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Letter from the Mayor...

Where has the time gone?

Dear residents of Elstree and Borehamwood, I will have completed my Mayoral year by the time you read this edition of the Town Crier, with this as my last letter as your Mayor.

I would like to thank ClIr Ann Mitchell, the Deputy Mayor, and all my colleagues for all their support and I wish to congratulate and welcome the incoming Mayor, clIr. Simon Rubner, wishing him a very successful year.

We had the privilege of attending over 100 events, warmly welcomed by so many wonderful individuals and organisations in the community.

The Town Council organised a well attended live screening of the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle at Fairway Hall. We celebrated the 100 years since the end of the First World War with the beacon lighting and bell of peace at Woodcock Hill, the 150th anniversary of the railway station in Elstree and Borehamwood, and the opening of the Jewish Life Centre in the community.

We had a very successful Diversity Celebration organised by the Elstree and Borehamwood Unity Network. This is planned to be an annual event. Borehamwood Football Club had a successful year and the team joined me at the 2018 Christmas lights switch on.

The Town Council continues to organise so many events for the community. These events can be found on the website and Facebook page of the Town Council.

I also had the opportunity to visit our twin towns of Offenburg and Fontenay-aux-Roses.

I would like to thank Hertsmere Mencap, my Mayor's charity of the year, for the opportunity to raise funds for them. I organised two successful dinner events and raised over £2,500 in the year in support of the great job they are doing with the less able members of our community.

My profound thanks to the staff of Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council for their support and guidance. Their commitment and professionalism in managing the affairs of this authority, which resulted in the council receiving the prestigious Local Council Quality Award Scheme (LCAS) award, the first parish council to receive this in Hertfordshire.

My sincere gratitude to the Mayor's Secretary, Mrs Jenny Simon, for her advice and managing the Mayor's diary. To the Mayoress for always being there for me, I say a huge thank you.



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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Here is a brief list of key functions covered by each council to help untangle the web and to show who does what in your area.

Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council is responsible for:

- 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 Fontenayaux-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 local 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 seating, 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.

Call: 020 8207 1382 or visit www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk

Hertsmere Borough Council is responsible for:

- The collection of council tax and business rates
- Kerbside waste and recycling collections, including fly tipping
- 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

Hertsmere Borough Council deals with issues covering the whole of Hertsmere and has a very regulatory remit.

Call: 020 8207 2277 or visit www.hertsmere.gov.uk

Hertfordshire County Council is responsible for:

- Highways
- Education and libraries
- Social services
- Trading standards
- Public transport
- Bus passes and disabled parking permits
- Registrar of births, deaths and marriages
- Street lighting, pavements and cycle ways
- Adoption and fostering
- Fire and rescue services
- Recycling centres
- Footpaths and rights of way

Hertfordshire County Council is the top tier of local government and provides services on α county-wide basis $\;$

Call: 0300 123 4040 or visit www.hertsdirect.org

Useful information

Borehamwood Police Station

Civic Offices, Elstree Way, Borehamwood WD6 1WA, 01707 354000

Barnet General Hospital

Wellhouse Lane, Barnet EN5 3DJ 020 3758 2000

Watford General Hospital

Vicarage Rd, Watford WD18 0HB 01923 244366

Fairbrook Medical Centre

4 Fairway Ave, Borehamwood WD6 1PR 020 8953 7666

Schopwick Surgery

Romeland, Elstree, WD6 3BJ 01707 354000

The Grove Medical Centre

Borehamwood Shopping Park, Borehamwood WD6 4PR, 020 3538 3959

Theobald Medical Centre

121 Theobald St, Borehamwood WD6 4PT 020 8953 3355

Citizens Advice Bureau

2 Allum Ln, Elstree, WD6 3PJ 0344 411 1444

Summerswood Primary School

Furzehill Rd, Borehamwood WD6 2DW 020 8953 3139

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Hillside Ave, Borehamwood WD6 1HL 020 8953 3328

Kenilworth Primary School

Kenilworth Dr, Borehamwood WD6 1QL 020 8953 3459

Yavneh College

Hillside Ave, Borehamwood WD6 1HL 020 8736 5580

Saffron Green Primary School

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Winstre Rd, Borehamwood WD6 5DP 020 8953 2218

St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

Brook Rd, Borehamwood WD6 5HL 020 8953 3753

Woodlands Primary School

Alban Cres, Borehamwood WD6 5JF 020 8953 2717

Meryfield Community Primary School

Theobald St, Borehamwood WD6 4PA 020 8953 2106

Parkside Community Primary School

Aycliffe Rd, Borehamwood WD6 4EP 020 8387 3000

Hertswood Academy

Cowley Hill, Borehamwood WD6 5LG 020 8238 7200

Elstree University Technical College

Studio Way, Borehamwood WD6 5NN 020 8386 6220

St Nicholas Elstree Church of England Primary School

St Nicholas Cl, Elstree, WD6 3EW 020 8953 3015

Elstree & Borehamwood railway station

Station Road, WD6 3LS 03450264700

Borehamwood Library

96 Shenley Rd, Borehamwood WD6 1EB 0300 123 4049

Elstree and Borehamwood Museum

96 Shenley Rd, Borehamwood WD6 1EB 01442 454 888

The Venue Leisure Centre

Elstree Way, Borehamwood, WD6 1JY 020 8386 9886

Compost Corner

Work experience

Hello, my name is Stefan. I have done my work experience at Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council.

I had a great time working there. I had two amazing people that worked with me and showed me what the Town Council does for the community, and their role in helping the environment. They have shown me what I could do to help the environment and places that I would have never discovered by myself. For that I want to thank them.

My favourite day was on a Tuesday, when I really enjoyed my self because we did different things. For example, we put up seven fence posts at the Borehamwood Town Council office, repaired the road at Melrose allotments and cleared trees of ivy so they can keep on cleaning the air for us instead of just letting the ivy grow and kill the trees.

I have really enjoyed my time working for the Town Council and it was the best experience of my life and I want to thank the Town Council for letting me spend my week working for them and I couldn't imagine a better place to do work experience.

Stefan C





Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society

The Society has worked throughout the year on your behalf for the preservation of our Green Belt in the face of unremitting pressure for development by building firms eager to exploit the housing crisis.

The new Local Plan has been delayed for a year because central Government is revising the housing demands on local councils- hopefully downwards.

Our concerns were expressed at our AGM on 14 May, with a presentation by Mrs Debbie Pearlman Houghie, Senior Lecturer in Rural Geography and Planning at the University of Hertfordshire, on 'Aldenham Reservoir and the Campaign to preserve it'.

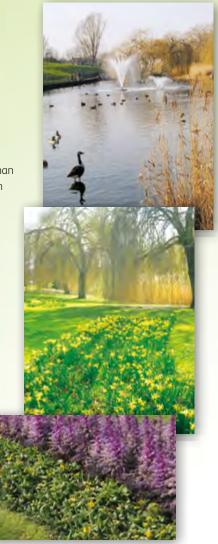
Our green environment is threatened as never before by overdevelopment. We are asking for a pause in the constant house and flat building to allow a breathing space for the community to adjust and for the provision of the infrastructure needed for the new residents. We feel in fact that Borehamwood has now had enough expansion.

The increased population has caused the traffic congestion that we have all experienced. Our road grid dating from the 1930-60 decades cannot accept the rush hour frenzy which causes heavy air pollution from diesel and petrol cars with serious effects on the health of young and old.

Consequently we are opposed to the possible construction of houses in the Green Belt. We object to the change of use of the Reviva composting site to a storage depot for building materials. The victory of the withdrawal of planning permission for composting was only shortlived!

Do come and join us and help to keep our town a green and pleasant place to live. We need your membership to add force and weight to our campaigns.

Ann Goddard (Chairman) Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society anngoddard999@hotmail.com - 020 8953 1436





Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Club

Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Club continues to provide a free, enjoyable and fun afternoon for members.

Since Christmas we have welcomed Sara Donnelly every week to take the exercises. Each week we have a different entertainer. James Le Bec, James Bernard, James Stowell, Wayne and David Diamond have encouraged us to sing and dance to the music. Pat Sperry (£160), Knit & Natter (£77), Yvonne Harris (£33), have all raised funds for the club. Borehamwood Football Club has raised money at its Gala Ball.

Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Club runs every Tuesday 2pm -4pm at Fairway Hall. New members always welcome.



The Monday Club relocated to Holy Cross Church Hall, Warrenford Grove on Monday 11 March.

There were 25 people at the launch enjoying lunch, a quiz, exercises with Sara Donnelly, bingo, Hoy and a singalong. The original club was run by Sasha Capocci, Sandra Parnell and Pat Strack. Hazel, David and Christine have joined us as volunteers.

New members welcome.

The Club will run every other week. 3 and 17 June, 1, 15 and 29 July.



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Tuesday Morning Borehamwood Drop In at Fairway Hall

Drop-in for a cuppa and a chat every Tuesday morning from 9.30am to 12noon.

The Borehamwood Drop-In is open at Fairway Hall, Brook Close, right behind the large new tower block in Shenley Road.

Everyone welcome, whatever your age. If you are on your own on a Tuesday mornings come along or come with a friend, for tea (or coffee) and a biscuit, entertainment, singers, armchair exercises quizzes and games. Meet old friends make new friends. A warm friendly atmosphere. Only £1.50 per visit no membership fee.

We also need volunteers to help to set up, clear up afterwards, make the tea etc. If you think you could help phone Ann on 07973 331961.





elstree university technical college

It would seem that Elstree University Technical College has blossomed again this spring with a wealth of partnerships, industry placements and projects across the school. We are delighted to share that some of our students have been accepted onto apprenticeships with some of the largest content creators in the UK marketing and advertising sector. We have completed over 10 music videos for the MOBO Organisation, we have developed two Blackbox theatre productions, and are now preparing for our final two events of the year - LIMELIGHT (a musical theatre showcase) and our end-of-year school-wide gallery show.

MediaCom & Me

MediaCom is the one of the largest advertising media agencies in the UK, and some of our Year 13 students have been lucky enough to be placed on their six-month work experience programme. Each session focussed on an element of advertising and prepared students with interview techniques so that students 'graduate' with more confidence in their abilities to go into the industry. This has led of one of our students being offered a place on their apprenticeship scheme! Great work!

MOBO Unsung

Elstree UTC has a long standing partnership with the MOBO Organisation to provide content for their UnSung artists and to help provide our students with film and music industry work experience. This year we have invited 10 artists to EUTC for Blackbox music video shoots and our students have gone out to locations across London for behind the scenes shoots.



Our students with the UK CEO Josh Krichefski



Royal Navy Engineering Challenge

Over 70 teams from schools and colleges across the UK gathered at HMS Sultan in Portsmouth in order to compete in The Royal Navy Engineering Challenge - Exercise Downbird Recovery. Elstree UTC students went along to capture the event.

Held in partnership with university technical colleges (UTCs), Eaton Ltd, Babcock and BAE Systems, the Challenge aimed to inspire young people to engage further with science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects.

Our student crew stayed overnight on board HMS Bristol and got to experience 24 hours of naval life.





DNA

EUTC has been busy this term putting on two of our blackbox theatre productions. Our first was DNA, by Dennis Kelly, held in March. Our students produced a fantastic version of this, showing off their skills as performers, lighting designers and technicians, stage and production managers and in so many other roles.

Much Ado About Nothing

Join us for the final show in the EUTC 2019 Blackbox season: Much Ado About Nothing.

In this Shakespearean farce, Hero and her groom-to-be, Claudio, team up with Claudio's commanding officer, Don Pedro, the week before their wedding to hatch a matchmaking scheme. Their targets are sharp-witted duo Benedick and Beatrice -- a tough task indeed, considering their corresponding distaste for love and each other. Meanwhile, meddling Don John plots to ruin the wedding.

From director and artist-in-residence Andrew Mallen comes a contemporary take on Shakespeare's beloved romantic comedy, starring a sensational cast of EUTC students from all year groups. Featuring an incredible collection of props and scenery developed in-house by our production team, and crewed and rigged by Production Arts students. This will surely be a sensational show not to be missed.



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Other highlights this term have included:

BLESMA charity working with our Year 12 UAL Visual Arts students to create artistic prosthetic limbs.

Staff from the **BBC** apprenticeships scheme have been working with Year 13 students to support their applications. Students attended assemblies and workshops held by the BBC to get them ready for the process and the industry.

Bentley Chemicals were invited to give a workshop to our Year 12 and 13 Production Technology students. Such a great experience for our students. Here they are testing out the prosthetics and moulds:



Upcoming events at Elstree UTC:

Limelight performances (annual musical showcase) - 25, 26 and

Art Exhibition (our end of year show) - 10 July.

school News

Cowley Hill Primary School

Britain's Got Talent finalist attends Cowley Hill's Got Talent

Once again the children at Cowley Hill surpassed all expectations through a fun filled evening of acts ranging from comedy to singing and dancing. The acts all performed to a very high standard, creating a very entertaining evening for all. The evening was topped off by a rousing performance from Gabz of Britain's Got Talent fame singing a new song and her old favourite 'Lighters (The One)' – which got to number 6 in the UK singles chart. A big well done to all of the acts and a BIG THANK YOU to Gabz for supporting our event! Well done to the children in year 5.



Nearly 300 parents and children crammed into the hall at Cowley Hill as part of our science extravaganza week. The children spent the week exploring a whole range of scientific topics culminating in an evening of fun science experiments for the whole family. This was an amazing opportunity to showcase the work of the school to our Cowley Hill family. Thank you to Miss Pitcher for all her hard work making the week such

a fun and exciting learning opportunity for the children.



Nursery Taster Sessions

Prospective parents were able to bring their children free of charge to sample the provision on offer at Cowley Hill. The school ran open sessions for prospective parents to bring their pre-school children to explore our setting. The children had a great time exploring the newly extended nursery whilst parents enjoyed a break and a cup of tea

in our purpose built community room. We are extremely proud of our new setting which has allowed us to offer many more places for 30 hours provision. We also offer the only free parent and toddler session in Borehamwood. These sessions run every Friday from 1.15pm to 2.45pm for pre-school children. Please contact the school if you would like to find out more.



Tesco Bags of Help - Thank You

Last year we took part in the Tesco Bags of Help grant scheme. This was planned to support the development of our Early Years outdoor environment. Our pot was displayed in the Borehamwood Tesco and with the help of our local community we won! We received £4,000 in a grant to develop our area and this work is now complete. Our children really enjoy the new equipment and facilities that this funding has helped us to develop. A HUGE thank you to you all and to Tesco in Borehamwood.



Community Room – available for our local community!

It is official, our community room is open for use. If you wish to use our space please contact the school business manager. We have bespoke facilities with furniture to suit all needs available. We currently use our space for teaching music to our children during the day, as a polling station, and as a language teaching facility supporting local people in Borehamwood and Elstree.

Kenilworth Primary School

Mill Green Museum Display

Following on from their project with the Scouts and EmpathyLab, we were incredibly proud of our Year 5 pupils when their work was put on display at Mill Green Museum in Hatfield. The artwork and creative writing, which they completed with the author Jane Ray, was on display for a whole month, ensuring that all visitors were able to empathise with the journey that many refugees have to make.

Bronze PDSA Petwise Award

This term our Year 6 house captains have worked incredibly hard to achieve bronze Petwise status for our school. Through leading assemblies, they have ensured that all of our pupils know how to look after a pet, as well as learning lots about the fantastic work done by the PDSA. PDSA is an animal charity that was started in 1917 by Maria Dickin that strives to ensure that all animals are able to access health care. The Year 6 pupils worked really hard to achieve our bronze status and we are proud of them all.

Free Fruit Tuesdays

This term we have been able to promote healthy eating through the charity initiative Gratitude. Every Tuesday, the charity provides us with a fantastic selection of fruits, including raspberries, blueberries, melon, pineapple and many more. The children have loved the opportunity to try new fruits and really look forward to their healthy snacks at break time.

