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## Letter from the Mayor...

I would like to wish all residents of Elstree and Borehamwood a very happy and healthy 2019.

I had a very successful fundraising event for Hertsmere Mencap on the 14th of November. The event was well attended and the needed funds were raised.

A follow up event will be held on 20 March 2019 at Fairway Hall. Tickets will be on sale soon. I look forward to welcoming you.

As always, the festive period was very busy with interesting events by local groups and organisations. Events ranged from a beautiful performance by BBC Elstree Concert Band at Allum Hall, Christmas Carols, a well received lighting of the Chanukah candles at the Borehamwood Shopping Park and the Town Council-sponsored Christmas lights event as well as many more. I would like to thank the Mayoress for her continued support.

We are very grateful to the Boreham Wood Football Club for finding time to support us with the switching on of the Christmas lights. We wish them a very successful 2019.

With 2019 here, I look forward to seeing many of you at the Town Council meetings and events, which will be advertised on the Town Council website. If you would like to invite me to any of your events, do not hesitate to contact the Mayor's Secretary on 020 8207 1382.



**Cllr Victor Eni**  
Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood

For Mayoral enquiries please call the Mayor's Secretary on 020 8207 1382

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- The office of the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Mayoral engagements
- The management of the three allotment sites at Melrose Avenue, Allum Lane and Stapleton Gardens
- Support of the town twinning with Fontenay-aux-Roses and Offenburg
- A programme of entertainment and events throughout the year such as the two week Summer Festival (including the Civic Parade and Families Day), Guy Fawkes Night Fireworks, Christmas lights switch-on and musical concerts (including the BBC Band and American Bands)
- Coach outings for residents over 60 years of age
- The award of grants to local groups and charities and honorary titles to local champions
- The free quarterly magazine “Town Crier”
- Street seats, some notice boards and church clocks
- Upkeep of closed churchyards (All Saints on Shenley Road and St Nicholas in Elstree)
- Upkeep of Elstree and Borehamwood war memorials

- Support for school swimming transport
- Youth Council
- Transport and Road Safety Forum
- Community safety meetings

Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council is the council closest to the residents in the parish. The Town Council is here to be a voice for the residents by representing their views on issues affecting them.

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- Benefits
- Community safety
- Elections
- Street cleaning
- Housing needs
- Local planning and building regulations
- Public car parks and controlled parking zones
- Licensing and Environmental Health
- Cemeteries

- Leisure services (operated by Hertsmere Leisure) including The Venue and all parks

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### Watford General Hospital

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### Fairbrook Medical Centre

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### Schopwick Surgery

Romeland, Elstree, WD6 3BJ  
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Borehamwood Shopping Park,  
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# Compost Corner

## Here comes the summer

It may sound odd talking about growing tomatoes in the middle of winter but now is the time gardeners start to think about preparing for the coming growing season.

Folk wisdom says that garlics planted before the winter solstice grow to twice the size of any planted after February.

Personally I start growing chillies from seed on a propagator above the radiator on the window sill in my lounge. It is delightful to see them coming through weeks later and then waiting until all risk of frost has passed before transplanting them to the greenhouse.



### Tomato bread/ Pan con tomate

This is a popular starter or tapa in Catalonia.

- Toast a crusty slice of farmhouse bread
- Rub a clove of fresh garlic on one side.
- Halve a large flavoursome beef tomato and rub it onto the toast
- Drizzle with extra virgin olive oil.

If you like you can warm it gently in the oven or cover with cheese and melt before serving hot accompanied by a nice glass of red wine or sherry.



But let's stick to the tomato and thoughts of the succulent fruits ripening on the vine in the warm summer sunshine.

The tomato, which originated in Latin America, is one of the most versatile ingredients in the Mediterranean diet. To illustrate this point I have hand picked three really easy, tasty Spanish recipes. I hope you like them.

**Will Goddard**  
*Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council groundsman*

### Gazpacho

Gazpacho is extremely popular in the hot south of Spain, especially in Andalucia. It is ideal for quenching your thirst and replacing lost fluid, minerals and vitamins after a morning working outdoors in the scorching sun. I find it is a really good hangover cure, and is a great method of losing weight too.

You need a food processor to make a decent Gazpacho.

- Add one cup of extra virgin olive oil and one cup of sherry vinegar to the food processor.
- Put your tomatoes in boiling water and remove the skins (optional)
- Add the tomatoes and mix them with the oil and vinegar.
- Add half a cucumber diced
- Add a de-seeded red pepper
- Add several cloves of raw garlic

Mix all the ingredients together at top speed in the processor. Adjust according to taste by adding a small amount of sea salt and pepper or chilli, or whatever takes your fancy.

Serve as a cold soup with croutons or fresh bread

### Beetroot salad / Ensalada de remolacha

This recipe was given to me by my good friend Stuart McDonald, who has lived in Madrid for the past 25 years but spent time in the Basque country, the culinary heartland of Spain:

- Put fresh sliced beetroot in a bowl
- Add extra virgin olive oil
- Add raw garlic
- Add quartered or halved small cherry tomatoes
- Add fresh parsley
- Allow to steep in the fridge

Enjoy ideally 6 to 12 hours afterwards with crusty bread, remembering to dip the bread in the juices in the bottom of the bowl





## Aldenham Country Park

Spring has sprung at Aldenham Country Park, and with it new life. In the park and woodlands buds are beginning to show, and spring bulbs are shooting up fast.

On the farm, our farmers are preparing for the lambing season in February. The best part is that YOU can participate in the process with our new Family Lambing Experience Days! Work with the farmers as they care for pregnant ewes and new born lambs, getting really hands-on.

From February onwards, we have the extremely popular lamb and goat bottle feeding. It's a real hit with animal-mad little ones, and an ideal half-term treat.

Elsewhere in the park our camping and glamping options offer a different kind of break. You can opt for rustic and ready or a comfy and inclusive package. Just imagine waking up to views of sheep grazing in the stunning Hertfordshire countryside – how relaxing.

If you have a spring or summer birthday to arrange we have the perfect party venue. With so many options it'll be hard to decide. What will it be - the Little Farmer Party, Pony Party, Bear Hunt Party, Pooh Bear Party or Wild Woodlands? Our friendly team can take care of all of the planning for you.

We're inviting schools and nurseries to learn with us in 2019. Students can learn all about the life-cycle of a chick with our chick hatching programme – where they will see chicks hatch in the classroom. Our chick hatching project links in with many science topics, as well as numeracy, literacy and other subjects.

After a full-on day with us you can relax at our wholesome café, with a new resident chef serving fresh local produce.

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Students must complete the stage made at the course to receive their diploma/awards.

If you have any questions regarding classes please get in touch via email at: [andrew.mullins@elboweutc.co.uk](mailto:andrew.mullins@elboweutc.co.uk)



## Mayor hosts jazz night to support Hertsmere Mencap, 'Charity of the Year'

A soul-filled jazz night complete with a three course French-inspired menu for 100 guests was the place to be on 14 November at a fundraising evening hosted by Councillor Victor Eni, Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood and his wife Martine to raise much needed money for Hertsmere Mencap, a local charity dedicated to supporting people with a disability and their families.

Hertsmere Mencap launched its new promotional video to raise awareness around the subject of learning disability and show how lives have been transformed as a result of its services.

Hertsmere Mencap provides support and advice along with daily activities for adults with learning disabilities. Arts and crafts, music and drama, indoor tennis and aerobics are just some of the workshops that are offered to adults with learning disabilities, at a highly subsidised rate. The outcome for those who attend activities has been increased confidence, new skills learned and new friendships. Hertsmere Mencap also operates 'Noah's Ark,' a play scheme for children with a disability, and their siblings, during school holidays to enable them to have a great time, while their parents receive much needed respite.

Cllr Victor Eni said: "I have chosen Hertsmere Mencap as my Charity of the Year because of their hard work to support our friends with a learning disability in our community. Every day they help people reach their potential and encourage them away from isolation. Everyone should be valued equally and I am proud to be part of a charity that seeks to achieve that aim. I would also like to thank Chef Jean Luc Sainlo who cooked up the most wonderful meal for a fraction of what he should have charged us.

Paul Moser, Chair of Hertsmere Mencap, said: "We are thrilled that Councillor Eni has nominated us as his chosen charity. We encourage anyone with a learning disability from the community in need of advice or support, or simply wishing to make new friends, to get in touch. We rely heavily on volunteers and generous donations in order to sustain our services, so all money raised will contribute directly to transforming the lives of people who face difficult challenges each day."

*Lucy Sitton*

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lucy@hertsmere Mencap.org.uk  
07770 746 655



For more information on the Noah's Ark play scheme, contact:  
Rochelle Gould  
Noahs-ark@live.co.uk  
020 8906 2783

[www.hertsmere Mencap.org.uk](http://www.hertsmere Mencap.org.uk)

## Roy Pursey award

Linda Tanner, a life-long member of Hertsmere Mencap, was the winner of the annual Roy Pursey award, in recognition of her commitment to the charity.

Every week Linda, who has lived in Borehamwood from childhood, is responsible for welcoming members and collecting the money at the Jubilee Club, Hertsmere Mencap's social club. Paul Moser, Chair of Hertsmere Mencap, said: "Even when Linda is not feeling 100%, she never has a day off and is extremely conscientious." She also sells raffle tickets at the Christmas party which raised nearly £150 at this year's celebration.

