

# ELSTREE & BOREHAMWOOD TOWN CRIER



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## Letter from the Mayor...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our local volunteers for the help and support they have provided so far during these unprecedented times.

The contribution volunteers have made to support our local communities has been extraordinary and I want to let you know these efforts are recognised and appreciated.

Volunteers have been actively involved in delivering food, picking up medicine, and checking on neighbours. Their efforts proved to be invaluable.

These are truly unparalleled times, and thanks to the determination and selfless acts of local volunteers, our collective response to the coronavirus pandemic is something we as a town should be very proud of.

I have been busy alongside other town councillors volunteering at local charities. It was my pleasure to meet and chat with many residents whilst volunteering at Gratitude distributing food at Allum Manor.

Working with St Michael's Church, Studios Rotary and Borehamwood & Elstree Synagogue, we collected hand creams, cuppa soups and pot noodles on behalf of Borehamwood based charity, Goods for Good. These items were distributed to front line staff at our local NHS hospitals and trusts.

Without the generosity and ingenuity of the people of Elstree and Borehamwood these charities would cease to function.

During this period Town Council staff have been busy working as usual providing the services essential to the smooth running of the council in a Covid-safe environment. My thanks to all our staff for their tenacity in going to work supporting our town.

For town councillors it has been business as usual, meetings taking place remotely to make sure we continue our essential activities whilst adhering to government social distancing guidelines.

Although we had to cancel the annual Civic Festival, we were able to hold some events digitally. I would like to thank the organisers of these events for everything they did to ensure residents could enjoy a selection of cultural events from the comfort of their home. I really enjoyed the recent concerts, flower and literary events, with the 75th anniversary of VJ day commemorations taking place on 15 August.

I look forward to better days when we can come together as a community to socialise, celebrate and commemorate. In the meantime, please keep your distance, wash your hands, stay alert and think of others.



**Cllr Simon Rubner**  
**Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood**  
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# High Sheriff of Hertfordshire gives award to Gratitude

On 8 July 2020 the High Sheriff of Hertfordshire, The Honourable Thurston Holland-Hibbert, visited Allum Manor to present an award to local charity Gratitude.

Gratitude, based in Borehamwood, fight hunger and food waste. They take food that's good to eat but can't be sold in shops because of packaging errors or overproduction. They then redistribute it to the community through various free meals projects, a community pantry and a network of local charities.

Allum Manor manager Tony Battison said "We closed our doors on 17 March because of the coronavirus pandemic and it seemed such a waste that our lovely large hall was not being used. We were approached by Gratitude, who needed a temporary venue to carry out their operation at no charge, and we were only too pleased to help".

Gratitude have been at Allum Manor since early April, operating every afternoon from Monday to Friday. By the time of the High Sherriff's visit they had served 3,100 local Borehamwood residents and handed out an estimated £186,000 worth of food. An estimated 124 tons of food has been saved from going into landfill. Gratitude also deliver to shelters and other charities. The whole Gratitude programme is staffed by volunteers and an estimated 1560 hours has been put in at Allum Manor with many more hours behind the scenes.



Since 22 July local Borehamwood children have also been receiving nutritious meals on a "meals on wheels for schoolchildren" scheme. Gratitude use the car park at Allum Manor to transfer cooked meals from vans to volunteers' cars for delivery.

John Carlisle, CEO of Gratitude said "The whole Gratitude programme at Allum Manor has been an astonishing success. Not least because of the management and staff being very helpful, and in particular the amazing contribution of Michael, the caretaker".

Allum Manor has also hosted four Blood Donor clinics since the lockdown started, with two more planned for September and December. Manager Tony Battison said "We have given the NHS our hall "free-to-use" for these clinics. The NHS has been brilliant during the pandemic and we felt this was a practical way we could support it".

Allum Manor has carried out a Covid-19 risk assessment to ensure that it is 'Covid-19 secure'. Slowly but surely customers are starting to return, while observing social distancing requirements.

'Moving Forward' is a summary based on this risk assessment and it answers questions about all the precautions being taken. A copy is available to view on the Allum Manor website or by email from [contact@AllumManor.co.uk](mailto:contact@AllumManor.co.uk)



## Happy Birthday Florrie Cowley

DR 96 members and Monday Club members will celebrate Florrie Cowley's 100th Birthday in September. She will have socially distanced celebration with a special cake provided by DR96. Florrie is a regular member of both clubs. She also runs a friendship club.

Florrie Cowley has been active in the community for many years, having been closely involved in Brownies Guides and supporting Scouting in the district. Florrie has a huge collection of Brownie and Guide memorabilia.

Florrie has been an Elstree and Borehamwood Museum volunteer for many years. She was a founder member of the History Society that led to the formation of the museum many years ago. With other founder members was awarded a certificate in recognition of her work.

Florrie supported the Woodcock Hill Village Green committee from its foundation. When a socially distanced demonstration was held and the Savewoodcockhill banner was removed on the orders of Taylor Wimpey, Florrie and her son Peter were cheering the demonstrators from their front garden.



# Thank you Borehamwood!

Well, what an unusual and busy last six months the Borehamwood Foodbank has had! Thank you for all of your amazing support since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic in March.

We are very proud that we were able to stay open while most agencies around us closed their doors. Demand for our support has soared but so too have our donations. From April to June 2020 we fed 2,107 people, compared to the same period in 2019 where we fed 688 people. We gratefully took in 21.4 tonnes of food, compared to seven tonnes the previous year. We're amazed by your generosity and cannot thank you enough! We've also taken in regular weekly donations from local businesses including Morrisons, Tesco and Sainsburys. Our community is simply amazing!

Here is some feedback on what your generosity has meant ....

"Thank you for the food pack we received today, your help has been the difference between me being able to feed my family or gas and electric, so we all thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We have finally heard from Universal Credit and will receive our first payment on the 4 June which is ten weeks after we received any wages! It has been very difficult trying to pay the bills, your generous donation has been our lifeline, please pass on our thanks to all of your volunteers, without you we wouldn't have coped".



We've had a busy summer supporting families with lots of cookery and craft packs to take home. Our first two summer sessions alone we gave food packs to 117 children! Some of their cookery efforts are below. We've also provided financial support in the form of grants for gas and electricity, as well as support to purchase school

uniforms ready for September. Over a two week period we purchased school uniforms for over 50 children!!

We are now preparing for a busy autumn. Please do continue to donate if you are able to, If you would like to give some of your time to support us with the work we are doing, please email me at [info@borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk).

Wishing you all continued good health!

**Kim Gray**  
Foodbank Coordinator





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# School News

## Little Angels Preschool

Little Angels Pre-School in Furzehill Road remained open throughout the Covid19 lockdown period for key worker children and have been supporting home learning too.

In June we welcomed back more of our children following the government's relaxation of lockdown. Throughout this time, we have been caring for 29 children through the week, remaining in bubbles of 8 to protect our children who cannot socially distance (with many other precautions in place).

The children, parents and staff have adapted well to the new normal and children have thrived in their small groups. We cannot wait to welcome back all our new and returning children in September.