Spring Sing

In April, the whole school came together to celebrate Spring through song. Years 1-6 all have music lessons with the incredibly talented Ms Bishara. It was clear to see the progress and enjoyment they have made in their singing skills. The children all performed songs for the rest of the school, including 'Sleeping Bunnies', 'Here comes the Sun' and 'Three Little Birds'. It was a fantastic way to end the term and everyone entered the Easter holidays full of the joys of Spring.

The Whisperer

This year, Kenilworth once again participated in the excellent 'Words in the Wood' project, working together with schools across Hertsmere to learn about the book 'The Whisperer'. The children all enjoyed the opportunity to meet the wonderful author Nick Butterworth and were able to demonstrate their understanding of the key themes of the work through their creative writing and artwork. The story also gave the children an excellent opportunity to discuss peer pressure, the dangers of being in a gang and the importance of treating everybody with respect and empathy.

World Book Day

On 7 March, Kenilworth became a colourful wonderland as we all dressed up as crayons from 'The Day the Crayons Quit' for World Book Day. Year 6 introduced us to the purpose of World Book Day through a fantastic assembly and all the children enjoyed dressing up and discussing their favourite books together. On the day, we were also visited by Angela

from Morrisons, who kindly donated lots of lovely new books to help us to celebrate World Book Day. The children were really excited by all the new books. Thank you very much to Morrisons for their kind donation. We were also amazed at the creativity of the children who entered our 'book in a jar' competition. From fairy tales to Harry Potter, the children managed to share the joy of reading throughout their creations. We love reading at Kenilworth and are very excited to be opening a brand new library in the Summer term!

World Religion Day

In January, Kenilworth came together to celebrate World Religion Day. Children from different religions prepared slides for assembly, in which they shared what was important to them about their religions. We were also really lucky to be joined by some parent visitors, who shared what their religion means to them. It was a fantastic day, where we all were able to learn more information about each other and were able to share our own thoughts, beliefs and opinions.



St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

Spring term learning at St Teresa's

We have had a very busy term at St Teresa's, with lots of fun and exciting learning opportunities for our pupils. These have included:

- The whole school taking part in Flat Stan first aid training, learning this important life skill (see photos 1 and 2). Thank you to the Friends of St Teresa's who paid for this training for every pupil;
- A Dress as Your Future Career Day to support our teaching of growth mindsets and promote aspirations for the future. The children came to school dressed in a range of outfits including: artists, a palaeontologist, doctors, soldiers and a politician; (see photos 3 and 4);







• Our Year 3, 4 and 5 pupils taking part in a magnificent chorister event at St Albans Abbey, singing with their choir; (see photo 6);

writing their own stories - which further supported our teaching and

 and our Year 5/6 swimming team participating in the local schools' swimming gala and winning!. (see photo 7).

learning about growth mindsets; (see photo 5);

A big thank you to the pupils, staff and parents of St Teresa's, who are growing and learning together - enabling our school to be the best that we can be.

Ms Teresa McBride Head teacher



Parkside Primary School

Fire Brigade visit to Year 2

The Year 2 children enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London. This term they were visited by members of Borehamwood Fire Brigade who came to give a talk about fire safety. The firemen showed the children their safety equipment and compared this with what fire fighters used back in 1666. The firemen then helped the children to recreate how the fire spread so quickly by setting fire to the Tudor houses the children had built. This was very exciting to watch and the children had a great informative morning.





Mothers' Day at Parkside

Parkside celebrated Mothers' Day by inviting mums, grandmothers, aunts and other family members into school to take part in fun art and craft activities. Everyone had fun decorating biscuits, making jewellery and origami flowers and spending time together. It was a lovely celebration which brought members of our wonderful school community together.

Year 4 Egyptian Day

Year 4 had an amazing day at the end of last term spending time really getting to grips and deepening their learning of Egyptian culture. The children came into school dressed in fantastic costumes. Some of them came dressed as mummies! They started the day learning about how the Egyptians would mummify their dead. They took turns mummifying each other using toilet roll. The day with continued with Ancient Egyptian Gods X Factor, where everyone learnt about the different gods of that time. They finished the day by making the cartouches they had designed in previous art lessons and designing a death mask. It was an enjoyable day and a great way to end our topic.



Year 6 Youth Conference

A small group of children

from Year 6 made a visit to the Hertsmere Borough Council chamber to take part in the annual youth conference in March. They debated against other schools and learnt about the importance of working together as a team to support each other as they made their points in a constructive and poignant way. They had fun and represented the school well.

Future date

Parkside Community Primary School Summer Fayre – Saturday 22 June 12pm - 3pm

Bouncy castles, face paints, food stalls, table top sale, disco and many more stalls to keep all the family entertained!! Come and join us for an action packed afternoon in wonderful grounds.

St Nicholas Primary School

Early Years

The school has been working with the county council Early Years adviser to develop the next steps from our last Ofsted inspection which were:

- To raise expectations of what children achieve in the early years so that progress is stronger and children are ready for Year 1;
- Teachers in the early years to use all opportunities, including outdoor provision, to accelerate children's progress in the basic skills of reading, writing and mathematics.

The Early Years team has been taking the next steps by working towards the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale (ECERS-R). I am delighted to inform you that we have achieved a silver kite mark for our work to date.

The Environment Rating Scales are a set of standardised tools for measuring and improving the quality of early years provision. They offer a structured approach to quality improvement and self-evaluation.

Visit from author Nick Butterworth

The author Nick Butterworth came to visit us and all the classes took part in sessions with him. The children were able to buy books and have Nick sign them.

Year 1 visit to Mountfitchet

Our Year 1 class visited Mountfitchet Castle and had a great day in the sunshine.



St Nicholas Easter Egg competition

The children were asked to design an "Eggtastic" Easter Egg with a boiled egg and recycled goods. We received some fantastic entries and here are some photos.



Summerswood Primary School

Spring Time in Summerswood

The children in nursery and reception enjoyed a visit from a local farm this term which went alongside their topics of Spring and animals in the lead up to Easter.

The children had the opportunity to get up close to some of the farm animals, such as sheep, a miniature donkey, pigs, ducks, goats and a dog. Ark Farm, which is a small, family run farm was set up to educate children about animals and how to look after and care for them. The children had a talk about the different animals and we learnt some interesting facts about each one. They then had the opportunity to go into the pen and touch the animals and get up close. We were lucky enough to see two of the lambs being fed a bottle of milk by the farmer. There was great excitement and lots of talking about the animals and the visit. It really brought the topic of animals and spring to life!

The school also had 10 eggs arrive in school on Monday 25 March. Each class was given the opportunity to go and visit the eggs. By the Thursday morning all 10 eggs had hatched and we now had 10 chicks, 6 girls and 4 boys. The children loved going to visit the chicks and watching them grow and change. The female chicks were lucky enough to be adopted by a local family to be looked after. What a special treat in the lead up to Easter!

Ilana Freeman (EYFS leader)





Spring Term

It's been another busy term in KS1! In January Year 2 had a visit from Borehamwood and Elstree Fire Brigade as part of their 'London's Burning' topic.

It was a great opportunity for the children to find out more information about the role of the fire brigade and the importance of checking your smoke alarms regularly. To end the topic the children created their own mini Great Fire of London by making Tudor houses from cereal boxes and then setting them on fire!

In February Year 2 visited All Saints' Church in Borehamwood as part of this term's RE lessons. Rev Tim Warr allowed the children to explore the church, including lighting a candle and playing the organ. The children enjoyed sharing with Rev Tim what they had been learning in class and he kindly answered other questions they had.



Year 1 began the term learning about 'Toys'. Mrs Parsons brought in some of the toys she used to play with when she was little, including her favourite doll to show the children. They were able to look at the differences between her toys and the toys they play with today. Later in their topic they took part in a toy workshop where they found out about toys from the past and were able to handle a collection of old toys. During the second part of the workshop, each child was able to make their own toy to take home which they really enjoyed doing!

We also had a visit from Laura Mitchell, who is a gymnast for Great Britain and currently has a full scholarship for a training programme in America. She ran a 10 minute workshop with each class followed by an assembly and demonstration. The children enjoyed watching her do backflips across the school hall!

Saffron Green Primary School

Saffron Green's Easter production.

"The Gospel Show" by Miss Gray, class teacher.