Linda Tanner said she was 'very happy' to receive the award, while Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood Cllr Victor Eni, who selected Hertsmere Mencap as his charity of the year said it gave him 'great pride to present the award to Linda who, despite day to day challenges, takes her responsibilities very seriously and is a credit to the charity.'



*Lucy Sitton*



# NSPCC

2018 has been good for Elstree and Borehamwood NSPCC starting with a donation from Borehamwood Brass band of £1,274.

In June we held our annual lunch in Shenley Cricket Club. Guests heard Dr Joanna Begent, consultant paediatrician, on new projects at the NSPCC and London Hospitals.

The garden party in the lovely grounds of Schopwick Place, thanks to Ann and Norman Shuker – with music from Borehamwood Brass and Paul Lomax's guitar and Mary Berry – worthy teas was sadly rained upon but raised almost our usual target thanks to generous support.

A cultural note was literally struck in October when Derek Holland gave a concert of chamber music, with supper for forty guests in the beautiful drawing room of Reveley Lodge, Bushey.

Liz Davis of Field House Designs, Radlett, held an open day and kindly chose us as her charity. We provided a raffle and cakes and spent a pleasant day among her lovely flower arrangements and received a splendid donation of £1,000.

The Christmas craft fair in Allum Hall, supported by Deputy Mayor of Hertsmere Cllr Alan Plancey and Town Mayor Cllr Victor Eni, was entertained by live music from Borehamwood Brass, the E&B Community Choir and Paul Lomax on electric guitar. A cheerful crowd shopped at the many craft stalls for gifts and ate the home made refreshments and the legendary Chinese noodle lunches. The Schools Art Exhibition had record entries this year and our MP, Oliver Dowden, had a Brexit-free afternoon handing out the prizes.



Finally our good friends the Borehamwood Brass band raised over £1,500 for NSPCC by playing in Tesco Extra Borehamwood- helped by elves from Santa's grotto.

Our grateful thanks to all our helpers, supporters, donors and everyone who has helped us to send a really significant sum to fund the work of the NSPCC to combat abuse and neglect of children.

**Ann Goddard**  
Chairman E&B NSPCC



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for more information on activities

# School News

## Cowley Hill Primary School



### Standards rise again for the sixth year

We are tremendously proud of how hard everyone works at Cowley Hill. We again achieved amazing standards at the end of key stage 2 with 68% of pupils achieving age related expectations in reading, writing and maths. This year we again sit as the top ranked non-selective school in Hertsmere, well above the national level and that of the whole of Hertfordshire. I would like to thank our amazing team of talented hardworking teachers and teaching assistants who always go that extra mile for our pupils.



### Look back in time during Black History Week

In October it was Black History Month. Here at Cowley Hill we had a focused week in which every year group was allocated a famous person from a different ethnic and cultural background to learn about. These included musicians, sports people and politicians, to name a few. Each class posted examples of their writing linked to their famous person. All of the writing was to a really high standard, due to the engagement of the pupils. The writing showed the high levels of progress and challenge for each year group – with some very exciting outcomes. Well done to all of our classes for researching and presenting all about Black History.

### Christmas Food Bank support - Christmas bauble swap

For the third consecutive year our children, families and staff have kept up our Christmas Bauble Swap tradition. We exchange an item of Christmas food for one of our named baubles to hang on our tree. Our food collection was amazing this year with our community coming



together to provide hamper food items for the Borehamwood Food Bank, ensuring that all families that use the food bank have something nice on their table for Christmas. All of our children take their baubles home at the end of term to hang on their own trees.

### Giant community poppy supports Poppy Appeal

In support of the British Legion's annual poppy appeal we tried something a bit different this year at Cowley Hill. We made a giant poppy from wire and invited all of our school community to tie ribbons on it – creating our own masterpiece. Everyone was invited to add to our poppy for a small contribution to this very important appeal.



### Cowley Hill keeps on giving!

We have had a very busy term of fundraising since coming back to school in September. Although times are challenging financially for many of our families they have still 'dug deep' and supported our school, local and national charities. This term we raised £218.06 for Children in Need, £484.46 for the Peace Hospice, £176.40 for Save The Children, £1433.44 for the Cowley Hill Christmas Fayre. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has helped and supported these worthwhile causes.

### NSPCC Schools Art Competition

Children at Cowley Hill took part in the NSPCC schools art competition. This year they had a record entry with a very colourful and lively show with a high standard. Children from Cowley Hill contributed to the fair which raised £3,135 for NSPCC.



## Year 4 pupil designs Christmas card for Hertsmere Borough Council

Inaaya from year 4 won the seasonal 'Design a Christmas Card' competition this year. Her winning design has been used as the official Christmas card for Hertsmere Borough Council – an amazing achievement. We are very proud of her.

## Nursery and community room extension is complete

We are complete at last! Our lovely extension and refurbishment work is complete. We have an amazing learning environment and now have the room to offer more part-time and 30-hour places. Nursery applications open on 7 January 2019 for a start in September 2019. We would welcome you to come for a visit with your child and experience first-hand how great we are. We have started up our free parent and toddler group again at the end of January. Keep an eye on our website for details as this gives a golden opportunity for your child to experience life at Cowley Hill before starting nursery.



# Meryfield Primary School

## Singing

The Meryfield School choir sang for the BBC Children in Need programme, which was broadcast nationwide from Elstree Studios on Friday 16 November. The BBC made contact with the school and asked for a video of the choir and, as a result, the school was called the next day inviting them to sing for the show. 41 excited children from years 4, 5 and 6 spent most of the day rehearsing and getting ready to perform. They were linked with children's choirs from around the country, all singing a special arrangement of "A Million Dreams" from "The Greatest Showman". The children performed from the historic and famous studios, under the lights, facing the microphones and in front of the cameras. Mrs Alexandra Gage, Headteacher, said "the children had a brilliant day and we are proud to have made a contribution to raising £50,000,000 for children that are in need. We would like to thank the BBC for choosing our children for this wonderful opportunity".

The Meryfield choir was busy during the build up to Christmas and sang at the celebration event to turn on the town's Christmas lights. It also sang at Barnet Hospital and in Tesco's to raise money for the Guide Dogs Association.

*J.Cooper*



## Tree planting

The Woodland Trust kindly donated over 120 saplings to plant in our grounds. In November our Green Team members, past and present, helped in a Meryfield tree planting extravaganza! They planted silver birch and cherry trees outside the classrooms and crab-apple, hawthorn, dog rose and elder to extend the hedge round the perimeter of our grounds. We hope that as many as possible will survive the elements and grow into beautiful trees to enhance our site in years to come.

*G.Mbisa*



# Kenilworth Primary School

## Achieving gold at Kenilworth Primary School

Kenilworth Primary School became the first school in Hertsmere to achieve gold accreditation from Modeshift Stars for their work on the school's travel plan.

Pupils were delighted to be joined by the Active and Safer Travel Team from Hertfordshire County Council for a celebratory assembly. The school have been working with the team to encourage active travel to school helping their pupils to be more active every day. The accreditation requires a 5% or greater reduction away from using the car for the school journey and lots of activities to promote walking, scooting and cycling to school.

The school has worked really hard and has also embraced Hertfordshire's Year of Physical Activity (YOPA) by setting up the Daily Mile. This involves pupils walking, skipping or running a mile during the school day to increase physical wellbeing. Walking to school really does make a difference as children are healthier and more prepared for the day ahead and especially for learning.

The Active and Safer Travel Team work with schools across the county on a range of road safety and sustainable travel initiatives. To find out more please contact them on [activeandsafertravel@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:activeandsafertravel@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

## Kenilworth's empathy project: The role of the Scouts in supporting refugees

This term, Year 5 have been working closely with the scouts and Empathylab to learn all about refugees.

They have learned all about the journey refugees take when fleeing their country and shown real empathy when considering how refugees can feel when entering a new country.

As part of the project, they also were able to handle historical artefacts at Gilwell Park, while learning about how the scouts helped people in refugee and concentration camps during World War II. Joining us within

school, the excellent author and illustrator Jane Ray has helped the children to share their learning through art and symbolism and the children are really proud of all that they have done. On 17 February the children's work will be displayed in Mill Green Museum (Hatfield) and Borehamwood Library for a month; alongside resources from the Scouts Heritage collection. Please put the date in your diary to come and visit - they are really looking forward to sharing all that they have achieved with everybody.



Claire Williams Deputy Headteacher (who led the project), Lindsey Day, Travel Plan Leader and Donna Humbles Headteacher.



Kenilworth Children at Gilwell park.



Year 5 with the scouts and Jane Ray.



# Parkside Primary School

## Year 3 and 4 visit The Mead Residential Care Home

Year 3 and 4 children were invited to sing to the residents of The Mead Residential Care Home. The children thoroughly enjoyed this experience as did the residents! They sang 'Rocking around the Christmas tree' and 'I wish it could be Christmas everyday'. The children enjoyed biscuits and juice with the residents.





## Year 2's trip to Reveley Lodge

On Wednesday 12 December Year 2 visited Reveley Lodge in Bushey to deepen their understanding of life in Victorian times. The children had lots of fun attending a Victorian school and discovered how strict the Victorian teachers were. They learnt how to do laundry using a dolly tub, a dolly stool and a possor. They explored different rooms in Reveley Lodge and ended their trip with a Victorian tea party where they had bread, jam, cake and tea. It was a very enjoyable day out!



