like to hear it so please do come along to our meeting. Entrance is free and there is no need to confirm attendance. The next Transport Forum takes place at Fairway Hall on Wednesday 20 February 2019 at 7pm.

*Simon Rubner*

## Disability Games

The NW Rotary District Disability Games took place on Sunday 14 October at Aspire in Stanmore Hospital.

The event was organised by Scott MacLachlan, NW District Governor, helped by members of many Rotary Clubs to provide a range of games: table tennis, darts, bocchia etc.

It was a lovely afternoon enjoyed by everyone, both competitors and helpers.

The Visually Impaired Club (of Elstree and Borehamwood) won 14 medals, five gold, six silver and three bronze. We are very proud of them.



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£170 was raised between the tombola and raffle and all the proceeds are going to Wheel Power Charity, which is a charity for wheelchair sports. It supports individuals to find a sport which they are passionate about. Also provided is equipment which enables disabled people to play sport and lead a healthy active life.

Thank you to all those from local Rotary Clubs who provided the raffle prizes. Nine members from the Studios Rotary Club helped support the various sports, provided and manned the sound system and ran the raffle and tombola stall.

*Sasha Capocci*

## Mencap at Maxwell Park

The growing popularity of Hertsmere Mencap's day time activities led to the search for a bigger venue. Maxwell Park community centre is now home to this local charity's Music and Movement and Drama workshops. Both sessions are aimed at adults with a learning disability, to enable them to learn new skills, improve their confidence and make new friends.

The Music and Movement sessions involve dancing, instruments and singalongs, while Drama is full of comedy sketches and laughter. Each workshop encourages expression and creativity. Activities are heavily subsidised at £4 per session and there is no commitment to sign up, so people can drop in as they please.

Sian Kenrick, Hertsmere Mencap Activity Coordinator said: "Our members love their new venue. Change can be a difficult thing for some people with a learning disability, but because we've had such a warm welcome and excellent facilities, the transition has been seamless.

It is an exciting time for the charity as we have been chosen by the Town Mayor, Victor Eni, as his charity of the year. If you, or anyone you know, has a learning disability and are interested in our activities please get in touch, we would love to hear from you".

**To find out more about the Hertsmere Mencap daily activity programme contact: Sian Kenrick 07938 722 619, [sian@hertsmeremencap.org.uk](mailto:sian@hertsmeremencap.org.uk) [www.hertsmeremencap.org.uk](http://www.hertsmeremencap.org.uk)**



## All Saints' coffee morning performances

### Collection in aid of the Town Mayor's charity Mencap

We are lucky in Borehamwood to have some amazing talent.

On Saturday 13 October live musicians, singers and readers from Writers in the Wood entertained an audience of 100 at All Saints' church. Derek Holland and Kate Walsh played a number of flute and piano pieces followed by Andrew Grady on the trumpet accompanied by Derek Holland on the piano. Music from the Caribbean, France, Italy, Scotland and England was played on the accordion by Roswitha Lamb.

After the interval David Diamond sang 60s and 70s music. Gloria Theophile, Stephen Pemberton, Lorraine Reed and Jason Cook read excerpts from their books. Nick Male was the compere. Thank you to Rev. Tim Warr for allowing the use of the church and to the church ladies for providing the refreshments.



We welcomed Knit and Natter members from St Michael's church who had plenty of knitted wares for sale. This event was supported by the Town Council.

The next coffee morning will be held Saturday 12 January, 11am - 1pm. Local organisations and groups will celebrate 2018 in photos.

Future events are planned for Saturday 9 February, 9 March and 13 April 11am - 1pm.



## Record £35,000 raised at star studded Hertsmere Mencap annual golf day

Hartsbourne Golf & Country Club was the venue for a sunshine-filled round of golf, organised to raise money for Hertsmere Mencap, a local charity that provides vital advice and support for children and adults with learning disabilities and their families.

More than 80 golfers took to the golf course to participate in the charity event, sponsored by Pelicans Manufacturing, Grower Freeman and Barclays. The record £35,000 raised will enable Hertsmere Mencap to continue offering high quality services to vulnerable members of the community.

The generosity of the players continued into the lunchtime auction, conducted by Cllr Morris Bright MBE, Leader of Hertsmere Borough Council.

Famous sports champions, former international rugby player Jeff Probyn, and Irish footballer Liam Brady, joined the golf day to support Hertsmere Mencap, a local, self-funding, charity.

Paul Moser, Chair of Hertsmere Mencap, expressed his delight at the record amount raised in one day: "The money raised today enables us to continue with our daily activity programme, which encourages members of the learning disabled community away from isolation and ensures they continue to be challenged and stimulated, while forging new friendships, improving their quality of life tremendously.

While we are thrilled at this exceptional amount, we continue to fundraise and welcome all donations, to ensure our high quality services can survive for the foreseeable future."

Hertsmere Mencap is entering its third year of providing highly subsidised activities to adults. Drama, music and movement, arts and crafts, aerobics and a social club night are among the popular activities that have given pleasure and fulfilment to members of the community. The success is such that there is now a waiting list in operation.

Chair of the Golf Committee, Edmund Grower said: "A tremendous amount of work goes into the success of this event. All the players enjoyed the excellent course and facilities at the club and were delighted to be supporting such an important cause."

**For more information on Hertsmere Mencap contact:**  
**Lucy Sitton [lucy@hertsmereencap.org.uk](mailto:lucy@hertsmereencap.org.uk)**

**For more information on the Hertsmere Mencap daily activity programme contact:** **Sian Kenrick [sian@hertsmereencap.org.uk](mailto:sian@hertsmereencap.org.uk)**  
**[www.hertsmereencap.org.uk](http://www.hertsmereencap.org.uk)**



## Writers in the Wood

Authors Lorraine Reed and her father Dr Graham Clingbine, approached Redbridge central library in Essex asking if it might be happy to support Essex and Hertfordshire authors by holding an event idea that the father and daughter shared.