We also have a brand new website. If you haven't seen it, check it out at [www.littleangelsborehamwoodpreschool.com](http://www.littleangelsborehamwoodpreschool.com)

*Sophie Perkins (Manager)*



## Saffron Green Primary School

### Early Years at Saffron Green Primary School - Pre and Post Covid

At Saffron Green Primary School our Early Years and Foundation Stage Unit has always been a thriving part of our school. Our outdoor area was recently refurbished to further enhance our provision of the "Seven Areas of Learning" within the foundation stage, alongside providing a multi-sensory approach to support those pupils with special educational needs. Our colourful and vibrant indoor area mirrors this provision and strongly supports the "Characteristics of Effective Learning"\*. At Saffron Green we embrace the children's interests, allowing this to inform and enhance our continuous provision throughout the academic year, and allowing the children to take ownership of their learning by creating these areas with the staff.

Prior to lockdown, the children enjoyed learning about traditional tales and re-enacting them with puppets and masks. They even made their own beanstalk to climb. In addition to this they planted seeds in the garden to watch and learn all about "The Plant Cycle" and how the plant changes and develops over time. Working with this topic-based

style of learning is a key strength of the Early Years Provision at Saffron Green in both our nursery and reception class. We are very pleased to announce that this year we are able to offer 30 hours of provision to our nursery children.

In September 2020, despite Covid, we still aim to provide multisensory learning opportunities to suit each individual pupil's needs and interests. We will continue to hold our stay-and-play sessions where the parents can help their child settle into their new environment and routines, but this will now be held in our spacious and inviting outdoor areas. We are extremely excited at the thought of welcoming all of your children back to school in September.

\* For further information with regards to how children learn in Early Years please visit: [www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2012/03/Development-Matters-FINAL-PRINT-AMENDED.pdf](http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2012/03/Development-Matters-FINAL-PRINT-AMENDED.pdf)

**Hayley Burchell,  
Head of EYFS,  
Saffron Green**



# Kenilworth Primary School

Despite spending time away from each other, our Kenilworth community stayed together, completing challenges and activities at home and in school.

## Transient art competition

In the summer half term, we held a transient art competition, with the children using their artistic abilities to create amazing pieces of art. The art had to be made from entirely natural materials, including leaves, sticks, flowers and stones. Working in school or at home, we were so impressed with the fantastic entries to our competition. Congratulations to Lena and Nathan who won the competition and well done to everyone who took part.



## Virtual sports day

To ensure that we were able to enjoy our annual sports day this year, Year 6 hosted a virtual sports day on Wednesday 8 July. They planned activities that could be enjoyed at school or at home, substituting bean bags for socks, tubs for hoops and balls for toilet rolls! Sports day is one of our favourite days of the year and we were so glad that we were able to enjoy it (albeit differently) this year.



## Goodbye Year 6

We were so incredibly proud of our Year 6 class, who remained a fantastic, joyful and fun class despite having their final year disrupted by the pandemic. During their last week at school, they enjoyed their Year 6 leavers party, full of socially distanced games and a very wet water fight. Then, on Friday 17 July they came together to watch their Virtual Leavers' Assembly. During the assembly, they shared memories from their time at Kenilworth, special commendations to their friends and goodbye messages from the teachers who have watched them grow and learn over their time at Kenilworth. We wish you the best of luck for the future Year 6 and are sure that you will go on to do great things.

## Outdoor learning

Since returning to school in June, Reception students have had a great time taking their learning outdoors. Investigating wildlife, growing plants and even toasting marshmallows on a fire pit to make s'mores, the children have expanded their knowledge of the world outside their classroom. As well as the fantastic learning opportunities that they have enjoyed, they have also managed to achieve awards for the school – achieving silver in the RSPB Wild Challenge and Level 3 in the RHS School Gardening Awards. Well done to Mrs Steeden and the Early Years team who have given these wonderful opportunities to our children.



# Hertswood Academy



In September, Hertswood Academy will have a very special new member of staff. Riley is a Cavapoo (King Charles Cavalier and Poodle cross), and in agreement with our headteacher and governors, she will be joining us at the academy every day.

She is currently four months old, an adorable, energetic puppy and going through specific training to allow her to be on site with us. This breed is well-known for being kind, affectionate, sensitive and placid. The decision to have a dog on site was taken after a lot of research into the advantages and all the evidence is overwhelmingly in favour of the benefits a dog can bring to the school.

Over the last months Riley has been visiting the academy regularly to get more comfortable and confident around the building. She has proved unsurprisingly popular with staff and students alike and has settled into her office wonderfully, but is always keen to explore.

**Paul Marlow**  
Asst. Headteacher

## We are not in Kansas anymore Toto!

When she awoke, Dorothy was amazed to find herself zoomed up in a tornado and not back home in Kansas. I wonder if she would recognise what is happening today.

Everything has changed and what has happened to schools throughout the world is unique. Even during the second world war children still went to school.

One thing we do know as school governors is how hard the staff have been working to ensure children could get back in, while protecting staff from getting ill themselves. Unlike Dorothy and her pals, social distancing has been a big challenge for schools and this has meant lots of moving furniture around, setting up signs so that everyone is able to move around safely.

Governors have had to adapt too, as we have still had responsibility for setting and agreeing the strategic direction of the school. For the schools that I am involved with, everyone has got to grips with using Zoom or an alternative known as Microsoft Teams. Attendance at these virtual meetings has been better than normal. There has been the additional advantage of being able to quickly phone anyone missing to see if they are OK, and often they then are able to quickly join in.

Careful chairing has been more important than normal to ensure that everyone can contribute. When we have had lots of participants, governors have had to turn off their video to ensure that everyone can join. Too many people joining means that it eats up the internet bandwidth and either does not work or is very slow. We have all been learning new skills like muting our own output so that, interesting as it might be, everyone does not pick up on the business of what is going on in our homes.

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

**[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/edlearn/getinvolved/governors/bechsgov/](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/edlearn/getinvolved/governors/bechsgov/)**

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





# Live Luke's Dreams

Live Luke's Dreams - a charity inspired by Luke, for Luke. Forever 5 years, 5 months and 6 days young.



## Who we are:

Live Luke's Dreams is new charity, created in honour of a little boy called Luke. A little boy who spent half of his life scooting along hand in hand with cancer. We aim to ensure Luke's memory lives on forever, whilst supporting children who have been diagnosed with a childhood cancer in Borehamwood

or the boroughs of Barnet and Enfield. It is a tough rollercoaster to be on, we know, and if there is any way we can help these families, then we want to. Whether it be by gifts to occupy long hospital stays, entertainment in hospital, memory making days out, breaks away and so on - anything that may bring some happiness and help at such a life shattering time.

