

ELSTREE & BOREHAMWOOD  
**TOWN CRIER**



The magazine for Elstree & Borehamwood residents

# Summer Festival

See middle pages for more details





# Hear ye! Hear ye!

## Letter from the mayor...

As a very long term resident of Elstree and Borehamwood I am very honoured to once again be elected as Mayor – I will do my utmost to justify the confidence placed in me!

I offer my deepest and heartfelt condolences to those who so tragically have lost a loved one and wish a complete and speedy recovery to those still suffering from the virus.

How does one put into words our grateful thanks to the NHS, to key workers and the many volunteers whose dedication to helping others is gradually bringing us out of this virus?

Our children are back at school, shops are open, things are beginning to get back to normal so I am delighted to tell you that your town council is organising a very varied, albeit a slightly different, Town Festival this year, details on pages 19-22.

As you may be aware a bandstand is being erected in Meadow Park – how delightful it will be to sit in the sunshine together with family and friends listening to different genres of music – I look forward to seeing you there!

As ever, the town council officers, under the leadership of town clerk Huw Jones, have continued to do a stalwart job through difficult and tragic times – I know you would like me to thank them on behalf of us all!

So please join us at the varied events, hopefully they will bring some light into our lives!

**Cllr Farida Turner**  
**Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood**  
 For Mayoral enquiries please email the  
 Mayor's Secretary at  
[admin@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)



To advertise in the Town Crier please contact Dan Salter on  
**020 8207 1382**  
 or email at [dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](mailto:dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)



# What's inside

Marjorie Hambrook turns 100 & Museum ..... Page 3  
 Compost Corner & District Garden Craft Society ..... Page 4  
 Steve Simmonds ..... Page 5  
 School News ..... Page 6 - 11  
 Elstree Screen Arts & Youth Council ..... Page 12  
 Girlguiding, Cecil Horse Sanctuary & NSPCC ..... Page 13  
 Writers in the Wood & Library ..... Page 14  
 Rights of Way Report ..... Page 15  
 Music in the Wood ..... Page 16 - 17  
 Festival Guide ..... Page 19 - 22  
 Communities 1st & Live Well ..... Page 23  
 Prams For Good & Little Kickers ..... Page 24  
 Allum Hall Vaccination Centre ..... Page 25  
 Tapestries of Faith ..... Page 26 - 27  
 Allum Manor ..... Page 27  
 Environment ..... Page 28 - 29  
 Rotary Club ..... Page 30 - 32  
 New Town Mayor, Samaritans & Citizens Advice ..... Page 33  
 Bandstand Update & The Old School House ..... Page 34  
 Annual Report & Town Councillors ..... Page 35 - 37  
 CIL Expenditure Questionnaire ..... Page 38

Advertising in the Town Crier is welcomed, with priority given to local, reputable businesses. We will limit ad space to contribute towards costs only – Elstree and Borehamwood Town Crier is not a profit making enterprise.

90mm x 128mm

**£90**  
 +VAT

### How to supply adverts

90mm x 96mm

Call us to book a space in the next edition. Any artwork must be submitted in pdf or jpg format and correctly sized for the space required as the illustration shows.

**£75**  
 +VAT

Discounts available for annual advertising – please call to discuss.

64mm x 90mm

**£50**  
 +VAT

64mm x 45mm

**£25**  
 +VAT

While we take reasonable steps to check our advertisers are bona fide, readers should carry out their own checks before entering into any contract or arrangement.

# Marjorie Hambrook turns 100

Marjorie was putting her laundry away neatly in her wardrobe when I came to interview her. I asked how she was feeling at 100 years old. She smiled and said, "I feel good".

I asked what's the secret. She said, "I had a very happy childhood; I was brought up by my grandmother and went to live with my mother when she had my brother. I didn't really like him at first because I thought he would take my place, but we're very close now."

I asked if she ever thought she would live to this age. She replied, "I never thought about it really. I could remember when I was first called up. My mother didn't want me to go. During the war, I was convinced that I wouldn't survive, but I did."

I asked what her happiest moments were. Marjorie smiled and said, "when I got married. I met my husband after the war. He was an officer and died in 1990. We never had any children. It never bothered me then, but bothers me now, more than ever."

Marjorie was born in Muswell Hill, north London, moved to Borehamwood with her parents and attended school in Elstree. She was called up in 1942 and served in the army for four years. Marjorie remembers returning through Borehamwood and Elstree station after the war and couldn't believe how quiet and empty the streets were.

She came to live at Radley because she couldn't stand living alone, after her husband died. Marjorie is easy-going, enjoys quizzes, loves exercise sessions, and will do anything to keep motivated.

Marjorie has always dreamed of flying a helicopter. The people at Wishing Tree granted her wish, buying her a helicopter flying experience with Flying Pigs Elstree. At 97, she was considered their eldest and most fearless student; an inspiration to all.

We celebrated Marjorie's 100th birthday with Mayor Alan Plancey on his last day in office and are grateful for all of his support.

Here at Radley, we're blessed to have had the opportunity to celebrate with Marjorie during this difficult period and would like to wish her many more years to come.

**Florence Ballentine**



## Elstree & Borehamwood Museum

Elstree and Borehamwood Museum is still unable to open due to the Covid-19 crisis and there is no public access to the museum on the top floor through the library in Shenley Road.

In place of the museum we have created a museum information carousel and placed it just inside the entrance to the foyer at 96 Shenley Road.

It is titled 'Did you know?' and contains eight panels about the history of Borehamwood and many interesting facts about the area. Lots of information can be learned here in just a few minutes. Currently we cannot place any members of our staff in this area, but hope to do so in due course.

If after reading the panels you require further information, then please contact us by email [info@elstree-museum.org.uk](mailto:info@elstree-museum.org.uk)

**Clive Butchins**



# Compost Corner



## How to get a good tan – naturally!

"I grew up in a very small town in Poland. When I was young, I was exposed to nature a lot, spending most of my time in the forests, farms and lakes.

I arrived in London 19 years ago. Living in the concrete jungle, I got alienated from nature. Three years ago I asked a colleague of mine whether he was on holiday, as he was really tanned. He replied, "no, I've got an allotment." And it all started from there.

I called the council and requested the plot. That time I had no idea what I was doing, but every journey starts from somewhere. I didn't know anything about gardening, so I started reading. One book after another and got really inspired by so many different principles, techniques and ideas. I learned many valuable lessons, but the best lesson I've learned is to feed the soil first and the soil will feed you. I use permaculture principles where the main practice is to never till your soil, but feed it with compost, mulch, compost teas and to have a small pond. Let the microbes do the work for you, so you can work less, water less, weed less and produce more and more healthy vegetables, fruits and herbs. It's organic, it's environmentally friendly, it supports the wildlife, and the most important, it's self-sufficient. You grow seasonal and eat the highest quality produce that no supermarket can substitute.



I grow everything that I would normally buy from the supermarket and can grow in UK climate. I built a polytunnel which allows me to start off the plants earlier and grow vegetables that need heat, like tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers.

Hippocrates said "let food be the medicine, let medicine be the food". I would like to encourage everyone to get a plot. You will not only feed yourself and your family, but you will also reconnect to your childhood nature. Observe and interact. "

**Krzysztof**

## Borehamwood and District Garden Craft Society

Borehamwood and District Garden Craft Society welcomes the ease of Covid-19 restrictions and the warm summer weather which helps us maintain our gardens and allotments in good condition.

BDGCS took part in the Borehamwood communal spring display marking 21 March as the first day of spring. The printed and laminated pictures of all participating organisations were displayed around our town for everyone to admire. We enjoyed all the pictures but most of all we were proud of our collage.

In order to brighten up Easter, the committee suggested that members should make an Easter posy arrangement. We shared the photos of the arrangements on the society Whatsapp group and Facebook page. We admired the pictures of the beautiful arrangements created by the society members.

Flower arrangement specially for Rose Barry's birthday



There will be no BDGCS Summer show this year due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Trips and social events planned by the committee are deferred until social distancing rules allow such activities.

On Sunday 18 July 2pm - 5pm there will be the NSPCC Summer Fete at Schopwick Place. BDGCS will have a table contributing to the fete. The committee has suggested that members make a display of 'a jug of garden flowers' as a little competition. Visitors can vote for their favourite jug and a rosette will be awarded to the winner. Please put the date in your diary to visit and support the event.

In the autumn BDGCS will be holding a produce show. It will give our members the opportunity to show off with the produce from their gardens and allotments after all the hard work during the year.

A reminder that the BDGCS autumn show will take place as planned on Sunday, 12 September at Allum Hall. Further details to be announced closer to the event.

**Lina Christova**

Flower arrangement by the society member Neriman Osman



# Steve Simmonds

7 February 1957 - 28 January 2021

It's with great sadness we report that Steve Simmonds from Sullivans Buses passed away aged 63 on Thursday 28 January 2021. His death was not Covid-19 related and appears to be natural causes.

At the time Steve had been caring for his elderly mother who had been frail during the pandemic. As a result we had agreed to pause Steve's employment. The intention was of course he would have returned when he was ready.

Most of his adult life, he had worked for central government in a number of senior roles and by 2010 he was working as head of government internal audit. But as a keen transport enthusiast when he retired he really wanted to get involved in bus operations.

As a result Steve joined Sullivans Buses part time in July 2002 and quickly established a Days Out program using buses made spare at weekends.

Steve joined Sullivans full time in 2011 when he retired from the government.

## Days Out Trips

Steve is possibly best known locally for his Days Out program. He spent many hours both at work and in his own time working out his Days Out program. Originally started for customers in Borehamwood, this was soon extended to Potters Bar, Barnet, Finchley and for short time St Albans and Hatfield.

His program included destinations which were all over the south of England. From coastal resorts to stately homes, market towns and a Christmas lights tour, these all featured on Steve's itinerary.

From an early stage Steve decided not to operate the usual booking system, preferring to allow customers to just turn up on the day. This led to a certain amount of anxiety as in certain cases large numbers of customers would turn up to cram on the bus.

Steve's most popular tour was London's Christmas lights. He asked for a bus to be on standby to pick up any stragglers. Steve had bought several boxes of mince pies as an incentive to join us. After about six stops in south Borehamwood his bus was full, so we deployed bus number two. Unfortunately this bus also filled up after the next few stops. Neither bus was half way around the route, leaving us to scramble for more buses and drivers.

## School services

In 2012 Hertfordshire county council announced that it was unable to continue funding school bus services. At the time we had a number of county council contracts for several schools in the south of the county.

Steve quickly established good relations with the schools and set about agreeing with head teachers the level of service needed for each school. Although school bus services have never been that viable, Steve set about designing routes and fares which at least covered the costs of operation.

## Community events

Steve was a great supporter of community events including the Borehamwood Carnival, the annual 'On The Buses Reunion' event, Teddy's Trail (pictured) as well as attendance at numerous council meetings.

Steve leaves a wife, daughter, brother and of course his mother.

*Dean Sullivan*



# School News

## Cowley Hill Primary School

### Quality accreditations at Cowley Hill

Although the last year has been a challenge for everyone Cowley Hill has continued to work hard and achieve a wide range of accreditations. These acknowledge and ratify the fantastic work that the school community does – we couldn't be any prouder if we tried!

Our most recently received awards are; the School Games – Gold Mark, The Woodland Trust – Platinum Award, the Arts Mark – Silver Award, the Music Mark and finally The Service Above Self Award from The

Rotary Club of the Studios of Elstree and Borehamwood for 'going over and above your duties with care and support for children and families during the Covid pandemic' – a very worthy accreditation and acknowledgment for the staff at Cowley Hill.

But we don't stop working towards being the best we can be! We are looking to achieve more accreditation awards next term with the main ones including; the Science Mark, International Eco-Schools Green Flag, Communication Friendly School status and the Herts For Learning – Early Years Quality Standards award. Watch this space!

### Wellbeing mindfulness minutes eco-project

This half-term, our Wellbeing ambassadors launched a mindfulness minutes eco-project, which encourages the school community to take part with different mindfulness actions across the whole school or at home. The children recorded mindfulness practice in their class bubbles, assemblies, during lunch time and even whilst travelling to and from school. The Wellbeing ambassadors were in charge of totalling up the mindfulness minutes for their classes each week.

We have now reached the end of the four-week period and our total number of mindfulness minutes is 28 hours and 50 minutes! We will now submit to Eco-Schools England as part of a national goal to achieve one million minutes! This will also help our school to work towards an International Eco-Schools Green Flag!

### Feeling Good week

The last week of this half term, was "Feeling Good" week. The aim for "Feeling Good" week was to promote physical activity and healthy eating whilst supporting pupils to take responsibility for their own wellbeing. All classes have enjoyed this week engaging with wellbeing activities linked to the "5 Ways to Wellbeing". Pupils have also enjoyed engaging with healthy eating activities which have included making fruit smoothies, fruit ice cream, fruit kebabs and fruit cocktails! During the week, we also supported Schools Football Week, as on Wednesday, pupils took part with football themed PE activities!

### Cowley Hill receives the Wellbeing Quality Mark

We are pleased to have achieved a certification to mark the achievement of the HFL Wellbeing Quality Mark with a specialist focus on physical activity and healthy eating. A half day validation visit was completed this week by the designated Wellbeing adviser, in which we highlighted progress made, evaluated and shared impact evidence and demonstrated sustainability.

For over a year, we have been working with the rigorous self-evaluation and review tool to examine, track and evidence commitment to wellbeing across the curriculum and the whole school culture and environment. This provided us with the opportunity to build on existing good practice of our priority area of focus of physical activity and healthy eating whilst implementing a number of new initiatives focused at promoting the "5 Ways to Wellbeing".