The idea being two communities of writers coming together to promote the enjoyment of literacy, encourage others to pursue their dreams, let people know about their books and meet the Mayor of Redbridge.

Rhonda Brooks who works at the library was happy to turn their idea into a reality, so the pair organised the event. Local and international authors from Hertfordshire's writers circle (Facebook groups), Writers in the Wood and Dr Graham Clingbine's Essex book group donated copies of their books to the library. Books were on display in Redbridge central library throughout September under the title Essex and Herts Authors.

Authors travelled from areas such as Southend, Edgware, Norfolk, Kent, Redbridge and Borehamwood, to name a few. Past Hertfordshire resident, author Sarah Gunn, travelled from her home in France to represent Hertfordshire authors. The Mayor of Redbridge, Councillor Debbie Kaur-Thiara, was a great support, allowing authors to have their photographs taken with her. The successful event was spread over two days, 2 September and 6 October, due to its popularity, and was enjoyed by all.

**Lorraine Reed**



# Queen's Commonwealth Canopy

On Friday 26 October, Woodcock Hill Village Green (WHVG) Committee was delighted to be joined by the Deputy Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, Aktar Zauran to unveil a plaque at a special tree planting ceremony.

Oliver Dowden MP, Hertsmeire Mayor Cllr Brenda Batten, Elstree and Borehamwood Town Mayor Cllr Victor Eni, Leader of the Borough Council, Cllr Morris Bright and Leader of the Town Council Cllr Pat Strack each planted one of five saplings to form part of the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy. WHVG committee would like to thank Elstree & Borehamwood Town staff, Anne Nicodemus and Will Goddard, for their help in clearing the site and preparing the ground for the planting. Thank you to Bob Redman and Mike Rollins for their help in designing and production of the plaque.

*The Queen's Commonwealth Canopy is a wonderful initiative that unites all 53 countries of the Commonwealth in saving and protecting the Earth's forests. It links conservation projects around the world, helping us to share ideas and conservation knowledge from the tropics to the UK's woods. Our future depends on the natural world. From the food we eat to the air we breathe, it's the most precious thing we have. But to protect it we must understand and appreciate it. By planting these trees and watching them*

*grow and change through the seasons you will be brought closer to nature. The trees – hazel, rowan and silver birch – come from the Woodland Trust. They are native species that support birds, insects and other wildlife, as well as benefitting people in many ways. Planting a tree is one of life's greatest joys and through this project people across the UK can share in this with every Commonwealth nation to show they are making a difference for the natural world. - Qwen Pugh, the Woodland Trust.*

**Pat Strack**



## The Choir of the Resurrection visits Borehamwood

"Unbelievable!", "Where were the microphones?", "I was looking for the rest of them".

These are just some of the reactions to a stunning evening of Russian music this autumn. The Choir of the Resurrection, from St. Petersburg, made their annual visit to Borehamwood on 29 Saturday September.

Their concerts are eagerly anticipated and greatly enjoyed. With just six singers and no microphones, they make a soaring sound that fills one of our two Catholic churches. On the concert nights, the audience was made up of local parishioners, but also many people from the wider community.

The choir's repertoire includes Russian sacred music in the Orthodox tradition, but also lively numbers such as 'Those were the days' and comic highlights like 'Oh No John No'.

After the performance, beautiful Russian scarves and brooches were on sale available.

Local people host the choristers overnight, in their homes and this is always appreciated by our visitors.

The choir tours the UK for several months of every year.

For our chance to hear them we say:

"Balshaya spasiba" or, in English, "Thank you very much!".

**Nick Male**





Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council

# Christmas Market Coach Trips

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

**The Town Council is offering a chance to have a  
day out at a Christmas Market for £8.**

Choose one of the following 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

Tickets available from **Monday 19 November 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. Tickets are non-refundable.

The fully air-conditioned coaches leave Fairway Hall at 9am prompt and will 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).

## **Monday 10 December - Canterbury Christmas Market**

Visit beautiful, historical Canterbury at Christmas featuring a Christmas market with  
70+ huts and nearly 100 businesses. The market offers a colourful array of gifts and  
decorations as well as a fantastic selection of food and drink.

## **Thursday 13 December - Southbank Winter Market**

Eat, drink and be merry beside the River Thames at the Southbank Winter Market.  
Expect seasonal goodies, sparkling lights, mulled wine and that festive feeling.

Top traders from around the world bring to the riverside an array of handmade festive  
goodies and delicious street food. Each trader brings their unique spin to the feast,  
with stalls offering Asian, Indian and Greek cuisines, traditional winter favourites like  
raclette and bratwurst, and sweet treats including waffles and pancakes.





# Christmas Switch-On 2018

To mark the festive season Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council is bringing some festive cheer to the Town with the annual Christmas Lights Switch On Event on Sunday 25 November. The family fun event takes place from 2pm - 6pm behind All Saints Church on Shenley Road.

Free entertainments include the ever-popular Ice Rink, a vintage Carousel, Santa's Grotto and more.

All Saints Church plays host to local primary school children singing carols from 2pm (tickets only) before mulled wine, mince pies with Borehamwood Brass, James Stowell and the Borehamwood Community Choir warming up the crowd for the main event.

At 4:30pm Boreham Wood Football Club will help Cllr Victor Eni, Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood turn on the lights illuminating Shenley Road, Manor Way, Leeming Road, and Elstree High Street, formally marking the start of the festive season.

Collections will be made for Mencap, this year's Mayor's charity.

For more information please contact the Town Council on 020 8207 1382.







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Allum Hall, Allum Lane, Elstree, WD6 2AE  
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Fairway Hall, Brook Close, WD6 5BJ,  
tel 020 8207 1382 or  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/ebtc](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ebtc)



Photo by Vince Rogers





# Tapestries of Faith

The Town Council supports the freedom of residents to choose a faith or to have none and it is proud of the rich tapestry of religious groups within the local community, including those that meet at Fairway Hall such as the Radlett Reform Synagogue and the Borehamwood Islamic Centre.

