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Hear ye! Hear ye!

Letter from the Mayor...



After a hectic holiday season we have entered a new year and a new decade.

2019 was an eventful year for many of us. We had local elections last May when we welcomed a number of newly elected town councillors and said good bye to a number of departing members.

A new royal was born on 6 May and we had a general election in December. Elstree & Borehamwood railway station ticket hall was re-opened after major works to extend and improve the building and we commemorated the 75th anniversary of D Day and of course 50 years since the first landing on the moon.

My wife Gina and I had the honour of representing Elstree and Borehamwood at the armistice commemoration in our twin town of Fontenay-Aux-Roses just outside Paris. We laid wreaths on behalf of our residents and the Twin Town Association (BETTA) at the war memorial in the Place du General de Gaulle.

Locally the town council organised a number of fantastic events. The holiday season started with a bang with our ever popular annual fireworks display on Guy Fawkes night. This was followed by the Christmas lights switch on by the actor Bob Barrett of Holby City fame and carol concert at All Saints Church. The festivities did not end there. We also had a Christmas lights switch on at the station. This time the lights were turned on by Boreham Wood FC.

These events were followed by the BBC Big Band concert at Allum Manor and two public menorah lightings to celebrate the Jewish festival of Chanukah.

I was also delighted to raise nearly £3,000 in aid of my mayoral charity, Peace Hospice Care at a Chanukah Party held at Fairway Hall. My thanks go to the sponsors and the volunteers that enabled this event to happen.

There is so much going on in our town nearly every day of the week, with something to interest everyone. We are really lucky to have an army of volunteers involved in so many organisations and activities. Without them our town would cease to tick.

We are now in the second half of the municipal year and I look forward to meeting residents at our public forums and of course the annual Parish Meeting on 4 March.

Before I sign off, I would like publicly to thank the town council staff for everything they do for our town. Council officers work diligently outside in all weathers and give up their evenings and weekends to ensure the smooth running of Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council services.

On behalf of my wife and daughters, I would like to wish you all a healthy, happy, prosperous and peaceful 2020.

Clr Simon Rubner
Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood
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So, whether you are an existing group already involved in culture, an individual artist, musician or dancer, or a school or local group wanting to know how you can take part in a cultural activity, please do join us to celebrate, share and enjoy Hertfordshire's cultural offer!

Activities, special events and experiences will be taking place during 12 themed months that look to celebrate different types of art, share cultural experiences and explore our creative heritage.

Months include promoting local museums and theatres, exploring the county's culture in our towns and parks, encouraging you to try



something new or get involved with volunteering.

So, no matter what art and culture means to you – there will be something for everyone.

To find out more about HYOC2020 visit our website at www.HYOC2020.org.uk; where you can sign up to our mailing list.

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HYOC2020 is supported by all eleven Hertfordshire local authorities. The programme board has additional representation from the University of Hertfordshire, Visit Herts and Trestle Theatre Company. For further information, please contact the HYOC2020 project co-ordinator, Liz Gore at hyoc2020@hertsmere.gov.uk



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Compost Corner



'Let them eat worms'

We've well and truly arrived in 2020. A belated Happy New Year to you!

You might think there isn't much to do in the garden. However, now is a great time to stock up your bird feeders ready for the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch later this month.

This year the Birdwatch takes place on 25 - 27 January. Spend just one hour watching and recording the birds in your garden or local green space, then send your results to the RSPB and you can help track bird numbers. Visit www.rspb.org.uk to sign up online for a pack.

Allotment holders are cracking on, and there are several newcomers to welcome to the fold including Kelly! When I spoke to her, she described herself as 'old-school' having been brought up in a family who cultivated four allotments in Radlett. Now a young woman with her own family, Kelly knows what to expect and has inherited the grafting gene from her dad.

Even though she's already sacrificed a strip in the garden for growing veg, it wasn't nearly enough space to grow all the fresh fruit and veg they like to eat... like kale and spinach for smoothies, yellow cucumbers – her 4 year old's favourite – and fruit bushes, and she's looking forward to preserving produce and discovering ways of storing root crops next winter.



Allotment growing offers a whole-body workout in the fresh air, Kelly explains, and not only that, but she's found a lot of research advocating a more plant-based diet for health. Microwave ready-meals might be convenient but don't necessarily optimise health and well-being. Her 4 year old is chomping at the bit to get up to the allotment whenever possible, and is looking forward to helping make a special tepee which will have beans growing up it, and perhaps a mud kitchen...

Kelly wistfully reflects on last year's photo, of her child happily sitting in the mud and chomping on a worm. Life is for living, being in the moment, and fully experiencing!, she exclaims. I agree 100% and I'm sure so does the robin!

Anne Nicodemus

Green smoothie

One recipe out of hundreds online for a green smoothie.

- 1 banana;
- 200g baby spinach or Kale (stems removed);
- 250ml fresh apple juice;
- 1 lime.

Peel and chop banana into chunks (you can use ripe uneaten bananas previously peeled, chopped and frozen). Wash spinach if necessary, slice lime in half, squeezing the juice from both halves into food processor with other ingredients added. Blitz until smooth. Pour and enjoy!

Kids love it.



If you are interested in renting an allotment plot from Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council please call 020 8207 1382 or email warden@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk



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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 Issues
- Planning

NEXT MEETINGS:

**Tues: 17th March and 12th May 2020 - arrive at 7.45pm
 (meeting is from 8pm to 9.30pm prompt)**

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School News

St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

Helping and remembering others at St Teresa's

The pupils of St Teresa's had a busy autumn term. The whole school took part in a sponsored Elf Run to raise money for the Peace Hospice in Watford. Children joined staff and parents to run several laps around the school and this raised a fantastic £1,262 for this worthy cause. This event was organised in memory of the late Carol Tucker, who had been dinner lady at St Teresa's for a number of years.



On 11 November the whole school took part in a Remembrance Day assembly led by the school council.

Able Seaman George Mills (a past pupil) stood on parade during the two minutes silence at 11am. Later Mr Mills visited each class and told them about his career in the navy.

On 15 November, St Teresa's school choir joined three other local schools to sing live on the BBC's Children in Need show. This was a wonderful experience for the children, helping to raise money for others less fortunate than themselves and also seeing inside a working studio.



Can you help us?

This year we are working to raise our pupils' aspirations for the future by holding Dream Catcher days. We are looking for help with this. The Dream Catcher days will give the children a chance to hear and learn about different professions and the skills and/or studying needed to do these different jobs. We want to inspire our pupils and give them ideas for their future careers. Therefore we are asking our parents, past pupils

and our local community to help with this. If you are willing to come into our school and speak to a class or larger group about your job and how you trained for this role, please contact the school office (admin@stteresas.herts.sch.uk) to discuss this further. We would especially like past pupils to come back and speak with the children, so please spread the word.

Ms Teresa McBride
Head teacher

Woodlands Primary School

Embedded within our curriculum at Woodlands are our core values which have been carefully selected by all stakeholders and planned to ensure that children are prepared for their next steps in education and indeed for adulthood.

In the autumn B half term, we focused upon the value of 'kindness'. The children completed a number of activities to show kindness within our community:

Nursery and Reception

Nursery and Reception sang their Christmas songs to the whole school.



Year 1

Year 1 made Christmas cards for a local care home. As you can see from their faces, the patients were over-the-moon to receive these messages of kindness.



Year 2

Year 2 wrote and sent letters to A&E nurses to thank them for the excellent job they do – especially over the festive season. This was after they had a visit from an A&E nurse and learnt about how much kindness the nurses show to patients.

Year 3

Year 3 were inspired to write a letter to thank the local police for their efforts in keeping our community safe.



Year 4

Year 4 sang Christmas Carols at both Fountain Court and Forest Care.



Year 5

Year 5 made Christmas cards and sent them to some homes in our local vicinity to spread some Christmas joy. We hope the residents of Alban Crescent and Bradbury Close enjoyed receiving them.



Year 6

Year 6 made cards and small gifts for another local care home.



And what do you do?

This is the question that I get from people when I ask them if they are interested in becoming a school governor. The answer is to support the headteacher and the school, but also to hold it to account.

Schools welcome people from a range of backgrounds and the only real qualification is to be willing to give up some time and contribute to discussions in meetings. The time that being a governor contributes is around 20 hours a year. Individual governors might do much more than this if they visit assemblies and productions.

The most important thing that governors do is appoint a good headteacher. If they don't get this right it can be catastrophic. Today this is even more difficult because of the shortage of applicants. At one time, we would have a short list of up to 20 people who wanted to be headteachers, but today you are lucky to get three candidates.



The reasons for this are the heavy workload and the high

expectation there is of them. For parents and governors there is nothing wrong with this. We want our children to do well at school, which means good teaching and children applying themselves. One of the things that governors always ask questions about is the progress of all children, not just the more able. Governors compare the progress of many different groups of children. How are children on free school meals doing compared to other children, how are summer born children doing, or children with special needs and children with English as an additional language?

If you are interested in becoming a school governor, 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
If you want to know more contact Geoff Strack on 020 8386 3151 or email geoff.strack@ntlworld.com



Saffron Green Primary School

All the children at Saffron Green worked so hard last term that they thoroughly deserved their festive fun. Such a wonderful time of year for primary schools. The last week of term was packed with entertainment starting off with the pantomime Aladdin. The children enjoyed this very much and joined in with all the traditions that come with it.

The Higgledy Piggledy Nativity

This was followed by the children in Early Years and KS1 putting on the nativity story for their parents, grandparents, friends and carers. Early Years treated us to "The Higgledy Piggledy Nativity". Miss Curran and Miss Burchell put on a wonderful show which was extremely well attended. The children's joyful singing certainly spread festive cheer. Miss Curran told me, "This term the children and adults in EYFS at Saffron Green Primary School worked really hard to learn their lines and practise the songs for their Christmas production, Higgledy, Piggledy Nativity." The play told the story of the first Christmas from the perspective of the animals in the stable

and highlighted just how hectic, but exciting, this special event must have been. The teachers and teaching assistants were so proud of their pupils for the effort and enthusiasm they showed for the play, and are thankful to the parents for their support with costumes and helping their children rehearse their lines and songs at home. It is definitely a team effort to put on a school production like this. We had a good turnout from parents, family and friends of the children in the play and received lovely feedback. One parent commented "I'm very proud of my son and his class", and another parent told us "That was a lovely play! You could see how much effort had gone into it."