Kate from HFL said: 'A huge thank you to, the staff, parents, governors and pupils in the school for the wonderful developments that I have been privileged to hear about over the course of the year and during the validation visit. A real team effort in driving and committing to this initiative was evident. Thank you especially to the amazing, articulate pupils that I was very pleased and privileged to meet on my visit. They helped make my morning incredibly enjoyable and well informed. I could have listened to them all day!'

A huge well done to our children for sharing the good work and practice that happens daily at Cowley Hill.



# Parkside Primary School

This term has been jam packed with learning, fun and relationship building.

During the first part of summer term, we have tried to create a welcoming and nurturing environment for the children to flourish and regain their confidence. We have invested in areas of our school which we feel will have the biggest impact on our children's wellbeing. Our first target was to invest in new play equipment and PE resources for the children to experiment with and develop new skills - such resources we were able to acquire were: limbo sticks, target mats, tennis rebounders, football rebounders, rugby posts, new football posts for both KS1 and KS2, Three additional pieces of gym equipment to go with the five which are already installed and a new set of basketballs and footballs for KS1/KS2. The purpose for all of this is to maintain a healthy body and mind, whilst providing our children with the best possible equipment to develop with.

Our partnership with Watford FC continues to grow stronger as their coaches have been supporting Year 3 and Year 4 as well as offering our Year 6 children a free ten week programme called Positive Minds, which has been a tremendous success and will hopefully aid to a successful transition to Year 7. Through the partnership, our Year 5 children also participated in a 'Show racism the red card' workshop which focused on race, religion, nationality and culture. Special guests on the live Zoom call were Kristian Kabasele, John Barnes, Luther Blissett and Molly Wheeler.

Through the support of Mr Soyka and Mrs Taylor, our Head and Deputy Head respectively and the senior leadership team, we have been able to ensure this half term was filled with lots of creative learning which engaged the children's interests. Workshops such as Olympic Dance, a fitness workout day and a day of Quidditch have allowed our children to experience a variety of activities and in the last week of term, solely focused on an off-curriculum week, we were able to really enjoy our children's curiosity and learning. The off-curriculum week was focused around farms and farming and during this week, we were visited by Ark Farm and lots of their wonderful animals. We had webinars from farmers both in the UK and abroad, and a whole day of learning how to line dance. Garden patches and scarecrows were created, butter and bread were made, farms were designed, farm pop art was taught. By the end of the week there was still time to meet our new reading dog Oreo as well as a visit to St Albans cathedral for our Year 2 children, who set the bar with their exemplary behaviour on our first post-Covid trip away from Parkside.

The first half term also saw six of our Year 5 children enter the Hertfordshire Maths Challenge and although they did not progress to the next stage, they scored above the average out of 250 schools. So huge congratulations must go to them.



Finally, we are preparing for our new partnership with the WD6 Food Support, who are going to be moving into our school from Wednesday 9 June and will be in the school every Wednesday and Friday offering support to our local community.

We have had such an amazing half term, which also included a letter of praise from the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson. So all for those families, who wish to keep up-to-date with the wonderful work our children do, please follow our Facebook (@parksideschool), Twitter (@headparkside), and Instagram (parkside\_primary\_school621) pages.

**Mr Wanless**  
Year 6 Class teacher and Head of PE

# Saffron Green Primary School

## Saffron Green Mini Police graduates

Year 5 pupils from Saffron Green Primary School recently took part in the Mini Police scheme run by the Hertfordshire Constabulary. They have learnt about a range of issues such as anti-social behaviour, bullying, personal and cyber safety, all of which will help them to become better citizens.



This fun and interactive opportunity has allowed the children to build trust with communities, promote responsible citizenship and help establish an interest and understanding in policing and community safety. The children have enjoyed being part of this project which has allowed them time to reflect on their own stamp on society and what they can do to help and keep safe. The children look forward to PCSO Natalie Lancaster marking the end of the seven-week course by presenting them with certificates. Thank you Natalie.



*Miss Salisbury*

## Year 5/6 fund raising fitness challenge

In February, our Year 5 and 6 bubble decided to challenge themselves in honour of Captain Sir Tom Moore. They wanted to celebrate Sir Tom's confidence and determination. They decided to take on a fitness challenge and complete 100 minutes of exercise in one day in order to raise money and awareness for children's mental health.

We are very proud of our school community. Not only did all of the children meet the challenge but in addition to that their friends and families and the staff of Saffron Green donated a whopping £520 for the charity Place2be! This charity delivers mental health services to schools across the country and we were very pleased to be able to support its work.



*Mrs Harris*



## Number Day at Saffron Green

On Friday 14 May 2021 Saffron Green took part in the NSPCC National Number Day. The children were asked to dress up as a number or as someone whose profession involves numbers. We had an amazing response from the children and our staff. This promoted great discussions within classes about the different professions that involve numbers and maths, which boosted our children to think about what profession they would like to go into. One young girl chose to be our school secretary, Miss Petrou, who works with numbers every day. We raised £123 for the NSPCC, an amazing amount. Well done to everyone involved.

*Miss Sanders*

*Thank you to all the pupils, staff, parents and governors of Saffron Green for contributing to such a successful summer term.*

*Best wishes*

*Mrs Storey*



# Woodlands Primary School

Since returning from lockdown, we have been working hard to support our children in settling into a routine after the unprecedented past year.

A number of activities have been enjoyed and it has been wonderful seeing the smiling faces of our pupils. Although the

learning has returned to normal, we remain in our bubbles and have our lunches delivered to our classrooms.

Along with our values, we have been working on our wellbeing. Here are just some of the activities that have taken place over the past few months:

## Seeds and plants

Parents and carers very kindly donated plants, seeds and flowers to the school so that the children could plant them and watch them grow. The children had great fun doing this. Enzo's dad even made a bird house for us!



Ayaana made the brave decision to cut her hair for The Little Princess Trust – a charity that provides for children, whilst also raising some money for the charity – well done!



Year 3 made some stunning Mothers' Day boxes which were very well received.

## Outside events

Recently, we celebrated being able to have organised events outside. Miss Day organised an outdoor disco for the school. The children went out in two groups and remained in their bubbles. The children pulled out their best moves and connected as a school by having a good boogie. Thank you to Mr Buckton for being the best DJ!



*If you are interested in becoming a governor or member of the parents' association of Woodlands, please contact the school office.*

*Miss Woode*

# St Nicholas Primary School

At St Nicholas we introduced the Ten Keys to Happier Living when the children came back after lockdown.

The evidence suggests these ten keys consistently tend to have a positive impact on people's happiness and well-being.

The first five keys (GREAT) are about how we interact with the outside world in our daily activities; they are based on the Five Ways to Wellbeing.

The second five keys (DREAM) come from inside us and depend on our attitude to life.

Here are some of our school displays based on this project which now line our school corridors to help remind the children and staff.


Some of the letters and what they represent link to our school's building learning power characters such as Mighty Mouse for resilience and Heroic Hedgehog for taking risks. Others link to our school values such as giving/kindness.



## HANNAH ELLIS' SUMMER BOOTCAMP



Get fit while having fun this summer  
Meadow Park  
Thurs 9.30am, Sat & Sun 9am  
All fitness levels welcome  
Sessions from £6  
Book now [www.hannahellispt.com](http://www.hannahellispt.com)  
Tel: 07952876929



**Baby Sensory**  
Precious Early Learning for Babies

Tuesdays at Fairway Hall  
Brook Close, Borehamwood,  
WD6 5BT  
Vicky Hughes: 07837 935 820

**Foot Health by Jessica**  
Jessica Jenkins MAFHP MCFHP  
Foot Health Practitioner  
Graduate of the SMAE Institute



**Foot Care in the comfort of your home**

- Regular foot care /Nail cutting
- Corns, Hard skin and calluses
- Thickened and Fungal nails
- Dry and Cracked Heels
- Verrucas and Involuted nails
- Foot care advice

*Hello!.. I am a foot health Practitioner (FHP) with a mobile foot clinic, visiting patients in their own homes. I am fully insured and DBS checked.*



**Please Call**  
**07854037127**  
[fothealthybyjessica@gmail.com](mailto:fothealthybyjessica@gmail.com)

A member of the British association of the Foot Health Professionals (MAFHP) & member of the college of foot health professionals (MCFHP)

**Need a school runner and evening babysitter?**

**Call Janice on 07958 368469**

Enhanced DBS & RoSPA Advance Driver



**24hr emergency**

domestic locksmiths  
auto locksmiths  
shoe repairs  
key cutting

**Emergency number**  
020 8201 1480  
020 8207 2066  
**mobile: 07831 806 536**  
[www.aylocksmiths.co.uk](http://www.aylocksmiths.co.uk)  
[emergency.locksmith@virgin.net](mailto:emergency.locksmith@virgin.net)  
4 Furzehill Parade, Shenley Road,  
Borehamwood, WD6 1DX

# Little Angels Preschool

Little Angels have been working in partnership with Lidl, Tesco and Gratitude to reduce food waste and help with food poverty.

Throughout the week Little Angels will collect donated food from the suppliers and use this to create food parcels for all our families. On average we give away at least 40 bags of food per week which has improved our parent partnership. It also provides us with an opportunity to do some cooking activities with the children which have included sandwiches, salads, pizza bread, pasta dishes and fruit kebabs. Promoting healthy lifestyles alongside many other learning opportunities.



*If you would like to enquire about a space at Little Angels please visit our website [www.littleangelspreschool.co.uk](http://www.littleangelspreschool.co.uk)*

## Mamas and papas?

Not all our children have an equal start.

This is a difficult fact that governors have to get to grips with. It is not just to do with having enough money. Love and care are not exclusive to any income group. Circumstances dictate the environment in which our children develop and a few are less fortunate than others.

At the end of September last year there were 886 children in care in Hertfordshire and more are spending longer in care because of Covid-19. I anticipate that all our local schools have children in care and young carers. Personally, I find their situations heartbreaking. Our teachers do a wonderful job trying to compensate for their difficult situations.

The number of children needing foster care has risen by 44% during Covid creating a "state of emergency", a children's charity said.



Meanwhile, the number of people looking to become foster carers has fallen by almost half over the same period, reports Barnardos. What message does this give?

Every school should have a governor who has to watch out for



*Every child deserves a family*

children in care, and other disadvantaged children. Government make extra money available for these children and we have to check-up on the difference this is making to them. This money can only be spent on these children.

I was surprised to discover out how many of our children are designated as young carers. These too have a hard time. Together with our schools, Herts county council helps them and their families to find support locally to reduce the amount of caring they have to do.

***If you are interested in becoming a governor and helping to make a difference, contact your local school or go to the website <https://www.hertsforlearning.co.uk/business-services/governance>***

***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)***

***Geoff Strack***



# Elstree Screen Arts

Elstree Screen Arts have landed and they are unstoppable.

This spring they have officially joined Danes Educational Trust, started a new partnership with Sky Studios Elstree and developed a new traineeship programme for 18 year olds with Screenskills and the National Film and Television School.

## Sky Studios Elstree

Last April they marked the start of a partnership with the new Sky Studios Elstree which will provide 40 students with the opportunity to create a series of documentaries to celebrate Elstree and Borehamwood's rich film and TV heritage and will be part of the launch of the studios in February 2022.



To mark the start of the partnership, teachers and students from Elstree Screen Arts academy met with Sky Studios chief operating officer Caroline Cooper on site off Rowley Lane to sign a piece of steel that will become part of the structure of the first studio erected on site, marking a key milestone in the construction of the studios.

## ScreenSkills

Elstree Screen Arts has officially joined forces with Screen Skills, Elstree Film Studios and the National Film and Television School to create the next UK Centre of Screen Excellence. Elstree Screen Arts will offer free creative and technical traineeships for 18-19 year olds from September



2021 in six key areas, including art direction, production assistant, grip, lighting, costume, hair and make-up.

## Royal Opera House Bridge: 'Our Time During Lockdown'

In July 2020 ROH Bridge approached Elstree Screen Arts academy about the idea of creating a provocative time capsule piece that captured the thoughts and views of being a young adult in 2020. It needed to feature students' experience of lockdown, emerging from lockdown, and their thoughts about the future. Each episode shares evidence from a range of contexts designed to inspire and give practical tools to support your work with amplifying children and young people's voice. Watch the episode at <https://www.amplify-voice.uk/articles/our-lives-in-lockdown>

## Other highlights this term have included:

**Science investigation** - Year 13 Forensic Science took part in their criminal investigation practical assessment this half term. The students all had an opportunity to secure the scene, analyse the contents and collect all of the evidence. They are now analysing the evidence for their reports.

**Romeo and Juliet** - At the end of March Year 13 Production Technology, Performing Arts and Film students put on a full length filmed version of Romeo and Juliet. Students were ambitious with their set design and produced an impressive level of technical craftsmanship. Well done to all involved.

## Youth Council

The Youth Council of Elstree & Borehamwood has invited schools in the Borough to take part in a living history project to create a permanent record of what it has been like for young people to live through the pandemic.

Youth Councillors are hoping that this will form an exciting project that allows young people to express their feelings during these strange times as well as to learn what techniques people developed to cope with changes to the way we have all been living.

The responses will be collated in partnership with the Museums and Heritage Officer for Hertsmere to become small exhibitions in our local museums.

The brief is to allow students to write a short statement that answers questions such as:

- Were there any things that you particularly liked/disliked about lockdown?
- How did you find coping with online lessons / home-schooling?
- Did you learn more about yourself as a person during lockdown?
- Did you find that you had more time to enjoy yourself?
- Did you/your family celebrate any milestones during lockdown and how was these different to usual?
- Did you encounter any difficulties during lockdown and through the pandemic so far?



# Girlguiding

Still as popular as ever, Girlguiding has millions of members worldwide.

We are the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK, and empower 400,000 girls to be their best and face the challenges of growing up today. We've been doing that through adventure, friendship and fun for over 100 years. Girlguiding Hertfordshire has recently set up flexible guiding units to offer more girls the chance to join.