## How we achieve our aims:

We don't want anyone ever to forget Luke, he was far too special for that. We want him to live in the minds of all that knew him forever, and for people to live the dreams that he can't. We aim to achieve this with special 'Luke footprint stones'. Small palm-size stones, which have Luke's footprint printed on one side, and a rainbow that he painted during treatment printed on the other. These stones are available, for a small voluntary donation, to anyone who knew Luke, anyone who wishes they knew him, anyone who wants to get involved and support us in keeping our beautiful boy's memory alive. Going on holiday? Have an exciting day out planned? We are asking people to take a stone

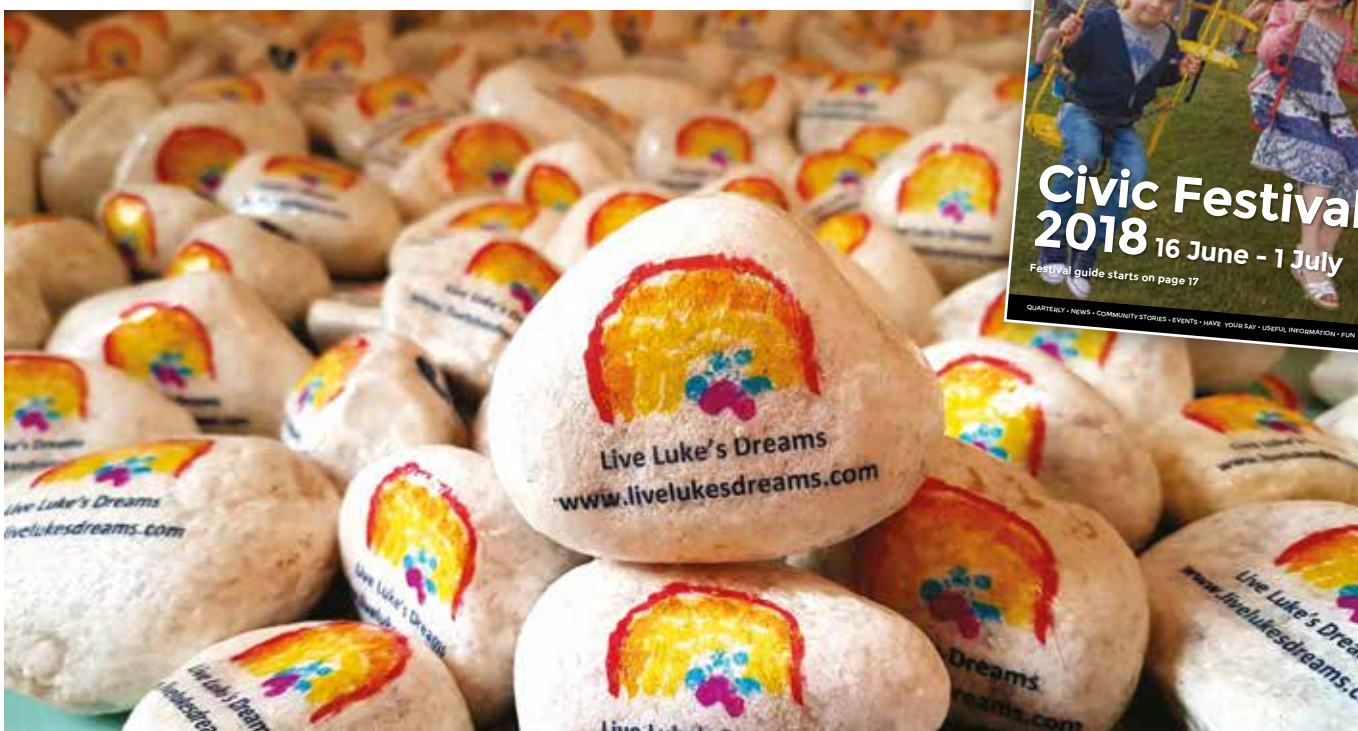
with them, to think of Luke at their destination, include him in their new memory, then to leave the stone behind – taking a photo of where it has been left. We would love you to send this photo to us, so we can pin it on our world map, which we share on our website and Facebook page for all to see. Our hope is for Luke's dreams to be lived by others, for his footprints to cover the world, for him to live with us all forever.

All donations the charity receives, from the footprint stones or otherwise, will go towards supporting children diagnosed with childhood cancer living in Borehamwood or the boroughs of Barnet and Enfield. When a child is diagnosed with cancer in North London, they will primarily be treated at a specialist oncology hospital, such as Great Ormond Street and UCLH, but they will also be seen and cared for by the Paediatric Oncology Shared Care Unit at their local 'shared care' hospital. To begin with, we will be offering support to the oncology children who are receiving treatment at one of the above primary hospitals and who are under 'shared care' with Barnet Hospital. As the charity grows, we hope to be able to open up and offer our support to the oncology children under the care of North Middlesex Hospital too.

**For more information on our new charity and to see where Luke's footprints have travelled so far, please visit [www.livelukesdreams.com](http://www.livelukesdreams.com) or follow us on Facebook: Live Luke's Dreams**



Luke was featured on the front cover of issue 30 of the Town Crier





  
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## Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council Virtual Festival Literary Event

In association with Writers in the Wood and the Rotary Club of Elstree & Borehamwood.

I was very pleased to be able to produce an event as part of the rather limited Town Festival this year. It was designed to highlight aspects of literary endeavour related in some way to our town's rich heritage of TV and Film.

If you would like to view it there is a link on the Town Council website or you can go straight to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4nZm0amtbK4>



Alexander Bermange



Tony McHale

I was very pleased to obtain Tony's contribution following on from the aborted museum exhibition featuring 20 years of Holby City as he had been very closely involved with the programme over a number of years.

The event featured Tony McHale, Alexander Bermange, Paul Welsh MBE and members of the Writers in the Wood: Lorraine Reed, Rosemary Wiseman and Steven Pemberton.

Alexander is an up-and-coming writer of musicals, creating both clever lyrics and great tunes. Paul is probably well known to you but in view of his new book on MGM British Studios, it seemed timely to include him in the project. The project also provided an opportunity to give some exposure to wonderful local group of authors, Writers in the Wood.

Sincere thanks go to all who took part and everyone else involved in the production process.

*Clive Butchins*

# VJ Day – Saturday 15 August 2020



On Saturday 15 August Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council presented a live web stream, featuring some events to commemorate the days VJ day celebrations.

The event presented a reciting of the Royal British Legion Exaltation and a reading of the Kohima Epitaph, by representatives of the Borehamwood branch. The Mayor of Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council, Cllr. Simon Rubner gave a speech recited a Poem 'A Cry for Peace'.

The video presentation also included "The Last Post" and "Reveille", by Andrew Grady from Borehamwood Brass, with a two minutes silence to remember all our fallen heroes in the Far East and Burma. Piper George Macgregor also performed the 'Battle's Over'.

Commentator for the evening's proceedings was Nick Male.

The event presented by the town's entertainments officer, who is grateful for the co-operation of the Torpedo Factory Group for their assistance in organising this event, this 'virtual' event has been produced in place of the planned event at Woodcock Hill Village Green, which has been cancelled because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The stream started at 6.50pm and was timed to fall between all national celebrations that had been planned for the day.