An Alien Christmas

Miss Arbi and Miss Thai hosted the Year 1 and 2 production An Alien Christmas. Years 1 and 2 worked very hard this term learning their lines for their Christmas production. She shared, "At Saffron Green we like to stick with the traditional story but add an exciting twist! Which is why we decided to include aliens. Both classes worked together to learn songs which were part of the play. They were full of enthusiasm from the start. During tiring times their energy kept all staff members going! The parents' comments were so encouraging. One mum said "I'm very proud of my son and his class friends". Another added "I cannot believe how great they were at such a young age with a huge audience." A huge thank you to everyone involved.



Christmas fair

Thanks to Miss Petrou, our Christmas Fair offered the children a wide range of entertainment. Of course Santa popped in from Lapland. However, there were also many games to play and prizes to be won as well as gifts available to buy. Lucie in Year 5 shared with us that "There was a lovely lady selling jewellery and hair bows, I brought a beautiful necklace for my mum to give her at Christmas." Connor in Year 2 was most impressed with the sweets he won and Gabrielle in Year 3 told us "I went on the bouncy castle while my sister got her nails painted. We played the toy tombola and lucky stocking. My sister ate the chocolate that I won! I played hook a hoop on Rudolf. We had to wear a blindfold whilst doing it. It was lots of fun and we won a prize every time." The tombola was by far the favourite with the adults.

The week ended with our traditional Christmas service at Holy Cross Church. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both the Annes (our Church Wardens) for allowing us to use the church. A big thank you too to all the parents who joined us for this service.

Town Council visit

In December members of the school council came to the Town Council offices to meet the Deputy Mayor Cllr Sandra Parnell to ask her questions about what it's like being a Mayor and Town Councillor and to let the council know about their ambitions for their school.

Mrs Storey
Headteacher





Hertswood Academy

Hertswood Academy's official opening

On Monday 16 December, Hertswood Academy held the official opening event for its brand new academy buildings. After eight years of planning and construction work, the world-class buildings are now offering greatly improved facilities to both students and staff.

Beginning the evening with refreshments and canapés, the invited guests then moved into the Academy's outstanding new theatre for short speeches from Headteacher, Peter Gillett and Chair of Governors, Martin Doe. Former Head Girl and now student of history at Oxford University, Rosie Walsh, spoke about her pride in the Academy, and current Year 8 student, Harry Skinner, told the audience about how much he's enjoyed attending the new school in its first term.

Many of the invited guests were those who have worked hard through the long project to provide the local community with the new three-storey facility. This included local politicians, current and former governors, representatives of the contractors, Willmott Dixon, and the building's architects, Bond Bryan. The student community was well represented too, with students from each year group who had earned the most house points this year invited to attend the event with parents.

After enjoying a unique dance and choir performance from talented Hertswood students, the attendees were free to explore the school independently. Visitors were able to take in its double-height atrium, central courtyard, restaurant, enormous sports hall, gym, squash courts and the extensive suite of classrooms and open learning spaces, each complete with a state-of-the-art interactive teaching screen.

Hertswood's headteacher, governors and staff offer their thanks to everyone who attended, as well as for the ongoing support of parents and the local community.

Hertswood Academy hustings

On Thursday 28 November, local candidates from the Labour, Conservative, Liberal Democrat and Green parties came to the Academy to answer student questions in the run up to the general election. Some topics discussed included Brexit and the EU,

environmental policies within Hertsmere and school funding under recent governments.

The defending Conservative MP, Oliver Dowden, made clear his party's views on getting on with the process of leaving the EU and his commitment to protecting the environment of his constituency through support of legislation ensuring net zero carbon emissions.



His Labour opponent (Holly Kal-Weiss) chose to appeal to the needs of young people in the room by highlighting Labour's manifesto policies concerning tuition fees and the aim for a 'green industrial revolution'. In addition, Holly acknowledged the antisemitism previously uncovered within her party and apologised on behalf of them, whilst also expressing her wish to see change within the party over the matter.

Stephen Barrett, the Lib Dem candidate, opened with a statement claiming that in this election 'normal voting loyalties were thrown out of the window' and made his case for why the Lib Dems were a strong choice. Some of his points included the manifesto pledges of training 20,000 new teachers and their aim to hold a second EU referendum.

Overall, it was a very lively session that helped the Sixth Form students who attended to understand the stance of each party heading into the election, while also raising greater awareness of national politics and the importance of voting for those who were able, so that every eligible person can have a say in our country's future. We're grateful to the candidates for participating and to the visiting students from Haberdashers' Aske's School for Girls and Nicholas Breakspeare Catholic School.

Morgan Hanshaw (Year 13)

Summerswood Primary School

Christmas at Summerswood

Last term was very busy getting ready for Christmas. Nursery and Reception each did a sing-along to the parents. The children made their own hats to wear and sang their hearts out to a proud audience. After the sing-along the parents were able to share their child's success with a mince pie and drink. Along with their hats the children also made a range of Christmas decorations for their classrooms.

Year 2 worked hard getting ready for their nativity play. They performed the play "Born In Barn", which is a charming take on the



traditional nativity play. There is a good deal of commotion in a Bethlehem stable when the animals realise that there's a baby in the barn! The cows, sheep, pigs, cats and cockerel all learn about their special guest from the donkey that brought the baby along as well as the guests that follow. As more and more visitors arrive to greet the new king, the animals slowly realise what a privilege it is to share their home with such an important baby. The year 2 children did an amazing job learning their lines, speaking clearly and loudly and remembering where to go on stage. They were supported by the fantastic year 1 children who helped them to sing all the songs.

The end of term was marked with a Christmas dinner where all children and teachers were served their delicious lunch in a hall decorated with white table cloths and Christmas crackers, with Christmas music to sing along to in the back ground.

Key Stage 2 have had a busy autumn term!

Year 3 have stepped back into the Stone Age and have been learning all about what life was like during this prehistoric period. They visited Weald Country Park to learn all about how our earth is made of naturally occurring rocks.

Year 4 have been learning about the Romans. They have been reading and learning about the historical fiction story 'Gladiator Boy', focussing on how characters in fiction are presented. The children have been acting out, planning and beginning to write their own stories set in Roman times. They had an exciting trip to St Albans Cathedral back in November where they made their own mosaics.

Year 5 are learning about Black History and Civil Rights. They have been delving into the past and learning about the segregation laws in America and how Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr helped change everyone's lives in the southern states. They have written from the perspective of Rosa Parks, recounting the event on the bus when she refused to give up her seat. The children had the opportunity to ask more questions and gain even more information about their topic during their workshop in school.

Year 6 started the year learning about 'The Mayans'. They had a chocolate workshop and tasted different types of chocolate including a small piece of chocolate which was chilli flavour!

After finding out about the history of chocolate and tasting it, the children then made their own chocolate truffles using ganache. There was great excitement at the end when the children were told they could lick their fingers!

Thank you to Revd Tim Warr who came into school towards the end of term to talk to the children about Advent.



Jo Froy- KS2 Leader

Slow down!

Summerswood Primary School is delighted to announce the introduction of a new 20 mph speed limit zone outside the main school entrance at the start and end of the day. Following an accident the previous year the school has been campaigning for improved road safety along Furzehill Road. Thank you to the parents who joined our letter writing campaign and to Councillor Alan Plancey for his support. Headteacher Sarah Kneller said 'We are grateful to the council for installing a new 20mph zone – this is an important step in keeping our children safe.'



Meryfield Primary School

Meryfield School has had a fun filled theatrical term with our choir singing and raising money for Barnet Hospital. They also sang in Tesco for Guide Dogs for the Blind. At the Christmas light switch on, they were also delighted to sing in the church. All 52 of them!

Our Year 3 and 4 children performed a pantomime "Over the Rainbow", written especially for them, to a packed audience of parents, carers and invited guests.

The Reception and Nursery children thrilled audiences with their Christmas nativity and Key Stage 2 finished the year with a beautiful concert.

Years 1 through to 6 had a fantastic time when they went to watch "Cinderella" at the Radlett Centre; and with Christmas dinners, parties, Smartie Artie and festive fun it's been a wonderful end to the year.



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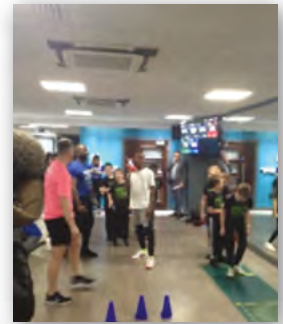
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Kenilworth Primary School

Meeting Olympic legends

On Thursday 9 January, Year 5 were given the amazing opportunity to meet the Olympic legend Sir Mo Farah and Paralympian and former footballer Alistair Patrick Heselton. The event was to launch "Mo's Million Miles", an initiative that aims to raise money for the Youth Sport Trust – an organisation that is passionate about the benefits of fitness for the next generation. During the session, the children took part in an athletics class with the two legends, before having the opportunity to ask questions. They found out lots of information from the two athletes; including how to stay healthy, train for success and how it feels to win gold and meet the Queen.



Sporting success!

In the autumn term Kenilworth students had the opportunity to participate in lots of sporting competitions, including speedstacking, hockey and basketball. Our girls' football team won the Wickes 7-a-side football tournament at Radlett Prep, and have progressed to the quarterfinals in March. We were also really impressed with the stamina of our Year 5 cross country team who showed great determination and resilience in their races. Four boys and three girls managed to progress to the next round, with a special well done to McHenry who came first in the boys' race.



Library development

We were incredibly lucky this term to receive a Foyles Foundation grant of £4,000 towards our new library's book stock. We opened our new library last academic year and the children have been so excited to read the new non-fiction, poetry and fiction books. We would like to say a massive thank you to the Foyles Foundation for giving the children lots of new books to enjoy.