There are lots of reasons for someone to join one of the flexible guiding units. For example:

1. There is no unit for their age group in their local area;
2. They have other commitments, including studies and caring responsibilities which mean they can't attend regular unit meetings;
3. Transport to and from meetings is a problem;
4. An illness or disability may prevent them attending meetings regularly;
5. They don't enjoy spending time in large groups;
6. Waiting list for units in their local area are too long.

Flexible guiding units means we can offer all the benefits of being a Girlguiding member in a way that fits around your needs and schedule. It's fun, flexible and full of the same great opportunities. Instead of going to weekly physical meetings, girls keep in touch through email, text, phone calls, post and Zoom, working on different activities and badges and meeting up at exciting events.

In Hertfordshire we can now offer flexible units for Brownies (age 7-10 years), Guides (aged 10-14 years) and Rangers (age 14-18 years).

We hope to open a flexible guiding unit for Rainbows in the future. The groups will also gather together for special events and occasions.

## How a girl can join

If they're not already a member, girls will need to register their interest, and then when it comes to choosing their preferred units they'll need to pop this postcode, AL9 6GH, into the search box before selecting the relevant Hertfordshire flexible unit.

**For more information on the exciting opportunities that Girlguiding has to offer, please visit the Girlguiding website and register your daughter's interest now: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter>**



# Cecil Horse Sanctuary

This charity provides homes for old, neglected and abandoned horses and ponies to relieve their suffering.

Cecil Horse Sanctuary has been asked to vacate the green belt land it currently occupies behind the former Plough public house at Elstree crossroads within two years. The site not only provides homes for horses and ponies but provides a 'rural feel' to Elstree village. This is a perfect use of green belt land. Cecil Horse Sanctuary has provided opportunities for the local community to volunteer and for young people to come and get to know the horses. Even during Covid the managers have found Covid-safe ways to involve the public, especially families.

Elstree & Borehamwood Green Belt Society and the Elstree Village Preservation Society will challenge any attempts to have the site designated for building.



# Elstree and Borehamwood NSPCC

With the relaxation of lockdown, we have revived our activities and plan to put on our annual garden party at Schopwick Place, with our thanks for the generous hospitality of Ann and Norman Shuker.

The date is Sunday 8 August 2pm - 5pm as usual (subject to Covid-19 restrictions) at Schopwick Place, High Street, Elstree WD6 3SW. Parking will be provided in St Nicholas School playground. Admission free.

We also plan to run the NSPCC craft and gift fair on Sunday 14 November from 10.30am to 3.30pm in Allum Hall, Allum Lane, Elstree WD6 3PJ. We have booked provisionally depending again on health regulations at the time.

It will be so lovely to welcome back our faithful supporters after two years' inactivity and to raise some money to help vulnerable children through the work of the NSPCC.

**Ann Goddard**

## Writers in the Wood **LOCKED DOWN!**

Local writers group 'Writers in the Wood' didn't let the lockdown stop them from what they do best! Below is an update on what some of the members have been up to during the last year.

### Steven J Pemberton

During lockdown, I completed my latest fantasy novel, 'The Dragons of Asdanund', and wrote several short science fiction stories for a collection that I plan to release later in 2021.

### Arnie Harris

I released my first book, the highly praised 'The Messenger', just before the first lockdown. The positivity and inspirational messages, proved to be most welcome!

Throughout the pandemic, I have been writing my second book, 'The Positive Way', which I hope to release in the summer of 2021.

### Elliot Stanton

Following the release of my fifth book towards the end of 2020, the creation of my sixth was well under way, when the first lockdown was announced. Progress was slow and I took a break from it in February to write a poem I was inspired to pen. I enjoyed it, and three months later I have written over 60 compositions. Like my novels, they are humorous in content and are themed on nostalgic memories and observations on modern life.

I hope to collate them and release them as a book, later in 2021.

### Jason Cook

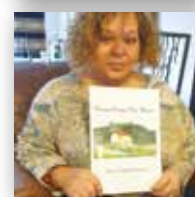
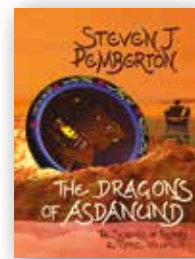
I wrote this book during lockdown and it's due to be launched at the end of May in paperback. The story highlights domestic violence awareness.

### Rozita Tadayan-Tavakoli

Just before the first lockdown, I published my first poetry book called 'Poems From The Heart'. I didn't have the chance to launch my book properly because the first lockdown was announced. But I carried on writing poetry and there are over 500 poems on my website <https://rosieposy.uk>

Writing about how I felt through my poems, has helped me to cope and to get through Covid-19 and the lockdowns, otherwise it would have been very hard to cope. I am aiming to publish my second book soon.

*Lorraine Read*



## Borehamwood library - reading more popular than ever!

It been lovely to see Borehamwood slowly come back to life and see more people out and about especially with the beautiful sunshine.

I would like to thank all of our lovely loyal customers who have supported us and carried on coming in to see us, borrow books and use the PCs since 6 July 2020 when we reopened, and who stuck with us throughout the various lockdowns and made the most of the necessarily limited services we were able to offer.

Staff have been happy to hear how much we were missed. We've been bought cakes, chocolates and sweets by returning customers to say thank you when we re-opened and a new local bakery "Cake Box" bought us more cake!

We have been working hard to showcase our lovely new books and bring you bright happy displays to bring a smile. They have been flying off the shelves – over 700 books were borrowed last week alone – people seem to love reading more than ever which obviously makes us smile too!

So if you haven't been in yet, why not pop in - currently popular are Mel Giedroyc's "Best Things" and Beth O'Leary's new book "The Car Share" - luckily we have two copies of each so you should find at least one on the shelves - but if not we have so many more to choose from you won't leave empty handed.

I've recently loved "This Green and Pleasant Land" by Ayisha Malik which I listened to on Borrowbox - our free audiobook app. My next read will be "The Girl with the Louding Voice" by Abi Dare.

Staff have also been busy reading "The Giver of Stars" by JoJo Moyes as this will be the book discussed at our next walking reading group in the summer - ask in the library for more details,

As always see our Facebook page @Borehamwood Library for all the latest news and opening hours.



*Jocelyne  
Library manager*

# Rights of Way report 2021

Public rights of way (footpaths, bridleways and byways) are a valuable amenity, providing short cuts for pedestrians within the town and access for walkers - and sometimes cyclists and horse riders - to the countryside beyond. During the coronavirus pandemic, when other recreational outlets have been closed or restricted, there has been a noticeable and welcome increase in their usage.

A condition audit of the 70 public rights of way in Elstree and Borehamwood parish was completed at the start of this year. The wet autumn and winter weather, combined with the clay soil of the locality and the greater footfall, had made the going very muddy underfoot in certain stretches and suitable waterproof footwear was essential.

But all of the routes were found to be usable, with no major obstructions or severe hazards. After minor tasks of pruning, lopping, waymark numbering, etc, had been completed, 50 of them required no further works to be carried out.

On the 20 routes on which desirable remedial or improvement works were identified, there were eleven issues with signage, six with encroaching vegetation, four with gates, four with fences, three with bridges and one instance of severe surface rutting.

Some of this work has already been undertaken by contractors and/or volunteers working for Herts county council. For example, brambles have been removed from paths 33 and 34 (between Gateshead Road and Crown Road) and paths 53 and 54 (leading from Haggerston Road to Woodhall and Green Street). A particularly squelchy section of path

54 has been surfaced, and an antiquated and awkward gate has been replaced.

Waymarks have been erected or re-erected on paths 13 and 14 (in Parkfields, Elstree) and 51 (near Organ Hall). New signs have been provided on paths 50 and 52 (leading from Theobald Street) and 23 (leading from Park Crescent). Potentially hazardous rabbit holes have been stopped up alongside path 56 (through the spinney at Radlett Park golf course). A new gate has been installed on path 7 (leading from Allum Lane).

Where responsibility lies with the owners of adjoining properties, e.g. for falling fences on paths 27 (Ayot Path) and 31 (between Stanborough Avenue and Cowley Hill), or an overgrown hedge on path 37 (between Elmwood Avenue and Lemsford Court), the relevant householders are advised. In some cases, other agencies are involved – e.g. missing rails from bridges owned by Hertsmere council on paths 13 and 59 (Parkfields) and 46 (Haggerston Park), and broken fencing alongside path 22 (between Corfe Close and Kenilworth Park) for which Clarion housing association is responsible.

Rights of way are shown on the Ordnance Survey's series of Explorer maps, obtainable from bookshops or by mail order. Their official numbers appear on Hertfordshire county council's on-line map (<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/recycling-waste-and-environment/countryside-access/rights-of-way/current-rights-of-way/the-definitive-map.aspx#close>), and there is a form on this site for reporting any problems you may encounter while using them. Happy walking!

**John Cartledge**



**Before**



**After**



# Music in the Wood



## Borehamwood Brass

Borehamwood Brass is your local community band that performs a wide musical repertoire on the standard set of brass band instruments, being of service to the local community for 50 years.

On 25 May the band recommenced rehearsals using the Parish Centre of the Catholic Parishes of Elstree and Borehamwood. We are grateful for Fr. Dominic McKenna allowing us to use this hall on a temporary basis, as we were not able to use our normal facility and home at Holy Cross Church, Balmoral Drive, Borehamwood.



The band has kept a close eye on the government restrictions for music groups and have re-commenced rehearsals now that the relevant measures required are in place and that social distancing rules permit the group to meet again.

They have a few concerts where they may be heard on the next couple of months. These are:

- Sunday 11 July - Christ Church, Radlett
- Sunday 1 August - Meadow Park entertainment arena (from 3pm)

The band are also working with Brass Band England (BBE) to help develop youth for the future. This is a collaboration with Herts Music Service which has funding from the DCMS to further the performing arts sector by engaging youth in the community to learn to play a brass instrument.

**For more information on Borehamwood Brass, and how to join, or to book the band to perform at a local fete or family event, look either at the band's web site and Facebook page, or contact Andrew Grady on 07802 736628 or email borehamwoodbrass@hotmail.com**

**Website [www.borehamwoodbrass.org.iuk](http://www.borehamwoodbrass.org.iuk)  
Facebook [www.facebook.com/borehamwoodbrass](https://www.facebook.com/borehamwoodbrass)  
Twitter: [www.twitter.com/BWoodbrass](https://www.twitter.com/BWoodbrass)**



## Studios Rotary presented virtual Youth Makes Music Concerts

The Rotary Club of the Studios of Elstree and Borehamwood and Elstree working in partnership with Elstree and Borehamwood town council presented a series of virtual Youth Makes Music concerts during lockdown this spring.

The series brought together young performers from across our community, presenting an event that is normally held at All Saints



Riley Levine performing in the February concert

Church in Shenley Road in Borehamwood.

The concert was the idea of Andrew Grady and Pat Strack who with the publicity team of Karren Fielding and Sam Covill prepared the concert series.

Andrew edited every video for inclusion in a thirty-minute concert, which was broadcast live on YouTube and other social media platforms on the first Saturday of each month from February to May. The compere for each concert was our very own Nick Male.

The Mayor of Elstree & Borehamwood 2020-21 Cllr Simon Rubner introduced the March concert.

The Rotary Club of the Studios would like to thank all the teachers involved, Alan Duguid, Derek Holland, Rena Delaney, Rosemary and Lawrence Wiseman, plus the families of those who took part, which made the concert series such a success.

Each concert was welcomed by the mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood, with a vote of thanks being given by the president of the Rotary Club of the Studios of Elstree and Borehamwood, Victor Eni.

Each participant received a certificate of achievement signed by the mayor and the Rotary Club president.

**Andrew Grady**





# Elstree Mozart Players



Elstree Mozart Players, is local orchestra founded by Derek Holland, supported by councillor Pat Strack and Andrew Grady.

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 at affordable prices.

Given the extent of the Covid-19 outbreak across the world, the government ceasing all gatherings, and the closure of theatres and bars, all events planned had been cancelled for rescheduling for later.

The orchestra plans to hold a concert on Sunday 9 October 2021, at Allum Manor. Other concerts are planned for Saturday 20 November and Sunday 5 December. These will very much depend on whether government restrictions are still in place, given the timescales currently set out to remove all restrictions in July this looks a possibility. Advertising will be sent out in due course with the concert programme to be performed.

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



## Borehamwood radio project

The Borehamwood and Elstree radio project moved forward significantly after a steering group meeting was held with interested parties.

Our long term vision and goal is to bring together a group of likeminded people, beginning with production of podcasts that will lead to the formation of a core group to set up a local radio station for Borehamwood and Elstree, initially online. The eventual aim is to go on air via the local South Hertfordshire Digital Radio service planned to be coming into operation in 2024/25.

### Stage 1 Autumn 2021

- The steering committee will be working with local secondary schools to identify which pupils are interested in making podcasts;
- Young people communicate through social media. They will identify the topics and issues they want to discuss and take forward.

### Stage 2 Spring/Summer 2022

- Involvement of local groups and organisations in podcasts initially. Many local organisations have already expressed an interest in taking part;
- A studio space has been offered and a list of equipment identified;
- Clive Glover, founder of Radio Verulam, will provide the expertise to guide us through the various stages of the project.

The board members are Clive Butchins, Clive Glover, Andrew Grady, Danny Hunter, Sandra Parnell, Roger Morris, Dan Salter and Pat Strack, all bringing a different skill set to make the project a success.

A meeting in late June saw interested parties meet the steering committee and discuss how we could all work together.

**You can keep in touch by checking in on the Radio Station for Borehamwood group on Facebook and look out for more information. If you are interested in being involved please contact one of the board members.**





**Nelken**  
JEWELLERS

Established 1890

THE GUILD OF  
MASTER CRAFTSMEN

Specialist Repairs & Renovations  
to all Diamond & Gold Jewellery  
for over 120 Years..