Watch the video here <https://youtu.be/-IXU0UyRudo>

*Andrew Grady*

## New Memorial bench and Silent Soldier sculpture

To mark the 75th Anniversary of VJ Day Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council installed a new memorial bench outside McDonalds close to the war memorial in Borehamwood.

In Elstree a "Silent Soldier" sculpture was erected looking down on the names of the fallen soldiers inscribed on the memorial. Thanks to Steve Hall, Paul Miller and Anne Nicodemus for installing them both.



# Music in the Wood



## Borehamwood Brass 2020

Since lockdown on 23 March the band has been keeping in touch via a conferencing session once a week, whilst also setting up a 'What's App' group for everyone to keep in contact.

The conferencing sessions have in recent weeks included talks from members about their playing careers. Some sessions have also included a mini 'pub quiz'. A session on 26 June welcomed Malcolm Rice. As many may know, Malcolm's family started Borehamwood Brass back in 1971. Malcolm joined the group from his home in Cornwall.

During lockdown, the band was approached by a reporter from Borehamwood's German twin town, Offenburg, asking if we could write an article about how lockdown has affected music and culture in England. This article was published in early April in their Offenblatt local community magazine, run by the Offenburg Stadt.

For the foreseeable future the band has suspended all rehearsals to comply with all the restrictions that are in place, but we are reviewing this at regular intervals.

The band are keeping a close eye on the government restrictions for music groups, re-commencing rehearsals when all relevant measures required are in place and social distancing rules permit the group to

meet again. The band will follow advice from Public Health England and Brass Band England, an advisory body offering training and support for member bands throughout the UK.

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

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## Elstree Mozart Players

Elstree Mozart Players were founded by Derek Holland, currently the Musical Director of Borehamwood Brass, first appearing 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. 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.



Given the extent of the coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak across the world, and the government ceasing all gatherings and closure of theatres and bars, all events planned have been cancelled for rescheduling at a later date.

The orchestra hopes to be able to hold an event for the NSPCC in October and their concert on Sunday 1 November 2020, but a decision about this will be taken in September. This will very much depend on whether government restrictions are still in place allowing for musical events and concerts to take place.

**Anyone requiring more information about the orchestra, or wishing to become a patron or friend of the orchestra, please contact either Pat Strack on 020 8386 3151 or Andrew Grady on 07802 736628, or email [elstreemozartplayers@outlook.com](mailto:elstreemozartplayers@outlook.com)**

# Meadow Park covered entertainment arena

On Tuesday 3 June 2020, the process of providing a permanent 'covered entertainment arena' in Meadow Park took one step further, with Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council agreeing to provide funding for the structure, to be sited in Meadow Park with the agreement of Hertsmere Borough Council.

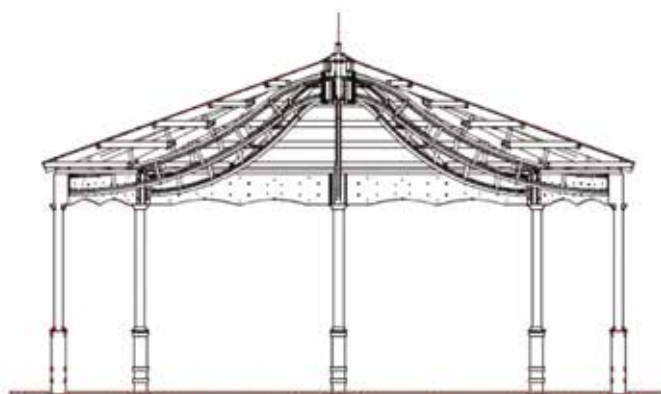
Project committee members and Rotarians from the two clubs in the town, Andrew Grady and Norman Shuker, gave two short presentations about the benefits such a facility can provide, demonstrating that a vast amount of research and planning had been undertaken by the project committee. This structure can and will be an asset to the local community, being able to be used for different aspects of life within the town.

The setting up of a series of concerts to provide 'proof of concept' working with the London & Home Counties Brass Band Association and local community performers has been particularly welcomed by many in the community.

Given the extent of the coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak, and the government ceasing all gatherings and closure of all planned current events in the UK, the committee had to cancel its plans to hold the summer concert series in June and July this year.

It is hoped, if things improve, that four shortened concerts will take place during October so that the townsfolk can enjoy these popular Sunday afternoon concerts in Meadow Park.

The project committee also consists of Nick Male, local musician, and Town Cllr Pat Strack, both of whom are Rotarians.



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# Hollywood in Hertfordshire

## (MGM British Studios)

'If ever there was a 'Rolls Royce' of British film studios, it was MGM British, which stood on 115 acres off Elstree Way from 1936 until 1970, where it produced world-famous films, attracting many of Hollywood's most legendary stars.'

These words in the summer edition of *Town Crier* announced plans to launch a new book by local film historian Paul Welsh to tell the remarkable story of this iconic film and TV studio.

Then came the Covid-19 pandemic and national lockdown. But by early May, 300 copies had arrived from the printer. A planned display in the reception area of 96 Shenley Road and a book signing were no longer permitted, and so started a campaign to launch 'MGM British Studios'.