Christmas at Kenilworth

Christmas is one of our favourite times of the year at Kenilworth, with the school community coming together for lots of lovely events. Our Key Stage 1 and Early Years pupils performed an adorable nativity, with the children confidently saying their lines and singing their songs, accompanied by our music teacher Ms Bishara. Our Key Stage 2 children enjoyed their winter workshop, with the children working together across the year groups to create fantastic crafts. The theme of the workshop was stars and with crafts ranging from: beaded decorations, sewing cushions, making baubles and decorating wreaths to baking stained glass window biscuits, all of the children made something they were proud to share. Finally, our school community enjoyed coming together for a delicious Christmas dinner and a wonderful Christmas fair organised by our fantastic PTA.



Music at Kenilworth

On 10 December Kenilworth Choir visited the elderly residents at Goldwyn House. They performed a number of Christmas songs. The residents really appreciated and enjoyed the event. The children had a lovely time chatting with the residents and they shared mince pies and drinks together.

We were also incredibly lucky to have a visit from the Purcell School of Music. The whole school loved listening to the very talented musicians and singers. The children were spellbound and were fully engaged with singing the songs and performing the accompanying actions. We all had lots of fun!

Kenilworth also became rock stars in December, recording 'Kenilworth Sings Christmas'. The children practised songs in classes and some children auditioned to sing solos and play accompaniments on the piano. With a mixture of classic carols and modern pop classics, the children worked together to create a fantastic CD. Michael in Year 2 designed the front cover and the CDs were then sold to parents and enjoyed by the whole school during our Christmas dinner.

Dress as a Word day

On Friday 8 November we celebrated the varied vocabulary in the English language by dressing up as our favourite words.

We had lethargic teachers, brave students and one pupil in Year 2 wasn't content with one word – choosing to come as a dictionary! Having a wide vocabulary is so important for everyone and we enjoyed using a fun occasion to promote our commitment to developing our knowledge of words.



Houses of Parliament visit

On Tuesday 29 October 2019 the Youth Council went to the Houses of Parliament for a tour.

Before we went in, we saw those on both sides of the Brexit debate campaigning outside. We met the 'Stop Brexit guy' a.k.a Steve Bray. We also saw Brexit Party campaigners. We went inside to begin our tour. Whilst on it, we met John Bercow, the Speaker of the House of Commons, on one of his last days in office. He advised us that if we ever went to a debate, we should always be the first to put up our hands if we had a question instead of waiting. The tour was fascinating, with our tour guide showing us all the famous sites and clearly explaining the reasons behind artworks and statues in the House.



After the tour, we proceeded to queue for a seat in the public gallery. While we were queuing two of us spotted and spoke to both Andrea Leadsom and Tom Cleverly. After two



hours we got in and remained in the gallery for several hours. Some highlights included watching Boris Johnson move the motion to call for the general election which he ultimately got through after we had left. We also saw Jacob Rees-Mogg, Jeremy Corbyn, Andrea Leadsom and others respond to questions and a division, which is a vote in the Commons.



Afterwards three of us went to the House of Lords, where there was a debate on about safespace. We ultimately arrived back in Borehamwood at 5pm after a great day at the Houses of Parliament.



Make a Difference

The 'Make a Difference' project, is for primary school children in years 2 - 6 to design something that will improve Elstree and Borehamwood.

The Elstree and Borehamwood Youth Council has a fund of £250 which will go towards the winning idea. The aim is that the children will draw their design or write what they want to improve the town. An example is if a child were to draw a flower bed to be planted on the high street or, if they wrote stating that a bench on their road would be really beneficial.

After a set period of time, all the entries will be collected, and the Youth Council will judge what they believe to be the best entry. We would really appreciate teachers at the primary schools to encourage their pupils with this project.

Adam Duke
Chair of Elstree & Borehamwood Youth Council

Please send all entries to:

Make a Difference Project

Youth Council, Fairway Hall, Brook Close
Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, WD6 5BT

The deadline for entries is 31 March 2020.



100 UP FOR RAY!!!

Borehamwood resident Ray Gurvitz (now 53) will be running his 100th official marathon in April at London 2020 and is celebrating this milestone by raising money for the Children with Cancer UK charity.

Ray's marathon journey started ten years ago just after his fiancée's father passed away from cancer. "During this very emotional period for the family I had this unwavering urge to take on a challenge and raise money for another worthy charity and a legacy in Malcolm (Jacobs's) name. I decided to sign up quickly because I knew that once I committed, I wouldn't back out!"

So after just three months of training, Ray ran his first marathon – London 2010, after which he categorically said "never again!". "I just remember being in so much pain afterwards and I couldn't walk properly for about a week!"

Two years then passed and as Ray watched London 2012 on the TV, he realised he really missed the amazing atmosphere and adrenaline, so he signed up for London 2013. That year Ray completed two marathons and followed that up with six in 2014.

"By this time I was hooked on running and had met some very inspirational people along the way, mainly through an association called the 100 Marathon Club". This encouraged Ray to set new boundaries for himself and the aim of reaching 100 marathons was born.



"I consider myself very lucky to be in good health so believe it's important to be able to help others less fortunate". Ray is certainly determined and very focused. "Each year I wanted to push myself with a new challenge in terms of the number of marathons and fundraising goals."

So with London 2010 being Ray's first marathon, it seems appropriate that London 2020 will be Ray's 100 marathon celebration.

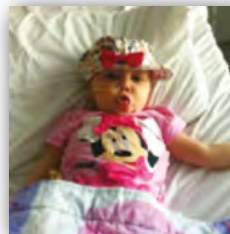
Ray has managed to raise thousands of pounds over the years, and to mark this centenary event Ray is fundraising for Children with Cancer UK which is the leading national children's charity dedicated to the fight against childhood cancer.



Fighting Childhood Cancer - The Greatest Reason to Give

Did you know that:

- Cancer is still the most common medical cause of death in children and young people (aged 1-14 years)?
- More than 4,500 children & young people are diagnosed with cancer every year?
- Childhood cancer incidence rates have increased at the rate of 38%?
- Childhood cancers are different to adult cancers and need their own research? Most childhood cancers are unique to children. So research is essential to help save children's lives.



"Cancer is hard to deal with at any age but for a child it really means they haven't had a chance to live. A single child dying from cancer is one too many. I'm asking the readers to sponsor me in my efforts and together we can help to create a future in which every child with cancer survives and experiences the life changing moment when they ring the end of treatment bell."

Please sponsor me for the London Marathon and together we can help to defeat this disease! Even a small donation can make a big difference.

You can donate at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/100>



Borehamwood Drop-In

At a loose end? In need of some company on a Tuesday morning? Then come along to the Drop-In at Fairway Hall.

The Borehamwood Drop-In runs from 9.30 to noon on Tuesday mornings throughout the year. A small group of locals of all ages and backgrounds meet for a cuppa and a chat, lively entertainment, games and armchair exercises, all for £1.50 per week (no membership fee). Come and join us.

You can contact Ros on 020 8953 3845



Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Club



Run by Rotarians, EBDC continues to fill a need in the community for families and friends living with dementia to meet (on Tuesdays from 2pm to 4pm).

Members celebrated their Christmas party on 17 December. Santa from Communities 1st delivered a present for each. Sara took the exercises, then James Bernard finished the afternoon with singing and a chance to dance. Sarah started members on the road to fitness. Leigh entertained at the New Year party with songs from the swinging 60s. Everyone enjoyed afternoon tea.

New members welcome. Contact Sasha Capocci 07771 862820, Sandra Parnell 0208 953 0832 or Pat Strack pat.strack@ntlworld.com

Monday club

Every two weeks the Monday club meets at the hall behind Holy Cross church from 10am to 12pm.

The club numbers continue to increase and it is a welcome opportunity for members to chat and make new friends. Each week Sarah takes exercises followed by a quiz, bingo and speakers. The Christmas party on 16 December saw dancing and singing to James Stowell. James was back to celebrate the New Year party on 6 January.

Contact Sasha Capocci 07771 862820



Sarah's worth her weight in gold

No, Sarah's not put in the wrong quantity while online shopping. That's her bodyweight in our finest blend, of Yorkshire tea and we have given it to her for being one of the finest people around.

Because when her infectious energy isn't putting a smile on the faces of everyone she meets, it's getting elderly and disabled people moving to some classic 70s tunes during the exercise classes she runs at care homes and older folks' clubs. After all, we can't think of anyone who deserves (or needs) a mug of Yorkshire tea more than her.

To nominate someone who is worth their weight in gold, or to find out what Sarah's doing with all this tea, follow @YorkshireTea.

Sarah runs exercise classes every fortnight at the Monday Club, Holy Cross, every Tuesday at the Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Club, Fairway Hall, and every fortnight at DR96. Sarah also runs classes from time to time at Live Well, the Drop-In, the Visually Impaired Club, the Radley and Forest Care, amongst others in the town.



DR96

DR96 members have been busy.

November saw 28 members go to Turkey and Tinsel at Pakenham. Georgina and Brenda were presented with presents as a token of thanks for their hard work.

Christmas Lights at Kew Gardens were truly amazing. The coach took 33 members.

Sainlo catered the turkey dinner at 96 for 80 members so the committee were able to relax and enjoy their lunch. Santa visited with presents for all courtesy of Communities 1st. Tesco provided the mince pies, cream custard, Christmas crackers and serviettes. Georgina arranged a special raffle to boost funds.

The year ended with a buffet party. James Bernard entertained us. Tesco staff including the manager, Jack Wild, took over the kitchen.

2020 saw members celebrate yet again with a buffet party. We danced and sang along with Wayne.

The Chinese New Year saw us enjoying a Chinese buffet at the Shenley Road restaurant, who closed their doors so we might celebrate together.

New members welcome. Contact Sasha Capocci 0777 1862820 Sandra Parnell 020 8953 0832 or Pat Strack pat.strack@ntlworld.com

Borehamwood Brass

Borehamwood Brass is a community band welcoming any brass players without having any formal contesting commitments.