83 Shenley Road Borehamwood Hertfordshire WD6 1AG  
Tel: 020 8953 2727 email: nelken.jewellers@hotmail.co.uk

## Maxwell Park Community Centre

**Bright spacious hall available on Saturday  
afternoons for private hire.  
Meeting rooms and mirrored dance studio  
are available for hire.**




**Regular activities include:**

Bar-K Line Dancing, British Tinnitus Association, Cocaine Anonymous, East Anglian Wing Chun Athletic, E&BW Table Tennis (Junior & All Ages), Generation Plus, formerly Fifty Plus (Art, Bowls, Table Tennis), Fit Club, Friends of Care Homes, Guideposts, Hartbeeps, HAFSL (Adult Learning Courses), KJ's School of Dance, Krav Maga, LA LA Dance, Little Kickers, MoveDanceSweat, Music Tuition, Shogun Karate, Strength & Balance Class, Studio Quilters, Sundance Line Dancing, U3A Ukulele Group, Visually Impaired Club, Watchman SIA Courses, We Move She Moves (Pound, Golden Dance Fit, Pilates), Yoga & Pilates

There's something for everyone!

**See website for details - [www.maxwellpcc.org](http://www.maxwellpcc.org)**  
For private or regular hire please call: 020 8953 4295  
or email [info@maxwellpcc.org](mailto:info@maxwellpcc.org)

**Unique, Recycled Greeting Cards  
Designed and Printed in Borehamwood!**





**[mayarosecreations.co.uk](http://mayarosecreations.co.uk)**

For **20% off** with fast and free delivery use code **WOOD20**



## Allum Manor

HOUSE & HALL

### OPEN FOR BOOKINGS






We have the venue for all your events from a meeting for two people to celebrations for up to 470 guests. We are located in the heart of Elstree and close to the M25, M1, A1 and walking distance to Elstree & Borehamwood Station.

Dating in part from the 17th century, the Grade 2 listed Manor House offers eight rooms for hire from £15 per hour. From meetings, classes and training sessions we have the space for you. Allum Manor Hall can accommodate up to 470, or be divided for smaller functions. We regularly host private parties, engagements, weddings, bar mitzvahs, bat mitzvahs, children's parties, concerts, conferences, exhibitions, charity fairs and flower shows. We are licensed for Civil Ceremonies and Marriages.

**What can we offer you?**

Dry hire - State-of-the-art sound system - Fully adjustable LED lighting - Large stage with lighting and curtains - Free Wi-Fi - Sprung dance floor  
Commercial kitchen - Large entrance foyer and bar/cloakroom - Accessible toilets for disabled users - Gardens and free parking

**Watch our video on Facebook then email [contact@allummanor.co.uk](mailto:contact@allummanor.co.uk) to book a viewing.**

# Civic Festival

24 July - 7 August 2021



## Families Day 2021

Meadow Park  
7th August 2021  
12pm - 4pm

To request a stall please email Dan Salter at  
[dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](mailto:dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)

Please note that this event is subject to current government guidelines at the time.

parkrun  
Elstree and Borehamwood  
Town Council

## 2021 Festival 5km Parkrun

Saturday 31 July, 9am  
Aldenham Country Park  
To take part please register at  
[www.parkrun.org.uk/aldenham](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/aldenham)

Elstree and Borehamwood  
Town Council

## 2021 Festival Quiz

Tuesday 3 August  
The Royal British Legion  
7pm

Enter a team in our Festival Quiz battle. Prizes for the winning team but more importantly the title of Festival Quiz Champions and the Trophy Shield!

It's FREE to enter but you must register in advance as places in this ever-popular event are limited.

Contact: 020 82071382  
or  
download an application form  
[www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](http://www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)

Rotary  
Club of the Town of  
Elstree and Borehamwood

Rotary

## Meadow Park

### FREE Brass Band Concerts 2021

**25th July**  
Hemel Hempstead Brass Band

**1st August**  
Borehamwood Brass Band

Concerts start at 3.00pm, please bring your own chairs and picnic blankets

Please note that all concerts are subject to current government guidelines at the time.

Pull out and keep this handy reference

virtual

# ELSTREE & BOREHAMWOOD'S GOT T★LENT 2021

with host **Brian Burton**



**If you think you have an entertaining talent, skill or party piece we want to hear from you!**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we are unable to hold the normal Talent Show so this year we will be holding a virtual one on YouTube.

**1st Prize £75 • 2nd Prize £50 • 3rd Prize £25**

To enter please download an application form [www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](http://www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk) and email it to [dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](mailto:dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk) along with a video of your act.

You can also WhatsApp your video to 07543976635

**Closing date is Friday 30 July**

## Elstree & Borehamwood's Got Talent 2020 Winner

Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic Elstree & Borehamwood's Got Talent had to go virtual!

The competition had to be held online at the start of the year. The competition gave local residents chance to perform in front of a judging panel and a virtual audience on YouTube.

This year's winner was young pianist Beth Farshi (aged 7), in second place was father and son duo Uneven Stevens featuring Richard and Oscar Stevens. In third place was local magician Tammy Berman (aged 15).

Town Council Entertainment's Officer, who organised the event, said: "We are so happy that we were still able to put on a talent show during the pandemic, all the acts put on an impressive show for the judges, the judges all commented how difficult it was to choose the winners because of the high standard all round."

The judges were Town Councillors Pat Strack, Michelle Vince and Sandra Parnell and as always the show was presented by Brian Burton.

If you would like to watch the show and other Town Council Virtual Events please got to YouTube and search for Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council.



Full listings available on Find us on Facebook

# Literary Festival 2021

Welcome to this year's virtual Literary Festival from the Elstree & Borehamwood town council with the support of the Writers in the Wood and Rotary Club of Elstree and Borehamwood.

Last year we were honoured to feature an award winning composer and lyricist, Alexander S. Bermange, and on the theme of lyrics I heard a song recently that seemed to belie the creative process, having more repeats of the title line "one good turn deserves another" than could be counted in a casual listen. However it was certainly a catchy number! My point is that words can come in so many different forms and that how they are put together and presented can make or breaks the creator's final product.

In this year's virtual Literary Event I am hoping that our contributors will be shedding light on the process of creating various forms of projects that are based on words. To this end, in addition to offerings from our local group of authors "Writers in the Wood", we have two distinguished authors: Pete May and Will Self.

Pete May is the author of many successful books including "What Are Words Worth?", "Man About Tarn" and "Rent Boy: How One Man spent 20 Years Falling off The Property Ladder". As a journalist he has written for The Guardian, The Observer, The Independent, the Daily Telegraph, New Statesman and Loaded among others.

Will Self is the author of 25 books, some of which have been translated into 25 different languages. A prolific journalist and a frequent broadcaster on radio and television, he holds the chair in Contemporary Thought at Brunel University.

**The event will be available on YouTube on Wednesday 4 August using a link on the town council website.**



Pete May



Will Self

*Clive Butchins*



## Movies in the Park

**Saturday 24 July - Meadow Park, Borehamwood**

Come and enjoy the British weather, sit back, and relax watching some great family friendly movies in your local park this summer. The first film will commence at 3pm, the second shortly after 7pm. Why not make a day of it, with a mini fun fair for the kids and a licensed bar for the adults? You can even bring a picnic or make use of our onsite food trucks.

### Trolls 2 (U) - 3pm

After the Bergens invade troll village, Poppy, the happiest troll ever born, and the curmudgeonly Branch set off on a journey to rescue her friends.

### School of Rock (PG) - 7pm

After being kicked out of his rock band, Dewey Finn (Jack Black) becomes a substitute teacher at an uptight private elementary school, only to try and turn them into a rock band.

**To hear the latest news on all our events follow our Facebook page @ParkEventsHerts**

**Movies in the park is a FREE event, pre book a ticket. Mini fun fair is chargeable. No bbq's allowed.**



### Get in touch

Park events

96 Shenley Road, Borehamwood

Tel 014342 454 000 - Email [events@inspireall.com](mailto:events@inspireall.com)

**Pull out and keep this handy reference**

# 2021 Civic Festival

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES AT THE TIME

## Saturday 24 July

### Films in Meadow Park

#### Trolls 2 (U)3pm & School of Rock (PG) 7pm

Come and enjoy the British weather, sit back and relax watching some great family friendly movies in your local park this summer.

Movies in the park is a FREE event, pre book a ticket.

Tel 014342 454 000, email [events@inspireall.com](mailto:events@inspireall.com)

## Sunday 25 July

### Hemel Hempstead Band Concert

#### Meadow Park, 3pm

Concerts start at 3.00pm, please bring your own chairs and picnic blankets.

### Virtual Festival Service

Please visit the Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council Facebook and YouTube pages.

## Monday 26 July

### Chess Night

#### Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood WD6 5BT, 7.30pm

A festival favourite, come along and play a game or just watch.

FREE ENTRY.

## Thursday 29 July

### Indoor Circus Skills Family Workshops

#### Fairway Hall, 1pm - 6pm

Free circus workshop for kids, please contact [dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](mailto:dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk) to book a space.

### Welcome Café at St Michael's Church

#### St Michael and All Angels, Brook Road, Borehamwood, WD6 5EQ, 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Warm and friendly welcome, social distancing and face covering.

Tea / coffee + cake.

£4 on the door (correct cash please, or via text).

Contact Revd Louise Collins on 020 8953 2362.

## Friday 30 July

### Virtual Schools Performing Arts Concert 2021

Please visit the Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council Facebook and YouTube pages.

## Saturday 31 July

### Festival ParkRun

#### Aldenham Country Park, 9am

Parkrun running club stages the popular festival run at Aldenham Country Park. Be on your marks for the Fun Run at 9am. Whether you are an experienced runner or just want to try the Fun Run, this event is for all abilities. To register with Parkrun please go to [www.parkrun.org.uk](http://www.parkrun.org.uk)

### New town flag presentation

#### Fairway Hall Car Park, 1pm

Flag raising with the Town Mayor of the new town flag designed by 11 year old Lily Saron.

## Sunday 1 August

### Borehamwood Brass Band Concert

#### Meadow Park, 3pm

Concerts start at 3pm, please bring your own chairs and picnic blankets.

### Teddy's Trail from Highwood

Join us for a bus ride to Mill Hill followed by a 5-mile (3 to 4 hour) conducted walk back across the countryside visiting points of interest along the way.

Please wear strong footwear and bring a raincoat if the forecast is wet. Regrettably, the trail is not suitable for wheelchairs or buggies. Well-behaved dogs on leads welcome.

There will be a refreshment break en route.

The walk is free but registration in advance is essential. Please register with [dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](mailto:dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)

## Monday 2 August

### Guided allotment tour with the town council warden

#### Melrose Allotments, 1pm

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

## Tuesday 3 August

### Festival Quiz Night

#### The Royal British Legion, 7pm

To register a team please contact [dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](mailto:dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk) (Max five team mates)

## Wednesday 4 August

### Virtual Literary Festival 2021

Please visit the Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council Facebook and YouTube pages.

## Thursday 5 August

### Indoor Circus Skills Family Workshops

#### Fairway Hall, 1pm - 6pm

Free circus workshop for kids, please contact [dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](mailto:dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk) to book a space.

### Welcome Café at St Michael's Church

#### St Michael and All Angels, Brook Road, Borehamwood, WD6 5EQ, 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Warm and friendly welcome, social distancing and face covering.

Tea / coffee + cake.

£4 on the door (correct cash please, or via text).

Contact Revd Louise Collins on 020 8953 2362.

## Friday 6 August

### Virtual Elstree & Borehamwood's Got Talent 2021

Please visit the Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council Facebook and YouTube pages.

## Saturday 7 August

### Families Day

#### Meadow Park, 12pm - 4pm

Join us in Meadow Park for our annual Families Day with free Fairground Rides, Stalls, Refreshments and much more.

## Wanted - your memories of the buses

The summer of 2022 will mark 100 years of regular bus services in Elstree and Borehamwood, and to celebrate this important transport history milestone the town council will be supporting a commemorative event being arranged in conjunction with Elstree and Borehamwood Museum.

When finalised, details will be published in Town Crier. But in the meantime we are keen to gather memories of - and memorabilia from - your experiences while travelling or working on buses in the locality (and/or at Aldenham Bus Overhaul Works).

**If you have any anecdotes to share, or objects of interest that could be displayed, please contact [john.cartledge@cantab.net](mailto:john.cartledge@cantab.net) or phone 020 8953 8008.**

## Brilliant effort from Communities 1st volunteers

Just over a year ago and in the wake of new restrictions, Communities 1st was faced with an array of unprecedented challenges that shook both the inner workings of the charity and the services we had to offer.

As we amassed the support of nearly three thousand volunteer applications in the first few weeks we had to adapt and develop our CRM system dramatically just to cope with the heavy load on our recruitment team. Whereas before we were managing just sixty people at a time, we now had to ask many of our volunteers to assist in signing up others and before long we had the support of six thousand.

With the support of local councils and the formation of 'Community Help Hertfordshire' we expanded to provide both essential and non-essential services including personal shopping and prescription services for vulnerable people as well as our telephone befriending and leaflet programmes.

Alongside a few other organisations, we were approached by the NHS to support their vaccination programme and by the time of the roll-out we had garnered the support and publicity of figures such as the Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire as well as a wave of donations that we persisted in distributing to those who needed them most. From pallets full of flowers from garden centres through to hundreds of mince pies over the Christmas period we were overcome with the warmth and kindness of our community.

We feel incredibly honored to have now completed over 100,000 hours of vaccination volunteering and are struck by the resilience and bravery of our thousands of volunteers who stood to fight the virus as the communities went to receive their first and second doses. As the next chapter grows near we look forward to seeing how the community will stand together in the many years to come.