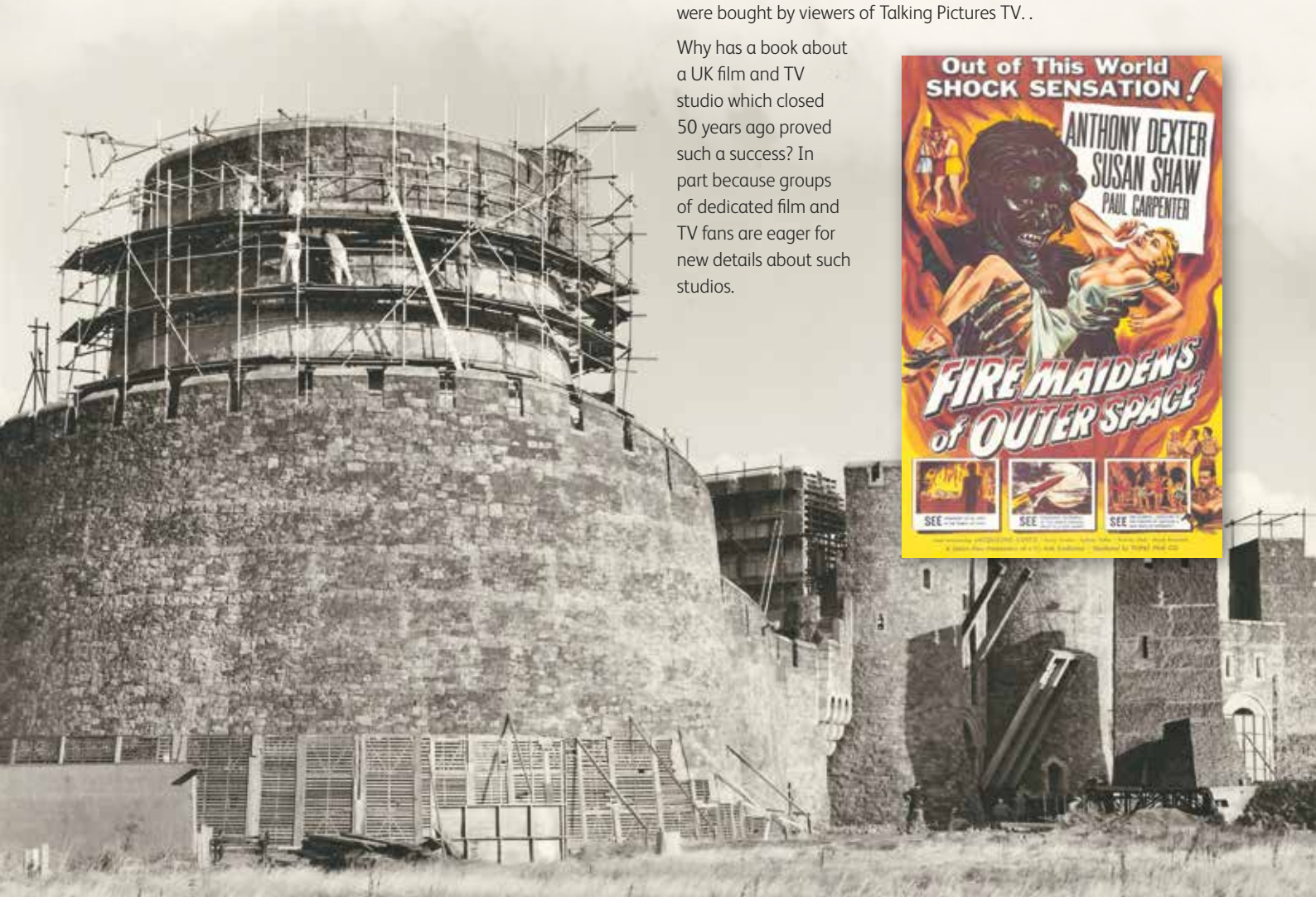
Posts were made on key local Facebook pages, the Facebook pages of national groups of fans of the MGM Studios and of the films and television series made there, and also Hertfordshire's '2020 Year of Culture' Facebook page. The book appeared on the covers of 'Hertfordshire Life' and of 'The Veteran', a quarterly magazine for British film and TV veterans. The British History Project and the Cinema Museum also publicised the online launch.



In each case, people were invited to visit the website of Elstree Screen Heritage (ESH) to discover more about the book and how they could buy their copy.

Described as the perfect antidote to 'lockdown blues', the book quickly started to sell as word spread. By the end of July, over 375 copies had been posted out by Elstree Screen Heritage. Another 200-plus copies were bought by viewers of Talking Pictures TV.

Why has a book about a UK film and TV studio which closed 50 years ago proved such a success? In part because groups of dedicated film and TV fans are eager for new details about such studios.



The book was designed partly to appeal to them, containing new 'inside stories' as well as over 400 photos and drawings, most of them never before published. Fans from across the world, as far away as Australia and New Zealand, have bought copies.

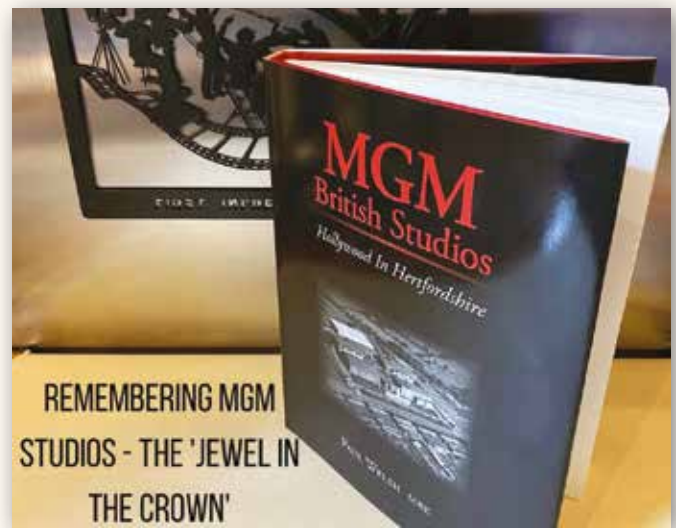
But just as many copies now sit in the homes of local residents, curious about tales of MGM's own British studio. In some cases their relatives had worked in the studio, while for others the book was an ideal Father's Day gift. But often these Borehamwood locals simply wanted to read a story about the town in which they live. Recording and sharing the story of our unique local film and television heritage have always been key objectives of Elstree Screen Heritage.

As we slowly and cautiously emerge from lockdown, new plans are being made to prepare a display at 96 Shenley Road and to hold a book signing in October by Paul Welsh.

In the meantime, word continues to spread. New cinema magazines are preparing feature articles and reviews, while several major book

chains are showing interest in adding 'MGM British Studios' to their online and high street stores.

Who would have imagined that the story of a film studio long demolished, its ups and downs, false starts and great successes, would have proved so appealing or so relevant half a century later?



Perhaps the past few months have brought fresh insights into what matters most to people, and as long as they want to discover for themselves the secrets of the MGM British Studios we'll continue to make sure that copies are available for them.

**Bob Redman**

**The book costs just £20 (plus postage and packing). Profits will be shared by Elstree Screen Heritage and the Elstree & Borehamwood Museum.**

**For details of how you can order your own copy please visit our website [www.ElstreeScreenHeritage.org](http://www.ElstreeScreenHeritage.org)**

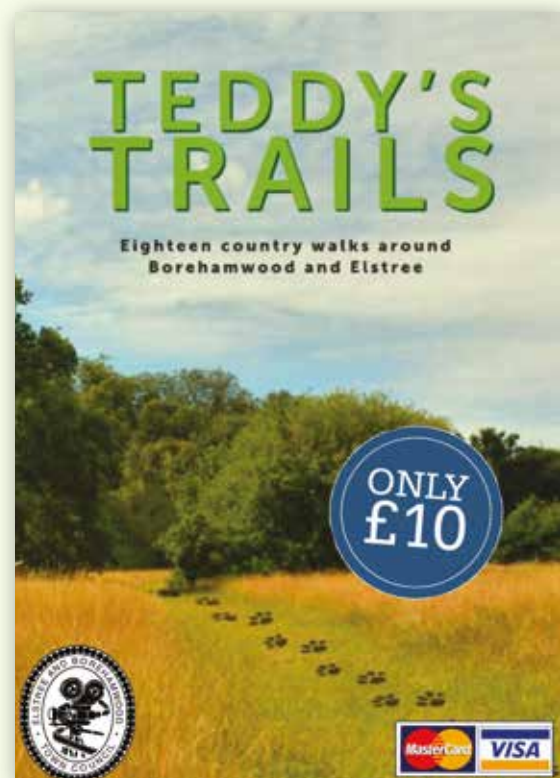
## Just published! Teddy's Trails are now available in print ...

Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council's much-acclaimed network of country walks has now been published as a book. With 266 pages, fully illustrated, and spiral bound for easy use, it is a must-have guide for everyone who loves our locality and is interested in its past.