If you are looking for a new hobby to take up in the New Year, or you used to play a brass instrument, then why not think about playing again?

The band is a friendly group, rehearsing once a week, on a Friday evening, who presents a series of concerts throughout the year.

The band has been entertaining the local community with different genres of music since 1971, playing at fetes and events around the town.

A wide series of concerts is being planned for the New Year, so look at the band's web site and Facebook page for further information.

In 2020, the band will be working with other community groups to present a special concert feature as part of Hertfordshire's Year of Culture.

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

For more information on Borehamwood Brass, and how to join, please contact Andrew Grady on 07802 736628 or email borehamwoodbrass@hotmail.com www.borehamwoodbrass.org.uk Facebook www.facebook.com/borehamwoodbrass Twitter www.twitter.com/BWoodbrass



Happy New Year from Elstree Mozart Players

The Studios Rotary Club of Elstree and Borehamwood was proud to present the second Classical Extravaganza concert featuring Elstree Mozart Players and Soprano Janice Watson.

The orchestra consisting of 70-plus local musicians, plus world renowned soprano, Janice Watson, gave a concert that could have graced the Royal Festival Hall.

With financial support from Cllr Morris Bright and Cllr Caroline Clapper, the Extravaganza concert was well attended. The funding support received enabling us to keep costs very low, making it affordable for many in the community.

Elstree Mozart Players, led by Lucy Cumming,



and conducted by Derek Holland, will be performing at a series of events throughout the year as part of Hertfordshire's Year of Culture.

This new orchestra was founded by Derek, who is currently the Musical Director of Borehamwood Brass, and first appeared at festival concerts with the band as long ago as 1993.

The local community supported this idea, championed by Cllr Pat Strack and Andrew Grady of Borehamwood Brass. Others including Revd Tim Warr from All Saints church, and the town council entertainments committee made this venture a success.

The orchestra is drawn from a group of specially chosen semi-professional and professional musicians from the local area, with the aim of performing for the local community to enjoy and engage a wide range of orchestral and choral music.

For more information about the orchestra, please contact either Pat Strack on 020 8386 3151 or Andrew Grady on 07802 736628 or email elstreemozartplayers@outlook.com



Band Stand project - Meadow Park entertainment arena update

Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council in partnership with Hertsmeare Borough Council and both Rotary Clubs within Elstree and Borehamwood is to energise the performance venue in Meadow Park this year.

Since the last edition of the Town Crier a concept design has been developed, working with the partners in the project. It is hoped that this design will be ratified by all the regulatory authorities, so that a permanent structure can be built during the early part of the year to be ready for the summer of 2020.

As part of Hertfordshire's Year of Culture plans are afoot to extend the genre of music and performances in the park for 2020. Over the last two years a series of concerts providing a proof of concept has been presented by the the Band Stand project committee.

It is hoped to present 60 s 70 s 80s, soul rock and jazz music with performers from around the globe.



Andrew Grady



YOU can help design a flag for Elstree and Borehamwood

Everyone likes flags. We know from pictures in ancient Chinese documents that they have been in use for thousands of years. And today, although no law requires it, every country in the world has a national flag, with patterns, images and colours which make it unique and tell the viewer something about its history or its geography or its people.

But flags don't just represent whole countries. Provinces and counties have flags, and so too do companies, international organisations, government departments, sports clubs, political parties, regiments, ships, schools and colleges, local authorities, religious groups, trade unions, individual families ... the variety is endless.

And in many parts of the world, there are town flags, flown by anyone to identify with and express pride in the communities in which they live or work.

But, strangely, until now that has not been true in Britain. The Flag Institute, a charity which promotes the study and use of flags, is keen to remedy this situation, and is encouraging cities, towns and villages throughout the country to hold open competitions in which everyone can put forward their ideas for flags to symbolise them. Such flags often refer to the name of the community, the landscape in which it is set, or to prominent architectural features.

Here are two examples. The black and white stripes on the flag of Nenthead refer to the seams of lead and silver once mined in the village. The green right-pointing triangle represents nearby Knowbury Hill, the easternmost point in Cumbria, while the eight-pointed white star alludes to the local tradition of Quakerism. Cromford's flag shows a mill, wheel and millstream to symbolise its status as the birthplace of the (water-powered) industrial revolution, and is in the same colours as the flag of Derbyshire in which it is located.



Both flags are distinctive, bold, simple and informative, and are popular with people in the localities they represent.

There are many flagpoles in Elstree and Borehamwood, but most of these are often empty, or used only to fly commercial logos outside building sites, car showrooms or supermarkets. There is no flag which announces the unique identity of our town and allows us to express the pride we feel in it – whether flying proudly in Shenley Road or stitched in miniature to our backpacks as we explore far-flung corners of the world.

We know that our community loves flags. During the football world cup two years ago flags suddenly sprouted from lampposts, garden sheds, chimneys, mail vans and even supermarket ceilings. What a shame that when the competition was over, they (nearly) all disappeared.

The town council is keen to reawaken this enthusiasm, and – as part of its contribution to the Hertfordshire Year of Culture in 2020 – it has decided to host a competition to design a town flag for Elstree and Borehamwood.

The competition will be open to anyone who wishes to take part. In particular, students in schools and colleges will be encouraged to do so, and there will be special awards for the best entries from under-12s and those aged 12 to 16. There is no limit to the number of designs anyone can submit, provided that they are made on the official form.

Entry packs, with notes on the principles of good flag design and detailed rules for the competition, will be available from the town council's office at Fairway Hall in Brook Close from 1 March. Details will be shown on its website, and the closing date for entries will be 31 March.

It is intended that all entries will be included in a public exhibition, and that they will be preserved in the archives as historical records. The entries will be judged "blind" (i.e. anonymously) by a panel formed of invited representatives of local organisations, which will draw up a short-list of four designs to go forward to the next stage. These will be publicised in the next issue of *Town Crier* in May, and flown full-size in the town centre, as well as at Families Day during the Town Festival in June.

There will then be a secret ballot, in which everyone who lives and works in the town can take part, to choose the design which will proudly represent us all. The winning entry will be revealed at an unveiling ceremony in September.

The town council will promote the flag in the form of bumper and window stickers, paper flags, etc, and will encourage its use on flagpoles in streets and parks and by residents, shops, schools, companies and organisations in the town.

Somewhere, someone reading this article is the designer of our future town flag. Is that person you?

To win a place in the history of our town, don't miss your chance to enter the competition. What flag design would best express the unique character and spirit of Elstree and Borehamwood? This is your opportunity to have your say.

John Cartledge



Rights of Way report

Question: What do the places in these two pictures have in common?

Answer: Both are “Rights of Way” (RoWs) in Elstree and Borehamwood parish, the area served by the town council. The difference between them helps to illustrate how elastic the reality behind this phrase can sometimes be. But what all RoWs have in common is that they are routes (not roads) which members of the public have a legal right to use – always when on foot, and sometimes by other means as well.

The most common type of RoW is a public footpath, which is open to pedestrians and to accompanying dogs “under close control.” There are also bridleways, which can also be used by cyclists and by people on horseback, and byways, which can additionally be used by people in wheeled vehicles. On “restricted” byways these must be non-motorised, e.g. horse drawn carriages, while in the case of byways “open to all traffic” the clue is in the title. The status of an RoW can be recognised by the colour of the arrows used on signposts or waymarks (small numbered discs attached to posts). On footpaths these are yellow, on bridleways blue, on restricted byways plum and on byways open to all traffic red.



The RoW network is an immensely valuable public amenity, allowing everyone to make journeys and take exercise away from busy roads, and to access places and views which cannot otherwise be seen. All RoWs appear (with their official numbers) on the “definitive map” maintained by the county council ([http://webmaps.hertfordshire.gov.uk/row/row.htm?layers=\[1:0,1,2,3,4\]](http://webmaps.hertfordshire.gov.uk/row/row.htm?layers=[1:0,1,2,3,4])). They can also be seen on maps in the Landranger and Explorer series published by the Ordnance Survey.

In Elstree and Borehamwood alone there are 68 registered RoWs, plus three more for which applications for this status have been made. About half are cross-country routes, linking us with neighbouring towns and villages, and are usually unsurfaced. The rest are tarmac alleyways providing short cuts between buildings and gardens within the built-up areas. Some of these, like Ayot Path and Sutton Path, are named because they lead to the fronts of residential properties.

County councils are responsible for the RoW network. They provide signposts and waymarks, look after gates and footbridges, and deal with major obstructions. In Hertfordshire the county council values the contribution residents can also make to the delivery of certain services through volunteering. So following a positive public response to a call for people willing to conduct periodic “ease of use” surveys, its countryside and RoW team has harnessed their enthusiasm and local knowledge by recruiting a regular RoW volunteer for each of its 145 parishes.

Their task is to monitor the condition of the paths, deal with minor problems such as encroaching branches or missing waymarks, and



to report anything more serious (such as a damaged gate or deliberate obstruction) so that action can be taken.

In order to perform this function they have been provided with some necessary tools and – equally important in the litigious era in which we live – they are covered by public liability insurance.

At least once a year, these volunteers carry out an audit of the state of each of the RoWs in their respective areas. Any defects found are placed in one of four categories, to determine the urgency with which they need to be addressed: obstructive/dangerous, high priority, medium priority, or not urgent. A path condition report is prepared, complete with maps and photographs, showing the nature and location of any problems, so that these can be listed for remedial action.

The most recent audit of RoWs in Elstree and Borehamwood was conducted in the autumn of 2019. After any necessary running repairs had been completed, just over half of the 68 paths (35) had no further issues requiring action. On the remainder, there were 77 problems reported, but fortunately none of these were in the obstructive/dangerous category, as the only potential candidate for this classification (a collapsing stile) was repaired by the landowner concerned as soon as it was reported and before the survey was finalised. Of the ten items in the high priority category, most were defective pedestrian (“kissing”) gates. Of the 31 moderate priority problems, the largest group was issues with signs, followed by encroaching vegetation, and the same was true of the 36 non urgent items reported.