## Reception classes Nativity performance

Our reception children learnt about the festival of Christmas and the nativity story of the birth of Jesus. To mark this celebration, they performed the Nativity production 'Born in a barn'. They all worked extremely hard to learn their lines and the words to all the songs. The show was a huge success. The children spoke with clarity and confidence and performed the songs joyfully.



## House point reward day

As part of this term's house point rewards, children took part in a bouncing activity on mini trampolines. BounceFit came to Parkside to deliver a session. The children enjoyed bouncing along to music with strobe lighting and a smoke machine. Congratulations to the children in the Phoenix and Centaur houses who benefited from this reward.



# St Nicholas Primary School

## Nursery Christmas 2018

Nursery dressed for their Christmas class party.



## St Nicholas School church service 18 December 2018

St Nicholas School end of term Christmas Service at St Nicholas Church. The choir sang "We Three Kings".



## St Nicholas Day celebration in church

The whole school celebrated St Nicholas Day in church and all the children made stockings that were displayed around the church.



## Rotary Boxes – Year 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 filled boxes for the Rotary shoe box scheme.



# Summerswood Primary School

## Learning at Summerswood

It's been a busy term in KS1! Year 2 had a visit from a mobile planetarium as part of their 'Let's Explore' topic. It was a great opportunity for the children to find out more information about Neil Armstrong's visit to the moon and to ask their questions about space!

Year 1 have been busy learning about the changes across the four seasons in the context of the weather. During their science lessons they observed the weather in autumn and described how day length varies in the context of autumn to winter. Year 1 enjoyed learning about 'The Gingerbread Man' and in particular, decorating gingerbread man biscuits!

As part of Year 2's 'Food, Glorious Food' topic, a Warburtons school visitor came to visit us. They ran a healthy eating and practical food session where we learnt how bread is made and about healthy food. We also made our own sandwiches with different fillings and took them home to eat!

We finished the term with our KS1 Christmas production 'Straw and Order'. In a courtroom in the middle of Bethlehem the cows feel pushed out of their stable and want it back! The donkeys, accused of having invited over a whole host of people, including a baby, deny all charges. There was fantastic acting from the children in Year 2 and excellent singing from the children in Year 1!

**Jo Froy**  
**Assistant Headteacher**

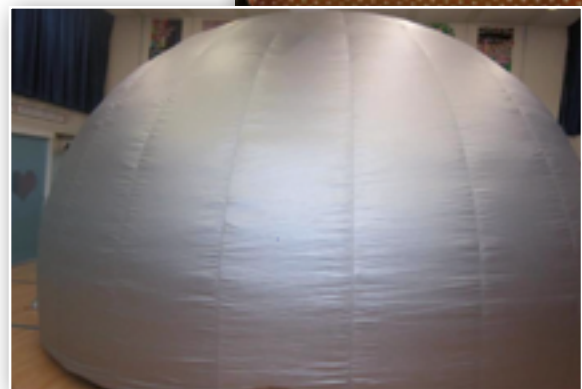
## Road safety

Summerwood was proud to host Councillor Plancey in December as he presented the school with the Silver Modeshift Award to celebrate the work we do to help promote road safety within the school. The award was presented in assembly in front of all the children during Road Safety Week. He spoke about how proud he was that we had achieved this prestigious award as only 8 schools in the whole of the county have managed to achieve this.

As Summerswood is situated on the busy Furzehill Road, we have done much to ensure that the children are as safe as they can be when travelling to and from school. Each year in Road Safety Week, the children participate in lessons related to walking to school in a sensible manner. The children in reception invited their parents in to join an assembly about how to cross the road using a zebra crossing and that you must stop, look, listen and hold hands with an adult. The year 5 and 6 children were given the opportunity to take part in Bikeability where they were taught how to cycle on the roads. Later in the year the children of year 2 will be taking part in scooter training and the year 5 children will be participating in a drama workshop all about road safety which the parents will be invited to watch.

We look forward to continuing this important aspect of our teaching and plan to do a 'Walk to Clean Air Day' to encourage more parents to walk to school rather than drive.

**Ilana Freeman**  
**Foundation Stage Leader**





## Fun at Fairbanks

In December, 15 children from reception class at Summerswood went to visit the residents at Fairbanks Lodge. This is not the first time a visit like this has happened as we have a strong link with this residential home with a group of children walking down to visit the residents to do some fun activities each half term. We have built up a strong and positive relationship which both the residents and the children enjoy. It gives the children an opportunity to talk to people from a different generation with different experiences. The residents enjoy chatting to the children and getting involved in the games which the children do. This term, they made Christmas decorations with the residents which were then hung up with much pride in the main sitting room at Fairbanks. The children also completed some colouring and decorating of Christmas trees. To finish off the visit they entertained the residents by singing a few of their favourite Christmas songs. The residents treated the children to drinks and snacks, which were greatly appreciated before the walk back to school in time for home. A great time was had by all and we look forward to our next visit in 2019.



**Ilana Freeman**  
Foundation Stage Leader



## Thanks from Summerswood

The autumn term was a difficult one for our community as a child in year 4 sadly lost her mother. Due to very tragic circumstances the school took on responsibility for funding and arranging the funeral and on Friday 21 December, we said our final farewells to Agnes Ivy Mensah. The theme at Summerswood this year is love and the funeral was a day filled with love. We'd like to express our love for our community. The generosity and kindness shown by friends, colleagues and strangers has been of such comfort during this tragic time. We've received donations from different faith groups, from people around the world and from people across the town of Elstree and Borehamwood. The colleagues that Agnes worked with at Forest Hill Care Village and the patients she cared for have only had kind words to share including these from Sid Shaw. He said 'I am a wheelchair resident of Forest Care Village. Agnes, was the best and my favourite carer. She was always smiling always happy. Her smile, her laughter made my day.' On behalf of the little girl and all those supporting her, we'd like to say thank you to everyone in our extended community who made it possible for the funeral service to take place.

**Sarah Kneller**  
Headteacher

## All people that on earth do dwell

Everybody came, of all faiths and creeds. They all enjoyed the occasion and clapped and cheered the children. It was a wonderful production and fitting for the season.

As a school governor in Elstree and Borehamwood I was delighted to have had the opportunity to attend three nativities where children from different backgrounds took part. The children were well supported by parents and grandparents many of whom, were not of the Christian faith. Nevertheless, they had no difficulty in accepting their children's participation in this annual event that is pre-eminently British.

I found the experience wonderful, not just because of the performance of the children, but also because of now the occasion was embraced by everyone present. On these occasions, as a governor, I always ask people what they think of their school, how well the headteacher is doing and how safe they felt their children were at the school. As always, I received 100% positive responses except for the one grumble all people have, which is surprise, surprise. Parking!

Having attended Christmas Services for many years I just cannot get out of my mind some of the variations that stick in my mind from my childhood years. Adaptations to lyrics that include: "Wayne in a manger, no crisps for a bed," "Hark the hair-angels sing," "Oh what fun it is to

ride with one horse, soap and hay" and of course "While shepherds wash their socks by night." These being the ones I can remember for now.

The season for peace and joy to all "men," is shown in Borehamwood by all the children in our schools. The mix of race, religion and class seen in our schools mean that our children are able to get on with everyone. There appears to be no difficulty in everyone accepting the British Values which enable us to live in harmony.

If you are interested in becoming a school governor and helping to make a difference, contact your local school or go to the website; [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/volunteering/schools-and-youth-work/school-governor/volunteer-as-a-school-governor.aspx](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/volunteering/schools-and-youth-work/school-governor/volunteer-as-a-school-governor.aspx)

If you want to know more about being a governor contact Geoff Strack on 020 8386 3151 or email [geoff.strack@ntlworld.com](mailto:geoff.strack@ntlworld.com)



# St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

## SATs results - well done St Teresa's!

Performance tables published by the Department for Education in December show that the children at St Teresa's are achieving very well, when compared with other schools within the local authority and all schools nationally. Our KS2 results have improved over the last three years as a result of excellent teaching and the very positive attitude to learning demonstrated by our pupils.



## Lest we forget...

During the week beginning 5 November all of the pupils at St Teresa's Catholic Primary School remembered and celebrated the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1. During the week buddy classes held a service of remembrance, planting crosses next to our remembrance memorial which sits proudly in our courtyard. The children also visited the Borehamwood war memorial to remember the local men who fell in the Great War and the wartime trench built outside the British Legion.

Then on Friday 9 November the pupils in KS1 led us in a very moving remembrance assembly, with the whole school observing two minutes silence at 11am.

*Ms Teresa McBride*  
Headteacher







## Writers in the Wood

Do you write? Or want to write? Did you know Elstree and Borehamwood has a writers' group that can help you?

It's called Writers in the Wood and was founded in 2016 by Lorraine Reed. It's a group for anyone who wants to share their writing with others or to improve their writing ability.

Membership is free. We don't mind what you write or how experienced you are. We write poems, short stories, novels, crime, children's books, comedy – you name it. Many of us are published or self-published, but you don't need to be, and you don't have to be intent on publishing. We offer practical help and advice in informal settings.