During the spring term at Saffron Green, Years 3 and 4 worked together to get ready for their Easter production of "The Gospel Show".

The classes both enjoyed learning their songs, suggesting possible dance moves and putting on their costumes for the dress rehearsals. The children were kept busy leading up to their first performance. There were many jobs to get done, such as setting up the stage and preparing the many props that were needed for such a lavish performance.

Both the children and their teachers, Miss Sanders and myself, worked so very hard and we were very thankful to the children for all the hard work and dedication they put into retelling the Easter story. Many families joined us for two performances and they were not left disappointed. The standard of singing was set so high that we are all very excited to see what Years 5 and 6 will do for their summer production next term!

One child said, "I liked doing the songs because the class sounded amazing when we merged with the Year 3s. I loved showing it to my family members, especially my gran and sister who made my costume."

Another stated, "I liked learning my lines and how everyone worked together to be really loud during the songs. It was really lovely how proud my mum was of me and she said about how the class came together as a team."

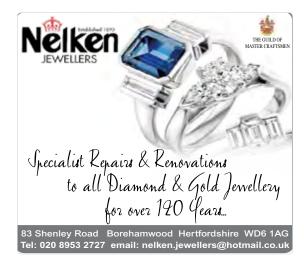
The term came to an end with a very beautiful Easter service at the Church of the Holy Cross.

Mrs Linda Storey Headteacher











Keep It Under Your Hat

Much of what we do as governors has to be in strict confidence. There are many things that we can talk about to other people, but even then, we have to be careful. The role of being a governor and a parent could sometimes be in conflict.

At this time of the year, many parents are anxious to know who their childrens' teachers will be next term. As a governor, you may be privy to this well ahead of time and sharing this information with other parents could well cause upsets that would result in undue pressure being put on the headteacher. Governors could also be aware of staff leaving and that too, might cause anxiety with some parents.

Usually, only a small proportion of governors are also parents but everyone is expected to maintain the same high level of confidentiality in school business. When for various reasons a headteacher resigns, this could cause some unease, and governors have to put in place the



process of recruitment well before it becomes common knowledge.

Governors have to make decisions about the pay of both teaching and non-teaching staff. Outcomes of meetings focused on this cannot be made general knowledge before the headteacher has had time to "Keep it under your hat!"

inform staff of the outcomes. As a result of the government not funding increased pensions and pay increases, schools have seen a significant dip in their budgets. Governors may have had to make hard decisions about staffing and as this could be an upsetting time for many people, keeping the information confidential is crucial.

From time to time, parents may want to raise some concerns but this must be done through the school and not by speaking to someone you know is a governor. Every school has a website on which the process of making complaints is spelt out. Even if it is a much smaller issue, the correct procedure is through the class teacher or the school office. All this is really important as there are often legal requirements that have to be followed precisely.

If you are interested in becoming a school governor and helping to make a difference, contact your local school or go to the website; https://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





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

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

Choose one of the following destinations and bring your proof of age and residence (driving licence or bus pass/passport and a utility bill) along to Fairway Hall, Brook Close, WD6 5BT from Monday 3 June 2019. Tickets are on a first come, first served basis and are on sale from 9am to 12 noon from

> Monday to Friday - strictly one per person. Please bring correct change.

There may be a chance to buy a second ticket after Tuesday 11 June 2019 if any remain unsold.

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





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



Civic Festival

15 June - 30 June 2019







2019 Civic Festival

Saturday 15 June

Carnival Parade

1:45pm - 3:30pm

A fortnight of Festival events begins with the Carnival Parade. Cheer on all our participants as they tour the town. Leaving Brook Road car park at 1.45pm, the procession heads down Leeming Road, Aycliffe Road Theobald Street, Shenley Road and back to Brook Road car park.

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

EBLOS - Courtain Up

Fairway Hall, 7.30pm

See page 20.

Sunday 16 June

Teddy's Trails Festival Walk from Little Bushey

Elstree and Borehamwood Railway Station

Join us for a bus ride to Little Bushey followed by a 5-mile (3 hour) conducted walk back across the countryside visiting points of interest along the way. Please wear strong footwear and bring a raincoat if the forecast is wet. Rearettably the trail is not suitable for wheelchairs or buggies. There will be a refreshments break at The Battle Axes pub.

The walk is free but registration is essential. Please register with www.hertsdirect.org/walksandmore. Every registered walker gets an exclusive "Teddy's Trails" water bottle free of charge.

Festival Service and Fun Day

Welcoming all faiths and none, the Festival Service this year takes place at Croxdale Road Synagogue. The service will celebrate the community and spirit of Elstree and Borehamwood. Service starts at 2pm.

The Elstree Mozart Players Summer Concert 21

All Saints' Church, Shenley Rd, 7.30pm

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

Tickets £5 from Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council, 020 8207 1382

dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk and at the door on the night.

EBLOS - Courtain Up

Fairway Hall, 3pm

See page 20.

Tuesday 18 June

Primary Schools Performing Arts Concert

Allum Hall, 9:30am

Local schools from around the area assemble at the Allum Hall for the Performing Arts Festival. Attendance is limited to pupils and parents only, so if your child is taking part, please contact their school for tickets and details.

Wednesday 19 June

BBC Concert Band "One Giant Leap... The Anniversary of the Moon Landings "

Allum Hall, 8pm

Festival favourites the BBC Elstree Concert Band return to present a concert of rousing classics and anthemic masterpieces inspired by the moon landing – the perfect accompaniment to a summer's evening. Doors open at Allum Hall, Allum Lane, at 7.30pm. Tickets are only £8 and are available from Fairway Hall or www.ticketsource.

Thursday 20 June

Elstree & Borehamwood's Got Talent

Fairway Hall

A gala night of pure entertainment at Fairway Hall as, with the help of the audience, our friendly judges select Town Talent 2019. You know the format! Who will emerge victorious to take the trophy and a special prize? If (you think) you have an entertaining talent, skill or party piece and can bring it to the stage we want to hear from you, young or old Tickets are free

For information and tickets contact dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk

Schools Art Show

96 Shenley Road, 2pm - 5pm

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

Friday 21 June

Borehamwood Brass Concert

All Saints Church, doors open 7.30pm

Borehamwood Brass Band provide a FREE musical treat with a full selection of well-known musical numbers. There'll be something for everyone.

Schools Art Show

96 Shenley Road, 2pm - 5pm

Saturday 22 June

Festival Parkrun

Aldenham Country Park, 9am

Parkrun running club stages the popular festival run at Aldenham Country Park. Be on your marks for the Fun Run. Whether you are an experienced runner or just want to try the Fun Run, this event is for all abilities. To register with Parkrun please go to www. parkrun.org.uk.

Festival Flower Show and Coffee Morning

All Saints Church, 10:30am - 3pm

Pop in to see some imaginative flower displays on show from many local community groups and organisations. It's a Festival of Colour!

Schools Art Show

96 Shenley Road, 9am - 5pm

Fire Station Open Day

Elstree Way, 1pm - 4pm

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

Elstree Productions 50 Years in the Making

Fairway Hall, 3pm and 7.30pm

See page 20.

Sunday 23 June

Museum History Walk

2pm - 4pm

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

For further details contact Elstree & Borehamwood Museum on 01442 454 888.

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Elstree Productions 50 Years in the Making

Fairway Hall, 3pm

See page 20.

Schools Art Show

96 Shenley Road, 2pm - 5pm

Monday 24 June

Festival Flower Show and Coffee Morning

All Saints Church, 11am - 1pm

Tuesday 25 June

Allotment Open Day

Melrose Allotments, Furzehill Road, 12pm

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

Wednesday 26 June

Town Council Festival Quiz

The Royal British Legion, 7pm

Enter a team in our Festival Quiz battle. Prizes for the winning team but more importantly the title of Festival Quiz Champions and the Trophy Shield! It's FREE to enter but you must register in advance as places in this ever-popular event are limited. Please contact 020 8207 1382 or email dsalter@ elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk to take part.

Thursday 27 June

Chess Club Evening

Fairway Hall, 7pm - 10pm

The Borehamwood Chess Club presents an evening of fun, friendly and competitive games. It you have never played before, they'll even show you how.