The detailed findings of this survey will be considered at the next meeting of the town council’s transport and road safety forum, which will be held on 19 February and is open to everyone. In the meantime, copies are available on request from Tracey Malton at the council’s office. As you - and your dog - enjoy your country walks in 2020, or hurry to work or school along an urban pathway, please spare an appreciative thought for the hard-working county council officers and RoW volunteers without whose vigilance and commitment this facility could fall into disrepair and become unavailable to us all.

John Cartledge



Christmas Lights 2019

The festive season kicked off with the town council's annual Christmas Lights switch-on event.

To mark the 20th anniversary year of Holby City being filmed in Borehamwood, actor Bob Barratt who plays Dr Sacha Levy on the show turned up to meet the crowd and switch on the lights.

Bob said "I have been here 10 years filming Holby, and the show's been 20. We have all grown to love, and I can speak personally, this place and everyone I get to meet here, it's a real honour and a real pleasure to be here today and I'm very touched to be asked."

The town council's entertainments officer Dan Salter said "It's a real privilege to have Bob with us today and it's great to be able to give the residents of Elstree and Borehamwood the opportunity to meet one of the show's biggest stars."

Other entertainment that took place on the day were a free ice rink, free Santa's grotto, schools' Christmas carol concert, Borehamwood Rock Choir, Borehamwood Brass, and up and coming local singer James Stowell.



Railway Christmas Tree

The second Christmas Light switch-on at Elstree and Borehamwood Railway Station took place on Monday 2 December.

Boreham Wood football team turned on the Christmas tree lights with members of Borehamwood Community Choir, singing carols and Christmas songs outside the station. Town Mayor Cllr Simon Rubner arrived by train to greet everyone.

Thanks to Gristwood and Toms for the tree, the town council team for the lights and Costa Coffee for the hot chocolate. Well done Marijke, for arranging the choir. Thank you to James Stowell for leading the singing on his guitar. It was great fun for all including the bemused commuters.





Thank you for all of your support over the Christmas period, an incredibly busy one for us at the Foodbank, in fact our busiest month since we opened nearly 6 years ago!

Thanks to your generosity we collected 6,110kgs of food! Plus lots of toys which meant we were able to provide children's gifts to 30 families. We gave over two tonnes of food to local people in December as well as giving out 110 Christmas hampers full of Christmas treats! Here's what your generosity has meant...

"We were given the greatest gift by Borehamwood Foodbank, hope! We received a lovely hamper all donated by Borehamwood's beautiful people, Thank you!"

"It's helped me to know that there are people that are willing to help us in our times of need. I feel happy to know we have support from the community. And everyone here is friendly and welcoming."

We also held a very successful food collection at Tesco in November. Thank you to all who donated or gave some of your time to help with the vital event. Our next collection will be in March. If you would like to be involved please get in contact via info@borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk

Our last family lunch of 2019 was during October half term. This time our theme was all things Halloween. We had face painting



and guests were able to get involved with preparing and cooking their own yummy lunch. 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 session will be in the February half term. We would especially like to welcome new families

On behalf of everyone at the Foodbank we wish you all a very happy and healthy 2020.

Kim Gray
Foodbank Co-ordinator

Maxwell Park

It's 2020 – how are the New Year resolutions going? We might well have an activity or group meeting here that can help you achieve them!

Babies and toddlers are welcome at Hartbeeps. Kids and teens will enjoy K's (award-winning) School of Dance, Krav Maga or Shogun Karate. Those of us needing to work off those festive pounds (you know who you are!) can find a variety of fitness classes from sedate to intense, so there's no excuse now! There are groups for art, music, dancing, pilates, yoga, table-tennis, bridge, indoor bowls, card-games.... you're spoilt for choice!

Hertfordshire Adult & Family Learning Service (HAFLS) run training courses and our IT hub offers FREE internet access and training. MENCAP have drama and sessions. The Visually Impaired Group meets weekly. Guideposts help people maintain independence and develop supportive connections. Friends of Care Homes provide an 'Evening out in the afternoon' with live music & refreshments. Want to learn Ballroom or Latin? – join our newest group LA LA Dance! Sheldon Conrich offers individual music tuition. We even have a church and a synagogue.

There's something happening seven days a the week, morning,



afternoon and evening. We are right in the heart of Borehamwood in Maxwell Road, just off Elstree Way. We have parking but, when we are busy, there is ample parking close by in the Civic Centre car-park. Local buses stop at the end of the road.

You will find a really warm welcome at any and all of our groups, so come on – make 2020 a year of new beginnings, friends and achievements. We look forward to welcoming you.

Visit our website – www.maxwellpcc.org – or call 020 8953 4295 to see what's available.



FAIRWAY HALL

A LOCAL HALL FOR THE COMMUNITY



"... an amazing hall, so clean and fresh feeling. We loved it!" (Fairway Hall hirer)

Opened in 1986, Fairway Hall was built for Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council as a community hall.

It is located close to the town centre, with adjoining car parking (20 spaces).

The hall is constructed to a premium standard with full central heating, cloakroom and toilet facilities (including one specifically for disabled use).

It was designed to meet all safety requirements and is licenced for music and dance.

Great care was taken in the planning of Fairway Hall. The timber arched roof gives the feeling of space and height whilst maintaining a cosy and clean atmosphere.

The sprung maple floor is ideal for fun and professional dancing.

A bar area and a new fully equipped kitchen fitted in August 2019, provide everything that is needed for that special event.

The hall features a small stage with an adjoining dressing-room.

Fairway Hall is available for hire, including Sundays, by private individuals, commercial concerns, clubs and organisations.

Maximum capacities are:

- 80 persons for sit down dinners
- 100 persons for parties
- 120 for theatre seating in rows

Rates of hire are based on a competitive hourly rate with discounts available for local charities and for block bookings (see website for current prices).

Fairway Hall is the ideal venue for

- Children's and Teenage Parties
- Wedding Receptions
- Social Evenings
- Funerals and Wakes
- Religious Groups
- Keep Fit Classes
- Yoga
- Film Screenings
- Theatre Shows
- Bar Mitzvahs
- Bat Mitzvahs
- Indian Weddings
- Concerts
- Martial Arts Classes
- Dance and Ballet Classes

and many more activities.

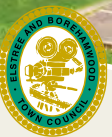
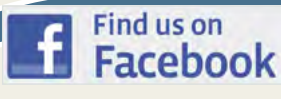


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Email: hall.bookings@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk





New tablet or smartphone or want to make the most of the one you have?

Try our “Tea and Tablets” group sessions at Borehamwood Library. Every month on a Wednesday, 2.30pm - 4pm.

Make the most of your tablet or smartphone and meet new people for a chat over tea and biscuits. Here are the sessions we have planned for 2020:

January	Using WhatsApp® for more than just text messaging	July	Data storage devices
February	Using WhatsApp® to make video calls	August	Using Bluetooth
March	Shopping online with confidence	September	Sending attachments and photos by email
April	Understanding your mobile phone plan	October	What is iCloud or Cloud?
May	Useful apps for your smartphone or tablet	November	Symbols used on smartphones and tablets
June	Streaming TV and podcasting	December	Fun with Christmas photos

Library opening hours

Mon - Weds	9am - 6pm
Thursday	9am - 7pm
Friday	9am - 1pm
Saturday	9am - 4pm



We spend the first half of the session on the monthly topic, then we will answer other individual questions you may have. If you haven't bought a tablet yet, you can try one of ours at the session.

Only £3 per session including tea/coffee and biscuits.

Places are limited so please pop into the library and secure your place on the next session. For more information call 0300 123 4049.

BMX is coming to the Wood!

In September, Hertsmere Borough Council approved plans for a BMX track, a project initiated by Leecliffe Big Local.

The 300 metre track will be sited in a small part of Meadow Park and will be constructed by the same developers who built the London 2012 Olympic BMX track in Stratford. Completion is expected to be in spring/summer 2020.

Over the past two years, hundreds of children between the ages of four and sixteen have been taught how to ride bikes, or improve their cycling, in Aberford and Meadow Parks as part of the BMX project. We have also been working with British Cycling to discover how a BMX facility can best impact its local community. Interestingly, one of the findings from our discussions was that anti-social behaviour has reduced in areas where this type of facility has been introduced.

The result of all this work will soon become a tangible asset in our community. The vision, as in other areas that have implemented these facilities, is that Borehamwood will become a proud source of national and international sporting contestants.

The BMX track will cater for fun riders from all sections of the community, across all age groups and ability levels. We will be setting up a club which will purchase BMX bikes and equipment to ensure that access to these activities can be open to all and to take advantage of them.

To find out more, we are holding an open meeting on Monday 17 February, 6pm - 8pm, at Fairway Hall. Food and refreshments will be provided.

Visit our website Leecliffe.org if you would like to find out more about Leecliffe Big Local and the work we are doing in your community.

Tim Rusby



The Radley Care Home

The Radley care home has been very working with various people in the community to ensure that our residents are able to live life as normally as possible.

We have been working with the Tiny Giant nursery school and our residents have formed special relationships with the staff, families and the children. Our residents are always looking forward to seeing them each morning that they come to the Radley.

Monksmead primary school invited our residents to a very special Christmas performance. Our residents were the first to see the children perform and we were treated to a lovely afternoon tea and mince pies as we waited for the performance.

Hadberdashers' Aske's Boys school visited the Radley and sang Christmas carols to the residents. They really made all of the residents very happy, and they talked about how talented the children were. We were also invited to their Christmas carol service which was amazing.



We have had a very successful year with St Teresa's church. Fr Dominic has been coming once a month. Cowley Hill Free Baptist Church also come on the first Sunday of each month.

Our volunteers, Paul, Bev, and Piya come to the home and help with the music throughout the year, making

our residents motivated through music and various activities. Thank you to Sue and Chantal of Co-Op Funeralcare Borehamwood, for running a memory box which our residents enjoy very much, and also to Janet from New Life Assembly Borehamwood who has been coming for years at Christmas time with presents for the residents.