We meet on the last Tuesday of every month at 8:15pm in the reception of the Ibis Hotel on Elstree Way. There's a Facebook group too – search for "Writers In The Wood". We take part in community events around the town, such as the Festival Parade, the coffee mornings at All Saints Church and the Diversity Festival. We came third in the Festival Quiz in 2018, though to our shame none of us knew where Jane Austen was born. We do public readings and book signings throughout the year, helping to raise money for various charities.

We'd love to see you at the Ibis or on Facebook, and who knows – this year you could help us win the Festival Quiz! If you don't or can't use Facebook, you can email Lorraine at [Lorraine.Reed@live.co.uk](mailto:Lorraine.Reed@live.co.uk) or see [www.pembers.net](http://www.pembers.net)

*Steven J Pemberton.*

*Steven is a well respected author and talented member of Writers In The Wood*

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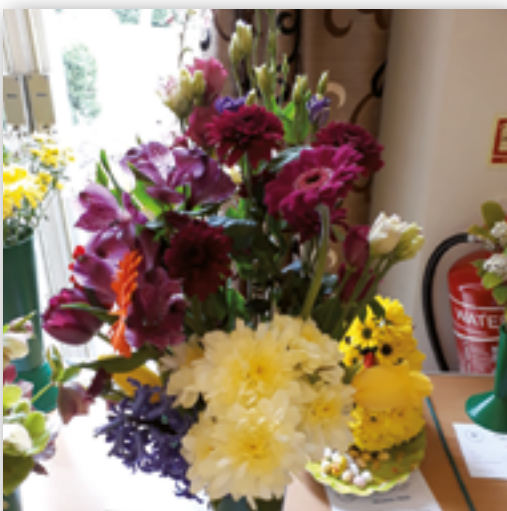


## Borehamwood Garden Society

The Borehamwood Garden Society would like to invite you to its AGM which will take place on Wednesday 12 February at Allum Manor, Allum Lane at 7pm.

There will be a short business meeting and then we hope to have a talk by a local expert on how to look after your back whilst gardening. This should give us lots of tips for pain free gardening! There will also be refreshments and a chance to chat to fellow gardeners. Please come along even if you aren't yet a member.

Our first show of the year will be the Spring Flower Show. It will take place on Sunday 7 April in the Allum Manor House in the afternoon. For more details please look on our Facebook page under Borehamwood Garden Craft Society nearer the time, or look out for our posters, or contact Ann Shuker (Show Secretary) on 020 8953 2864, 07973 184077 or [ann@shuker.com](mailto:ann@shuker.com).



# 20 Years of Holby City

The programme was created by Tony McHale and Mal Young as a spin-off from the BBC medical drama Casualty, which is set in the emergency department of the fictional Holby City Hospital. Young wanted to explore what happened to patients treated in Casualty once they were taken away to the hospital's surgical wards.

While Casualty's scope is limited to "accident of the week" storylines about patients entering hospital, Holby City allowed the possibility of storylines about long-term care, rather than immediate life and death decisions. The series was commissioned by BBC One controller Peter Salmon, and began airing on BBC One on 12 January 1999.

Holby City and Casualty are both set in Holby City Hospital, in the fictional county of Wyvern. The Casualty set in Bristol was not large enough to encompass the surgical ward and operating theatre, so Holby City was set up at the BBC Elstree Centre with the 1960s office building Neptune House being used for multiple exteriors and interiors in the series.

Former series producer Richard Stokes believes that the series' popularity stems from the fact the hospital setting presents numerous plotline opportunities, explaining: "You have licence to create life-and-death situations every week, something you cannot do in any other set piece. The interaction of the characters can be sexy and social issues



also permeate the writing. But, basically, hospital drama is successful because the viewers will forgive all the yukky bits for the wonder of a life saved." The focus of the series has developed since its conception, expanding to cover extra wards, including a gynaecology ward, an acute assessment unit and a maternity ward. When the maternity ward and a special care baby unit were introduced during series four, Young explained that new wards were necessary to allow the crew to rotate sets, maximising filming potential.

Holby City leads the industry in diversity and inclusion, on and off screen, winning two awards at the Movie, Video and Screen Awards (MVSAs) at the Black International Film Festival for Best Emerging Talent, Best Long Running Drama and the Creative Diversity Award for Achievement in Production.

Since its conception in 1999 the show has produced some of the most dramatic and emotional moments on British television, such as the 2016 death of the popular character Arthur Digby.

As part of its 20th anniversary the show will be bringing back some of its most memorable cast members throughout the entire year, in the lead up to the 1,000th episode during the autumn.

*Dan Salter*



As part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Town Mayor Cllr Victor Eni was invited to tour the set and meet some of the actors.





# Battle's Over

Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council in conjunction with Woodcock Hill Village Green played its part in **Battle's Over**, an international commemoration marking 100 years since the guns fell silent at the end of World War I.

Organised by pageant master Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR, Battle's Over took place on 11 November 2018 with events throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, and at scores of locations overseas, including New Zealand, Ireland, Australia, Bermuda, France, Belgium, Canada, the United States and Germany.

The day began at 6am in All Saints Church with lone piper George McGregor playing Battle's Over, a traditional piece of Scottish music played after a battle.

In the evening Borehamwood Brass performed traditional music along with George McGregor in Fairway Hall.

At 6.55pm Andrew Grady performed the Last Post at Woodcock Hill which was one of more than 1,000 locations where at 7pm WW I Beacons of Light were lit in a tribute signifying the light of peace that emerged from the darkness of four years of war.

Dan Salter, Entertainments Officer for Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council said: "We are proud to be playing a part in this historic

international event to commemorate the centenary of the Great War and to recognise the contribution and sacrifice made by the men and women from Elstree and Borehamwood".



## Woodcock Hill Village Green

Woodcock Hill Village Green committee joined forces with the Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society committee to hold a meeting on 3 December with Cllr Dr Harvey Cohen to discuss the Local Plan.

Members wanted to understand the implications of the call for sites and the next stage of the Local Plan. Cllr Dr Harvey Cohen stated that this first step was to present the options and allow residents to reply to the consultation and make their views known.

WHVG has made representations that land north of Barnet Lane should not be taken out of the Green Belt for development of 320 homes, and that land east of Woodcock Hill likewise should remain as Green Belt to prevent the coalescence of Elstree and Borehamwood. All the land between Furzehill Road and Deacons Hill Road is not only Green Belt but also has wild life conservation status. The hedgerows around the Horses' Field are registered as historic

enclosure hedges with Herts Bio records. The historic dew ponds are also registered with Herts Bio Records. They were used in ancient times for livestock to drink and refresh themselves before going on to Barnet Market. The site is unsuitable, as the extra amount of traffic generated would exacerbate the present dire traffic movements in the area. The infrastructure does not support a deliverable estate.

The development of homes by Taylor Wimpey beside Woodcock Hill in Byron Avenue and the Fire Research Station will make a big difference to traffic movements around the area and will make unprecedented demands on the local creaking infrastructure.

The working parties in November and December were mainly concerned with litter clearance. More working parties are planned for 10 February, 10 March and 14 April.

# True love - Maggie and David Banting

Maggie has vascular dementia and David her husband was the main carer when Maggie was at home. She was then moved to the Radley Care Home and David was so dedicated to caring for his wife that he asked the home if he could be involved into helping Maggie to settle. David was allowed to sleep at the home and visit anytime.

Maggie settled and David has continued to spend as much time as possible and have lunch with his wife in the home nearly every day.

The couple recently had a celebration of their marriage and it was truly magical to see David's commitment to the wedding vows and his love for Maggie.

I was interested to know how David met Maggie, how their lives have been, how he feels now considering that Maggie's vascular dementia is so advanced that she is not able to communicate much about herself. This is what David said.

"Maggie and I first met in 1958. We felt comfortable with each other straight away, appearing to have a similar sense of humour.

"We got married in 1960 and then went on to have two children, a boy and a girl. They're now adults.

"Since all the time we been together we have always said if we had a disagreement, we would always make up before going to bed, which we kept to.

"Maggie was diagnosed with vascular dementia in 2015. First it was just forgetting names or events, but it gradually got worse over time until one day she did not recognise me as her husband. She thought I was a stranger in the house and wanted to call the police to evict me. Maggie was then put on medication. Thankfully Maggie responded well, could recognise me and looks forward to seeing me every day. I

still love Maggie dearly and she loves me, as she has told me so.

"We recently celebrated our years together with family and friends, to which the Mayor of Borehamwood Victor Eni was invited, and it was a lovely gesture by the Care Home to arrange this.

"I see Maggie every day, take her out for a car ride anywhere, and she enjoys this very much. We recently went to Cornwall for a short break with a member of staff from the Care Home. Maggie enjoyed her time there, it is Maggie's favourite place. The Radley Care Home staff and management have been extremely good in all aspects to me and Maggie.

"I thank goodness that Maggie can still enjoy going out and seeing and recognising friends and family.

"I will do or try anything to make Maggie's life as normal as her illness permits and give my full support to her and the staff.

"I love Maggie now as much as I did when we first married all those years ago."



## We can't thank you enough

This Christmas your kindness and generosity has been amazing. 6,917Kg of food was collected along with some generous monetary donations. This enabled Borehamwood Foodbank to feed 338 people, half of them, children and to give out 84 hampers.