## Rev. Antonio Pineda

Parishioners of St Teresa of the Child Jesus RC Church and Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church in Borehamwood celebrate the ordination of Rev. Antonio Pineda to the Sacred Priesthood by His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster.

Councillors Cynthia Barker and Charles Kelly, along with local residents, had the privilege of witnessing his ordination.

Father Pineda spent seven years preparing for priesthood at the Venerable English College in Rome, the oldest British academic institution outside the UK.

The most notable The Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Vincent Nicholls, studied there too for the priesthood.

In addition to his regular Sunday mass, Father Pineda organised a special mass on Sunday, 21 October, for the Filipino community in Borehamwood.



### International Christian Fellowship

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# ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

## Celebrate Christmas 2018 with us

### Roman Catholic Parish of Borehamwood

#### St Teresa of the Child Jesus (St T)

291 Shenley Rd, WD6 1TG

#### Ss John Fisher & Thomas More (SsJF&TM)

28 Rossington Ave, WD6 4LA

Father Dominic McKenna (020) 8953 1294 - borehamwood@rcdow.org.uk

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| Sat 22 Dec | 10am - 1pm, Extended Confessions (St T's)<br>6pm, Vigil Mass (St T)  |
| Sun 23 Dec | 8.30am, Mass (SsJF&TM)<br>10am, Mass (St T)<br>Noon, Mass (SsJF&TM)  |
| Mon 24 Dec | 5pm, Christmas Vigil & Nativity (St T)<br>8pm, Christmas Vigil Mass (St T)<br>11.30pm, Carols (SsJFTM)<br>Midnight, Midnight Mass (SsJFTM) |
| Tue 25 Dec | 10am, Mass (St T)<br>Noon, Mass (SsJFTM)   |
| Wed 26 Dec | Noon, Mass (St T)  |
| Thu 27 Dec | 9.15am, Mass (St T)  |
| Fri 28 Dec | 9.15 am, Mass (St T)   |
| Sat 29 Dec | 11am - 11.30am, Confessions<br>5pm - 5.40pm, Confessions<br>6pm, Vigil Mass (St T)   |
| Sun 30 Dec | 8.30am, Mass (SsJFTM)<br>10am, Mass (St T)<br>Noon, Mass (SsJFTM)  |
| Mon 31 Dec | 9.15am, Mass (St T)<br>9.30pm, Mass followed by Parish Party in hall (St T)  |
| Mon 1 Jan  | Noon, Mass (St T)  |

### King's Grace Chapel

Holy Cross Church Hall, Balmoral Drive, WD6 2QU

Lola Adekunbi 07852 963659

|            |                                    |
|------------|------------------------------------|
| Sun 23 Dec | 11am - 1pm, Sunday service         |
| Mon 31 Dec | 10pm - 12.30am, Watchnight service |

### Church of England

#### Team Parish of Elstree & Borehamwood

Parish Office 020 8905 1365 - [www.borehamwoodchurches.org.uk](http://www.borehamwoodchurches.org.uk)

Mon - Fri, 9.30am - 12.30pm

#### All Saints Church

94 Shenley Road WD6 1EB

Revd Tim Warr 020 8207 6603

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| Sun 23 Dec | 11am, Carols & Communion (followed by Christingle making party)              |
| Mon 24 Dec | 4pm, Crib & Christingle Service<br>11.30pm, Midnight Mass                    |
| Tue 25 Dec | 10am, Festive Family Communion   |
| Sun 30 Dec | No service at All Saints; Parish Communion at St Michael's, Brook Road, 10am |

#### St Nicholas Church

Elstree High Street, WD6 3EW

John Auton 07885 142217 - [www.stnicholaschurchelstree.org](http://www.stnicholaschurchelstree.org)

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| Sun 16 Dec | 9.30am, Communion by Extension<br>6.30 pm, Nine Lessons & Carols              |
| Sun 23 Dec | 9.30 am, Communion by Extension   |
| Mon 24 Dec | 4pm, Crib Service<br>11pm, Midnight Mass                                      |
| Mon 25 Dec | 10am, Family Communion  |
| Sun 30 Dec | No service at St Nicholas; Parish Communion at St Michael's, Brook Road, 10am |

### Holy Cross Church

Balmoral Drive, WD6 2QU

Peter Hedges 07885 300808 or Anne Smith 07903 276248

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|------------|--|
| Sun 16 Dec | 9.30am, Christingle Service  |
| Sun 23 Dec | 9.30am, Family Communion   |
| Tue 25 Dec | 10.00am, Service of the Word   |
| Sun 30 Dec | No service at Holy Cross; Parish Communion at St Michael's, Brook Road, 10am |

### St Michael & All Angels Church

Brook Rd (junction Leeming Rd), WD6 5EQ

Revd Louise Collins 020 8953 2362

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|------------|--|
| Sat 24 Nov | 10am - 1pm, Christmas Fair in Church Hall          |
| Sun 16 Dec | 4pm, Traditional Carol Service                     |
| Sun 23 Dec | 12 noon - 12.45pm, Carols for Babies and Tots      |
| Mon 24 Dec | 5pm, Christingle Service<br>11.30pm, Midnight Mass |
| Tue 25 Dec | 10am, Christmas Day Family Worship                 |
| Sun 30 Dec | 10am, Parish Communion                             |

### Borehamwood Baptist Church

12 Furzehill Road WD6 2DF

Revd Hillary Nyika 07722 963855 - [www.borehamwoodbapch.org](http://www.borehamwoodbapch.org)

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| Sun 16 Dec | 10.30am, Nativity Service<br>6.30pm, Carol Service |
| Tue 25 Dec | 10am, Christmas Day Service                        |

### St Andrews United Reformed Church

Aycliffe Rd (junction Allerton Rd), WD6 4HB

Revd David Aplin 020 8907 6246

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| Sun 16 Dec | 10.15am, Nativity Play               |
| Wed 19 Dec | 7.45pm, Carols by Candlelight        |
| Tue 25 Dec | 10.15am, Christmas Day service       |
| Sun 30 Dec | 10.15am, Last Service at St Andrew's |