Alan Plancey, our Borough Mayor, has been very supportive this year, attending our end of term BBQ with the Tiny Giants, taking part himself in the egg and spoon race, and helping out with the Christmas lights switch-on with mulled wine and mince pies.

Florence Kaela



The Talking Newspaper

Do you have a friend, neighbour or relative who is visually impaired, blind or feeling isolated? Or who is having difficulty reading after, say, a stroke? We provide a lively listen!

The Radlett, Elstree, Borehamwood and Shenley TALKING NEWSPAPER can keep you in the loop.

- Local news, magazine-style articles and humour;
- Weekly, hour long recordings posted FREE to your door,
- Free, easy to use player supplied and demonstrated (recordings are computer friendly). Telephone contact with Talking Newspaper volunteer offered.

Our local talking newspaper started in 1978. It grew from an initial low-key operation, through production moves to ATV's Borehamwood studio, the chapel in the former Shenley Hospital – competing with the noise of low-flying planes! – and finally to its current home in the recording studios at the Radlett Village Institute.

Our listeners really enjoy the recordings but don't take our word for it, this is what they say!

"I can't wait to hear the sound of the recording wallet being put through my letterbox".

"When I listen to a recording it is as if you are my friends here in the room with me".

"I love it when you are laughing and enjoying yourselves, it makes me laugh with you".

"My daughter often prefers listening to the talking newspaper rather than the radio or an audio book. I often listen to the news section with her and have learned a good deal from the weekly editions".

Free, easy to use, weekly, fun and informative, great for listeners. Want to find out more about how our listeners listen individually to recordings, or in a small group? Or how we give talks to groups about our talking newspaper?

For this, and any information, please contact Paul on 07551 725041 or Don on 01923 856935.



Borehamwood and Elstree Synagogue



Borehamwood and Elstree Synagogue hosted over 1000 local primary school children at the Jewish Living Experience exhibition.

From 4 to 19 November 2019 and to tie in with InterFaith month, Borehamwood and Elstree Synagogue hosted the Board of Deputies' Jewish Living Experience exhibition and welcomed over 1000 primary school pupils and their teachers to the Synagogue and the exhibition to learn all about Judaism and Jewish life from a team of 35 enthusiastic volunteers.

Pupils from local schools including Cowley Hill, Summerswood, Woodlands, Saffron Green, Meryfield, Kenilworth and many others enjoyed a tour of the Synagogue with a chance to see inside a Sefer Torah and learn about the different prayers and laws. The volunteers

explained about Jewish festivals, the Sabbath, Jewish life cycle events and keeping kosher. There was also an opportunity to blow the shofar, eat challah and play spin the dreidel.

On the evening of 14 November, the Borough Mayor, Cllr Allan Plancey, and Town Mayor, Cllr Simon Rubner, welcomed visitors from a variety of faiths to the exhibition. Visitors were addressed by Board of Deputies vice president Edwin Shuker, who gave an overview of the organisation's work. As part of the evening, the synagogue's senior rabbi, Alex Chapper, took guests on a guided tour of the synagogue.

For further information, please contact Juliet Berman (events@borehamwoodshul.org).



Pupils participate in a Jewish wedding "chuppa"



JLEX Volunteer lights Shabbat candles to demonstrate "Friday night"



Rabbi Alex Chapper, Town Mayor Cllr Simon Rubner, Board of Deputies vice president Edwin Shuker and Hertsmere Mayor Rabbi Allan Plancey at the Jewish Living Experience interfaith event

Elstree and Borehamwood NSPCC and Borehamwood Brass make a great team!

Our year of fundraising ended with a lively series of six carol concerts played by Borehamwood Brass in Tesco forecourt when they provided music and we manned the collection points. The result - a festive atmosphere for shoppers and over £1,500 from the customers' generous donations.

We have had a record year from the spring lunch in Shenley Cricket Club, the summer garden party at Schopwick Place with thanks to Ann and Norman Shuker for the loan of their beautiful garden, and our Christmas craft and gift fair in Allum Hall in November.

The live music was again from Borehamwood Brass followed by the Strummers in the Wood with a backing group from the Community Choir and the talented musician Paul Lomax on electric guitar. Both Town Mayor, Councillor Simon Rubner and Borough Mayor Councillor Alan Plancey graced the occasion with their presence and Oliver Dowden CBE MP came to distribute the art exhibition prizes to local school children.



Thanks to all our faithful supporters we have sent over £12,000 to fund the work of the NSPCC for abused and neglected children.

This year's lunch will be on Sunday 17 May in Allum Hall.

Anne Goddard

Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society

Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society meets monthly to monitor the health and safety of our local Green Belt areas and conservation issues.

2020 will be a particularly critical year because this spring the new Local Plan will be put forward for discussion and decision. Among the issues is the amount of Green Belt land possibly to be sacrificed for development. We will be urging Hertsmere planners to make it minimal as we are still adjusting to the building load imposed on the community already and Green Belt is precious.



Liberty Lake Leisure Ltd have withdrawn their application for a Nature Retreat. Opening the sluice on 2 January led to a metre drop. This will affect both the sailors and anglers. Draining the reservoir means a wetland would develop, providing different habitats. Unmanaged wetlands dry out, succession takes place and vegetation takes over.

Blocked drains are causing flooding elsewhere. Best Parties was responsible for a diesel pillage. The matter is being dealt with by insurers. The reservoir was not contaminated.

No news on the footpath. Swan numbers are increasing. Lambing has started on the farm.

If you care about these changes to our environment please strengthen our voice by joining the Elstree & Borehamwood Green Belt Society.

Details from our membership secretary Mrs Pat Strack, from myself, Ann Goddard (anngoddard999@hotmail.com) or from our website ebgreenbelt.org.uk



Woodcock Hill Village Green

Mitzvah Day 17 November Rotary Trees for Peace

Around 60 people joined the working party, led by Alex Melsom. Committee and members were joined by local residents to plant 225 hawthorn, oak and willow trees. These trees were part of a consignment of 525 trees provided by the Woodland Trust for Studios Rotary Club London Rotary district 1130. Young and old cleared spaces and planted and protected the trees with collars. Town council staff planted 300 trees on the allotments.

WHVG working party Sunday 8 December

The notice board was erected by our stalwarts Alex, Pete and Sue William Paul Peters and Davd Brown. Residents can now catch up with sightings on the village green and news.

Members delivered notices to 1000 homes near to WHVG warning of the latest planning application added to the call for sites for the Hertsmere Local Plan. This proposal is to build 105 homes on

the village green. It is unlikely to succeed. Taken with proposed sites from Furzehill Road to Deacons Hill Road for 500 homes, Hertsmere Local Plan will be published in the spring and the next round of consultations will take place.

Working parties 9 February, 8 March, 19 April (avoids Easter & Passover) and 9 May.

Victory in Europe 75th anniversary

Celebrations will take place on the bank holiday Friday 8 May. There will be a street party entertainment and beacon lighting. Piper George McGregor will reprise the 'Battle's Over'. Andrew Grady will sound the Last Post. Bells for peace will be rung. This is in conjunction with the town council. Watch this space.

New members £5 per household p.a. Help us to keep the village green and Green Belt surrounding it safe from development.

Contact pat.strack@ntlworld.com

020 8386 3151. Visit our website. www.woodcock Hill Village Green.org.uk or our facebook page.



Rotary Club of Elstree & Borehamwood

Our club was chartered in 1942 and has been busy supporting lots of good causes and providing fellowship opportunities for its members ever since. Last year the main support was for the Keech Hospice.

This year so far it has been to provide clean water for a school in Uganda by allowing a well to be dug. We also provided free entertainment for local senior citizens last autumn, and a speaker from the Borehamwood Food bank visited us and took away a donation.

Also this January we won the North West London heat of the District Quiz (narrowly beating the Studios Club in the process) to qualify for the District Final in March. This is a trophy we have been proud to win a few times in recent years.

We meet locally every Thursday lunchtime for fellowship (which I have heard called "swallowship") and visitors and prospective members are most welcome. Please call Clive on 07939 088 421 to find out more or to let us know in advance you would like to visit.
www.elstreeandborehamwoodrotary.org

Rotary Club of The Studios of Elstree and Borehamwood

Rotary KIDS OUT

Rotary KIDS OUT Charity encourages Rotary Clubs to do just that.

Rotary Clubs across the UK celebrated KIDS OUT Day on Tuesday 3 December. Studios Rotary applied and were successful in receiving £1500 grant from the charity. Nick Male, Sandra Parnell and Pat Strack hosted 300 Y6 schoolchildren from Kenilworth, Monksmead, Meryfield, Parkside, Saffron Green, St Teresa's and Summerswood schools to see Frozen 2 at the Reel cinema. The children were perfectly behaved and a credit to their schools and families. Each child and staff member was given a bottle of water and a kit kat paid for by Studios Rotary.

The film was fantastic. At the end every child received a Beanie hat courtesy of the KIDS OUT Charity.



Trees for Peace Project

There were 525 Trees for Peace planted in Elstree and Borehamwood.

225 hazel, hawthorn and goat willow were planted on Woodcock Hill Village Green on Sunday 17 November to celebrate Mitzvah Day. The project manager Alex Melsom decided we already had enough oak trees! Meadow seeds were planted and litter and vegetation clearance was carried out.

The event was organised by the WHVG Committee as part of the monthly working parties on the village green. Rotarian Himanshu Jain attended and was delighted to see a range of people of all ages and cultures working together to enhance Woodcock Hill: a haven for recreation for residents and rich habitats for flora and fauna.

Trees help to offset our carbon footprint as well as looking beautiful, providing habitats and improving health and well being. Rotary Trees for Peace were planted on Wednesday 20 November.

In the grounds of Tesco, Nick Male, Studios Rotary President, planted a tree with District Governor Tony Sharma and Trees for Peace organiser Sree Vallipuriam. The other tree was planted by the new store manager for Tesco arranged by Marion Joyce, the Tesco Community Champion. Members of Studios Rotary Club and Rotary Club of Elstree & Borehamwood president, Clive Butchins, took part.