We had some great feedback and these comments sum it up: 'We both have fallen on hard times and without the help from Foodbank and the lovely warm welcome we would be lost. So thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Don't know what we would have done without you'. 'The Foodbank has really helped when there is no one to turn to when you have no money to buy simple things to set by and the volunteers are really helpful'

These donations also enable us to be ready for the year ahead with its likely challenges including Universal Credit.

We have been working to set up a fuel bank. We have received grant funding from Tesco Bags of Help and Hertfordshire Community Foundation. We hope that this and other grants and donations will continue to enable us to help those struggling to cook and to heat their homes especially in winter.

Looking ahead on Thursdays we will have a CA (Citizens Advice worker) attending our morning session. This is an opportunity for our clients to receive help and advice on a whole range of issues including benefits. This has been one of our goals and we hope it will be much used.

We plan to continue our family lunch programme on Wednesdays in the school holidays. This especially helps families who struggle to feed the family and gives fun and a positive time for the family to be together. Our next is 20 February.

For more details please call the office 020 3583 1109 or email [info@borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk)



Kristan Payne



# Christmas Lights Switch On

This year's Christmas lights switch on event kicked off at 2pm with the annual Children's Christmas Concert featuring performances from local schools St Teresa's, Meryfield and Monksmead.

After the concert James Stowell, The Community Choir and Borehamwood Brass entertained the crowds with a selection of seasonal music.

Behind the church children were entertained with a selection of free activities which included a Santa's grotto, Ice Rink and traditional swing ride.

At 4:30pm Town Mayor Cllr Victor Eni was joined on stage with Boreham Wood Football Club to switch on the lights and officially start the festive season.



Christmas Sponsors





# 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.

## Faith in action

Following recent confirmation services, in November the parish churches of Elstree and Borehamwood planted fourteen 'thank-you' trees in Aberford Park, near the café.

The trees included silver birch, oak, wild cherry, hazelnut and mountain ash (rowan). They were also planted as part of our recent learning about faith in a changing climate. The parish is grateful to Hertsmere Borough Council Parks and Amenities Department for its permission and assistance. Vicar Louise Collins says, 'We were delighted with the response and support and very much hope to make this a regular event'.

For more about parish groups, contact Revd Louise Collins on 020 8953 2362 or [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7536/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7536/)



## Events

St Michael and All Angels Church, Brook Road,  
WD6 5EQ

### Wednesday, 6 March

Ash Wednesday Service at 7.30pm

### Sunday, 31 March

Mothering Sunday Service at 9.30am

### Sunday, 14 April

Palm Sunday Service at 9.30am

### Saturday, 20 April

Easter Eve Vigil and Parish Communion at 8pm

### Sunday, 21 April

Easter Sunday Family Service at 9.30am

### Sunday, 5 May

Godparent Sunday Service at 12 noon

Details of Junior Church, social and group events to follow:  
contact Revd Louise Collins on 020 8953 2362 or  
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## St. Andrew's United Reformed Church Borehamwood celebration service

St Andrew's amalgamated with Chesterfield Road URC in Barnet on 1 January 2019 and left Borehamwood. After 62 years of joyfully serving Christ in Borehamwood we needed a service to mark the occasion. A closing service? All long faces and sadness? That is not our style!

We had a celebration service on 10 November 2018. Special about our church has been child centred with a strong Pilot company. Indeed, our Pilot company of 18 members will continue to meet in Borehamwood Baptist Church in 2019 with our Pilot officers continuing this important and rewarding work. Lots about that and many former Pilots in attendance. Lovely.

We had speeches from Cllr Brenda Batten, Mayor of Hertsmere, Cllr Victor Eni, Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood, and Revd Dr Andrew Prasad of the URC. They spoke kindly of our contributions to the community and the URC. As a smaller church we have always punched well above our weight in Christian Council activities, because our elders have great enthusiasm for Christ. As minister for 24 years I have been blessed by a great team who got on with things.

Our music varied: our organist of 47 years John Smith, the Christian Band formed by the Christian Council, and our regular guitar-led trio of Paul, Beverley and Claire. Lots of music, fast and loud and sung strongly by all, about 180, a full church, alleluia! St John Apostolic Church, who have shared the buildings for 6 years, gave presents to our congregation while chanting "Thank you". Delightful.

Then our pièce de résistance. People from both churches crossed and entered into two doorways marked St Andrews and Chesterfield Road. And came out arm in arm from the central door marked St Andrew's Chesterfield Road while singing "Bind us together, Lord".

*Rev David Aplin*



## Places of worship

Roman Catholic Parish of Borehamwood

### St Teresa

291 Shenley Rd, WD6 1TG

### Ss John Fisher & Thomas More

28 Rossington Ave, WD6 4LA  
borehamwood@rcdow.org.uk

### King's Grace Chapel

Holy Cross Church Hall, Balmoral Drive, WD6 2QU

### Church of England

Team Parish of Elstree & Borehamwood  
Parish Office (020) 8905 1365,  
Mon – Fri 9.30 am – 12.30 pm  
www.borehamwoodchurches.org.uk

### All Saints Church

94 Shenley Road WD6 1EB

### Holy Cross Church

Balmoral Drive, WD6 2QU

### St Nicholas Church

Elstree High Street WD6 3EW  
www.stnicholaschurchelstree.org

### St Michael & All Angels Church

Brook Rd (junction Leeming Rd), WD6 5EQ

### Borehamwood Baptist Church

12 Furzehill Road WD6 2DF  
www.borehamwoodbapch.org

### International Christian Fellowship

Manor Way, WD6 1QY  
www.icfellowship.org

### New Life Assembly

Venue: St Teresa's School Hall, Brook Road, WD6 5HL  
info@nlborehamwood.co.uk

### St Paul's Lutheran Church

St Paul's Close (corner Cranes Way & Furzehill Road)  
WD6 2DB  
www.stpaulslutheran.co.uk

### St John Apostolic Church of the Whole World

Venue: Farriers Community Centre,  
Farriers Way, WD6 2TB  
www.stjohnapostolicchurch.uk



## Borehamwood & Elstree Twin Town Association “Maintaining our links with Europe”

Borehamwood and Elstree Twin Town Association (BETTA) was established in 1982 by the Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council to further community cultural links with our partner towns in Europe.

The association will, as in previous years, be organising visits to both Fontenay aux Roses and Offenburg; details will be available shortly about these planned visits. The association envisages that, during the course of the year, it will welcome some visitors from both of our partner towns.

French language sessions, run by the association, continue to be held at 96 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, on the last Tuesday of every month, from 2.30pm.

The year was rounded off with the association’s popular annual Carols by Candlelight service.

For further details about the association visit our web site, [www.betta.org.uk](http://www.betta.org.uk), contact BETTA either by email [bettagroup@hotmail.com](mailto:bettagroup@hotmail.com) or by telephone 0203 441 6510.



## The Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Club

EBDC continues to meet every Tuesday afternoon at Fairway Hall from 2pm - 4pm. Members enjoy armchair exercises with Sarah, quizzes and other activities, speakers and entertainers.

On 19 December we held our Christmas party with seasonal nibbles, sandwiches and cakes. Then we danced to the music of James Stowell. Thank you to Marion of Tesco for providing the serviettes and crackers. Thank you to Yvonne for the beautiful Xmas table decorations. Thank you to all the volunteers that enable the club to provide a fun filled relaxed afternoon. A chance to chat and socialise makes such a difference.

On 15 January we celebrated our first birthday with many guests from the third sector, councillors and dignitaries. We welcome new members. Thank you Sasha for the beautiful cake.

Anyone feeling lonely who wants to banish the blues for an afternoon is invited. Volunteers are always needed and wanted. All our money is raised from grants, donations and fundraising activities. We would like to thank the Town Council, the Studios Rotary Club, Hadley Oasis pupils, Elstree Mozart Players and Boreham Wood Football Club, for raising an amazing £5,000 in 2018.





## Elstree and Borehamwood Museum reaches 5 year milestone

Our local museum on the top floor of 96 Shenley Road is now five years old.

Yes, we have survived and continue to thrive, and with more than 10 temporary exhibitions delighted and entertained those with long memories of the 'Wood, and those new arrivals to this rapidly growing area.

The exhibitions have covered World War 1 and the local men who went to war; the growth of Eastenders and the local TV industry; the 75th anniversary of the opening of Hillside School; various aspects of the local film industry; the growth of the town with the coming of the railways, and the population movements out of the blitzed capital after World War 2. We've shown the area's influence on the growth of photography; the changes to the local shops over the years, focussing

on Hansons; and how toys, games and gadgets have developed as technology has become more sophisticated. We always make sure the exhibitions have interactive areas for children to get involved, maybe to dress up, maybe play with the exhibits, and understand their local history.

So we've now had our 20,000th visitor through the doors, and simply had to have a party to celebrate! We gathered in November to cut the '5' - shaped cake and say thanks to all the volunteers without whom we could not open the doors at all. Here is Dave Armitage, Museum Manager, cutting the cake, and saying thanks to all of us. Photos by Derek Allen. Words by Simon Gee.



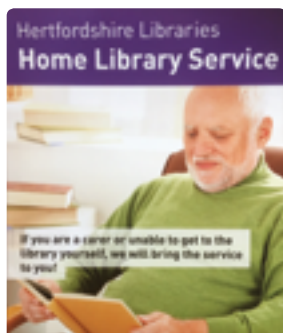
## The Home Library Service at Borehamwood Library

Could you or someone you know benefit from this?