### International Christian Fellowship

Manor Way, WD6 1QY

Pastor Patrick Bateman 020 8207 1837 - [www.icfellowship.org](http://www.icfellowship.org)

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| Sun 16 Dec | 10am, Morning Service   |
| Sun 23 Dec | 10am, Youth and Children's Christmas Service                                  |
| Tue 25 Dec | 10am, Joint Service with five churches at International Christian Fellowship  |
| Mon 31 Dec | 10pm, Joint Service with three churches at International Christian Fellowship |

### New Life Assembly

St Teresa's School Hall, Brook Road, WD6 5HL

Janet Ekanem 07931 784966 - [info@nlborehamwood.co.uk](mailto:info@nlborehamwood.co.uk)

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| Mon 25 Dec | 10am, Joint Service with ICF at their premises, International Christian Fellowship |
| Sun 31 Dec | 9pm - 12.30am, Watchnight Service at St Teresa's School Hall, Brook Road, WD6 5HL  |

### St Paul's Lutheran Church

St Paul's Close (corner Cranes Way and Furzehill Road) WD6 2DB

Revd Didzis Stilve 020 8953 3308 - [www.stpaulslutheran.co.uk](http://www.stpaulslutheran.co.uk)

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| Sun 23 Dec | 9am, Morning Service          |
| Mon 24 Dec | 4pm, Carol and Verse Service  |
| Tue 25 Dec | 9.30am, Christmas Day Service |

### St John Apostolic Church of the Whole World

Farriers Community Centre, Farriers Way, WD6 2TB

Pastor Chirangano Maboreke 07845 100117 - [www.stjohnapostolicchurch.uk](http://www.stjohnapostolicchurch.uk)

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|------------|---------------------------|
| Sun 23 Dec | 9am - 2pm, Sunday Service |
| Tue 25 Dec | No service at St John's   |

# Heralding Christmas with Borehamwood Brass



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

Recently, on Saturday 3 November 2018, the band performed a concert at St Michaels & All Angels Church, organised by the Anglican Parishes of Elstree & Borehamwood to help raise funds for the Peace Hospice in Watford. The concert raised some needed money for this worthwhile cause.

The concert also included performances by Paul Lomax and Kate Walsh who roused the audience with different classical music for all tastes.

The Revd Louise Collins, vicar of St Michael & All Angels, welcomed us and introduced the evening, and the Mayor of Elstree & Borehamwood, Cllr Victor Eni, and his wife Martine were invited guests of honour.

Other recent events that the band has been involved with include a busy Remembrance Sunday where a group played as part of the 100th anniversary of the ending of the 1st World War.

The band was also involved with a concert by Elstree Mozart Players in Allum Manor on 17 November with a few members playing as part of the finale Tchaikovsky's '1812 Overture'.

During the festive period the band will be at numerous different events in and around the area, bringing some 'Christmas Cheer' to all.

*You can hear the band on*

**Sunday 18 November** - NSPCC Craft Fayre, Allum Manor, from 10am.

**Sunday 25 November** - Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council Christmas Light Switch-On.

**Friday 7 December** - St Marks Church, 56 Potters Road, Barnet, EN5 5HY 8pm - 10pm.

The week before Christmas the band will be playing Christmas carols at Tesco's raising some money for its recognised charity, the NSPCC.

Other engagements include playing Christmas carols at a service at St Stephens Church in Bricket Wood, and also in Letchmore Heath and at other functions locally.

The band meets most Friday nights in the Holy Cross Church Hall in Balmoral Drive, Borehamwood, WD6 2QT, from 8pm to 10pm.

We welcome people of all ages to join the band, but anyone wishing to join must have some musical experience or have passed at least Grade III of the Associated Board of Music examinations.

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

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



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Borehamwood, WD6 1DX





## Borehamwood Foodbank

The foodbank continues to be very busy. This year so far we have fed 2500 people. 42% are children and an increasing percentage of voucher holders are working.

We have continued our family lunches and cookery events which have been very successful. These have included recipe bags from our Tesco Bags of Help grant which give all that is needed to cook a meal from scratch. As we move into the colder weather we will be providing more services to help local people survive winter.

### Harvest

We rely on your generosity in giving and we have been thrilled to receive so many Harvest and Mitzvah donations - these make all the difference. We are always pleased to see children getting involved. Thank you so much.

Our big Borehamwood Tesco collection is on Thursday 29 and Friday 30 November, and Saturday 1 December. This is a great way to get involved and help for an hour. Please get in touch. We hope to make up at least 100 hampers.

Thanks to our Tesco Bags of Help grant, we are setting up a fuel bank to help voucher holders who are also in fuel poverty.

Did you know that you can cook rice and pasta with just a kettle and a flask? We have some flasks and recipe sheets available.

*Universal Credit* is due to roll out fully in our area very soon and other foodbanks have found an increased need, especially during the changeover period from other benefits.

Sadly we can only see our work increasing and we thank you for your ongoing support that enables us to help.

### Christmas opening hours

Please be aware we will be open during the Christmas period on Monday 24 December 10am until 12.30pm and Monday 31 December 10am until 12.30pm.

May we all wish you a very happy and blessed Christmas and a very successful New Year.

[info@borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk) 020 3583 1109



## Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Club

Students from the Oasis Hadley Academy presented the Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Club Committee with a cheque at the Community Hertsmere AGM on 18 September.

Sasha Capocci, Sandra Parnell, Eric Silver and Pat Strack thanked the students for their hard work in raising £750.

### Older Folks Party

With a grant of £300 from Hertsmere Borough Council, Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Club held a party on 2 October at Fairway Hall. We were joined by a number of residents from other clubs. Sara Donnelly took the exercises. We danced and sang with James le Bec.

EBDC welcomes anyone to come and have an afternoon of fun and laughter with carers and their loved ones. Exercises, activities, a quiz and entertainment with refreshments provide an ideal opportunity to socialise and have a good chat.