*Sebastian Kelly*



### Borehamwood W.I.

Members of Borehamwood's Women's Institute have been keeping in touch by phone calls to members, the Herts newsletter, and calling on each other. Hopefully this year we can start the Borehamwood W.I when it is safe to do so.

We meet 2nd Monday of the month 2pm - 4pm  
Room 2 The Manor House, 2 Allum Lane, Elstree, WD6 3PJ

President: Janet Martin, 020 8386 2844  
or email [janet.martinford@ntlworld.com](mailto:janet.martinford@ntlworld.com)

## Live Well

Live Well - Borehamwood is a community group for over 50s which has been running successfully since 2015.

Throughout the pandemic, we have been fortunate enough to continue supporting our members in various ways - from small, Covid-secure drop-in sessions at Allum Manor House, to home visits and errand services for our more vulnerable members. The group has embraced technology more during recent times and has enjoyed quizzes and group chats via WhatsApp and Facebook. The small group sessions especially have been something that the members have benefitted from. At a time when meaningful human contact means more than ever before, our drop-in sessions have been a real lifeline for some of our members.

The global pandemic with the subsequent lockdowns and restrictions we have all experienced, has been challenging and isolating for many people. Live Well Borehamwood has worked hard to bring together our members to offer friendship, support and advice.

During more 'normal' times, the group would usually enjoy weekly gatherings, regular themed social events, day trips and workshops. We are really looking forward to returning to operating safely at full capacity again, welcoming back all our lovely shielding members and also new members. We are taking new memberships and offer free tasters although there will be a waiting list to attend weekly sessions at present. You can contact us at [livewell@groupmail.com](mailto:livewell@groupmail.com) telephone 07960 783 079.

Live Well - Borehamwood wishes to thank its volunteers, committee members and its members for their commitment to the group and for staying strong throughout what has been a tough time for everyone. We also wish to say a special thank you to our wonderful sponsors and funders - the National Lottery Community Fund, Co-op, Tesco, Hertfordshire Community Foundation, Hertfordshire county council and Hertsmere borough council, all of which have made a tremendous difference to all our members.



## Prams For Good campaign announced

Prams for Good, a collaborative initiative from industry specialists, launched on 1 March, with the aim of matching families in need with pre-loved prams and pushchairs, to enable them to get out and about with their babies and children.

### How does the scheme work?

The Prams for Good campaign will work with a number of industry partners to take back pushchairs that are in good condition from families, influencers, brands and celebrities, and re-distribute them via a network of independent nursery retailers, logistics companies and local charities to families in need across the UK and overseas. In addition to direct collections, the campaign partners are in discussion with pram brands and independent retailers across the UK, with the aim of creating a nationwide hub of drop off and collection points for the pushchairs, for ultimate redistribution to local charities.

### How will it help?

Approximately 14 million people currently live in poverty in the UK, including 4.2 million children - that's one in every four children who do not have the essentials available to them to live. Worrying statistics, made worse by job losses in the past year due to the Covid-19 pandemic as well as increasing numbers of refugees seeking asylum.

The campaign will bring together brands, nursery retailers, trade and consumer media, parents, celebrities and influencers to 'each do their bit' to help alleviate three main issues:

1. To help poverty-stricken families both in the UK and across the globe. The average spend on a new pushchair is £340.32 – unfortunately, a cost well beyond the reach of many UK families, living in poverty, who can't even afford food and clothing, especially now.

2. To improve physical, mental and emotional health, and aid bonding with baby, by giving parents a pram they can use to get outdoors with their child every day. The campaign will help address the current burgeoning mental health crisis, by giving families the opportunity to get outside and into the fresh air, known to be essential for our health and mental wellbeing.
3. To work towards a greener planet - so many prams are dumped, and we aim to reduce landfill by recycling the prams that have life in them yet and can be given to a good home.

### Campaign partners

The Prams for Good campaign is a collaboration between a number of UK based companies and charities. UK registered charity, Goods for Good, delivers overstocked goods donated by British industry and second-hand, pre-loved goods donated by the local community to vulnerable people and communities around the world. Pushchair brand, Didofy, has spearheaded the campaign from the start, but the company has high hopes that many pram and pushchair brands will join the campaign.

Media partners are MadeForMums and the Dadsnet while Nursery Online are leading the nursery trade communication.



## Little Kickers

Little Kickers Herts & NW London celebrate their two year anniversary in Borehamwood.

The Little Kickers Herts & NW London team has been successfully running fun-filled football classes in Borehamwood and surrounding areas for two years (even with a rather large hurdle during 2020).

Initially founded by sisters Jade and Leah, due to struggling to find a football class for Jade's young son, they decided to run their own! To complete this dynamic duo, Head Coach Tim joined the team (now a trio) with the dream of providing football-based classes for children aged 18 months to seven years with a "play not push" ethos.

We want to give children a positive introduction to sport as a whole, not just football, so they're more likely to stay healthy and active throughout their lives. We believe football can be educational and enhance social skills. Coached in the right way it can stimulate imagination and aid early development skills such as learning colours and numbers, following instructions and playing as a team.

The classes have been very successful and a huge benefit to the young future "Ronaldo" residents of Borehamwood and Shenley. A quick note directly from our parents: "My twin boys absolutely love these classes,

they are fun, interactive and they learn new skills every class" (Jaime Rodas – father of two very energetic Mega Kickers).

**The team have launched brand new classes at Maxwell Park Community Centre WD6 and Shenley Primary School WD7 – come and join the fun! [Herts\\_nwlonon@littlekickers.co.uk](mailto:Herts_nwlonon@littlekickers.co.uk) / 07904 634224**





# Allum Hall vaccination centre

The spring edition of the *Town Crier* brought great news that the largest Covid vaccination centre in Hertsmere was up and running in Elstree and Borehamwood at Allum Hall.

Since they started in early January the clinics, which run several times each week, have gone from strength to strength in helping protect our community and save lives.

After just two months, on 6 March Dr Alex Byrne, GP at Schopwick Surgery and the Herts Health GP Federation welcomed the 20,000th patient to receive a jab. A fortnight later, Dr Ann Goddard, the chair of Allum Manor received her second jab, an event she described as 'liberating'.

By early May over 50,000 doses were given to 30,000 patients; many of these patients were from high priority groups and received both their jabs. Since then, increasingly younger groups have been making appointments for their jabs. Dr Byrne states that by the end of May over 90% of all Hertsmere patients above the age of 50 had received at least one dose of vaccine.

Through the combined efforts of about 60 healthcare professionals and 35 NHS care coordinators from across Hertsmere, each week has seen three clinics on average. Sixteen clinics were run in April. The clinics continue to offer both vaccines for appointments made through GP practices.

Working in shifts of eight clinicians supported by twice as many Care Coordinators, the clinics have run smoothly and efficiently for up to 12 hours at a time, to the delight of patients.

Typical of their comments is this quote: 'I attended the vaccine clinic last night for my first Covid vaccination and would like to praise all those involved for their efficient, kindly and well organised operation. From the parking as we arrived, through every step of the procedure, the volunteers and vaccinating staff were reassuring, friendly and cheerful under such a massive workload and with such huge hopes and expectations on their shoulders. My very grateful thanks to you all.'

Meanwhile district nurses have used Allum Hall as their base, making over 1,000 visits to care homes across Hertsmere, as well as home visits to other patients who were unable to travel to clinics.



Supporting the NHS, over 300 volunteers organised by Communities 1st have taken turns to greet and guide patients, ensuring that at all times the clinics remain 'Covid-secure'. In all types of weather, parking marshals, supplemented by the caretakers of Allum Hall, have guided drivers safely into and out of the parking areas. Thanks to the generosity of GTR Thameslink, hundreds of staff and volunteers have parked for free at the nearby station car park, making more space available for patients visiting Allum Hall.

Older patients have, almost without exception, been eager to receive their jabs and the prospect of freedom which a second jab brings. And now younger patients are doing their part, booking appointments with their GP, turning up on time and following all the hands, face and space recommendations to ensure that every patient feels safe.

Says Dr Byrne, 'It may be tempting to think that the vaccination programme has done its job, but we still have

many more patients to reach over the summer and into the autumn. Achieving this week after week will continue to place heavy demands on everyone involved. However we're confident that with the support of all our patients we'll be able to continue at this remarkable pace. Please, when you receive your invitation do attend for your first and then your second dose.'

Meanwhile the NHS 'respiratory hot hub' or patient assessment centre which has been hosted at Allum Manor since late 2020 continues to serve, along with hubs based at Hemel Hempstead and Garston. It is operating at almost 80% of capacity and will remain at Allum Manor over the summer.

Dr Kate Page, senior partner at Fairbrook Medical Centre in Borehamwood and Hertsmere locality chair for Herts Valleys CCG said, 'Patient assessment centres are led by GPs and are an important part of our response to Covid-19. They provide dedicated support for Covid-19 patients in the community, allowing GP practices to focus on helping other patients with health issues that aren't related to Covid-19.'

Recognising the remarkable achievements of everyone involved with the vaccination clinics, Dr Nicolas Small, head of the Schopwick Surgery and chair of the Herts Valleys CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) recently went on record as saying that 'This vaccination centre has been so important for this community and the positive spirit it has engendered. It's been difficult sometimes, but an absolute joy and you've all gone the extra mile.

'It's been a great success and means so much to have protected so many of your residents. Everyone involved should know that by the end of the summer you will have saved many hundreds of lives. That's a quite extraordinary achievement. I thank and congratulate you all.'

**Bob Redman**



# Tapestries of Faith

The town council supports the freedom of residents to choose a faith or to have none and it is proud of the rich tapestry of religious groups within the local community.

## St Michael and All Angels Church and hall

During lockdown, St Michael and All Angels Church have continued to be active in praying for everyone and in community support, both online and in-person.

It has been a difficult and unprecedented time and we continue to keep everyone in thoughts and prayers. Now that things are starting to look forward, we are delighted that communion services are scheduled to re-start in June and the hall is once again open.

During lockdown, we were kept busy upgrading the hall, thanks to a generous community grant from Elstree and Borehamwood town council. We are thrilled with the upgraded facilities, water tank, paintwork and windows. We will be delighted to take enquiries for community and charity groups, children's birthday parties, Christening parties, etc.

The safety and well-being of the community continues to be our paramount, number one concern. At time of going to press, hall numbers are limited to twenty-five, with social distancing and face coverings.

**Enquiries to Mrs Pat Clarke, churchwarden on 020 8386 5469. Hall hire remains subject to latest local and national coronavirus restrictions.**



## Eco Church

Help St Michael and All Angels Church work towards their bronze 'Eco Church' award and raise parish funds by donating your used inkjet cartridges.

Why not test your knowledge with this mini-quiz:

- How many inkjets are sold in Europe every year?
- How many cartridges end up in landfill in the UK?
- How many years can it take for cartridges to decompose?
- How many more jobs does recycling create than landfilling?
- What percentage of people say they would recycle more if it were made easier?

Answers: a) 300 million, b) 45 million, c) up to 1,000 years, d) 6 times more e) 90%.

To donate your used cartridges (sorry, no laser/toner), contact Revd Louise Collins on 020 8953 2362 at St Michael and All Angels Church and help us raise parish funds or find us at <https://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/Home.aspx>



## Summer activities - Saint Michael and All Angels Church

### Welcome Café

Every Thursday from 1 July to 26 August, 1.30pm - 3.00pm.

St Michael's Church Hall.

Warm and friendly welcome. Social distancing and face covering. Tea, coffee and cake.

£4 on the door (correct cash please, or via text).

### Praise in the park

Sunday 29 August.

Aberford Park, opposite St Michael's Church

Family-friendly church service starts at 10am. Bring your own drink.

### Families Day

Saturday 7 August.

Meadow Park. All day. Find us at our stall.

### Creationkind Festival

Saturday 4 September.

Birds and Bees Quiz Night at 6.30pm.

Sunday 12 September.

Pet Blessing Service at 12 noon.

Saturday 25 September.

Michaelmas Fayre 10am - 1pm.

Sunday 26 September.

Festival Songs of Praise at 3pm.

Sunday 3 October.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service at 9.30am.

Contact Revd Louise Collins on 020 8953 2362

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

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7536/>

All events subject to local / national restrictions, please contact for latest.

## Camp Unity 2021

Camp Unity 2019, a multi-faith residential overnight summer camp that brought Borehamwood primary school-aged children together for a week of outdoor adventure, recently received an award from the Hertsmere borough council for its contribution to the celebration of diversity.

After receiving the award, Father Dominic McKenna of St Theresa's Church, a trustee, said: 'We set out to create a life-changing experience for our local children and thankfully, it was a success. From the moment they arrived, to the Lord Lieutenant's visit, to the fire safety demonstration from our Borehamwood fire department, it was a week filled with fun and activities. It was also a great opportunity for parents to meet and make friends across cultures with neighbours they might never otherwise speak with'.

The creative force behind Camp Unity is camp director Rivka David. This energetic teacher and life-coach has more than 20 years of experience working with children, introducing them to enjoying the outdoors. But even she was amazed at 'how quickly the children got on with each other and the warm friendships they formed around the campfire, over hot cocoa and roasted marshmallows'.

Former town mayor and current Brookmeadow ward councillor Victor Eni, also a trustee, praised the camp for its community vision and spirit. 'Camp Unity is a unique experience for our town, where children of all backgrounds can meet, play and have fun together. It is thrilling to be part of the organising team.'

First aider Jirina Horinek, a full-time nurse in the NHS, was pleased to have stayed at camp with her son. 'Thankfully, there were no significant medical issues, and the children spent much time together doing projects in the woods'.