Teddy's Trails are named after the fox terrier whose joy in exploring the countryside inspired the book. There are 18 walks, ranging in length from 3 to 8 miles, with copious notes about places of interest along the way and people associated with them.

It is priced at only £10 a copy.

Once the virus emergency is over, it can be ordered by phone from Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council on 020 8207 1382 (card payments accepted) or by post from the council at Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood WD6 5BT (cheques payable to Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council).





# Don't miss your chance to vote!

## Now YOU can choose a flag for Elstree and Borehamwood

Flags are an ancient art form that developed especially to allow us to display allegiance and identity. The spring edition of the Town Crier invited you to design a flag which would represent what makes our town so special.

A variety of imaginative entries were received, and last month a panel of judges drawn from across our community selected four designs to be the finalists.

I am very grateful to the members of the judging panel for their work, as well as to Graham Bartram from the Flag Institute for the expert help and guidance he has provided.

Now ... it's your turn to vote for the winning design.

Cllr. Pat Strack  
Leader, Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council

### Rules for voting

- The ballot is open to anyone who lives or works in Elstree or Borehamwood.
- Your identity will be secret but please tell us the postcode of your home or your workplace.
- You may vote only once.
- You can either cut out and use the ballot paper on the facing page OR photocopy it OR download and print one from the Town Council's website.

To return your completed ballot paper, you can either

**Post** it to the Town Council at the address shown

OR **place** it in the ballot box at Fairway Hall

OR **scan** and send it to [dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](mailto:dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)

The closing date to return your ballot papers is

**Wednesday 30 September.**





## ✂ Ballot paper for Elstree and Borehamwood town flag competition

To: Dan Salter, Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council  
Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood WD6 5BT

My post code is

My choices of flag design are (insert letters):

First choice       Second       Third       Fourth

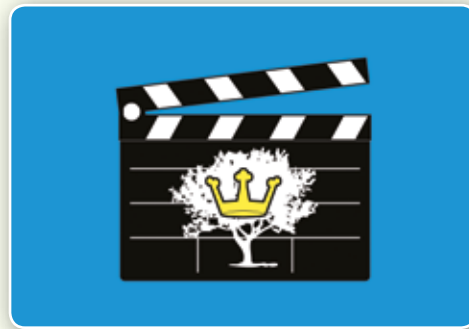
Here are the four shortlisted designs

A



Green and yellow represent the local fields and woods. The tree represents wildlife as well as the names of Elstree and Borehamwood. Elstree comes from the name of Tidwulf's tree. The crown is the Anglo-Saxon crown of Mercia.

B



Black and white are the colours of Boreham Wood Football club. The clapper board represents the movies filmed at the studios in Borehamwood. The blue is from the Hertsmere council logo.

C



The outline represents the boundary of Elstree and Borehamwood parish. The film strip and camera reflect the town's film-making history. Black and white are the colours of Boreham Wood Football Club.

D



Elstree Rural District Council's arms featured a spool of film, which the flag echoes. Black and white mirror the colours of Boreham Wood Football Club. The blue is the same shade used in the flag of Hertfordshire.

Keep it simple  
Use meaningful symbols  
Use just two or three colours  
Be distinctive



# Compost Corner



## Love salad?... and cupboard love

Many people at home, or on their allotments plant radishes “because they’re easy”. Also lettuce, tomatoes and cucumbers.

Last week I dug up some early potatoes which had suffered a touch of blight. The potatoes were small but unblemished. These paired up very nicely with the last of the broad beans. Both were steamed, the potato skins peeled off easily, and the little emerald beans were popped out of their skins.

Added to these were lots of chopped chives, fresh dill and fennel fronds, and mint. I had some asparagus (which I steamed) and half a tin of red kidney beans in the fridge which went in for good luck.

The dressing was a mixture of lemon juice, olive oil, Dijon mustard, whole grain mustard, salt, and bit of honey – quantities to taste. Edible calendula petals were sprinkled on top to add a touch of pizzazz.

What was missing was some crumbled Roquefort, according to my husband. On the side was a bowl of skinless/boneless sardines in olive oil. I wondered if sardines and Roquefort went together? Surprisingly, when I Googled this, several French recipes came up with a tasty dip called rillettes de sardines au Roquefort to accompany bread or toast.

Not one to waste anything, both sets of skins (remember?) were left to dry as we ate our lunch outside. With a little olive oil and salt (plus garlic powder and curry powder with broad bean skins), these were put in a low oven to make potato skin crisps, and a crispy/chewy snack to go with a glass of chilled Villa Maria!

Follow up lunch with a stroll around Aberford Park to see the nesting coots.

No need to book that flight, eh?

*Anne Nicodemus*



# Hatzola Herts

It is quite common for NHS ambulance and first responder services to be supplemented by a community first responder service such as St John's Ambulance.



Over the past few years an organisation called Hatzola (the Hebrew word for rescue) has created a number of community first responder services in areas with a large Jewish populations, with the purpose of complementing the NHS first responder and rescue services in those areas, so as to fulfil the Jewish principle of Pikuach Nefesh, saving lives.

The services of Hatzola are open to the whole community. Its infrastructure, training and services are all run by volunteers, and are funded entirely by donations.

For the past two and a half years, we have been developing the infrastructure of Hatzola Herts which will initially cover Borehamwood and Elstree, but we hope to soon extend our services to Radlett, Shenley and Aldenham. Our team members are currently going through a vigorous training programme, and will hopefully be ready to "go live" later in the year.

We are also hoping to have our own fully equipped ambulance which will be able to provide a full CPR and life support service should the need arise.

A most important constituent part of our training and development is our relationship with the East of England Ambulance Service (EoEAS), whose involvement with our development has been integral and critical. Our trained first responders will shortly be licenced to accompany EoEAS paramedics to their emergency callouts to sharpen up on their practical training, and indeed once we "go live", they will also be licenced to attend emergency call-outs if NHS resources are stretched.

**For further information please visit our website [www.hatzolaherts.org.uk](http://www.hatzolaherts.org.uk)**

**Richard Kafton,  
Chair, Hatzola Herts**

## Virtual Flower Show

Saturday 20 June

Covid-19 changed and restricted what could be done, so this year we were creative.

Organisations that usually contribute to adorning All Saints Church made their the arrangements and then photographed them. They were laminated and then hung at various places around the town. Thank you to Revd Tim Warr for use of the railings outside All Saints Church, to Revd Louise Collins for the displays hanging outside St Michael and All Angels Church, to Allum Hall trustees and to Ann and Norman Shuker at Schopwick Place. The final set was strung between trees at 36 and 44 Carrington Avenue.

The theme of the Town Festival was MGM Films made in Borehamwood. The town was celebrating 50 years since the MGM studios closed and remembering some of the classics

filmed here. Ivanhoe, the Dirty Dozen, the Millionairess, the Yellow Rolls Royce, Lucky Jim and Village of the Damned were all filmed at the MGM studios and on locations nearby.