### Cheque from Boreham Wood Football Club

Boreham Wood Football Club chairman Danny Hunter was delighted to be able to make another donation of £1,000 to Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Club.

Boreham Wood FC and the Chairman pride themselves on being able to help within the local community and hope that their support can help the amazing Dementia Club programme.

The Dementia Club runs once every week on a Tuesday and is extremely popular amongst members.

It was formed in 2016, by Town Councillors Sandra Parnell, Eric Silver and Pat Strack, with Sasha Capocci and Dr Ann Goddard. They then launched the group in July 2017 alongside Dementia Club UK and they also have the support of Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council, Tesco and Rotary. The sessions include all sorts of fun and games, exercises and lots of chatting, with tea, coffee and cakes for everyone.

BWFC (Danny Hunter) has helped our Dementia club since we started. They have been extremely generous to us in so many ways which is appreciated by all that are connected to our very successful club.

We run our club every Tuesday 2pm - 4pm, a very happy club, please come and see for yourself.





# Elstree & Borehamwood Museum

Congratulations to Cllr Clive Butchins who was elected as Chair of Trustees for Elstree and Borehamwood Museum at the AGM in May 2018.

Cllr. Cynthia Barker has been the Chair of Trustees of Elstree and Borehamwood Museum for four years. She stepped down as Chair as she felt it was a good time to pass on the reins to her Deputy Chair, Clive Butchins.

She thanked everyone involved in the running of the museum, in particular, Dave Armitage, Ruth Stratton, the Board of Trustees and volunteers whose unfailing enthusiasm and commitment remain vital for the running of the museum.

The same appreciation goes to Hertsmere Borough Council which remains our main funder, Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council, Hertfordshire County Council and The Heritage Lottery Fund, whose ongoing support make all of our activities possible.

The new Board of Trustees for 2018-19:

**Chairman** – Clive Butchins

**Deputy Chair** – Cynthia Barker

**Trustees re-elected:** Norman Shuker, Paul Welsh, Betty Chandler, Elaine Butchins, Pat Strack and Ann Lawrence.

Dave Armitage remains the tireless Museum Manager.

Ruth Stratton continues to be the Heritage and Museums Officer for Hertsmere Borough Council.

Ken Custance continues as the bookkeeper.

On Tuesday 23 October we started a brand new exhibition which tells the story of the campaign thirty years ago to save Elstree Studios from closure.

By the mid 80s the then derelict site was up for sale as a shopping centre, and yet today the future of the studios is more secure than ever. It is home to some of the most popular shows on television including Strictly Come Dancing and Big Brother. Recent film credits include The King's Speech and Rogue One: A Star Wars Story among many others.

It was a remarkable victory for the campaign and its Chairman Paul Welsh, and shows what determination can achieve even against superior odds. The new exhibition tells the story of that eight year uphill struggle and its eventual successful outcome, and includes film related activities for children.

Don't miss it.



Elstree and Borehamwood Museum Presents:

# SOS

(Save Our Studios)

In 1988 a dedicated team of volunteers began a campaign to save Elstree Studios from closure

After an 8 year struggle their determination was rewarded and the Studios saved

An amazing victory and Elstree is now a premier location for TV and Film production

This Exhibition celebrates that inspiring story  
It's fun and interactive for all ages

See the exhibition at 96 Shenley Road (2nd Floor) from October 23rd to April 20th 2018  
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# DR96

## Macmillan

Brenda Pryor organised a coffee morning for Macmillan on Wednesday 3 October.

Members bought and brought cakes and a total of £140 was raised.

## Southend

33 intrepid older folk travelled for a day out to Southend.

This was made possible by a grant from Hertsmere Borough Council as part of Silver Week for the older folk of the borough. The weather was fine but a bit windy.

First stop the end of the longest pier in the world, by train. It was a bit scary as the station was being prepared for Halloween. Ghosts, ghouls, skeletons, spiders and webs decorated the platforms. Most opted for fish and chips for lunch and then a mooch round the excellent shopping centre. Nobody blew all their pension in the slot machines.

## Turkey and tinsel

A first for the club this year will be a trip to Pontin's Pakefield Camp for turkey and tinsel.

Christmas Eve, Friday, Christmas Day, Saturday and New Year's Eve, Sunday, will all be celebrated early this year by 20 of our members.

This year the DR96 committee will be running a trip to see the lights in London.

**Cost will be £12.50 for non-members.**

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Fireworks Night**



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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 MEETING:**

Tues: 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018, 29<sup>th</sup> Jan & 19<sup>th</sup> Mar 2019 - 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.*

# British Community Honours Award, House of Lords

Two residents of Elstree, Councillor Meenal Sachdev and Rotarian Dr Peter Wong-Morrow, were given recognition for making an outstanding contribution to the welfare and integration of minority communities into mainstream British society.

They were presented with the prestigious British Community Honours Award at a ceremony at the House of Lords on 19 October 2018.

## Cllr Meenal Sachdev

Cllr Meenal Sachdev is a determined, passionate individual, who works hard to promote social integration and cohesion within British society, empowering her peers and the youth to do the same.

Meenal works closely with different ethnic communities in Britain, amongst these the Indian and African community, as demonstrated in her business and volunteering.

She helps promote social cohesion through her family business and by giving back to the community. She feels that the UK gave her family the opportunity to build a good life and wants to do as much as possible to help others.

Day-to-day, this translates itself into her contributing to meaningful social impact and community led projects in the UK and abroad, which support some of the most vulnerable people.

One of her key achievements to date has been working strategically with partners across British business and within local government to prevent and tackle modern slavery. Meenal relentlessly champions the voice of victims as she continues to fight this heinous crime.

## Dr Peter Wong-Morrow

Dr Peter Wong-Morrow is a role model who works closely with the Chinese-British community, promoting integration and social cohesion through business and charity work.