Friday 28 June

Petanque

Holy Cross Church, 7pm

Come and play the classic French game.

Saturday 29 June

Families Day

Meadow Park, Brook Road, 12pm - 4pm

Join us for our annual Families Day with free circus shows, free fairground rides, stalls, refreshments and

Sunday 30 June 2019

Outdoor Bandstand Concert featuring **Borehamwood Brass**

Meadow Park, from 1pm - 3.30pm

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For booking and further information

Marianne: 07888 741208 Jan: 07739 699774

Bring Your Own Drink & Glass



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.

LOVEWORLD A.K.A CHRIST EMBASSY

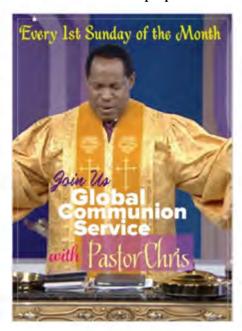
Our Vision is to take God's divine presence to the peoples and nations of the earth

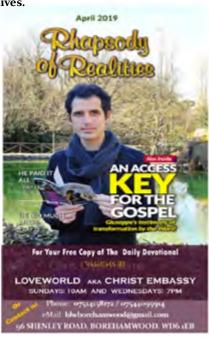
and to demonstrate the character of the Holy Spirit.

Our Mission is to raise generations of men and women who will come into

their inheritance and fulfil God's purpose for their lives.







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12 - year old girls bake sale scoops £1,000 for Hertsmere Mencap & Kisharon



School friends, Lara, Ella and Ariella sold hundreds of delicious homemade cakes and biscuits and raised £1,000 for people with disabilities.

The threesome had volunteered with Hertsmere Mencap and Kisharon while they were in primary school and while they now all go to different secondary schools, they wanted to come together to help people with greater challenges than their own.

The charity bake sale which was held at Ella's house and attended by Cllr Victor Eni, the Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood and his wife Martine, saw more than 60 people come through the door and generous donations were made from friends and family both in person and online

Cllr Eni said: "I am so impressed that these girls have started volunteering and raising money for charity in their community at such a young age. Without volunteers, charities would not be able to exist. Thank you also to everyone who turned out today and found time to support such worthwhile charities."

Hertsmere Mencap's mission is to transform the lives of children and adults and their families in Hertsmere by providing meaningful support and opportunities, www.hertsmeremencap.org.uk

Kisharon's goals are similar in that they aim to support each person so they can progress, achieve independence, enjoy life and be included in the communities in which they live. www.kisharon.org.uk.

For more information or to arrange interviews, please contact Lucy Sitton on 07770 746 655.





Elstree and Borehamwood NSPCC has begun 2019 with a fanfare of trumpets. Borehamwood Brass's generous donation from their Christmas Tesco Concert Collection of £1,800 was topped up by Telefonics UK Ltd to £2,000.

This has started our fundraising with a rousing overture. Our grateful thanks go to both organisations.

We hope to continue from this flying start with our Summer Lunch. This will be held on Wednesday 5 June at 12.30 for 1pm at Shenley Cricket Club. We have as our speaker Mr Richard Furnival Jones, ex Harrods, to entertain us with tales of the rich and famous. We shall also put on a delicious menu. Tickets at £35 can be obtained from anngoddard999@hotmail.com or 020 8953 1436 or from committee members. All money raised goes to support the NSPCC, the National Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Children.

We shall follow this with our annual Garden Party in the beautiful grounds of Schopwick Place Elstree on 14 July from 2pm to 5 pm, with thanks to Ann and Norman Shuker. Borehamwood Brass will provide live music followed by Paul Lomax on electric guitar, and there will be stalls, games and a super tea

On Sunday 17 November we will stage our well known Gift and Craft Fair in Allum Hall Elstree, where again many stalls will offer games and Christmas gifts and customers can enjoy our famous Chinese noodle lunches. Borehamwood Brass, the Community Choir and Paul Lomax will provide the live musical entertainment. We hope to put on our Children's Art Exhibition which is such a lively and colourful attraction.

Ann Goddard



Weight Management Hypnotherapy and Virtual Gastric Band Hypnotherapy

Struggling to control your weight? Need help alongside your slimmingclub?

Contact Debbie Maya (DVHGVT, DWMT) for more details at debbiemaya@yahoo.co.uk



Overcome your technophobia at Borehamwood Library

"Everything is online now" is a phrase we often hear at the Library.

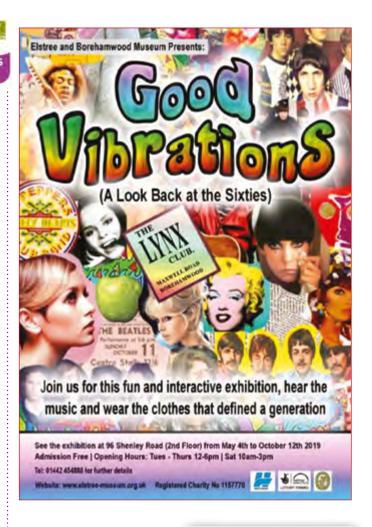
From banking to grocery shopping, from Blue Badge applications to passport renewals, from job-searching to Universal Credit. More and more of daily life requires a knowledge of technology. For many this is a daunting prospect- but with our Taster Sessions, it does not have to be.

What are Taster Sessions? Taster Sessions are one-hour lessons, available from Monday to Thursday, on an informal and one-to-one basis, with a member of staff at the Library. The sessions are held on the Library's second floor between our study areas. Whichever session is booked, it is always at the learner's pace and in a judgement-free environment where there are no wrong questions. The less you know makes absolutely no difference and it should not be a deterrent. Nor does it matter if you do not own a device- these can be provided.

Be it getting started with a computer or laptop, introducing you to the internet, or understanding the essentials for using an iPad or Android tablet- we cater for our learners in the knowledge that when you leave you are confident in your ability.

Our session times are Monday/Tuesday 2pm - 3pm, Wednesday 10am - 11am, Thursday 5pm - 6pm. All sessions must be booked and paid in advance and cost £7. For more specific information, and to book a Taster Session, visit the Library and speak with a member of staff at the enquiry desk.

David Powell, Borehamwood Library





The latest from Leecliffe Big Local

What has been happening?

As part of the nationwide Big Local resident-led initiative Leecliffe has been revising its plan to reflect the findings from the consultations and feedback we have had from the events we have been running. This has resulted in a renewal of our plan which has been endorsed by the Local Trust for 2019 - 2021.

We have also been continuing with projects such as Poverty and Isolation; BMX; Family, Children & Youth Activities; Health & Wellbeing.

What can you expect in the coming months?

We have several organised events that will be happening in the Big Local area. Here are a few:

- Leecliffe has commissioned Groundworks to organise some play activities for children:
- Watch out for Rebecca's 'Arty Attic' arts and crafts for families;
- We have also organised, in conjunction with Herts Sports Partnership and XPG Events, several sports events over the summer;
- Following on from the success over the last year we have arranged for Flip Theatre to continue the Life Skills drama based workshops

this summer in selected schools;

 We will be continuing the BMX activities which have proven to be popular.

Details for these events and more will be announced on our website and our Facebook page.

What is in the pipeline?

Leecliffe has submitted plans for a BMX track to Hertsmere Council, which will be accompanied with a BMX Bike Club. We will release more information as we have it.

Finally, Leecliffe Big Local is in the early stages of considering a permanent location for its operations and while it has expressed interest in a couple of locations, the decision as to the type of Hub has yet to be decided by the Partnership.

If you would like to get involved with Big Local and volunteer, please contact us, website www.leecliffe.org, or Facebook www.facebook.com/leecliffebl



The Jewel In The Crown

(MGM British Studios)

If ever there was a 'Rolls Royce' of British film studios, it was MGM British, which stood on 114 acres off Elstree Way from 1936 until 1970. For over three decades it produced world-famous films, attracting many of Hollywood's most legendary stars.

The studio was built in 1936 as Amalgamated Studios but never opened. The facility was purchased by Lord Rank and with the impending onset of war, it was leased to the Ministry of Works.