Dan Salter produced a video which can still be viewed at [www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](http://www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)

Arrangements made by Niki at Heaven Scent were donated to Forest Care Home, Cardinal Avenue and the Mead, Castleford Close, for the residents to enjoy. Thank you to all the contributors who then donated their arrangements to neighbours and friends in lockdown.



# Environment



## Woodcock Hill Village Green

### Taylor Wimpey threat to deregister part of Woodcock Hill Village Green

On 15 June, Taylor Wimpey notified the WHVG Committee that they would submit a proposal to the Secretary of State to deregister part of the Village Green bounded by Vale Avenue, Byron Avenue and Onona - owned Village Green at the top of the hill.

On 17 June leaflets were circulated to 500 homes adjacent to the Village Green by Pegasus, a company acting for Taylor Wimpey. The leaflets asked for responses from residents to their proposals to exchange land over the railway and into a field to the north of Barnet Lane. The consultation sought responses by 17 July, later extended to 24 July. Bad news can be buried during a pandemic.

Further to charm residents, Taylor Wimpey suggested that the new village green would be more accessible, have an outdoor gym, a woodland trail and picnic tables which would greatly benefit residents. What they omitted to say was that they proposed to build on the released land. Mature trees, with tree preservation orders, would have to be felled to make way for a path to connect the released land to the exchange land. That is a 1 in 4 steep path that would allow access to residents from Poets Rise, Byron Avenue, Fire Research estate and Melrose, Vale Avenues, Tennyson and Milton Drive. Taylor Wimpey had asked for Hertsme Borough Council to consider 110 homes being built there as part of the call for sites from developers and speculators for the Hertsme Local Plan. This would add to the air and noise pollution and traffic. The already overstretched local infrastructure would have to bear extra 400 residents and 200+ cars .

Allegations were made by Taylor Wimpey that the Village Green was not well maintained and they could manage it better. Completely untrue. Management plan was set up by Herts Countryside Management Services in 2008 and Alex Melson, our project manager, has updated the plan over the last five years. WHVG has wild life



conservation status and tree preservation orders on all the trees. The land is managed in accordance with the WHVG constitution to strike a balance between human users for lawful recreation and promoting habitats for flora and fauna. The slopes are kept clear for tobogganing. Three ponds have been added to add a water habitat and plant diversity.

Taylor Wimpey wants to change the nature of the Village Green to a rural park. Parks we have aplenty but this is the only nature reserve in the town.

As well as residents, environmental groups have objected to the deregistration: Herts & Middlesex Wild Life Trust, the Open Spaces Society, Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society, Friends of the Earth, Natural England. Statutory bodies have objected: Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council, Hertsme Borough Council Planning Department, Hillside borough councillors Victor Eni, Meenal Sachdev and Farida Turner, town ward borough councillors Morris Bright, Harvey Cohen, Susan Brown, Glenn Briski, Brett Rosehill and Alan Plancey.

WHVG committee was pleased to welcome Oliver Dowden MP on a site visit to discuss the issues at the Village Green. He had visited many times before and has planted trees and joined working parties over the years as our MP. He issued a press statement objecting to deregistration.

Taylor Wimpey will move to the next stage and submit their application to the Planning inspectorate in August. PINS will start a statutory consultation (28 days). Further representations will be made by environmental groups, statutory bodies and others.

Woodcock Hill Village Green are taking legal advice and will build a strong case to prevent the Village Green being deregistered.



## Litter pickers

If you were enjoying a walk on Woodcock Hill on the morning of Sunday 7 June, you might have come across groups of teenagers wielding litter pickers and filling back bin bags.

The groups were there to support Avi Grose, who chose to mark his Barmitzvah by organising a litter pick both on Woodcock Hill and in Scratchwood Nature Reserve.

In addition to the expected crisp packets and drink cans, the groups also found many discarded plastic gloves, which were strewn under bushes and across the meadows. They also found car parts, nappies and multiple beer bottles.

Avi, 13, who is a keen climate activist said, 'I chose to do a litter pick on Woodcock Hill because I visit it all the time with my family and have been upset to see how much litter people leave behind. We worked hard all morning finding some unusual items. We were really proud of what we achieved in only a few hours.'



## Report from Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society on our activities to July 2020

The difficult problem of reconciling housing needs with preservation of our beautiful Hertfordshire countryside continues to dominate our year.

The campaign with other conservation bodies to oppose the Reviva Recycling application for change to a storage site for building materials met with partial success, as Reviva had to modify their plan with much improvement for local residents of Elstree village.

Our main concerns have been the future of Aldenham Reservoir and Woodcock Hill Village Green.

Elstree and Borehamwood have two wonderful assets, the film and television studios and Aldenham Reservoir.

The owners, Liberty Lake Leisure, have now lowered the water level in the reservoir exposing acres of stinking mud, despite engineering reports that the dam is in satisfactory condition, and have fenced off the water blocking part of the footpath.

Together with Aldenham Country Park Trust, E&B Residents' Association, Radlett Village Society and Aldenham Parish Council we have campaigned for full public access and restoration of the water level with an appeal on Change.org to "Restore Full Public Access

to Aldenham Reservoir". Approaching 1,500 have signed so far. We marched with EBRA to demonstrate support for their campaign.

We have fully backed the fight by Woodcock Hill Village Green Society to prevent housing on this historic and valued green space which has had Village Green Status since 2008.

The proposed building of 330 houses along Allum Lane and 830 on Radlett Golf Club has been vigorously opposed on grounds of loss of Green Belt and wildlife habitat, confluence of settlements and

the inevitable massive traffic congestion which would be caused with associated air pollution. We support ALFA, the local residents' group, in their resistance to these areas being included in the new Hertsmere Local Plan due next Spring.

Please, if you care for our environment, join the Green Belt Society and sign the petition on Change.org. We need every one to add weight to our campaigns!

July's protest was organised by Save Aldenham Reservoir and Elstree & Borehamwood Residents Association (EBRA). You can follow their campaign and future actions here <https://www.facebook.com/savealdenhamreservoir/>



photo Teresa Lloyd

## Save Aldenham Reservoir

Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society are appealing to the public to support their campaign to restore the water level and circular path for all.

Sign the petition <https://tinyurl.com/saveourreservoir>

Aldenham dam and reservoir is a beautiful, treasured local asset, part of our national heritage and a green space providing leisure, walks and contact with nature for families from north west London and south west Herts. It provides habitats for bats, other creatures and waterfowl. The adjacent Aldenham Country Park benefits from the view and the lakeside walk.

Originally common land, it was commandeered by Lord Aldenham and sold to the canal company as a water supply for the 18th century Grand Union Canal. It was dug out by French prisoners of war who constructed the clay dam in 1795. In the 19th century it became a place for swimming, boating and leisure as period photos in our museum attest. Charles Dickens, no less, is known to have rowed on it.

Sold by British Waterways to private owners, it was leased to Hertfordshire County Council until 2015.