Did you know that we run a Home Library Service which enables housebound customers to receive a selection of library books every four weeks once they are no longer able to get into the library, if

they become less mobile or are a carer for a relative. We would really like to be able to offer this to even more customers but we need your help to spread the word about this wonderful service!

If the following criteria apply to you, a neighbour, relative or friend then get in touch and we will soon get you reading a lovely new selection of books every four weeks.



You are able to apply for this service if:

- you have a physical disability which prevents you from travelling to a library building
- you have a learning disability or mental health condition that makes it difficult for you to leave home alone
- you're registered blind (severely sight impaired)
- you're frail or in poor health which means you can't get to a library
- you're a carer looking after someone affected by any of the above, and your caring responsibilities prevent you from getting to the library.

If you are interested in applying to have the Home Library Service please contact us in one of the following ways: call 0300 123 4049, email [libraries.information@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:libraries.information@hertfordshire.gov.uk), or apply online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries) and search for "Home Library Service".





## Elstree District Scouts Cooking Competition

The Denbigh Lodge Scout HQ was host to a cooking competition on 16 December 2018.

Competitors, all Scouts aged between 11 and 14, were required to cook a meal under simulated camp conditions during the contest. This meant that they were limited to cooking on gas camping stoves, with water available from a tap, outside and very limited equipment. The teams of four had to work together using just two long tables to prepare, with work areas being constantly cleared to make way for the next range of preparations, and all the while keeping a keen eye on the cooking pots as they simmered. The menu was completely their own choice based on a versatile theme called “free from”, with no instructions as to what their menu would be ‘free from’.



by those involved, with their leaders and supporters anxiously

Preparations that took place before the event included producing menus and costing resources to impress the judges.

The event was keenly contested

watching from behind a barrier with strict instructions not to intervene, coax or offer advice without the risk of penalties for the teams. This was difficult for both, as a variety of unforeseen events unfolded during the two hour ordeal.

After the preparations, hard work and the inevitable mishaps along the way, the results were presented for the judges to sample and were commendably varied and tasty and, most importantly, enjoyed by the judges. They also praised the teamwork that had been evident during the contest. Special thanks to all of the judges especially Jacky Trawley for her excellent report on the proceedings.

The winning team came from the 4th Radlett Scout group, with 7th Borehamwood team coming second and 3rd Elstree and Borehamwood coming third.

If you or your children would like to get involved in Scouting in Elstree District please contact [dc.elstree@hertfordshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:dc.elstree@hertfordshirescouts.org.uk) for details of your nearest group.

**The role of Group District Treasurer is currently available, for more information please contact [helenjhawthorn@hotmail.com](mailto:helenjhawthorn@hotmail.com)**

## Borehamwood RBL Poppy Appeal 2018

This year was the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War and it was reflected in the generosity of the people of Borehamwood, Elstree and Shenley.

Some areas decided to mark the event by displaying large poppies on the road side and lampposts.

Borehamwood Branch (with sand bags loaned by Hertsmere’s Engineering Department) decided to build a replica trench outside the Royal British Legion club, to signify the fighting conditions of the soldiers from that era. The branch also decorated the pulpit at All Saints Church with sand bags and a cut out “Tommy” for the service of remembrance on Sunday 11 November.

This year’s parade and service at the War Memorial was one of the biggest turn outs to date.



The members of the poppy appeal team would like to thank all those people who helped with the collection and those who donated so generously, especially Borehamwood Shopping Park which donated £300 to help cover the misunderstanding with the cadets who were collecting there.

The appeal started on 1 October 2018 and by mid December the amount collected was announced as; £39,601.03p. A big thank you, and please remember our collecting continues until 30 September 2019.

Remember, all monies collected will go towards ex service personnel and their dependants.

**Carol Denbigh**  
Poppy Appeal Organiser







## Leecliffe - Big Local

As we come to the end of 2018, it's remarkable to see how far we have come, and what we have planned. In 2016, Leecliffe Big Local Partnership was entering into a new phase and didn't know what the future held.

Could Big Local be successful and make our area an even better place to live? Would we be able to start thinking about fulfilling our legacies? In June 2016, we employed a worker to start the community engagement process. Fast forward two years, I feel that we are on the road to achieving our legacy with highlights ranging from delivering drama workshops in all of our local schools to help build self confidence in youngsters to the installation of a small BMX track in Meadow Park (due to start in 2019).

Over the last two years, Leecliffe has supported and organised events in Borehamwood: Family Fun Days; arts and craft events for families;

funded Flip Theatre to deliver self-esteem and confidence workshops to local schools; supported the 2017 and 2018 Movies in the Park, funded Football Fun Days, lunch clubs for the isolated, day trips and numerous BMX events and activities.

Almost £100,000 has been spent on good causes in the Leeming and Aycliffe area since 2016.

But our projects are nothing without the input of the community we want to help. And that's you! Whilst some of you have attended our activities and events, we need you to come and see who we are and how you can help! With your support, we can make the area an even better place to live.

The full annual report is available on our website [www.leecliffe.org](http://www.leecliffe.org); For more information call Philip on 07732 229 210.



## Richard Jarvis: Local champion honoured by Her Majesty

Congratulations to Richard Jarvis (the Town Council's Head Steward) for receiving the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2018 for his contribution to Neighbourhood Watch in Hertsmere.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is the highest award given to volunteer groups across the UK that demonstrate that they:

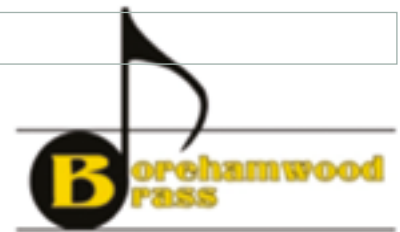
- provide a service and meet a need for people living in the local community;
- are supported, recognised and respected by the local community and the people who benefit from it; and
- are run locally.

Richard's work has included showing police DVDs on topics such as rogue traders and distraction burglaries, and working closely with Hertfordshire Constabulary to encourage new schemes to be established and to educate the public.

For many years now, Richard has organised new co-ordinators for Neighbourhood Watch and his role has involved attending numerous meetings (including the Town Council's newly formed Community Safety Meeting (CSM) which next meets on 27 March 2019 at 7pm at Fairway Hall - open to press and public).

Richard is also involved in selling and promoting items which help to reduce crime such as personal and house alarms. For more information on how to get involved with Neighbourhood Watch or to find out more about the above contact Richard on 0208 953 9530.





# Borehamwood Brass In 2019

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

Over the festive season, the band has performed throughout the local area, which included its annual Christmas concert that was again held at St Mark's Anglican Church in Barnet Vale.

One event that was a huge success was the regular session of Christmas carols where, on six occasions, a small group of band members performed at Tesco's superstore bringing some seasonal music for the shoppers in the store. As usual the band was collecting for its recognised charity the NSPCC, which it has supported now for many years.

The exact money raised has not yet been verified. However, it looks to be the largest amount it has ever raised for the organisation.

During 2019 the band will be playing in a variety of concerts and events throughout the year and hope to be playing at Meadow Park band stand, when complete, entertaining the local community, which was one of the highlights of 2018. Look out for information in future

editions of the Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council's Town Crier magazine.

The band meets most Friday nights in the Holy Cross Church Hall in Balmoral Drive, Borehamwood, WD6 2QT, from 8pm to 10pm. If you would like to come, please phone us beforehand to ensure we are meeting.

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

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

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Borehamwood Brass annually plays at Tesco's in the run up to Christmas, raising funds for its recognised charity, the NSPCC. The Studios Rotary Club members assisted NSPCC Committee members and helped with the collection.

We were mysteriously joined by elves, Hollie (Holly), Charlie (Cookie), James, (Jazzy) and Billie (Glitter) from Weymouth. They work as photographers for an events photo team at Willow Farm for Christmas. They popped into Tesco after work and joined us dancing and singing and shaking the buckets. A welcome interlude!

'Just happy to dress as elves and raise money for charity. Sparing a few moments of our time means we can put a smile on other people's faces and raise money for a good cause at the same time.'

This year the band has raised around £1,500.00, and local NSPCC organiser Dr Ann Goddard was 'over the moon' to receive such a large contribution for the second year. Thanks must go to Borehamwood Brass, Tesco, the collectors and the public for wonderful donations this year. Dr Goddard also commented, 'We are blessed to have such talented musicians within our town. Borehamwood Brass has, without quibble, played at all the local NSPCC events for many years, helping to raise the profile of the NSPCC, together with raising some money at Christmas time with their carolling sessions at Tesco's every year.'



## Borehamwood Meadow Park - Band stand update

The project to build a band stand in Meadow Park has been progressing well.

Hertsmere Borough Council has recently installed the power requirements for the entertainment arena, and plans to meet the Band Stand Project Committee in the next few weeks to look at the designs for a permanent structure.

The Borehamwood Band Stand Project Committee, formed of representatives from both Rotary Clubs in Borehamwood, is

working in conjunction with Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council and Hertsmere Borough Council to ensure the correct permanent structure is built and is fit for purpose.