After arriving in the UK from China at the early age of 9, Dr Wong-Morrow integrated well through sports. Despite his small stature, he was in the football team, art and chess clubs, broke the Hertfordshire county high jump record and learned to play rugby until he became captain of the school rugby team.

Through his membership of the Rotary Club of Elstree and Borehamwood for 17 years (past president in 2005) and as incumbent chairman of the International Committee, he helps raise funds for Rotary's chosen charities. He also supports several charities including the NSPCC.

A remarkable man, Peter is a cancer survivor who gives up his time to help fellow cancer patients with counselling and advice.



# COMMUNITY SAFETY MEETING (CSM)

for Elstree and Borehamwood

## PUBLIC MEETING

Open to press and public

Wednesday 30 January 2019, 7pm  
at Fairway Hall, WD6 5BT

A meeting organised by Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council to raise awareness of community safety and policing in Elstree and Borehamwood.

Invitations have been made to Hertfordshire Constabulary, Fire & Rescue and Neighbourhood Watch.

For more information contact the Town Clerk  
tel: 020 8207 1382 email: [clerk@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)



## Remembering Rangers

A booklet has recently been printed locally for the centenary of Ranger Guides last year, in which some Hertfordshire ladies have contributed their memories and photographs of their youthful exploits as Land or Sea Rangers.

Among these was our own nonagenarian, Florrie Cowley, then living in Whetstone. When war was declared in 1939, her group was amalgamated into a district company in Friern Barnet, and they volunteered at once to help at Friern Barnet Hospital, where part was set aside for bomb casualties. They worked in pairs with one trained nurse, one evening a week, on a 3-4-hour shift, on a men's ward of 30-40 patients. Their duties included distributing dinners, washing the patients, helping with medication and dealing with bedpans.

Another local lady featured in the booklet, who was a member of 1st Radlett Rangers in the 1930s, was Gladys Harrison, who later became the Captain of 1st Elstree Guides for many years, and led them to earn innumerable awards.



## Borehamwood Band Stand Project Meadow Park

The idea originated to provide a tribute to John Page, a former Rotarian, and his work for residents at Allum Manor and Maxwell Park community centres.

The committee from the Rotary Clubs of Elstree and Borehamwood and the Studios, (Pat Strack chair, Norman Shuker treasurer, Andrew Grady, secretary and Nick Male and Dan Salter, Town entertainments officer) continued to meet with partners, the Town Council, Hertsmere Borough Council and other stakeholders to move the temporary band stand project towards a permanent band stand for Meadow Park. Aaron Nibblett and Steve Burton from the Borough Council presented ideas to the Environment and Planning Committee. The band stand will be paid from the Community Infrastructure Levy.

A procurement process is taking place to find the best 'fit for purpose' for the band stand for the town.

Now that five concerts have been held at Meadow Park, the steering committee will use lessons learnt to inform the final design about size, acoustics and technical details.

In the five concerts we had four brass bands a funky band Soul Jump with a screen and animation. Writers in the Wood read their poems and other works. The U3A ukulele band 'Strummers in the Wood' performed as well. Comments from future users will be considered so that their ideas are used in the final design.

We learnt that shelter is needed from the sun and in future years other weather effects. This year three gazebos were erected for the audience.

**Andrew Grady**



## Rotary Club of Elstree & Borehamwood

### *Older People's Day and Silver Sunday Celebration: 1 - 7 October 2018*

The Rotary Club of Elstree & Borehamwood put on a free film screening of "A Star is Born" at Reel Cinema featuring Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper to celebrate Older People's Day and Silver Sunday.

The day focused on the achievements and contributions that older people make for our society. President Cynthia Barker was pleased to see senior residents involved in the spirit of this celebration. Local elderly residents and carers came all the way from Elstree, Borehamwood, Bushey, Radlett and Potters Bar to enjoy the film.

Cllr Caroline Clapper, Hertsmere Borough Council Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and Health, brought her mother too. This initiative is close to her heart as the grant was provided under Hertsmere's Wellbeing Strategy and Partnerships and Community Engagement. She took the time to thank the residents who came and the Rotarians who arranged the exclusive film screening.

Thank you Hertsmere for the financial support.



### *Wear It Pink. Support Breast Cancer Research*

Every year, thousands of people across the country take part in Wear It Pink to stand together, united against breast cancer.

On 19 October 2018, members of the Rotary Club of Elstree and Borehamwood wore pink to raise money and help make life-saving research happen.

Why?

Because breast cancer is still here. According to statistics, 1 in 8 women gets diagnosed with cancer. It's still tearing apart the lives of families and it's still taking the lives of the women we love on a heartbreaking scale (source: [www.wearitpink.org](http://www.wearitpink.org)).

Our club thanks Metrobank and Hertsmere Borough Councillors who gave us donations and supported this cause.

### *World Polio Day*

World Polio Day is Tuesday 23 October.

Rotary International started the campaign to eradicate polio in 1985 and is a partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, bringing us closer than ever to achieving Rotary's goal of a polio-free world.

There have been just 19 cases of wild polio virus so far this year, in two countries: Afghanistan has had 15 cases (79%) and Pakistan has had four cases (21%). There have also been 61 cases of vaccine-derived polio: the end is in sight, but there is still more for us to do.







## Keech Hospice

There was a great start to the new Rotary year with fellowship offered by clubs from Mill Hill & Makati, Philippines.

Pledges of support for the year were offered by sponsors and enthusiastic guests. The lunch raffle raised £110 for Keech Hospice\*, this year's Presidential Charity.

Newly elected officers:

President 2018 - 19: Cynthia Barker

President Elect and Secretary: Clive Butchins

Treasurer: Richard Leslie

\* Keech Hospice is a charity which provides free, specialist care for adults and children from Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes, who have life-limiting and terminal illnesses.



## The Rotary Club of the Studios of Elstree and Borehamwood

This is the newest Club for many years in Rotary district 1130. Our Charter was granted in July and we will be celebrating with our Charter Dinner at Elstree Studios Borehamwood on Thursday 15 November.