In 1944 MGM decided to invest in UK film production and purchased the studio plus additional acreage. After modernisation MGM launched its film production programme with *Edward My Son* starring Spencer Tracy.

The 1950s saw Clark Gable, Grace Kelly, Robert Taylor, Gene Kelly and Elizabeth Taylor filming at MGM. MGM needed a castle for *Ivanhoe* (Elizabeth and Robert Taylor) and a Chinese village for *The Inn of the Sixth Happiness* (Ingrid Bergman and Robert Donat in his final role). So, this being Britain's Hollywood, MGM built them!

The 1960s were just as busy years, filming *The Dirty Dozen*, whose backlot explosions kept local residents awake at night, Stanley

Kubrick's masterpiece 2001: A Space Odyssey, Where Eagles Dare with Richard Burton and Clint Eastwood, and low budget but popular efforts like Village of the Damned and Quatermass and the Pit. MGM British Studios also played host to television series, the best-remembered being Danger Man, the Gerry Anderson classic UFO and cult series The Prisoner.

By 1970 the Studios' parent company in Hollywood had been taken over and was awash with red ink. A 'fire sale' ensued and the 114 acre studio was sold off for under £2 million.

The buildings were demolished and the backlot developed for housing. The white clock tower, visible from the nearby A1 and a landmark in our town, survived longer than the rest of the studio, escaping demolition for another sixteen years until 1986 when it was destroyed despite attempts to list it.



Ivanhoe's Castle



Aerial view



MGM British Studios

2020 will be the 50th anniversary of the sudden closure of MGM British Studios, and Elstree Screen Heritage will be celebrating their many achievements. Our programme will include a comprehensive account of 'The Jewel In The Crown', the result of 50 years of research by local film historian Paul Welsh. To assist us in creating as full an account as possible, Paul would like to speak with anyone with memories of working at MGM British.

If you would like to support us by meeting with Paul, please contact us now by email to contact@ElstreeScreenHeritage. org or write to us at 85 Deacons Hill Road, Elstree, WD6 3HZ.

Borehamwood Foodbank

Thank you again so much for your generous support of the Foodbank. This last financial year to 31 March we fed 3,295 people and were donated around 30,000 Kg of food.

We were also able to give fuel grants to those facing fuel poverty in our Surviving Winter appeal, thanks to grants and generous donations.

We have recently held a number of very successful events-

The visit of Cardinal Vincent Nichol to launch the Lent appeal for the Westminster diocese was a great honour. This year focuses on food poverty and how to prevent it. Our Foodbank, one of the first in the diocese, was pioneering in its work on tackling Holiday Hunger.

Slow cooker event - Two of our borough councillors, Anthony Spencer and Peter Wayne, donated 12 slow cookers and cookery books. We held our first demonstration and learnt a lot on how best to use them. They can be a great help to those who do not have access to a stove. We are repeating the event with a hands-on session on the morning of Monday 17 June. Please contact us if interested.

Easter family lunches - We had great fun making Easter bunnies, 'stained glass' windows, cards, potted plants and much more, followed by an excellent lunch and food bags and Easter eggs to take home. These events are for all the family and it is great to see all ages joining in. Anyone who is struggling to feed the family in the school holidays is welcome, so do get in touch. Our next sessions will be on Wednesdays in August. We would especially like to welcome new families.

We have just secured funding for a Citizens Advice worker to attend all our sessions to help clients with a variety of issues - benefits, housing, domestic violence, debt and so much more. It is friendly, totally private and confidential.

If you are struggling please do call in. We are open

Mondays (not bank holidays) 1pm - 3.30pm and Thursdays 10am - 12.30pm. St Teresa's Church Hall, Shenley Road behind the civic centre. Phone 020 3583 1109 or email info@borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk





Gratitude

Gratitude UK is a local charity based in Borehamwood that's been running for six years. Its main aim is to relieve food poverty and reduce food waste in Borehamwood and surrounding areas. It rescues good quality surplus food and non food items from various supermarkets and shops that would otherwise end up in landfill and redistributes it to the community.

It runs various outreach programmes open to people from the community. It has a free lunch called Community Cooking and Sharing on Wednesdays at St Teresa's Church in Borehamwood, an after school CommuniTEA every Thursday at Bushey Hartspring Lane Community Centre, a Community Pantry in Borehamwood, Free Fruit Tuesdays to over 15 local schools in Hertfordshire, a knitting club that makes hats and sweaters for premature babies at a local hospital, plus several other outreach activities locally.



Gratitude has just been awarded the Hertsmere Civic Award for 2019 presented by the Mayor of Hertsmere, Councillor Brenda Batten, for the services it has undertaken for the benefit of the residents of the borough.

Please have a look at its website www.gratitude4all.org and www.facebook.com/GratitudeUK108 for regular updates on its activities and volunteering opportunities.













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Three Ways Community Centre

In the heart of Ripon Park, Borehamwood. Recently refurbished with a licenced bar Threeways is the go-to venue for Classes, Wedding Receptions, Christenings, Birthday Parties & more









Royal British Legion, Borehamwood

On 31 January 2019, three members from the Borehamwood Royal British Legion Women's Section attended the national conference of the women's section which was held at the Guildhall in Winchester.

Members from all across the UK attended the conference, which started with the Parade of Standards through the Guildhall and the introduction of dignitaries to the meeting.

The local mayor welcomed everybody to the venue and wished them all a good conference.

Motions discussed during the meeting varied from the harmonisation of sections and integration of the men and women's sections, to changes to the rules of the section.

Several awards and trophies were presented for various competitions and achievements throughout the year to different branches.

Borehamwood Branch was fortunate to receive "The Londonderry Trophy" which is presented to the branch which, over the year, managed to recruit the most new members. The award was presented by HRH Princess Anne to Borehamwood Branch President, Mrs Carol Denbigh.

Borehamwood Royal British Legion is open to all and would like to welcome more new members over the next twelve months. As well as supporting the Legion charity, members enjoy a varied social life within the branch and club located at 289 Shenley Road. Anybody interested should just call in for more information.



Live Well - Borehamwood

Live Well - Borehamwood is a friendly 50+ social community group. It was set up to support the lonely, isolated, bereaved and those with disabilities. The club originally started in 2014 as a pilot and since 2015 the group has been self-sustaining.

We meet at Farriers Way Community Hall every Monday from 1pm - 3pm. We enjoy a full diary of events including arts and crafts sessions, quizzes/ raffles/ bingo, meditation sessions and chair exercises, as well as regular parties and day trips.

We endeavour to help all our members by providing support and activities that help them keep their minds and bodies healthy and active, and promote everyone to live well.

Our members can enjoy the company of others, listen to outside speakers, enjoy planned sessions and outings, and also feel like part of a supportive network.

Absences are noted and a member of the committee follows up to ensure all our members are well. We have a group mobile phone which members can use in case of emergency. Many of our members have explained that the group is like a lifeline to them.

The group is run by a treasurer, Bid Writer, secretary and group committee as well as all members. We operate an equal opportunities policy and welcome everyone to our group.

Our annual membership is £5 per person with a weekly subscription of £2. The weekly subscriptions help to finance the refreshments provided for the group and any other activities that take place. Carers who are supporting members attend free. We have also been very fortunate in receiving some funding which has provided entertaining and memorable outings for our members.

Please come along for a free taster session and you can see what the group is about. Everyone is welcome.



St. George's Day Parade

Cllr Sandra Parnell took part in the St George's Day Parade which started at Newberries Car Park in Radlett and ended at the Christ Church grounds where various activities took place.

Many groups took part including Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and volunteers. Popcorn was made as well as many other activities during the day.

Cllr Parnell said "it was a pleasure for me to be invited to be with such community minded people".



Studios Rotary Club

The Studios Club now has it's new banner. Thanks to Helen Stammers for organising it all.

The Barn Dance at St Teresa's Parish Hall on Friday 12 April raised £600 for Rotary Projects. This was a fantastic evening with dancing to Jack in

a Box led by Roswitha Lamb, and the caller was Nick Male.

Thanks to Sasha for the ploughman's. The food was excellent as usual. Thanks to Karen Forrester for the table decorations and to Heather Covill for the table names.