It is hoped to repeat last year's successful Sunday afternoon brass band concerts in Meadow Park which were enjoyed by so many in the community. It is hoped that the permanent performance space will be in place by this time.



## China Link

Members of the Sister Town Sub-Committee welcomed six delegates from Huainan on Saturday 8 December at a dinner that evening.

The next day the Chinese delegation went on a cultural tour of London, visiting sites and seeing the amazing Christmas lights in the West End.

On Monday, the Pro Vice Chancellor welcomed the visitors to the University of Hertfordshire before the delegates enjoyed a guided tour of the computing department, followed by a traditional seasonal lunch in the canteen.

That afternoon they visited the House of Commons at the invitation of Oliver Dowden MP CBE. The party was split into two groups: some went to the Commons and others to the Lords to witness the proceedings.

On Tuesday Roger Morris, CEO of Elstree Studios, led a tour of Elstree Studios, accompanied by the Town Mayor Cllr Victor Eni. They were thrilled to see the set of *The Crown* and enjoyed the whole tour. Their stay ended with a fish and chips lunch for which the Mayor of Hertsmere, Cllr Brenda Batten, and her consort, John, joined us.

The Chinese visitors thoroughly enjoyed their visit and expressed their thanks to the committee for a busy but informative few days. They returned to China on 11 December. We look forward to developing our links with Huainan, particularly in the fields of sport and education, in the future.

An entertainment fund had been set up by those who travelled to China in November 2017 to reciprocate the hospitality shown them in China. Thanks are especially due to Dr. Peter Wong-Morrow who was integral to this initiative.



## DR96

A group of 22 went for Turkey and Tinsel to Pontings holiday camp in Suffolk for an early celebration of Christmas and the New Year at the end of November. Thank you to Brenda, Georgina and Eve for organising that.

On 5 December we held a Christmas sale that raised funds for the club.

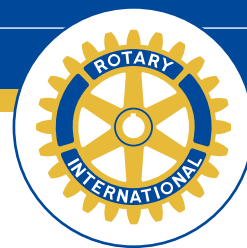
This club continues to grow. We were disappointed that our Xmas lunch booked for 60 members at the Waggon and Horses on 12 December was cancelled. Bailiffs had closed the pub.

## Haberdashers' Girls School Christmas Party

The theme this year was the Enchanted Wood. 40 members attended the afternoon tea party arranged at the school for older folk. A coach is provided to pick up in Elstree and Borehamwood. Every partygoer is given a party bag. There is entertainment throughout the afternoon. Thank you to the girls and staff that run this much appreciated event every year.



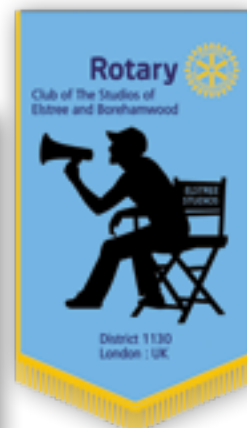
Our party was held at 96 Shenley Road on 19 December with a Christmas buffet. Thank you to Mayor Cllr Victor Eni for a voucher from Sainsbury's to pay for the reception bubbly and the drinks. Thank you to Marion at Tesco for the crackers and serviettes and her help with refreshments every week. Thank you to Yvonne for the table decorations. Wayne made sure we were all on our feet dancing. Sticks and zimmer frames were tossed away. A big thanks must go to Georgina for organising a special raffle and Brenda for selling the tickets. We raised £150.



# Studios Rotary Club

## Charter Dinner

On the 15 November Elstree Film Studios hosted the charter Rotary dinner, 120 guests attended made up of Rotary members with their friends and family.



It was a fun evening and the president welcomed all the dignitaries along with her family who came to support her from Israel and from the UK. It was a brilliantly successful evening. Thank you to every one of our 23 Rotary club members for all their help and for making it such a happy evening.

## Quiz

The quiz on 7 December at St Teresa's Hall raised over £300 for Rotary charities.

Mark Meighan set the questions and the marathon. Mark as quiz master was on excellent form, ably assisted by Daniel Murray, keeping score. 60 quizzers enjoyed a fish and chip supper from the Golden Plaiçe.

The winning team was led by captain Nick Male.



## Kids Out

200 Y6 pupils from Kenilworth, Monksmead, Parkside and Summerswood schools enjoyed a trip to the Reel Cinema to see Fantastic Beasts on 10 December.

This was paid for by a grant from the Rotary Kids' Out Foundation. After the film each child received a baseball cap. We would like to congratulate all the young people on their exemplary behaviour. They were a credit to their schools and families.

On 21 January 60 pupils plus staff enjoyed a trip to the Reel Cinema postponed from December. We were delighted that we could rearrange it.

## A Star is Born

80 older folk enjoyed the new version of 'A Star is Born' at the Reel Cinema on 3 December.

There was not a dry eye in the house. After the film, afternoon tea was served at Fairway Hall. All agreed it was a great treat, which will be repeated in February. The request is for the new film Bohemian Rhapsody about Queen.

## Donations to Charity

**Shelter Box** - The International committee agreed to hold a fundraiser for the victims of the tsunami disaster in Indonesia.

We have made donations to Honeypot a charity which enhances the lives of young carers and vulnerable children to a life coach and to Hope and Help for the Homeless. Shoshana and Lloyd Gimour travel up to Piccadilly every Thursday with soup, food and items for London's homeless.

**Town Centre Project** - The Studios Rotary Club members are working with Jon O'Connor as contractors for Hertsmere Borough Council and Hertfordshire County Council to tidy up and replant some of the planters in the town centre, near to All Saints Church and the Reel Cinema. They will also have a working party to clear the piazza, by Pure Gym, of rubbish to make it feel a safe and pleasant place to sit and reflect and for the increasing number of functions that are held there.

**Sports Teams** - Mark Meighan is chair of the Sports Committee. So far teams for table tennis, billiards, snooker, pool, darts, ten pin bowling and quiz have been entered in the district competitions. Our team won the North London Area heat and will go through to the final on 11 March.

**Meetings** are held every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Elstree Studios from 6.45pm to 8pm. Special meetings for the Sports Committee, Fund Raising Committee and Youth Committee are held on first Monday of the month.



# Rotary Club of Elstree & Borehamwood

Our president's charity this year is the Keech Hospice. One of our new members is planning to run in the London Marathon in support of this outstanding charity. Please keep your eyes open to see how you can support her in this – or contact the club to find out more.

We recently purchased a quantity of "shoe boxes" to be filled with gifts by students of St. Nicholas School, for less fortunate children in eastern Europe. This is just one of many Rotary sponsored charitable programmes in which it is possible to be involved.

We continue to support the wonderful work carried out by ShelterBox. This initiative provides emergency shelter and tools for families robbed of their homes by disaster, enabling the transforming of despair into hope.

Our president was recently awarded an 'Outstanding Alumni' award from her old school – a rare honour. Also recently Rtn. Peter Wong-Morrow was presented with a British Community Honours Award at the House of Lords.

Having recently suffered the loss of several members we are keen to recruit more people who either live or work locally and who wish to be among over a million fellows of Rotary that believe in the motto "Service above self". It is a great way to give something back to the community whilst enjoying the fellowship of like-minded people.

For more information call our secretary on 07939 088421 or see our website. [tinyurl.com/rotaryeb](http://tinyurl.com/rotaryeb)



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## 2019 Civic Parade

Saturday 15 June

Theme: Celebration, celebrate anything you want.

To take part in this year's parade please complete this form and return it to:

**Post:** Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council, Fairway Hall, Brook Close, WD6 5BT

**Email:** [dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](mailto:dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)

Yes, we would like to enter the parade on Saturday 15 June 2019.

Organisation: .....

Contact name: .....

Address: .....

Post Code: .....

Telephone: .....

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Email: .....

Float theme: .....

(NOTE: Any music played will be covered by the Town Council's Performing Rights Society licence arrangement but please let us have a list of music you intend to use)



# What's on

## Wednesday 12 February

### Borehamwood Garden Society AGM

Talk by Carl from Spinlab "How to get fit for gardening"

Allum Manor Manor House, 7pm

## February 25

Studio Rotary Club presents Sing along

Bohemian Rhapsody

The Reel Cinema, 10am

Contact Sasha Capocci

0777 1862820

## Saturday 9 March

All Saints Coffee Morning Concert

All genres musicians and singers, soloists groups, choirs

All Saints Church, 11am - 1pm

Donations to Mencap the Town Mayor's charity.

## Tuesday 19 March

U3A

Audrey Hepburn - Her War and Film Years by Howard Slater

St Teresa's Church Hall, 10.30am

Arrive from 10am for a coffee and chat. £2.

## Sunday 7 April

Spring Flower Show

## Allum Manor House

See the Borehamwood Garden Craft Society Facebook page for more details.

## Tuesday 16 April

U3A

Angels, Putti, Fairies and Dragons by Roger Wotton

St Teresa's Church Hall, 10.30am

Arrive from 10am for a coffee and chat. £2

## Saturday 27 April

All Saints Scratch Messiah

Rehearsals 12pm

Performance 7pm

There will be professionals to sing the solo parts, the musicians are professional semi professional and others enjoy playing All musicians and singers please join us.