Other trustees, including Rumbi Hitchcock from the St John Apostolic Church of the World and Rabbi Jeff Berger, communal leader and interfaith champion, also dedicated much time during the week to ensure the camp was a fabulous experience for the children.

Though postponed last year during the coronavirus pandemic, trustees kept in close contact with the children during the first months of lockdown through a home seed-planting project. 'In April, we delivered a parcel of 17 varieties of seeds plus compost to any child interested in cultivating a vegetable garden, checking-in with the children regularly via Zoom until July 2020 when lockdown restrictions were lifted. Some results were quite impressive.' said Kashif Merchant, trustee and member of the Muslim community.

Supported by grants from Hertfordshire county council, Hertsmere borough council and other charities, the camp is open to residents of the Elstree/Borehamwood area. After much preparation and with a likelihood of release from lockdown in late June, Camp Unity 2021 is scheduled for 15-20 August - government guidelines permitting.

**For those interested in attending, please contact us at [campunityborehamwood@gmail.com](mailto:campunityborehamwood@gmail.com)**

**Rabbi Jeff Berger**

## Welcome back to Allum Manor

At Allum Manor House and Hall, as with other venues, it has been a difficult period during the pandemic and we have missed our customers very much.

We took the opportunity during the lockdowns to redecorate the Manor House. All our rooms have been re-painted, new kitchens fitted, new flooring laid and window blinds installed.

Luckily, we have been able to open for our various support groups. This has been so important for the people attending these groups at a very stressful time for many of them. The groups have had to change how they operate to ensure social distancing is being adhered to and, in some cases, they have needed to split the classes up. But they were so happy to be able to use our facilities as they needed that face-to-face (or mask-to-mask) contact.

We have also been so proud to host the Hertsmere Covid-19 vaccination clinics run by the NHS, which have been, and continue to be, such a great success for the community.

As government restrictions ease, we are delighted to see our regular clients are returning and lots of new clients are making bookings too! Subject to remaining restrictions being removed in July, here are some of our upcoming events in Allum Hall not to miss:

- Star Wars Family Fun Day, 11 September 2021;
- Model Bus Federation National Model Show, 2 October 2021;
- Falcon Aviation Elstree Model Show, 10 October 2021;
- Elstree Mozart Players, 9 October, 20 November, 5 December 2021;
- Aldenham Transport Spectacular, 6 November 2021;
- NSPCC Annual Craft & Gift Fair, 14 November 2021.

We have a busy time ahead with private parties, birthdays, bat mitzvahs, bar mitzvahs, engagements and weddings. We cannot wait to welcome you all back and for Allum Manor to be back to full capacity.



# Environment

## Help save Woodcock Hill Village Green

Members and other residents have been donating money to raise £20,000 to engage a barrister and other experts to fight Taylor Wimpey's threat to deregister part of Woodcock Hill Village Green.

Woodcock Hill Village Green Committee needs strong representation to challenge the offer of replacement land which:

- is far inferior ecologically;
- means the loss of five ponds and aquatic habitats;
- is far distant from the present site for most Borehamwood residents;
- means noise and air pollution will replace the peace and tranquillity;
- is closer to Elstree;
- involves a long, dangerous and hilly journey from south west Borehamwood.

In the long term Taylor Wimpey want to build there. They have asked that the site be considered in the Hertsmere Local Plan for 110 homes. If they win but don't get planning permission they will fence the site in and let it deteriorate.



## Good news at our beloved Aldenham Country Park

A kissing gate was installed by Hertfordshire county council's Rights of Way team by the Fisheries entrance. Definitely an improvement on the previous access arrangement.



Inspectors will hold a public inquiry to decide the fate of the site. Our fundraising events held at 44 Carrington Avenue have raised over £1000.

On Sunday 13 June a joint event with Studios Rotary was held as it coincided with the first Woodcock Hill Village Green working party. Studios Rotary Club ended the Great British Spring Clean.

### Future working parties

11 July, 8 August, 12 September, 10 October, 14 November Mitzvah Day, 12 December (all under current Covid-19 guidance).

Woodcock Hill Village Green Committee is pleased to announce that it will be taking part in the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in June 2022. The beacon will be lit.

See our website or Facebook page for more details.

### We still need donations

Cheques payable to WHVG c/o 36 Carrington Ave B/wood WD6 2HA  
bank transfer Barclays Bank

Sort code 20 74 09 A/c no 7068 4236

Online gofundme <https://gofund.me/76ee44d4>

If you are a UK tax payer we can reclaim Gift Aid.



Hertfordshire county council officers have been in negotiations with Liberty Lake Leisure Ltd to keep its gate open (between the hours of 9am-5pm). This has now been extended until the end of September, and during this time it can erect no further fencing. HCC officers are hoping this will allow time for the discussions with Liberty Lake Leisure Ltd to continue, with our aim still being to find a long-term solution to allow the community to enjoy this asset.

Elstree and Borehamwood town council has given a grant to Aldenham Renaissance to install a new cashless exit barrier from the car park. It will be tap and go for credit and debit cards. This will bring the barrier into the 21st century and bring benefits to Aldenham Country Park users and to Aldenham Renaissance.

**Pat Strack**  
Chair Aldenham Country Park Advisory Panel

## Solar energy plant application

In January 2021 Hertsmere council received an application for a massive solar energy farm from Elstree Green Limited - a small subsidiary company owned by solar energy developer ENSO and backed by the giant Australian investment bank Macquarie.

The proposed industrial scale plant would cover 20 fields (320 acres) of farmland between Elstree and Radlett owned by Hilfield Farm and Slades Farm, all in the Green Belt so arguably an "inappropriate development". Estimates are for 125,000 solar panels (each 4 x 6 feet) mounted in long rows on wooden stands, 20 shipping containers (each 40 feet long) containing large industrial lithium-ion storage batteries, 32 large inverters and transformers, as well as miles of cabling. The whole site will be surrounded by two metre high wire fencing and CCTV cameras. The site includes at least nine public footpaths and bridleways which will be surrounded by the fencing.

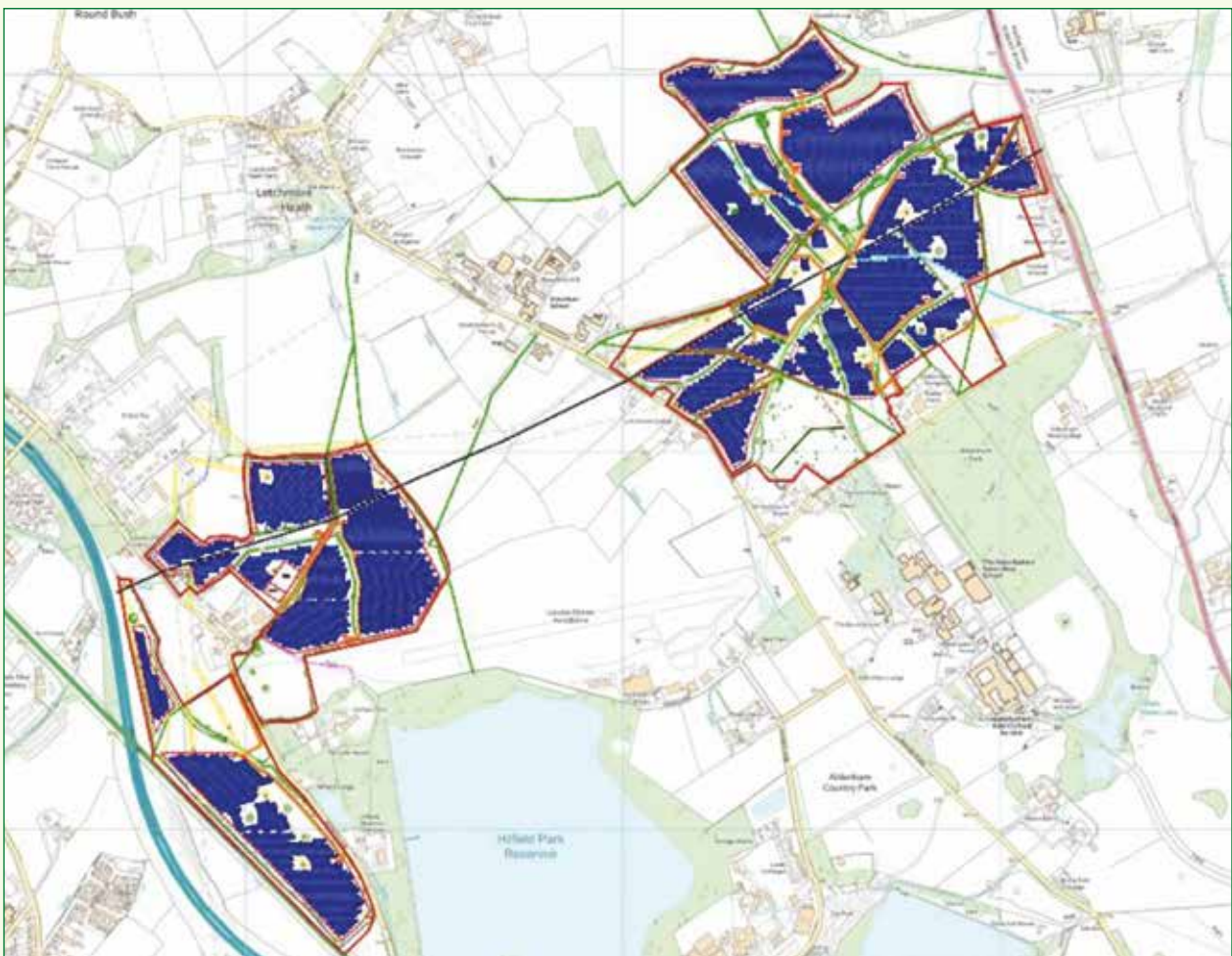
Adequate recognition has not been given to the cost of decommissioning the solar plant. The batteries contain lithium which

is highly toxic. In 35 years' time, it will definitely be required to recycle everything. The panels also include toxic materials so recycling these (all 125,000!) will be difficult and expensive. Old panels are being put in landfill. There is only one experimental recycling plant (in France run by Veolia) where it costs £60 per panel to recycle. Panels typically last 20 years so all will be replaced during 35 years. Twice as many to recycle!

Strong opposition comes from local residents across Radlett and the town, resulting in the largest number of objections ever lodged to any application – over 1,400. The formal application date has now passed but Elstree Green Limited continues submitting further documents making amendments, "corrections" and technical annexes.

Hertsmere continues to accept any further public comments.

***A petition to the Government asks for such developments to be prohibited on farm land suitable for producing food. Sign here: <https://www.change.org/p/boris-johnson-protect-prime-farmland-from-solar-industrialisation?>***



# Rotary Club of The Studios of Elstree and Borehamwood



## Studios Rotary Club funds Y6 cinema trip

Studios Rotary Club was pleased that its application to the Rotary Kids Out charity for funding this year was successful. This allowed all Y6 pupils in the town the opportunity to visit the cinema.

Studios Rotary Club with Kids Out funding arranged visits for Y6 pupils and staff to the Reel Cinema, Borehamwood in the summer and winter of 2018 and 2019. Due to Covid-19 restrictions no trips could take place in 2020 so it is fantastic that the trips resumed in 2021, albeit with restrictions. This year all the schools visited the cinema after 21 June, making their own arrangements and keeping Y6 and staff safe in their 'bubble'.

Many of the cohort of 2020 students, who missed out, now attend Hertswood Academy in Y7 Kids Out provided cinema tickets to enable these young people to visit the Reel Cinema independently.



## Celebration

On 22 June Studios Rotary Club members and friends held a celebration dinner at The Manor, Elstree. President Victor Eni will remain president for another year. He was pleased to welcome special guests.



Herts Mind will remain as Victor's special charity and Type to Express - will remain as the international charity.

Victor took time to look back on the past year's achievements but also took the opportunity to look forward as well. The loss of Patrick O Donnell was a blow to the club. Patrick was quietly competent and helped many local groups and organisations.

With lock down being gradually lifted, I am looking forward to working with Rotary fellows in the service of our community. Studios Rotary will hold events in support of Herts Mind for the wonderful work they are doing, especially during these difficult times.

Our international charity project will see us raising funds for 'Type to Express' a project that helps in developing individuals on the autistic spectrum to communicate better.

Members enjoyed the opportunity to sit down with each other face to face.

## A good news story from the Studios Rotary Club

District 1130 London received a request from Wayne, Michigan, for a Tuesday twilight club to link up with their Tuesday lunchtime meeting. One club took up the invitation and this is what happened:

On Tuesday 9 February, ten Rotarians from Wayne Rotary Club, Michigan USA, joined the Studios Rotary club for our club meeting. Although they were established in 1922 much of what they do today in service to their community is the same as we do here at our club.

They were very interested in the book swap scheme started by Irmine Mason and Helen Stammers: books are collected and then displayed at the train station. Take a book, bring it back. Although Wayne RC has a similar scheme outside schools, this will be trialled.

They were so interested in our joint international project, with Modi'im and Hertzeliyah Rotary Clubs in Israel, that Wayne RC has donated £500. The project will help non-verbal autistic children to use computers to help express themselves. The project was started by Rtn. Sandra Parnell when she was president and continued by both Nick Male and Victor Eni during their presidencies. Covid-19 has slowed the project but not stopped it.

The Wayne RC president Laura Mack and her husband are both retired judges. They say that the UK's Nightingale courts are far ahead of what is happening in the US to deal with the backlog of court cases. Strangely, through the media everyone has now seen the 'I am not a cat' incident. A child introduced a cat filter to the image of a participant in a online court hearing that could not be removed.

We will keep in touch with Wayne RC and know they would like to hear from other clubs in the district.

*Pat Strack*





## Modi'in Rotary

Rotarians Sandra Parnell and Karren Fielding made contact pre Covid-19 with Israeli Rotary clubs. Studios Rotary Club and Rotary District 1130 will be involved with Type to Express.