Know Your Blood Pressure day Saturday 13 April

The Studios Rotary Club took part in the Stroke Association KYBP at Tesco store.

Altogether the blood pressure of 103 people was taken on the day. Thank you to David Rose and Hilary Brown from Radlett Rotary Club, Dr Ann Goddard, Linda, Jane Dyer and Sasha Capocci for taking the blood pressure. Elaine Butchins, Sam Covill, Andrew Grady, Nick Male, Irmine Mason, Sandra Parnell, Helen Stammers and Pat Strack all helped with information and awareness raising. The event was attended by the Deputy Mayor Anne Mitchell and organised by Helen Stammers.





Studios Rotary Club Fantastic Beasts

The newly chartered Studios Rotary Club of Elstree and Bprehamwood took 60 pupils plus staff from St Teresa's School to the Reel Cinema on Monday 21 January.

The Club President, President Elect Nick Male, Vice president Sasha Cappocci, Rotarians Karen Moore, Helen Stammers and another Rotarian greeted them. The Studios Club has an astounding 22 members and 6 friends of the club. A grant from the Kids Out Rotary foundation paid for the trip.

Each child received a Kids Out Cap as a memento of the amazing treat.

St Teresa's children had missed out on the trip at the last minute on 10 December when students and staff from Kenilworth, Monksmead, Parkside and Summerswood enjoyed Fantastic Beasts. The behaviour of all children and the staff was exemplary. Well done to all.

Elstree Mozart Players

The Messiah from Scratch

Elstree Mozart Players led by Lucy Cumming and conducted by Derek Holland, performed a concert in All Saint's Church in Borehamwood on Saturday 27 April 2019.

The concert included local choral societies and community choirs in a performance of Handel's 'Messiah from Scratch' and it was the first in this year's series of 'Concerts in the Wood' that runs throughout the year.

The thirty piece first class orchestra performed with choirs drawn from the local community. One of the soloists for the evening's concert was internationally renowned soprano Janice Watson.

The concert, which was organised in conjunction with Rev Tim Warr, Vicar of All Saint's Church was in aid of The Children's Society, raising £200 for this worthwhile charity.



For anyone interested in knowing more information about the 'Concert in the Wood' season series, please contact either Pat Strack on 020 8386 3151 or Andrew Grady on 07802 736628, or email elstreemozartplayers@outlook.com.

Woodcock Hill Village Green



Hertsmere Local Plan

The committee made a strong representation that land north of Barnet Lane (BE6) should not be taken out of the green belt for development of 320 homes. Further the committee responded that land north of Barnet Lane east of Woodcock Hill likewise should remain as Green Belt to prevent the coalescence of Elstree and Borehamwood. (Sites HEL197a 55 homes, 197b 50 homes, 209b 70 homes, total 495).

Members and residents mounted strong opposition to any building along Barnet Lane adjacent to the Village Green. Any development there will destroy the open aspect of the Green Belt and put greater strain on the local infrastructure.

Working Parties

Volunteers led by Alex Melson worked on a variety of tasks in January, February, March and April to manage the growth of vegetation and clear litter. More trees were planted. Another bench was installed just beyond the entrance at Carrington Avenue. Residents will be able to relax, reflect and enjoy yet another aspect of this historic site.

The notice board will be erected at the next working party. Committee members, Clive Butchins, Yvonne Harris, Jo Kay, Sandra Parnell, Paul Peters, Pat Strack, Pete and Sue Williams, are led by Alex Melson, WHVG project manager. Volunteers are always needed and welcome. A rolling programme of bramble clearance has been paid for by Tesco Green Bag Grant.

Next meetings: Sundays 12 May, 9 June, 14 July, 11 August.

Membership £5 pa per household contact pat.strack@ntlworld.com







What's on

Clubs & Groups

Friends of Care Homes

'An Evening Out in the Afternoon' Radlett. **Weekly Sundays, 3pm to 4.45pm** Tel: 01923 289890

DR96 Over 60s Club

Wednesdays, 10am - 12noon

96 Shenley Road.

New members welcome.

Borehamwood Drop In

Every Tuesday, 9.30am - 12noon

Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood, WD6 5BT

£1.50 per week

Borehamwood Women's Institute

Every 2nd Monday of the month, 2pm

Allum Manor, room 2, Allum Lane. There is a step free access, plenty of parking, 107 bus stops outside.

Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia

Every Tuesday, 2pm - 4pm

Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood WD6 5BT

Foodbank

Family lunches.

Wednesdays August 7, 14, 21, 28Please contact 020 3583 1109 or

Please contact 020 3583 1109 or borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk to book a space.

Live Well

Borehamwood, friendly 50+ social group.

Every Monday 1pm - 3pm

Farriers Way Community Hall, 27 Farriers Way, Borehamwood, WD6 2TB. Everyone is welcome.

Tel: 07955 403 746

email: livewell@groupmal.com

Free taster session. £5 annual membership fee and £2 weekly subscription.

Gratitude

Community cooking and sharing. Free vegetarian community lunch.

Every Wednesday (term time), 1 pm

St Theresa Parish Hall,

291 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, WD6 1TG.

Borehamwood WI

2nd Monday monthly,- 2pm - 4pm

Room 2, The Manor House, 2 Allum Lane, Elstree. WD6 3PJ

Our programme for the coming months: Monday 10 June: Kay Ball - Skin care Monday 8 July: Michelle Priestly - My travels.

Dementia Club UK

3rd Monday of every month, 1pm - 3pm

The Venue, Leisure Centre Elstree Way, Borehamwood, WD6 1JY

Please contact 07956 858913 or email lisa.rutter@dementiaclubuk.org.uk dementiaclubuk.org.uk

Sunday 14 July

NSPCC Garden Party

Schopwick House, Elstree

Contact Ann Goddard for more details anngoddard999@hotmail.com

Monday 17 June

Foodbank Slow Cooker Event

10.30am

Please contact 020 3583 1109 or borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk to book a space.

Tuesday 18 June

U3A Talk

"Famous Spies - Inspirations for James Bond, Mata Hari etc" by Hugh Granger

St Teresa's Church Hall, 10.30am

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

Sunday 7 July

Great Faith Get Together

Itinerary to be announced, 2pm

Visiting places of worship in Borehamwood. For details 01442-769834 or 07958-276011.

Saturday 13 July

The Summer Reading Challenge

Borehamwood Library

This year's theme is "Space Chase" to mark the 40th anniversary of man landing on the Moon.

Contact Borehamwood Library 0300 123 4049

Tuesday 16 July

U3A Talk

"The Sainsbury Family Business" by Trevor Baker

St Teresa's Church Hall, 10.30am

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

Saturday 20 July

Borehamwood & District Garden Craft Society - Summer Flower Show

Allum Hall, Elstree, WD6 3PJ,

1:30pm - 4:30pm

Saturday 21 September

Borehamwood & District Garden Craft Society - Autumn Harvest Show

Allum Hall, Elstree, WD6 3PJ, 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Summertime with Borehamwood Brass

- Friday 21 June Civic Festival Summer Concert 2019
- Sunday 30 June St Michaels Parish Council VE Day Celebrations
- Sunday 7 July Borehamwood Park Band Stand concert
- Sunday 14 July NSPCC Garden Party, Shopwick House Elstree

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 are particularly interested to welcome tenor horn, euphonium, and cornet players.

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

Website: www.borehamwoodbrass.org.uk, Facebook: www.facebook.com/borehamwoodbrass, Twitter: www.twitter.com/BWoodbrass



Outdoor Concerts in Meadow Park

Sunday 30 June 2019

Potters Bar Town Band

Sunday 7 July 2019

Borehamwood Brass

Sunday 21 July 2019

Hemel Hempstead Band

Sunday 28 July 2019

Welwyn Garden City Band

Concerts commence at 3pm and will have a local community group performing prior to the commencement of these concerts.



EVENTS FOR 2019 COMING SOON!