Tony Sharma and Sree Vallipuram would like to personally thank council staff for planting the Trees for Peace on the allotments. A big thank you, too, to council staff for helping Studios Rotary Club and the WHVG Committee.

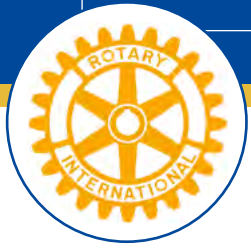


Trees for Peace project: a short history

Rotary and Commonwealth planting Trees for Peace in London was set up in 2018 to celebrate the Commonwealth conference held in London in March and April that year.

In 2018, 1483 trees were planted in London. In 2019 Rotary's District Governor decided to continue the project and a total of 1130 Trees for Peace will be planted.

In 2018 each borough was given trees to plant by the Queen's estates as part of the Queen's canopy. They were planted by the deputy Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, Oliver Dowden MP, Borough Mayor Cllr Brenda Batten, Town Mayor Cllr Victor Eni, President of Studios Rotary Sandra Parnell, Leader of the borough council Morris Bright and leader of the town council Cllr Pat Strack. Children from local schools planted meadow flower seeds and crocus corms.



Children in Need

This year Studios Rotary Club raised nearly £400 for Children In Need holding a raffle, selling merchandise and collecting at Elstree & Borehamwood station on Thursday 14 November. Nick, Sandra, Pat and Elaine shook their buckets at the commuters.

Mentoring

Members from Studios Rotary helped Radlett RC with interviews at Aldenham School.

Club party

Studios members welcomed Tejinder Singh from Delhi Rotary Club to the Christmas meeting on 10 December. A sing a long quiz, a buffet and Christmas crackers and poor jokes with members and friends finished our Rotary event.

Bag packing at Tesco

Time to raise funds for Studios Rotary activities. Six Studios Rotarians packed bags at Tesco on Saturday 14 December from 10am to 12pm. Thank you to the generosity of Tesco shoppers.

Book swap

This project continues with great success at the railway station. Rotarians collect book donations from Morrisons, 96 and Fairway Hall, stamp and label the books and replenish the supply. Studios Rotary Club members would like to thank Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council for its grant of £267 for storage boxes and labels. Please keep

donating and swapping books and help others to continue the joy of reading.

The book swap team hope to encourage other Rotary Clubs to set up the scheme along the Thameslink route.

Sports

Mark Meighan continues to organise the Studios quiz team, darts team, table tennis, snooker, billiards, pool, cribbage and ten pin bowling to take part in District competitions.

Studios Rotary Club projects for 2020

Going Green: Even small changes to our lives and recycling can have an effect. Members will be working to encourage changes across the town.

Autism project: A link with Rotary Clubs in the UK and Israel has been set up to help promote a project to help non verbal autistic children to communicate using computers.

Youth Project: Studios Rotary and Hertswood Academy are working with partners Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council, Clarion, Leeclyffe and Hertfordshire YC (formerly Youth Connexions) to start a youth club at the Academy on Friday nights. Planning and funding opportunities are at very early stages. The idea was brought to Studios Rotary by a pupil at the school. She identified the need and we are trying to address that.

Studios Rotary Club meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday evening at Elstree Studios. New members welcome. Come and join us. Service above Self. For more details contact Andrew Grady (andrew.grady@studio-elstreeandborehamwoodrotary.org.uk).

Drummers for Peace

Rotary Youth Makes Music 2020.

Studios Rotary Club instigated an initiative with the Purcell School, Bushey, to work with local schools in a number of music ventures. Already St Nicholas and Kenilworth schools have had a music workshop.

In October, 50 Y6 pupils from local schools attended a drumming workshop at Cowley Hill school. Addis Abodoo, Ghanaian master drummer, taught them drumming. A charismatic character, he told the young people about his life growing up in Ghana. The children were working under the direction of Alison Cox, Purcell School outreach coordinator, to audition for London Rotary Youth Makes Music at the Royal Festival Hall. The children were successful and will perform on 3 March 2020.



20 mentors and performers from the Purcell School will perform with the drummers. Y6 pupils from Cowley Hill, Kenilworth, Meryfield, Saffron Green, St Nicholas, St Teresa's and Woodlands schools will have the experience of a lifetime.

Other performers promoted by Studios Rotary were soloist Riley Levene and trio Georgia Hanson, Brook Holder and Angela Davison, winners of Borehamwood's Got Talent. These, too, will be performing at the Royal Festival Hall. Of 254 performers at RFH, between the ages of 11 and 18 years of age, 54 live in our town. Something of which to be proud.

Studios Rotary Club would like to thank the following Borough councillors who granted a total of £400 from their Ward Initiative Improvement Scheme money to pay for the drum master: Morris Bright, Glen Brinski, Susan Brown, Harvey Cohen, Victor Eni, Alan Plancey, Meenal Sachdev and Farida Turner. Thanks, too, to Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council for providing the tie-dyed t-shirts for the performers.

We are proud to be part of Hertfordshire Year of Culture 2020.



Pat Strack
Secretary Studios Rotary Club

What's On

Clubs & Groups

Drop-In

Tuesdays, 9.30am - 12noon

Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood WD6 5BT.

DR96 Over 60s Club

Wednesdays, 10am - 12noon

96 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, WD6 1EB.

New members welcome.

Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Club

Tuesdays, 2pm - 4pm

Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood WD6 5BT.

Friends of Care Homes

'An Evening Out in the Afternoon'

Weekly Sundays, 2.45pm - 5pm

Tel: 01923 289890

Live Well

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.

Monday Club

Once a fortnight from 10 am to 12pm

Hall behind Holy Cross Church, Balmoral Drive, Borehamwood, WD6 2QU.

New members welcome. A friendly atmosphere awaits.

Contact sandra_parnell@sky.com.

Elstree & Borehamwood Garden Society

13 February, 7pm, Allum Manor House, Elstree

Borehamwood & District Garden Craft Society AGM.

Speaker: Paolo Arrigo, FRANCHI Seeds

4 April, 1.30pm - 4.30pm, Allum Hall Elstree

Borehamwood & District Garden Crafts Society Spring Show

Borehamwood Women's Institute

Second Monday of the month, 2pm - 4pm

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

February - Kay Ball: Natural Skincare

March - Geoff Lambert: My dog's nose knows

April - Lynda Parkin: Birthday Cards

The Elstree Mozart Players

The 2020 season includes:

Saturday 29 February

'Scratch Choral Concert'

All Saints Church

Featuring 'Vivaldi's Gloria' plus 'Zadok the Priest'. This concert is the second 'scratch concert' and it is envisaged to raise money for a worthwhile local charity.

Wednesday 1 April

'Mayors Charity Fundraising Event'

Fairway Hall, 7.30pm

A group from the orchestra will present a cabaret dinner. Janice Watson and Bader Big Band, a band made up of pro musicians with amputations and hidden disabilities, will also be involved raising funds for Elstree & Borehamwood Mayor's Charity 2019-20, The Peace Hospice.

Sunday 14 June

Civic Festival Concert

All Saints church, Shenley Road

The orchestra will present a summer concert, as part of Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council's Civic Festival.

Saturday 26 September

St Michael's church, Brook Road, WD6 5EQ, 7.30pm

Sunday 1 November

'Classical Extravaganza Concert'

Plans are afoot to present this concert on a date to be advised.

For anyone requiring more information about the orchestra, please contact either Pat Strack on 020 8386 3151 or Andrew Grady on 07802 736628, or email: elstremozartplayers@outlook.com

Fairway Hall activities

Ballet: Hertsmer Academy of Performing Arts

Monday afternoons (term time only)

Contact Chahna Morgan 020 8207 3980
cj.danze@hotmail.co.uk

Sports & Youth Development

Mondays 8.30pm - 9.30pm

Hertsmer Borough Council 020 8207 2277

Drop-in centre

Tuesday mornings 9.30am - 12 noon

Dementia Support Group

Tuesday afternoons 2pm

Contact 020 8207 1382 for details

My Super Stories

Wednesday mornings 9.45am - 12 noon

Contact Emma Coen 07984 189120

Borehamwood & Elstree Twin Town Association

Monthly on a Wednesday evening

Contact bettagroup@hotmail.com for dates

Yoga

Thursday mornings 10am - 11.15am

Contact Liz Eley 07751 958433

Arts XP classes

Thursdays 4pm - 6pm (term time only)

Contact 07774 447932

Mencap Keep Fit to Music

Fridays 10.30am - 11.30am

Contact sian@hertsmeremencap.org.uk

Borehamwood Islamic Society

Fridays 1pm - 2pm

Contact 07909 523 717

Radlett Lawn Tennis and Squash Club

- February half term multisport camp running from 17 to 21 February 2020, booked through website www.rltsc.com.
- Sunday 1 March 2020, tennis and squash tournament from 12pm to 8pm.
- RLTC open day, Sunday 3 May 2020.

Come and join us on Sunday 3 May 2020, 10am to 5pm for a fun filled day at Radlett Lawn Tennis and Squash Club. Coaching available throughout the day. BBQ, refreshments and licenced bar. We also have the junior graded squash finals.