This project will support a centre in Herzliya that works with non-verbal autistic children, helping them to communicate.

Modi'in Rotary Club from Israel has links with Rotary clubs across Europe, North and South America providing monthly free virtual tours

## Great British Spring Clean

Studios Rotary Club of Elstree and Borehamwood launched their involvement in the Great British Spring Clean initiated by Keep Britain Tidy. The litter pick was conducted in the car parks situated between Stirling Way and the A1.

20 Studios Rotarians and friends enjoyed the fine weather on Saturday 29 May, spending two hours clearing litter that had been dumped. Altogether 20 sacks were collected.

Rotarian Irmine Mason led the project organising all the elements that were needed to make it a success.

Although some litter had blown in from other areas, much was dumped in black plastic sacks that had split open. Some is industrial waste, sign boards, advertising signs, parts of cars and hosepipes. Hertsmere borough council loaned 20 litter pickers and hi-vis jackets, providing bags for recycling sacks and general waste sacks. Some of the waste could not be put in sacks. Hertsmere borough council operatives picked up the waste including the large items from the kerb side.

Four schools joined in with their own arrangements for engaging their students in litter pick after half term. Kenilworth, Parkside, Saffron Green and St Teresa's included the litter pick as part of the curriculum they are delivering.

Studios Rotary ended the event by litter picking on Woodcock Hill Village Green and surrounding roads. A particular hot spot for dumping is the garages on the Byron Avenue estate. The end date of the litter campaign coincided with the monthly working party taking place on Woodcock Hill. Dignitaries from Elstree and Borehamwood town council and Rotary were present to show appreciation of service to the community event.



of places of interest. Studios RC members have been pleased to visit virtually Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Jaffa, the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea. We also found out what the Romans did for Israel!

The Type to Express project has been held back by Covid both here and in Israel, but the project is moving forward again with Andrew Grady and Nick Male on the international team.



## Virtual walks in Israel

Members of Studios Rotary Club took a virtual tour with Modi'im Rotary Club Israel. Ten members joined Rotarians from 29 countries from 209 homes on an exceptional guided tour. This was the first of a series of tours that the Israeli club is hosting.

Studios President, Victor Eni, was amazed that the city of Jerusalem meant so much to so many religions. We saw places of worship for Christians, Jews and Muslims. For an hour and half we were lost in a different world.

The next virtual walks were to Jaffa, and to discover 'Water sources in ancient Israel'. Another adventure in a foreign land.

*Pat Strack*

## Rotary Club Awards

Elstree and Borehamwood Rotary Club and the Studios Rotary Club of Elstree and Borehamwood again presented Rotary Awards to all the town schools.

Each year four children are chosen by their primary school for the awards as they have gone the extra mile in care and responsibility at their school.



The award is for Service above Self.

The children were presented with the awards by Rotarians at the schools on special occasions.

- Cowley Hill: Studios Rotary President Rtn Victor Eni (governor) & Rtn Andrew Grady;
- Kenilworth: Rtn Irmine Mason (governor) & Rtn Funkye Olusanya;
- Parkside: Rtn Geoff Strack (governor) & Rtn Sandra Parnell;
- St Nicholas: Rtn Karren Fielding (governor) & Rtn Geoff Strack (chair of governors);
- Summerswood: Rtn Pat Strack (governor) & Rtn Sasha Capocci;
- Hertswood Academy: Rtn Nick Male & President Victor Eni.

## Studios Rotary Club as our name suggests meet at Elstree Studios

Roger Morris, the managing director of Elstree Studios gave an inspiring and fascinating talk about the past, present and future of media in Elstree and Borehamwood.

The Elstree Studios are owned by Hertsmere Borough Council and over £3.5 million is paid to HBC every year, helping with local expenditure as well as providing employment at many levels.

Even during lock down prestigious programmes continued to be made there eg. 'Strictly Come Dancing', 'The Chase', 'Pointless'. Literally the jewel is 'The Crown' filmed by Netflix. Much of the backlot sets are for the outside of Buckingham Palace including the gates etc. The attention to detail in the different periods the 'The Crown' spans is essential. Strict enforcement of lockdown rules ensured the safety of all. The studios worked at 98 % capacity during lockdown.

Roger gave an insight into the exciting new £33 billion project in the Town; the building of the 33 acres, Sky Studios. Films, TV programmes etc. will be made there for Warner Brothers, Disney, Netflix and Universal Studios. Opening is forecast in 2022 and work is moving quickly.



These will all be supported by a media hub in the town offering work across the many facets of production, and ancillary occupations.

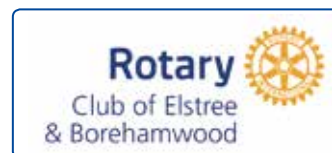
The local technical school has been renamed the Elstree Screen Arts Academy

The third Studios and smallest is the BBC Centre producing East Enders and Holby City.

The talk included lots of insights and anecdotes into productions and the high esteem in which the Studios are held around the world.

There is a plan to build a fourth studios in the town but that is in the very early stages of discussion at the moment.

## Rotary Club of Elstree & Borehamwood



In these difficult times our club has continued to function by holding meetings fortnightly on line.

The restrictions on our normal activities means we have had to rely on our members and friends for raising funds to continue support for worthy causes both at home and abroad as we have done since 1942.

We recently responded to the crisis in India by making donations of £250 each to the Lepira Covid Appeal (of which our member Nayan Patel is a UK trustee) and the Shrimad Rajchandra Mission Gujarat Hospital Appeal. Nayan, as UK special advisor to the Rotary India Covid-19 Taskforce, has been working with Lord Karan Bilimoria, President of the CBI (<https://tinyurl.com/India-NP-KB>).

Following a fascinating presentation from the Tea Leaf Trust, which provides support for disadvantaged tea pickers in Sri Lanka, we also made a donation to that worthy cause.

What we have missed most noticeably is the fellowship aspect of Rotary as we have not been able to meet in person. We are dearly hoping that by the time you read this that will no longer be a problem and we can get back to meeting at the Wagon and Horses as soon as possible.



Also you should look out for the Rotary Schools Art Show which will be included in the Town Festival and be online this year given the uncertainties over Covid-19 restrictions.

We recently welcomed Rtn. Elsa Reyes as a member.

**If you think you would like to join us, please contact Clive Butchins (currently doubling up as president and secretary!) on [clive@myself.com](mailto:clive@myself.com) or through our website <https://tinyurl.com/rotaryeb>.**



## Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council welcomes a new mayor

At its annual council meeting on Tuesday 4 May 2021, Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council elected a new mayor – Cllr Mrs Farida Turner (her second time in the head council role - previously elected in 2008).

Cllr Turner described herself as a long-time resident of Elstree and Borehamwood and, in accepting the honour, she promised to do the very best she could to serve the residents in the community. She thanked the outgoing mayor, Cllr Simon Rubner, for all that he had done in his two-year term; especially his continuing work at vaccination centres and the support of charities that helped vulnerable people during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic such as Gratitude and Goods for Good.

Cllr Sandra Parnell retained the role of deputy town mayor for the municipal year. She looked forward to continuing to support the important work of the mayor and to represent the town at all the functions and events that she attends whilst deputising for Cllr Turner.

At the meeting it was stated that 2020 had been an unprecedented and challenging year for the town and the council. Members and officers of the authority alike looked forward to a resumption of civic events and entertainments in the coming year for the enjoyment of



Cllr. Sandra Parnell and Cllr Farida Turner

local people as lockdown restrictions ease. In particular, the summer Festival was planned for July which would include the ever popular Families Day.

## Samaritans

Lockdown is finally easing, and we are all looking forward to more normality – spending time with family and friends, doing the things we enjoy, perhaps getting away for a few days.

But for many people, life will not be OK and things will still be difficult. If you need someone to talk to, Samaritans will listen. We won't judge or tell you what to do. We aim to reduce the number of people who take their own lives and to make sure there is someone there for anyone who is struggling to cope. Callers talk to us about anything and everything – job stresses, family difficulties, loneliness and isolation, health problems and suicidal thoughts. It doesn't matter what the problem is. Sometimes people just get to a point where where it all feels too much to handle. And it can get worse if they feel they can't talk to anyone. That's where Samaritans come in.

Your local branch is SW Herts Samaritans, based in Watford ([www.samaritans.org/branches/watford](http://www.samaritans.org/branches/watford)). We run a freephone 24/7 telephone helpline, answer emails, and receive visitors to the branch. We were able to keep our phone lines and email service operating throughout the pandemic. And from this summer we will be re-opening our outreach programmes in the community.

What we do really matters: tragically, for some, suicide can seem like the only option. In 2019, 5,316 people in England took their lives. Suicide is the biggest killer of men under 50 and of young people aged 16-24. Suicide is complex and behind these statistics are individuals, each with their own unique story. Every suicide has a devastating impact on the person's family, friends, colleagues and community. If you are struggling, or are concerned about someone else, please call us.

Whatever you're facing, we're here to listen.

**Jenny Morrison**  
Volunteer, South West Herts Samaritans

## Citizens Advice Hertsmere are here to help

Have you been worried about not having enough food for you and your family or been too scared to put the heating on because of the cost?

You're not alone, two out of five households in Hertsmere have. Lost income, and having children at home has had a devastating effect for many of us.

Citizens Advice has been around for over 80 years, helping people with their problems today. Do you know exactly what we do though?

Meet Ana who is typical of a client we have helped during lockdown. Ana was made redundant at the start of lockdown and her husband furloughed. With two small children and Ana's parents in care (and with Covid-19) the couple found themselves paying bills and rent using an overdraft and credit cards, causing huge financial and emotional stress. We helped the family to:

- Make a claim for benefits,
- Arrange a manageable repayment plan for the bills;
- Negotiate a rent repayment schedule;
- Apply for vouchers for food and fuel;
- Save on fuel bills by switching to a more economic energy supplier.

We are independent, free and not funded by the government. When you talk to us we don't tell anyone else unless you want us to. We can help you to sort out the problem yourself or, if you need more help, one of our caseworkers can take on the case for you. We can help you with: Debt, benefits, employment, housing, family, consumer and immigration.

Citizens Advice Hertsmere are here helping our community to build back and are hoping to re-open our doors to the public from 21 June 2021 (dependent on government advice).

**We are working hard to make sure it's easy to get in touch with us during this difficult time by calling our advice line: 0800 144 8848, filling out our contact form or visiting our virtual reception Mon-Fri 10am - 12:30pm <https://attenduk.vc/reception-hertsmere>**

# Bandstand update

At last the performance shelter will be built by the time you read this magazine.

This has been a huge undertaking with partners Elstree and Borehamwood town council, Hertsme borough council and the band stand committee consisting of members from the two Rotary Clubs within the town, Elstree & Borehamwood and The Studios Club. The technical team of Norman Shuker and Andrew Grady have been in consultation with Lightmain and Hertsme borough council officers to deliver this new structure with all requirements to be fit for purpose.



Congratulations to the appointed contractors Lightmain for triumphing in adversity, delays with materials and Covid-19 restrictions notwithstanding. Well done to town and borough staff for seeing this through to fruition.

The structure delivered by a project committee and Elstree and Borehamwood town council will be erected by July in time for some of the planned series of concerts.



# The Old School House

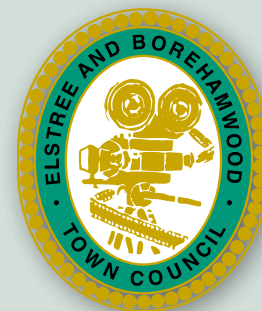
Built in 1896, with a school room and office, as the second National school for Borehamwood village, it has huge community significance. A total of 66 pupils could attend up to 1914. This replaced an earlier school which became the 'Mission Room', now the Social Club. The building was also used for Elstree parish council meetings.

The building is a red brick square with a fishscale tile hung gable end to the main school hall, a large window at one end and large inserted double doors at the other. There is a former projecting side wing (former headteacher's office) with a boarded gable end next to the decorated chimney stack, comprising a recessed doorway with a boarded door window with a sloping brick sill and brick headers above a recessed doorway with boarded door and brick headers above a similar window to the side with two single storey additions with a sloping roof.

The building is owned by the Federation of Synagogues Trust Ltd. Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society wishes to work with the owners to restore the Old School House to its former glory. Rule 2 (a) of its construction: "Generally, to promote and safeguard rural and residential amenities and in particular to protect features of natural, architectural or historical beauty and interest".



# Annual Report 2020/21



## Mayor's summary

Summing up at the council meeting on 4 May 2021, the Town Mayor Cllr Simon Rubner said "I particularly felt honoured to work with local charities providing essential services and supplies throughout lockdown – Gratitude and Goods for Good. It always amazes me how local volunteers step forward to meet the demands that are put on Elstree and Borehamwood. They work selflessly and their efforts should not go forgotten and unnoticed. I was also pleased to become a vaccination volunteer in various locations, including Allum Hall." The mayor also provided introductions to a number of virtual events including concerts as well as attending in person where possible (e.g. the opening of the cycle hub at the railway station).

## Community services

**Hall bookings:** Fairway Hall remained closed for the period of the municipal year with works taking place to modernise the building; including the maple sprung flooring being re-laid (for the first time in 25 years). The hall and offices were also made Covid-19 compliant in line with government guidelines and a mandatory risk assessment was drawn up by the town council.

**Council Offices:** A skeleton caretaking staff continued to work at Fairway Hall whilst measures were put in place to facilitate the continuation of Council services and its democratic processes by home working and remote meetings on the Zoom platform.