FOR DATES, CHECK OUT...

leecliffe.org
facebook.com/leecliffebl

Annual Report 2018/19



Mayor's Summary

Summing up at the Council meeting on 13 March 2019, the outgoing Town Mayor Cllr V Eni said "Martine and I attended a great number of Engagements since I became Mayor. This was a great honour for both of us and I particularly enjoyed the occasions here at Fairway Hall, raising funds for Hertsmere MENCAP my chosen charity and during Black Awareness Week when we had our Diversity Festival. Trips to Offenburg and Fontenay-aux-Roses (our twin towns) enabled us to renew our friendships overseas. The Festival Fortnight was a very busy time for everyone at the Town Council and Martine and I really enjoyed participating in all of the events from the Parade to Families Day. I wish the Council (members and staff) a successful year after the May elections."



Community Services

Hall Bookings: Fairway Hall was booked for 1,768 hours for casual hire such as party bookings, amateur dramatics and shows. Regular hirers for the year were:

- Ballet: Hertsmere Academy of Performing Arts
- Sports and Youth Development
- Drop In Centre (Over 60s)
- Dementia Support Group
- Born to Move
- Weight Watchers
- Borehamwood & Elstree Twin Town Association

- Yoga
- Arts XP Classes
- MENCAP Keep Fit to Music
- Taekwondo
- Borehamwood Islamic Society

Improvements to Fairway Hall during the year included the installation of an air conditioning unit, new blinds, curtains and repairs to the maple sprung flooring.

Allotments

Site	Managed	Occupied	Occupancy
Allum Lane	47	42	89%
Melrose Avenue	99	98	99%
Stapleton Gardens	54	52	96%
Total	201	193	96%



Planning and Consultations: The Council considered a total of 388 planning applications referred to it by Hertsmere Borough Council as a statutory consultee. Comments were made on 67 of these with concerns including issues of smaller unit developments failing to meet local needs for family sized homes and concerns over the high levels of retrospective applications locally. Consultation responses were made on the Hertsmere Local Plan (Planning for Growth) and Hertsmere Borough Council's Revised Statement of Licensing Policy.

Site and Street Maintenance: In partnership with local businesses, the Council maintains the film plaques in Borehamwood, 47 benches and 10 notice boards. Both War Memorials, St Nicholas and All Saints churchyards (and church clocks) are maintained by the grounds team and the High Street planter cost is shared with Hertsmere Borough Council. Using Community Infrastructure Levy monies, the Town Council initiated an ambitious project to rejuvenate and standardise all benches and noticeboards in the Town.



Grants: In 2018/19 the Town Council was proud to have assisted the following organisations with grant awards to contribute to the cost of local activities which are of benefit to the community (or a section of it).

The total sum granted in Budgeted and Community grants was £7,150 as follows:

- BETTA (Twin Town Association) £1,500 for admin costs;
- Boreham Wood Football Club £1,600 for advertising (with an additional award of £150,000 from Community Infrastructure Levy monies to help build a new North Stand);
- The Jewish Life Centre £1,800 for security costs;
- Elstree Mozart Players £500 for performance costs;
- Otters Swimming Club £250 for a swimming teacher (for children with disabilities):
- Elstree Productions £500 for production costs; and
- EBLOS (Operatic Society) £1,000 for production costs.

Transport Forum: The Council hosted four Transport Forum meetings open to the public and those with an interest in transport and road safety issues (topics included train and bus services, police updates and ongoing problems of traffic flow in Borehamwood and Elstree).



Community Safety Meeting (CSM): A new Forum was established (at a Town level) to promote services and share information on community safety with representation from Hertsmere Constabulary, Herts Fire and Rescue, Neighbourhood Watch, Clarion Housing and other interested parties.

China Sister Town: The Council continued to investigate ways of forging links and friendship with Huainan in China (Sister Town) and a delegation visit from China took place (including a visit to the Houses of Parliament).

Leisure and Entertainment

Coach Trips: The 12 subsidised Summer coach trips for the over 60s included an extra trip to Eastbourne and the new destination of Portsmouth. Christmas Market Winter trips were enjoyed to the South Bank and Canterbury. Residents completed a satisfaction questionnaire with new destinations mentioned for future consideration.



Civic Festival: The Festival fortnight began with a civic parade to the theme of 150 Years of the railway line coming to Elstree and Borehamwood. Highlights included a BBC Band Concert (A Night at the Movies) at Allum Hall, Festival Park Run at Aldenham Reservoir (159 runners competed and each received a participant's badge – the event has grown over the past two years to be an integral part of the Festival schedule), outdoor Bandstand Concert with Borehamwood Brass and local band 'Soul Jump', the ever popular Teddy's Trails guided walk (from Arkley this year) and Elstree and Borehamwood's Got Talent. Families Day included 42 community stalls. Arena events were Clown Time Stunt Show and Lamb and Sheep Dog Display.

Fireworks Display: This was the 28th free entry fireworks display, choreographed this year to music inspired by trains and the railway, enjoyed safely by over 5,000 spectators.



Remembrance Sunday: This year the Council organised a special event to commemorate the end of World War I with a "Battle's Over" event and Beacon Lighting at Woodcock Hill.



Christmas Switch On Display: The BBC Band performed its annual Christmas concert at Allum Hall. The Switch On ceremony was conducted by Town Mayor, Cllr V Eni with the help of Wembley stars Boreham Wood Football Club. Activities included free Santa's Grotto, ice skating and children's rides. Borehamwood Brass Band, Community Choir, Elstree Productions and local musician James Stowell helped to generate a festive mood. Four schools performed concerts at All Saints Church.



Children and Young People

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

Youth Council: Work undertaken during the year included a visit to St Pancras station (as part of the 150 years of the railway project), a presentation from a local Rotary Club and a competition at the Museum initiated by the Youth Councillors.



Public Access Report and Communications

The report contents were approved by Full Council on 13 March 2019 and the report is available for inspection by any elector in the Parish area by contacting the Town Council Offices or viewing on the Council website (www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk). The report is published in the quarterly Town Crier publication distributed to every resident in Elstree and Borehamwood (16,000 copies). Copies are available at the Town and Borough Councils and at Borehamwood Library.

Finances

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

	Actual year to date	Current annual budget			
General Management					
Expenditure	£467,630	£350,600			
Income	£551,196	£502,532			
Net Expenditure	-£83,566	-£151,932			
Environment an	d Planning				
Expenditure	£17,533	£26,460			
Income	£8,198	£7,189			
Net Expenditure	£9,335	£19,271			
Leisure and Entertainment					
Expenditure	£108,410	£116,314			
Income	£10,516	£10,544			
Net Expenditure	£97,894	£105,770			
Community Support					
Expenditure	£40,662	£48,060			
Income	Nil	Nil			
Net Expenditure	£40,662	£48,060			
TOTALS					
Expenditure	£634,235	£541,434			
Income	£569,910	£520,265			
Net Expenditure	£64,324	£21,169			

General Reserve Fund at Year End: £15,178 (plus 3 savings vehicles £300,000).

Earmarked Reserves at Year End: (Van: £6,451, Capital Projects: £205,527, Election: £18,000, Future Planning: £40,000).

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level in the Local Councils Award Scheme, run by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC). The council received the prestigious award for demonstrating best practice in governance, community engagement and administration.

Local Council Award

Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council has

become the first of over 100 parish and town

authorities in Hertfordshire to be rated "Quality"

Scheme - Quality

According to town clerk Huw Jones, elements of its performance highlighted by NALC included, it's quarterly Town Crier magazine, its involvement in clubs and local organisations and its well thought out policy documents, together with its commitment to seek new opportunities to improve and develop further.

The scheme celebrates the successes of the very best local councils and provides a framework to support all local councils to improve and develop to meet their full potential.



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.

4 June	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7.30pm
5 June	Community Safety Meeting	Main Hall	7pm
12 June	FULL COUNCIL	Main Hall	7.30pm
18 June	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7pm
3 July	Transport Forum	Main Hall	7pm
9 July	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7.30pm
11 July	General Management	Meeting Room	7pm
16 July	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7pm
3 September	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7.30pm
4 September	FULL COUNCIL	Main Hall	7.30pm

Note: Times and venues of meetings may be changed at short notice. Meetings listed are open to the press and public.

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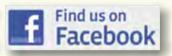
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