At this point the owners, Liberty Lake Leisure Ltd, applied for planning permission for 150 houses on land on the opposite side of Watford Road. If they were allowed to build on low value Green Belt with no public access, Liberty Lake Leisure Ltd promised to make a donation of 4.5 million pounds to fund a community interest company to run the reservoir and repair the dam, which is subject to regular movement. This scheme, which had Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society's backing, was refused by Hertsmere planners as was a later plan for a 'Nature Retreat' of 50 weekend pods occupying a third of the periphery of the reservoir. This was opposed by all local conservation bodies.

Now Liberty Lake Leisure Ltd have lowered the water level by two metres<sup>o</sup> despite engineers' reports stating that the dam was in satisfactory condition, causing closure of Aldenham Sailing Club and revealing acres of stinking mud. The owners have partially fenced off the water with two metre metal fencing which has spoilt the view and blocked a section of the footpath currently the subject of an application for designation as a public Right of Way.



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Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council

# Annual Firework Display



**Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it is with great sadness that this year's free annual firework display has been cancelled**

## The Friends are **BACK!**

**An Evening Out in The Afternoon**  
Social Distancing applies - Please Call Before You Arrive

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**EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON IN BOREHAMWOOD**

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## The Borehamwood W.I

Room 2, The Manor House, Allum Lane  
Elstree, WD6 3PJ  
2pm – 4pm

**14 September**  
Local history - David Armitage

**12 October**  
97th Birthday Party  
Alison Glennie: Mindfulness for Daily Living

**4 November**  
Maggie Taylor with Jasper the dog; Living with a deaf spaniel

**Sunday 15 November**  
Laying a wreath on War Memorial

**15 December**  
Christmas Party

All dates are subject to cancellation due Covid-19 restrictions.

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## Rotary Club of Elstree & Borehamwood

A double virtual celebration took place at Rotary Club of Elstree & Borehamwood on Thursday 2 July. The club celebrated President Clive Butchins' outgoing year of office and inducted him as president for the new Rotary year 2020-2021.

Members and guests enjoyed the very first virtual handover, more so with Clive's wife Rotarian Elaine presenting him the chain of office. The club is delighted to have Elaine join us as it also means more support to our president.

Both Clive and Elaine are Paul Harris Fellow awardees. We look forward to working with the power couple who certainly have the vocation to serve our local community as well as the international community.

They started the Rotary year with the participation at the virtual Town Flower Festival and organised the club's donations to Foodbank, the Lord Lieutenant's fundraising campaign, and international charities.

The club also kept to their annual tradition of presenting five local primary schools with awards to pupils who demonstrate "Service Above Self". In four cases it was a virtual presentation, but Elaine and Clive were invited to attend in person at the outdoor leavers' assembly at Saffron Green Primary School.

At the beginning of August Elaine and Clive presented a cheque for £1000 (£500 of which was a match-funded grant from the District Foundation) to Gratitude, the charity run by Sheila and John Carlisle, to help provide food for local children who are struggling to manage over the summer holiday period.

**Cynthia Barker**  
Secretary, Rotary Club of Elstree & Borehamwood



## Rotary Club of The Studios of Elstree and Borehamwood

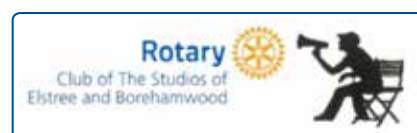


### New president

The chain of office for President of the Rotary Club of the Studios of Elstree and Borehamwood passed from Nick Male to Victor Eni on 14 July in a handover ceremony with a difference given the Covid-19 restrictions in place.

Victor has chosen MIND as his charity of his year as president of Rotary. The mental health issues related to lockdown and the pandemic are especially hard for people with depression.

Club members gathered and had lunch for the occasion all keeping to the social distance guidelines and had a very happy afternoon.







## Rotary School Awards

The two town Rotary clubs Elstree and Borehamwood Rotary Club and The Studios Rotary Club were pleased to present certificates to the town's school students.



This, of course, was different this year as they had to be delivered to schools and presented (with one exception) by head teachers rather than by a Rotarian. Four children from each of the primary schools were chosen to receive certificates for exceptional service to their schools over the past year.

Hertswood Academy chose two students from Y11 and 2 from Y13.

Well done to all the 79 recipients as this was such an exceptionally difficult year for school staff and pupils.

## School staff Service above Self

Recognised by Studios Rotary Club

As this was such an exceptional year, the president of Studios Rotary Club, Nick Male, decided it was right to acknowledge the exceptional extra work that school staff had carried out and still carry out in the Covid-19 crisis.

It was decided that each of the twelve schools in the town would receive certificates to recognise that the staff, too, had put Service above Self. Each certificate was accompanied by a letter from the president.

## Well, well!

In recent years two Rotary Clubs combined to bring back the 'wishing well' to the centre of Borehamwood. It had been proposed by Nick Male, when president of Elstree and Borehamwood Rotary Club in 2017 - 2018.

Nick Male became president of the Studios Rotary Club 2019 - 2020. It was Nick's wish as his legacy as outgoing president to have a plaque commemorating the original wishing well sited outside the Village Hall. The Studio Rotary Club have sponsored a brass plaque to be installed next to the wishing well at 96 Shenley Road.

The gleaming sign will accompany a photograph of Rotarian George Male. This will show George building the old brick well which used to stand outside the Village Hall. It was swept away when the site was re-developed. George was helped by boys from St. Teresa's Youth Club. At that time in the sixties, George was a member of the Rotary Club of Elstree and Boreham Wood.



Now, his son, Nick, belongs to the Studios Rotary Club.

Nick said: "Many local people have fond memories of the old wishing well and we maintain the tradition today. Please keep throwing your pennies in. Both Rotary Clubs will make sure that good causes continue to benefit from your generosity. Thank you and we hope that all your wishes come true".

Nick is pictured with Cllr Victor Eni at a presentation of the plaque at a recent function.

## “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](http://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](http://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

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## Useful information

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### Barnet General Hospital

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### Fairbrook Medical Centre

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### The Grove Medical Centre

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### Theobald Medical Centre

121 Theobald St, Borehamwood WD6 4PT  
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### Citizens Advice Bureau

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### Summerswood Primary School

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### Monksmead Primary School

Hillside Ave, Borehamwood WD6 1HL  
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### Kenilworth Primary School

Kenilworth Dr, Borehamwood WD6 1QL  
020 8953 3459

### Yavneh College

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020 8736 5580

### Saffron Green Primary School

Nicoll Way, Borehamwood WD6 2PP  
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### Cowley Hill Primary School

Winstre Rd, Borehamwood WD6 5DP  
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### St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

Brook Rd, Borehamwood WD6 5HL  
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Alban Cres, Borehamwood WD6 5JF  
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### Meryfield Community Primary School

Theobald St, Borehamwood WD6 4PA  
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### Parkside Community Primary School

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### Hertswood Academy

Cowley Hill, Borehamwood WD6 5LG  
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### Elstree University Technical College

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### St Nicholas Elstree Church of England Primary School

St Nicholas Cl, Elstree, WD6 3EW  
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### Elstree & Borehamwood railway station

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96 Shenley Rd, Borehamwood WD6 1EB  
0300 123 4049

### Elstree and Borehamwood Museum

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01442 454 888

### The Venue Leisure Centre

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