### Allotments:

Site	Managed	Occupied	Occupancy
Allum Lane	56	52	93%
Melrose Avenue	104	102	98%
Stapleton Gardens	55	54	98%
<b>Total</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>96%</b>

Recognising the increased demand in allotment plots from a growing waiting list, the council responded by increasing the number of plots at each site by reclaiming waste ground as follows:

- 9 new plots created at Allum Lane;
- 6 new plots created at Melrose Avenue;
- 1 new plot created at Stapleton Gardens.

To keep plot holders fully informed, a 40 page allotment handbook was prepared and issued together with a newsletter ("BEAN's talk" covering Covid-19 updates, plot inspections, site improvements and useful

contacts). The council pledged to use c.£25,000 of section 106 monies to install a locker shed and additional fencing at Stapleton Gardens.

**Planning and Consultations:** The council continued to consider planning applications referred to it by Hertsmere borough council as a statutory consultee. 168 were considered in total. Comments were made on 16 of these with concerns including issues of smaller unit developments failing to meet local needs for family sized homes and over the high levels of retrospective applications locally.

**Site and street maintenance:** In partnership with local businesses, the council maintains the film plaques in Borehamwood, 47 benches and ten notice boards. Both war memorials, St Nicholas and All Saints churchyards (and church clocks) are maintained by the grounds team.

**Grants:** In 2020/21 the town council was proud to have assisted the following organisations with grant awards (or CIL expenditure) to contribute to the cost of local activities which are of benefit to the community (or a section of it):

- Aldenham Renaissance - £5,000 (costs of Covid-19 and new "touchless" car park system);
- Penniwells Riding Centre - £500 (costs of Covid-19);
- Boreham Wood Football Club - £1,600 (stadium board);
- Borehamwood 2000 FC - £768 (towards costs of goal posts);
- The Chai Centre (Jewish Life Centre) - £5,000 (Hanukkah event);
- All Saints Church - £500 (lighting);
- St Michael and All Angels - £5,500 (building improvements).

Two tranches of special grants were made to ten local schools totalling £29,946 to pay for IT equipment (laptops and tablets) enabling students in need to continue their studies remotely.

## Leisure and entertainment

Replacement events and activities were held to compensate for the reduction in entertainment services the council was able to host due to the pandemic. These included:

- A virtual talent show (young pianist taking the £75 prize and trophy);
- Two virtual flower festivals (entries displayed on noticeboards and online); and
- Virtual literary festival (with Writers in the Wood and Tony McHale co-creator of Holby City).

**Christmas switch on display:** The Christmas lights cheered up the community by lighting as usual on Shenley Road, Manor Way, Leeming Road and Elstree with a virtual switch on event conducted by the mayor and special celebrity guests from the BBC flagship show EastEnders; Lorraine Stanley (playing Karen Taylor) and Davood Ghadami (playing Kush Kazemi).

**Flag completion:** A competition was held to design the first ever town flag (representing the spirit of Elstree and Borehamwood). The winner, 11 year old Lily Saron, was announced in the Town Crier magazine and the flag will be flown throughout the parish area.



**Town Crier:** Despite the lockdown, four editions of the ever popular town magazine were published as usual and distributed to 16,000 residents and businesses. The publication was appreciated even more this year in lifting the spirits of the community and in providing useful information.

**Teddy's Trails:** The council published walking book and local history guide, Teddy's Trails, sold 197 copies in the year, proving popular as residents sought outdoor activities to pursue during the pandemic.

**Coach trips:** There were none (taking special account of the vulnerability of the target users of this service, i.e. senior citizens).

**Remembrance Sunday:** Because of restrictions, the Remembrance Service took place with limited numbers attending (the event was filmed and streamed online). To mark VE Day (75th anniversary) and VJ Day, the town council erected a commemorative bench near the Borehamwood war memorial.



Cllr Simon Rubner

## Children and young people

**School swimming:** The council supported local schools in meeting the cost of travel to The Venue swimming pool for lessons when this was a permitted activity. Savings against this budget were deployed to support the initiative to provide IT support to schools during the pandemic.

**Youth Council:** In a true spirit of determination, the Youth Council continued to meet virtually throughout the year on the Zoom platform.

## Public access report and communications

The report contents were approved by the council on 4 May 2021 and the report is available for inspection by any elector in the parish area by contacting the town council offices or viewing on the council website ([www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](http://www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)). The report is published in the quarterly Town Crier publication distributed to every resident in Elstree and Borehamwood (16,000 copies). Copies are available at the town and borough council's offices and at Borehamwood library.

## Finances

The summary of council finances at year end is as follows:

	Current annual budget	Actual year to date
<b>General Management</b>		
Income	£536,591	£510,258
Expenditure	£410,640	£365,208
<b>Environment and Planning</b>		
Income	£9,289	£10,232
Expenditure	£26,800	£13,942
<b>Leisure and Entertainment</b>		
Income	£9,744	£4,311
Expenditure	£121,260	£65,606
<b>Community Support</b>		
Income	Nil	Nil
Expenditure	£50,000	£43,835
<b>TOTALS</b>		
Income	£555,624	£525,801
Expenditure	£608,700	£488,591
Net Expenditure	(£53,076)	£37,210

**General Reserve Fund at Year End:** -£60,555 (plus 3 Savings vehicles £300,000).

**Earmarked Reserves at Year End:** (Van: £7,671, Capital Projects: £126,220, Election: £16,250 and Community Wellbeing: £32,375).

## Town Councillors

2020/21 Mayor: Cllr S Rubner.

2020/21 Deputy Mayor: Cllr Mrs S Parnell.

The new mayor (Cllr Mrs F Turner) and deputy mayor (Cllr Mrs S Parnell) were appointed at the annual council meeting on 4 May 2021 along with committee chairmen and representatives on outside bodies.

# Town Councillors

2021/22 Mayor: Cllr Farida Turner

2021/22 Deputy Mayor: Cllr Sandra Parnell

## Borehamwood Hillside



**Cllr Sandra Parnell (Con) Dep Mayor**  
cllr.sandra.parnell@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk  
020 8953 0832



**Cllr Clive Butchins (Con)**  
cllr.clive.butchins@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk  
020 8207 1382



**Cllr Pat Strack (Con)**  
cllr.pat.strack@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk  
020 8386 3151

## Borehamwood Cowley Hill



**Cllr Richard Butler (Lab)**  
cllr.richard.butler@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk  
07706 079439



**Cllr Alpha B Collins (Lab)**  
cllr.alpha.collins@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk  
07880 521971



**Cllr Michelle Vince (Lab)**  
cllr.michelle.vince@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk  
07549 130736

## Borehamwood Brookmeadow



**Cllr Victor Eni (Con)**  
cllr.victor.eni@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk  
07884 056187



**Cllr Simon Rubner (Con)**  
cllr.simon.rubner@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk  
07870 648227

## Borehamwood Kenilworth South



**Cllr Prabhakar Kaza (Lab)**  
cllr.prabhakar.kaza@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk  
07958 146582



**Cllr Jeremy Newmark (Lab)**  
cllr.jeremy.newmark@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk  
020 3637 9930

## Borehamwood Kenilworth North



**Cllr Sam Lawrence (Con)**  
cllr.sam.lawrence@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk  
07576 393239

## Borehamwood Shenley Road



**Cllr Rebecca Challice (Lab)**  
cllr.rebecca.challice@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk  
07929 661391

## Elstree



**Cllr Farida Turner (Con) Mayor**  
cllr.farida.turner@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk  
07977 380173

## 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.

19 July	Environment & Planning	Main Hall	7.00pm
31 August	Entertainments	Main Hall	7.30pm
1 September	FULL COUNCIL	Main Hall	7.30pm
6 September	Environment & Planning	Main Hall	7.00pm
5 October	Entertainments	Main Hall	7.30pm
7 October	General Management	Main Hall	7.00pm
19 October	Environment & Planning	Main Hall	7.00pm
20 October	Transport Forum & Community Safety Forum	Main Hall	7.00pm
2 November	Entertainments	Main Hall	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

Phone: 020 8207 1382 (all staff)  
Address: Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council  
Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood WD6 5BT  
Website: [www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](http://www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)

For information on the Town Crier, contact the editor below or for FAQs and guidelines visit our website

**Huw Jones - Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer**  
Email: [clerk@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)

**Tracey Malton - Deputy Clerk and Finance Officer**  
Email: [tmalton@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](mailto:tmalton@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)

**Dan Salter - Entertainments Officer & Town Crier Editor**  
Email: [dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](mailto:dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)

**Jenny Simon - Mayor's Secretary**  
Email: [admin@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)

**Neil Robinson - Hall Supervisor**  
Email: [nrobinson@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](mailto:nrobinson@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)

**Paul Miller - Hall Supervisor**  
Email: [pmiller@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](mailto:pmiller@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)

**Anne Nicodemus and Steve Hall - Council Wardens**  
Email: [warden@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](mailto:warden@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)

**Hall Bookings**  
Email: [hall.bookings@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](mailto:hall.bookings@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)



## Available now

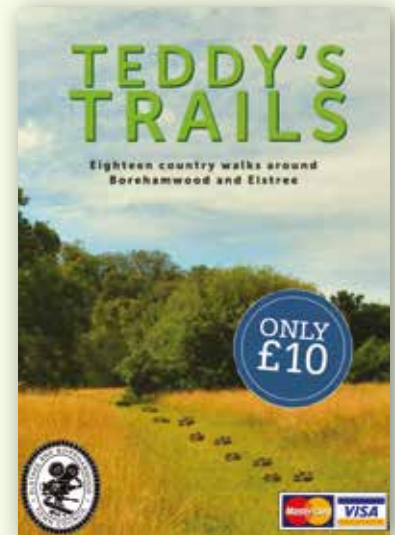
Teddy's Trails are now available in print ...

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.

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).



*"It looks a brilliant publication, and good value for £10."* Colin (Watford)

*"It is absolutely beautiful and way more than I expected! It is well underpriced for the quality and information in it."* Emer (Borehamwood)

*"It's wonderful."* Leonie (Pinner)

*"It always amazes me how many footpaths, fields and trails there are, just a stones throw from where I have lived for many years, that I never knew existed. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to explore them."* Vic (Borehamwood)

**Fairway Hall is the ideal venue for**

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

and many more activities.

Fairway Hall, Brook Close  
Borehamwood, Herts, WD6 5BT  
Tel: 020 8207 1382  
Email: [hall.bookings@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](mailto:hall.bookings@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)

Find us on  
**Facebook**

[www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](http://www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)

## CIL Expenditure Questionnaire

I am a resident of Elstree and Borehamwood    Yes  No

Name .....

Address .....

Email .....

(Your details will only be used to respond 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:

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....



## “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 Community Safety Forum
- 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)

### Hertsmere borough council is responsible for:

- The collection of council tax and business rates
- Kerbside waste and recycling collections, including fly tipping
- Benefits
- Community safety
- Elections
- Street cleaning
- Housing needs
- Local planning and building regulations
- Public car parks and controlled parking zones
- Licensing and environmental health
- Cemeteries

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

Hertsmere borough council deals with issues covering the whole of Hertsmere and has a very regulatory remit.

Call: 020 8207 2277 or visit [www.hertsmere.gov.uk](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk)

### Hertfordshire county council is responsible for:

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

Hertfordshire County Council is the top tier of local government and provides services on a county-wide basis

Call: 0300 123 4040 or visit [www.hertsdirect.org](http://www.hertsdirect.org)

## Useful information

### Barnet General Hospital

Wellhouse Lane, Barnet EN5 3DJ  
020 3758 2000

### Borehamwood Library

96 Shenley Rd, Borehamwood WD6 1EB  
0300 123 4049

### Borehamwood Police Station

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

### Citizens Advice Bureau

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

### Cowley Hill Primary School

Winstre Rd, Borehamwood WD6 5DP  
020 8953 2218

### Elstree and Borehamwood Museum

96 Shenley Rd, Borehamwood WD6 1EB  
01442 454 888

### Elstree & Borehamwood railway station

Station Road, Borehamwood WD6 3LS  
03450264700

### Elstree University Technical College

Studio Way, Borehamwood WD6 5NN  
020 8386 6220

### Fairbrook Medical Centre

4 Fairway Ave, Borehamwood WD6 1PR  
020 8953 7666

### Hertswood Academy

Cowley Hill, Borehamwood WD6 5LG  
020 8238 7200

### Kenilworth Primary School

Kenilworth Dr, Borehamwood WD6 1QL  
020 8953 3459

### Meryfield Community Primary School

Theobald St, Borehamwood WD6 4PA  
020 8953 2106

### Monksmead Primary School

Hillside Ave, Borehamwood WD6 1HL  
020 8953 3328

### Parkside Community Primary School

Aycliffe Rd, Borehamwood WD6 4EP  
020 8387 3000

### Saffron Green Primary School

Nicoll Way, Borehamwood WD6 2PP  
020 8953 3801

### St Nicholas Elstree Church of England Primary School

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

### St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

Brook Rd, Borehamwood WD6 5HL  
020 8953 3753

### Schopwick Surgery

Romeland, Elstree, WD6 3BJ  
01707 354000

### Summerswood Primary School

Furzehill Rd, Borehamwood WD6 2DW  
020 8953 3139

### 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

### The Venue Leisure Centre

Elstree Way, Borehamwood, WD6 1JY  
020 8386 9886

### Watford General Hospital

Vicarage Rd, Watford WD18 0HB  
01923 244366

### Woodlands Primary School

Alban Cres, Borehamwood WD6 5JF  
020 8953 2717

### Yavneh College

Hillside Ave, Borehamwood WD6 1HL  
020 8736 5580

WE HAVE

# BUYERS & TENANTS WAITING

FOR PROPERTY IN THIS AREA



Call us to arrange a free market appraisal or pop in to discover why we are **different from the rest...**

MORRIS & JOEL

48 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, WD6 1DS

☎ 0203 621 8080    🌐 [www.morrisandjoel.com](http://www.morrisandjoel.com)