The Satellite Club of Elstree and Borehamwood started in January 2018 with 18 members. Membership grew to 25 and we were then able to become a Rotary Club in our own right.

We have projects planned specifically for the town and for the wider community working to help the Therapy Disability Trust based at Stanmore Hospital raise funds for essential equipment.

Ten local primary schools plant crocuses in the school grounds as part of a Rotary International programme to eradicate polio throughout the world. Studios Rotary spent £100 on crocuses and that will be increased to £300 by a donation from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Working with Radlett Rotary Club five of our members took part as careers interviewers at Hertswood School. Six have now volunteered to interview students at Aldenham School.

At our meetings we welcome speakers on a variety of subjects. Some of them come from charities and we give a donation to their cause. We have donated to Global Sight, Help for the Homeless, Pestalozzi Forest and Cheshire Homes

As part of working with other clubs members have visited Radlett Rotary Club for lunch, Northwick Park Rotary to celebrate their 40th birthday at the Holiday Inn Borehamwood, and Barnet Rotary club to celebrate their 40th birthday.

We welcomed a Rotarian from El Paso, Texas to celebrate a number of events with us. She is here in London for a year to study for a Master's degree.

We are honoured that we can add an iconic drawing to our club pennant and banner.



## Studios Rotary Club - Macmillan Tea Party

The Studios Rotary Club held an afternoon tea party to raise funds for Macmillan at Maxwell Park Community Centre on the 5 October.

40 people enjoyed the food and the entertainment by James Stowell. An opportunity was taken to dance to the songs of the Beatles and to burn the calories after the cakes and sandwiches made by Sasha Capocci.

The event raised £250.



# What's On

## Saturday 17 November

Studios Rotary Club presents a Classical Extravaganza

Allum Manor, 7pm - 9pm

£10 includes refreshments

Contact: Pat Strack pat.strack@ntlworld.com

## Sunday 18 November

NSPCC Craft and Gift Fair

Allum Hall, Allum Lane, Elstree WD6 3PJ

## Sunday 25 November

Christmas Lights Switch On

All Saints Church, 2pm - 6pm

Switch On at 4:30pm

Live music, entertainment, free Santa's Grotto, free ice rink and free kids rides.

Free entry

## Saturday 2 December

Pro Wrestling Clash - A Clashmas Carol

96 Shenley Road

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www.96shenleyroad.co.uk

## Friday 7 December

Studios Rotary Club Quiz Evening

St Teresa's Hall, 7pm

Fish & Chips, bring your own drinks.

£10

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## Wednesday 12 December

BBC Elstree Concert Band - Christmas Concert

Allum Hall, Allum Lane, WD6 3PJ

Tickets £8

Available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/ebtc

## Saturday 15 December

Pantomime - Cinderella

96 Shenley Road, 11:30am and 2:00pm

Tickets available from

www.96shenleyroad.co.uk

## Tuesday 18 December

U3A

St Teresa's Church Hall, 10:30am

Talk by Hugh Granger, "An Eventful Christmas Journey by Stagecoach"

Arrive from 10am for a coffee and chat first.

## Wednesday 19 December

DR96 Xmas Party

96 Shenley Road, 11am - 1pm

Food and entertainment

£5

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## Tuesday 15 January

U3A

St Teresa's Church Hall, 10:30am

Talk by Colin Oates "Highgate and Kenwood"

Arrive from 10am for coffee and chat first.

## 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: 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 Women's Institute

Natural Remedies, Michelle Priestly

12 November - Monthly lunch

1.15pm - 3.15pm

Christmas Party with entertainment.

10 December - Christmas lunch

1.15pm - 3.15pm

Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood WD6 5BT

### Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Club

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

Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood WD6 5BT

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## Monday Club

The Monday Club meets fortnightly at Organ Hall, Bairstowe Close, Borehamwood, WD6 4TB. 5 and 19 November, 3 December and 7 January.

Exercise, bingo, quiz, activities, refreshments, soup and a roll: £5 pa membership and £2 a visit.

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# Pillboxes, prefabs and pylons: the origin of Teddy's Trails



How much do you know about the history of pillboxes, prefabs or pylons? Readers who have walked Teddy's Trails, published on the Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council's website, will be better informed about all three, and many other landscape features besides.

As anyone who shares their home with a lively dog can attest, canine housemates are no respecters of prior claims on one's time. This was borne in on me very forcefully when I took partial retirement. Retreating to my room and closing the door was no deterrent. Frantic scratching from the other side accompanied by plaintive mewing signified that Teddy, the resident fox terrier, was up for a walk - and that all other activities would have to be put on hold until his demands had been satisfied.

So he and I came to explore the local rights of way around Boreham Wood more thoroughly in a matter of weeks than I had done in the previous five decades. And what struck me at once was how under-used many of them appeared to be. Although we are only twelve miles from Trafalgar Square, Green Belt planning controls mean that we are surrounded by open countryside, which plays host to a dense network of paths offering all sorts of different route options. The paths are generally well signed, and very few are obstructed, yet we could walk for miles without meeting anyone.

Conversations with acquaintances led me to conclude that part of the reason for this is simply that many people have limited map-reading skills, and only travel by car. Although they may be aware of footpath signs at the roadside, they have no idea where these lead to, or what may lie on the other side of the hedge. And they cannot conceive of going for any walk which does not start at a car park. They don't get out and about on foot because they simply don't know how to - and they are the losers as a result. So the idea of Teddy's Trails was born.

The Trails are a network of 18 different routes radiating from our local station. Each one starts with a bus ride to a stop near the end of a path, and leads back to the town along public paths and country lanes. They range in length from three to eight miles, and most pass a pub or a café along the way. For each Trail there is an on-line guide describing the route, including details of the outward bus journey.