The Studios Rotary Club is working with The Elstree Mozart Players. Collection in aid of the Children's Society

For more details Contact Derek Holland derek.holland3@btinternet.com

## Saturday 11 May

Pre Festival

Behind All Saints Church

Visit [www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](http://www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk) for more details.

## 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.

### Borehamwood Drop In

Every Tuesday from 9.30am - 12pm

Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood WD6 5BT

£1.50 per week

### Borehamwood Women's Institute

Every 2nd Monday of the month, 2pm

Allum Hall Manor House, Room 2, Allum Lane.

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### Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Club

Every Tuesday, 2pm - 4pm

Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood WD6 5BT



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## ELSTREE & BOREHAMWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Started in 2013

Open to all residents in Elstree and Borehamwood.

Our mission is to safeguard and promote the interests and views of local residents on matters concerning the community e.g. housing, infrastructure, local environment, social facilities and amenities in the area.

### CURRENT ISSUES INCLUDE:

- Community Matters
- Planning

### NEXT MEETINGS:

Tues: 19<sup>th</sup> Mar and 21<sup>st</sup> May 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)  
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# Teddy's Trail from Harperbury



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 22 minute bus ride, followed by a gentle 5.5 mile walk.

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

- A church dedicated to the patron saint of farmers and travellers, located on the medieval pilgrims' route from London to St Albans Abbey
- The site of one of Britain's oldest airfields, used during World War 1
- A farm in a location dating back 800 years which was once surrounded by a moat
- One of Britain's earliest golf courses
- The former home of a notorious spy and double agent
- The location from which the "beam benders" misdirected enemy aircraft during World War 2
- Radlett's oldest pub, originally named after a faithful cat
- The site of the watersplash through which traffic along Theobald Street once had to pass
- One of the very few survivors of the 156,623 prefabs built to reduce the housing shortage in the 1940s
- A house once used as a rehearsal studio by the rock band The Kinks

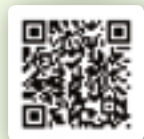
To download a copy of the trail guide (and to find out about the rest of Teddy's Trails), visit

[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.



## Sweet smell of success, Reviva defeated

### Reviva application to change to a Waste Transfer Station Refused

Thursday 20 December will be remembered and celebrated for all residents of Elstree Village, Brockley Hill and the whole of the Town when the application was refused.

A Town Councillor represented STENCH and the Elstree Village Preservation Society and Dr Ann Goddard from Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society in speaking against the application by Reviva for change of use from a Green Compost Waste recycling Centre to a Waste Transfer Centre. Other objectors

were Elsa Reyes and Cllr Jeremy Newmark. County Cllr Caroline Clapper summed up the objections from all speakers from the floor. Officers had recommended that the application be refused.

There was a pre hearing site visit by local elected councillors with members and officers of Herts County Council Committee. It enabled us to see the impact that the waste transfer station would have on the openness of the green belt the impact of an extra 200 lorry movements per day extra site offices and health facilities. The biggest shock, however, was the amount of land that had been covered in concrete without planning permission.



# Precept and Financial Matters 2019/20



## Town Council agrees no rise in Council Tax share

For the third consecutive year, the Town Council has decided not to increase the precept demand on Hertsmere Borough Council (its share of the council tax in 2019/20) which will remain at £36.26 per year for the Band D yearly charge - or just £3.02 per month.

The Council intends to meet increased costs through efficiency savings and by drawing on some of its reserve funds. It is also anticipated that the use of the Council's share of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies for infrastructure improvements will increase in the year.

In summary:

Precept demand	£472,717
Increase to council tax payer	0%
% Town and Parish Councils receive of overall council tax	2%
No of households electors paying council tax in Elstree and Borehamwood	13,036
Band D annually	£36.26
Band D monthly	£3.02

The Council is committed to providing value for money services and its financial regulations, payments, detailed income and expenditure reports, budget, audit reports and precept information are published in accordance with good practice and regulations on its website ([www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](http://www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)).



## Annual Parish Meeting

Date: Wednesday 6 March 2019 at 7.30pm

Venue: Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood, Herts, WD6 5BT

The Annual Parish Meeting is held at Fairway Hall and is an opportunity for electors to have their say on anything they consider to be important to the people of Elstree and Borehamwood.

All Parish and Town Councils throughout England are required by law to hold an Annual Parish/Town Meeting between 1 March and 1 June (inclusive). Meetings should not commence before 6pm. In Elstree and Borehamwood the meeting is usually held at 7.30pm.

Any registered elector is welcome to attend - you will be asked to sign an attendance sheet confirming that you are registered to vote in Elstree and Borehamwood - and ask questions of the Council, which will usually be answered by one of the councillors or the Town Clerk. An elector may also make suggestions and comment on anything pertinent to the people of Elstree and Borehamwood. This will be welcomed and is the whole purpose of the meeting. The Council may invite local clubs, societies or other voluntary and statutory organisations to provide an exhibition and/or a representative to speak about the work of their group.

The Town Mayor chairs the meeting. If the Mayor or Deputy Mayor



is not able to attend, then the meeting will elect a chairperson from amongst those electors present. Other Town councillors usually attend and will speak if need be. But the purpose of the meeting is to enable the ordinary electors to have their say. Councillors will listen with interest and, as electors themselves, also have the opportunity to raise questions and make comments if they wish.

Minutes of the meeting are taken and approved at the following year's Annual Parish Meeting.

# Town Council CIL allocations: putting developer contributions to the best community use

One of the current challenges facing local councils is deciding on the best way to spend developer contribution monies on infrastructure improvements.

In the autumn edition of the Town Crier magazine, residents were provided with the opportunity to complete a questionnaire on ideas for how they would like to see the Town Council spend its share of Community Infrastructure Levy monies. In order to maximise the number of responses, that questionnaire is repeated below, providing you with another opportunity to put forward your ideas for consideration initially by the Environment and Planning Committee and then by Full Council.

In summary, the Town Council has a current balance of £391,282.82 in CIL receipts. To date, £60,000 has been spent in a joint initiative with Hertsmeare Borough Council to install an artificial bowling green at Aberford Park.



Shenley Road

This year, the Town Council has approved up to a similar amount of money to be spent on a project to rejuvenate all the benches and notice boards in Elstree and Borehamwood. Over a period of time these items have become tired and in need of a fresh

and unified look. The style that the Council has chosen, after much deliberation, is of a black metal and high quality finish. After consulting with local authorities, the style of notice board will be similar to those at Elstree and Borehamwood railway station and on Brook Close, and



Brook Close

the bench style will be as trialled outside The Golden Plaice fish and chip shop on Shenley Road in Borehamwood. In total it is anticipated that eight notice boards and forty benches will be upgraded for the benefit of residents.

If you have ideas that you would like the Council to consider, please complete and return the questionnaire below to

**The Clerk, Town Council Offices, Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood, WD6 5BT**  
**or email [clerk@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)**

## CIL Expenditure Questionnaire

I am a resident of Elstree and Borehamwood Yes  No

Name .....

Address .....

Email .....

(Your details will only be used to respond to you in connection with CIL expenditure by the Town Council and will be kept in accordance with the authority's data protection policies).

My suggestion for CIL expenditure is:

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## New vacancy

### Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council caretaker



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

Salary £19,000 per annum (subject to experience)

The Council is seeking to appoint a customer focused caretaker. Duties include caretaking, cleaning of Fairway Hall and Office, general maintenance as well as being the Council's designated courier (clean driving licence essential). The applicant must be available to work un-social hours (including weekend evenings).

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

Closing date for the receipt of applications is 5pm Friday 1 March 2019, with interviews planned for the week commencing 11 March 2019.

Applications welcomed by CV and covering letter only.

For a job description and person specification or any further details please contact:

Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council, Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood, Herts, WD6 5BT

Telephone 020 8207 1382

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or visit our website at [www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](http://www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)

The start date for the post is scheduled for April/May 2019.

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



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2018/19 Deputy Mayor: Cllr Anne Mitchell

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## The Second of May is Election Day!

Did you know that fewer than 20% of people have chosen to vote in council elections in some areas of England over the past four years?

Thursday 2 May 2019 is Election Day for Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council and Hertsmere Borough Council.

The Town Council encourages residents who are eligible to do so, to use their vote in selecting the thirteen Town Councillors to represent them in the wards of Elstree, Brookmeadow, Hillside, Cowley Hill, Kenilworth North and Kenilworth South.

You can check whether you are registered by emailing Hertsmere at [elections@hertsmere.gov.uk](mailto:elections@hertsmere.gov.uk).

Don't lose your right to vote. Make sure you are registered! It's quick and simple to register to vote online at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote).

For more information on registering or the elections, please call The Electoral Services team at Hertsmere Borough Council on 020 8207 2277 or visit their website [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/elections](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/elections).



## 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.

20 February	Transport Forum	Main Hall	7pm
5 March	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7.30pm
6 March	ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL	Main Hall	7.30pm
12 March	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7pm
13 March	COUNCIL	Main Hall	7.30pm
27 March	Community Safety Meeting	Main Hall	7pm
2 April	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7.30pm
16 April	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7pm
18 April	General Management	Meeting Room	7pm
30 April	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7.30pm
1 May	Transport Forum	Main Hall	7pm
8 May	ANNUAL COUNCIL MAYOR MAKING	Main Hall	7.30pm
21 May	Environment & Planning	Main Hall	7pm
23 May	General Management	Meeting Room	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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