YOGA with Liz



Golden Age Yoga - Borehamwood

Thursday 10 to 11am

Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood, WD6 5BT

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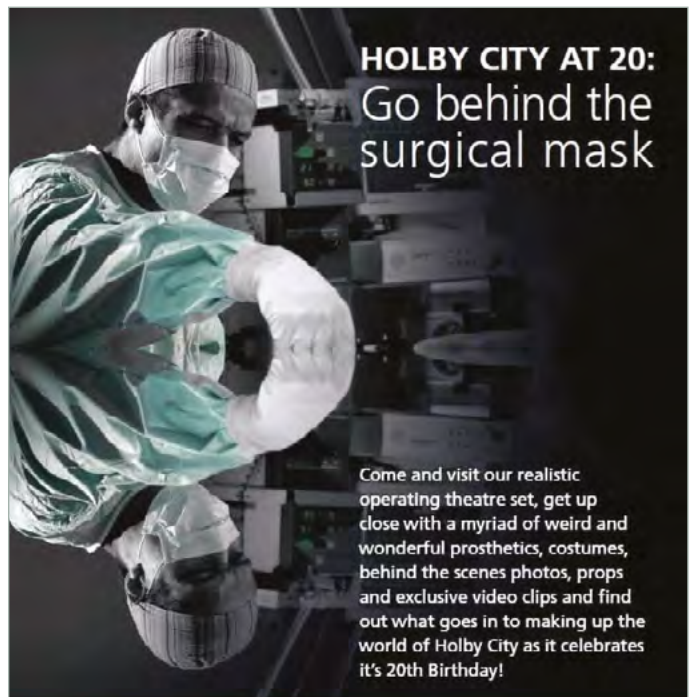
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See the exhibition at
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26th October 2019 to 25th April 2020

Admission Free | Opening hours: Tues - Thurs 12-6pm | Sat 10am-3pm

BBC STUDIOS



Guideposts supporting carers in Borehamwood

I have worked as a mental health support worker based at Guideposts' Henry Smith House in Watford for over 10 years and in the last 18 months, I started a new role as "Guideposts Carers Co-ordinator." This has given me time to develop new groups and one to one support for local carers.



My remit is to work primarily with those who are unpaid carers for a loved one with a mental ill health diagnosis or autism. Carers can be your husband/wife/partner, mother/father, brother/sister or neighbour and you don't even have to live at the same address. Being a relative of the ill person is a difficult situation for both the person who is ill and the family

member who is caring for them. Emotions can run high and it is tough to get through episodes when your loved one has poor health. I'm sure you know that caring for someone with a mental ill health condition is very different from caring for someone physically ill. It can impact on the carer's physical and emotional wellbeing. The stress and frustration can be overpowering, especially if you don't understand personally the experience of being mentally ill. Therefore, to help our carers cope, Guideposts plans to set up groups where they can off-load, be given advice, receive helpful information and have fun evenings too. I shall offer one-to-one meetings with carers to discuss individual needs, which will be in-between meetings. It is often said carers are "important

and save the country money." Well, you really are important and your wellbeing is important to us, so we hope to do our best to keep carers in good health.

I have run Guideposts' successful Watford Carers Group for many years now and I am planning to run a new group in the Borehamwood area. Having worked as a mental health support worker working with mental health service users, I believe I have empathy for both the carer and the cared for.

If you are an unpaid carer yourself or you are the cared-for person who knows someone who cares for you that might benefit from attending a group, please let me know your/their details, so that I can invite them to the New Borehamwood Carers Support Group. Then I can explain in detail my aims and objectives for Guideposts Carers into the future.

Also if you know of an event where I can advertise our plans for carers, I would be keen to attend. Please let me know.

Thank you to all our lovely carers for their devotion and hard work. Despite difficulties and hardships you keep going! Well done and keep well!

Lin Fellows
(Guideposts Carers Coordinator and Training Facilitator)
01923 223554



Guideposts

Borehamwood Carers Group

Are you an unpaid carer of someone with one of these conditions: Schizophrenia, Bi-Polar, Personality Disorder, OCD, Autism Spectrum Disorder or Dementia?



We have started a new carers group that is meeting in Borehamwood at Mirzan Restaurant. We are looking for more members to join us.
Would you like to come to our next meeting on:

Every SECOND Wednesday of the month

Mirzan Restaurant, Aycliffe Road

4pm till 6pm

For more information and to be added to the list please phone Lin Fellows on 01923 223554
Or e-mail lfellows@guideposts.org.uk



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SHOWS & EVENTS

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VENUE HIRE

96 have a great multi-purpose function hall that can host anywhere up to 150 people, a perfect blank canvas for all types of events along with extras such as a kitchen, cinema style projector screen, disco lights, LED Bar and loads more. A range of Meeting Rooms are also available with capacity ranging from 4 people to 20 people.

THREWAYS COMMUNITY CENTRE

HALL HIRE

Threeways Community Centre is a lovely space for children's parties, birthdays, wedding receptions, the Children's Party we offer a 3 hour time slot of 1:00pm till 4:00pm this includes the hall, tables and chairs. For your evening function we can do 1:00pm or 5:00pm till Midnight with the Bar being an available extra.



PARK EVENTS BY INSPIREALL

UPCOMING EVENTS IN HERTSMERE

The first event of 2020 is our annual Easter Egg Hunt. The Hunt will cost £1.50 per person, you can also enjoy the free Magic Show and Arts & Crafts. The event will be running 12:00- 16:00 and taking place on these dates:
Bushey Rose Garden Tuesday 7th April
Meadow Park, Borehamwood Wednesday 8th April
Oakmere Park, Potters Bar Thursday 9th April

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY: We are offering great packages for local businesses to advertise on the Big Screen for one of our forthcoming events in Hertsmere. Our Movies In The Park has been running for 5 years with approximately 1000 people attending each day. For anymore info contact- E-mail: Events@InspireAll.com.

#HYOC2020

Also known as HYOC2020, Hertfordshire Year of Culture 2020 is a year to showcase Hertfordshire as a county of creative and cultural opportunity. InspireAll will be supporting this throughout 2020 and you can to by using #HYOC2020 to share your ideas with us and the county's creative community. If you would like to get involved, please contact the Project Co-ordinator Liz Gore on 020 8207 7801 or by email at liz.gore@hertsmere.gov.uk, you can also follow what they get up to on Facebook @HertsYOC2020



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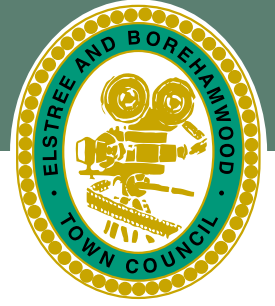


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Threeways: Hire.Threeways@InspireAll.com/ 01442 454 001

Annual Parish Meeting 4 March



Come and have your say Annual Parish Meeting in Fairway Hall

Dear Residents of Elstree and Borehamwood

You are cordially invited to attend the annual Parish Meeting called by the Mayor, Cllr Simon Rubner.

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.

Any registered elector is welcome to attend – you will be asked to sign an attendance sheet confirming that you are a 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. These types of questions will be welcomed, being 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. Groups may also distribute non-political leaflets at the meeting.

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

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like a question raised, please complete the attached cut out slip and send it back to the Town Council.

Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council

Annual Parish Meeting: Wednesday 4 March 2020, 7.30pm (Fairway Hall)

Question slip

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Name

Contact details (optional)

Please return to Town Clerk, Fairway Hall, Borehamwood WD6 5BT



Question slips will also be available during the meeting for those attending.

All are welcome and light refreshments (tea/coffee) will be provided. Put the date in your diary:

Wednesday 4 March 2020 at 7.30pm
Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council
Fairway Hall, Brook Close
Borehamwood WD6 5BT

There is sufficient parking for 20 cars at Fairway Hall. However Brook Road car park is situated by St Teresa's School (2-minute walk across the road) and is free during the evening (from 6.30pm).

If you represent a local organisation and would like to make a 2-minute presentation at the meeting, please contact the Town Clerk in good time to discuss arrangements (tel: 020 8207 1382).



Precept and Financial Matters 2020/21

Money matters

The Town Council is keen to receive Community Grant applications from local organisations which benefit the local community or a section of it, and £10,000 is set aside each year for this purpose.

Grant application forms and rules on how to make an application can be found on the Council’s website at www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk/index.php/yourcouncil/community-grants.

In addition, by completing the CIL Questionnaire (see right) you can help the Town Council decide on what infrastructure projects it can support. CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) is the developer contribution money the Town Council receives from Hertsmere Borough Council to be spent on projects that demonstrate infrastructure improvements to meet the increased demands that development places on an area.



CIL Expenditure Questionnaire

I am a resident of Elstree and Borehamwood Yes No

Name

Address

Email

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

My suggestion for CIL expenditure is:

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Precept 2020/21

At its meeting on 15 January 2020, the Council set the precept demand (the Town Council’s share of the council tax for the year) at £493,879.38.

Town and Parish Councils take just 2% of the full council tax allocation. For a typical Band D Elstree and Borehamwood household this equates to a 2% increase from the previous year. The Band D household will pay £36.99 per year or £3 per month for Town Council services (or just 73p per year more in 2020/21 than in 2019/20).

Whilst the Town Council can use CIL monies on certain projects, and generates some income from certain activities e.g. hiring Fairway Hall, the precept represents the lion’s share of council income required to deliver its services. In 2020/21 the Town Council is looking to make much needed improvements to All Saints cemetery and increase its programme of entertainments and events (especially the Christmas lights). There will also be new commemorative events taking place e.g. to celebrate VE Day.



“Who do I talk to about.....?”

With three tiers of local government in Hertfordshire, it can be confusing knowing which authority to contact about a particular service or issue.

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 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 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

Hertsmeare 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 Hertsmeare Leisure) including The Venue and all parks

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

Call: 020 8207 2277 or visit www.hertsmeare.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 a 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

Monksmead Primary School

Hillside Ave, Borehamwood WD6 1HL
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Kenilworth Primary School

Kenilworth Dr, Borehamwood WD6 1QL
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Yavneh College

Hillside Ave, Borehamwood WD6 1HL
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Saffron Green Primary School

Nicoll Way, Borehamwood WD6 2PP
020 8953 3801

Cowley Hill Primary School

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, Borehamwood 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
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Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council meetings

For a full list of our forthcoming meetings, please see the website.

All meetings now take place at Fairway Hall.

18 February	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7.00pm
19 February	Transport Forum	Main Hall	7.00pm
4 March	ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL	Main Hall	7.30pm
10 March	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7.30pm
11 March	FULL COUNCIL	Main Hall	7.30pm
17 March	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7.00pm
25 March	Community Safety Meeting	Main Hall	7.00pm
31 March	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7.30pm
21 April	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7.00pm
23 April	General Management	Meeting Room	7.00pm
5 May	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7.30pm
6 May	Transport Forum	Main Hall	7.00pm
13 May	ANNUAL COUNCIL MAYOR MAKING	Main Hall	7.30pm
19 May	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7.00pm

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

Contacting the Council staff

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