But these are not simply walk instructions. Each guide contains copious notes about points of interest en route, and personalities connected

with the area. An eclectic cast appears... including Queen Adelaide, Amy Winehouse, Boudicca, Charles II, Dick Turpin, Douglas Jardine, Edward Elgar, Graham and Damon Hill, Julius Caesar, Karren Brady, The Kinks, The Muppets, Napoleon Bonaparte, two Richard Burtons, Sacha Baron Cohen, Simon Cowell, Stamford Raffles and Wham!... not forgetting three ghosts. And because the town plays host to film and TV studios, locations used in soap operas, detective series and horror movies abound. Some people who cannot walk the Trails have nevertheless used the guides as an introduction to local history.

To find the Trails, just enter "Teddy's Trails" in a search engine or go to [www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk/index.php/yourtown/teddy-s-trails](http://www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk/index.php/yourtown/teddy-s-trails). Printed copies of individual trail guides are available from the council on request.

Oh ... and if you want to know why the town's name is spelled in this article as both one word and two, study of the Trails will give you the answer to that, too.

*John Cartledge*



## Teddy 2005-2018

We are very sorry to record that the fox terrier Teddy passed away suddenly and peacefully in August, at the age of 12 years and 10 months.

He is greatly missed by his many friends and admirers. It was his love of walks in our local countryside that inspired the series of trails named after him that have been published by Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council.

The trails will remain on the council's website, as a permanent memorial, at [www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk/index.php/yourtown/teddy-s-trails](http://www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk/index.php/yourtown/teddy-s-trails).







## Have you discovered... ?

# Teddy's Trail from Edgware



This is one of eighteen walking routes through the local countryside, promoted by Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council and named after the fox terrier who helped to devise them.

The trail starts and finishes at the station, beginning with a 13 minute bus ride, followed by a gentle 3.2 mile walk.

Among the points of interest along the way, you will see and learn about

- A beautiful park containing a rose garden and specimens of the rare wild service tree
- Part of a "community forest" planted to revitalise the countryside around the edge of London
- The cemetery where the ashes of singer Amy Winehouse are interred
- A farmhouse which was attacked by the notorious highwayman Dick Turpin and members of his gang
- A stretch of motorway used by 24 million vehicles every year
- A farm which is home to the charity Riding for the Disabled
- A hotel patronised by celebrated film stars working at Elstree Studios
- Probably the only giraffe in Hertfordshire
- The site of a house once occupied by an explorer who was the first non-Muslim European visitor to Mecca and who translated *The Arabian Nights* into English
- Streets whose names commemorate leading film and TV industry personalities – Blattner, Tauber, Nash, Grade.

To download a copy of the trail guide (and to find out about the rest of Teddy's Trails), visit [www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk/index.php/yourtown/teddy-s-trails](http://www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk/index.php/yourtown/teddy-s-trails), or ask for a printed copy by phoning the Town Council on 020 8207 1382.



When walking in the countryside, always remember the Countryside Code:

- Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people.

Enjoy the trail - and please let us have your comments and suggestions about it.

*Teddy's Trails* written by John Cartledge

# Woodcock Hill Village Green



## Woodcock Hill Village Green AGM Tuesday 23 October 2018

After the chairman had given the annual report members discussed the recent newsletter from Hertsmere Borough Council 'Planning for Growth.'

Huge concerns were expressed about the amount of building that had

already taken place in the town and the lack of infrastructure to support this. Specifically to Woodcock Hill area residents, Taylor Wimpey will be building an extra 240 homes between the railway and the Fire Research Station Estate. The site has been cleared and building will start soon.

## Housing and Economic Availability Assessment

The Housing and Economic Availability Assessment (HELAA) call for sites shows that most that have been put forward by landowners and developers for homes or employment are in the green belt.

The green belt land from Furzehill Road, including Woodcock Hill and across the railway to the north of Barnet Lane, has been registered as a Wildlife Conservation Area since 2002. The ancient hedgerows planted at the times of the enclosures in the 17th century are registered with Herts Bio records. The line of historic ancient dew ponds alongside Barnet Lane, built to allow water to be available for cattle and sheep being brought to Barnet market along the drovers road, have also been registered with Herts Bio Records.



## Land under threat

1. The fenced field (Horses' Field) between Barnet Lane and Carrington Avenue/Carrington Close/Linster Grove site has been put forward for building 320 homes by Barratt Homes on behalf of the owner Jacques Onona. The trees on this site have tree preservation orders.
2. Sean McNicholas is proposing that his land behind Little Orchard in Barnet Lane and abutting Woodcock should come forward for housing.
3. The Clynyck Family land beyond the railway alongside Barnet Lane up to Hartfield Avenue has been proposed for housing.

Although the land has been proposed for housing it does not mean that permission will be granted or those sites used.



The WHVG committee have arranged a joint meeting with the Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society for members of both organisations in early December. Residents will have had an opportunity to attend the Q&A session with Cllr Dr Harvey Cohen at the EBRA meeting at St Teresa's Hall on Tuesday 13 November 7.45pm for 8pm and the exhibition and opportunity to meet the planners at St Teresa's Hall on Wednesday 14 November from 4pm - 8pm or one of the other exhibitions planned around the borough.

The committee discussed options put forward for consultation and will support the idea of a garden village where the infrastructure will be put in place to support residents. Elstree and Borehamwood has taken the brunt of development over the past years as brownfield sites came forward and employment was lost to the town. Office blocks have been and continue to be changed for accommodation. These do not need planning permission and neither do the developers pay any money to the community as do other builders through the Community Infrastructure Levy CIL.



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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.

|             |                          |              |        |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------|
| 27 November | Environment & Planning   | Meeting Room | 7pm    |
| 28 November | FULL COUNCIL             | Main Hall    | 7:30pm |
| 15 January  | Environment & Planning   | Meeting Room | 7pm    |
| 16 January  | FULL COUNCIL             | Main Hall    | 7:30pm |
| 30 January  | Community Safety Meeting | Main Hal     | 7pm    |
| 5 February  | Entertainments           | Meeting Room | 7:30pm |
| 7 February  | General Management       | Meeting Room | 7pm    |
| 12 February | Environment & Planning   | Meeting Room | 7pm    |
| 20 February | Transport Forum          | Main Hall    | 7pm    |

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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