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Letter from the mayor...

As another difficult year comes to an end we can hopefully look forward to the festive season with renewed hope for the future.

We have been working diligently to plan a varied programme for our residents - keeping children especially in mind!

On 28 November we are delighted to welcome soap star Lorraine Stanley to switch on the Christmas lights – there will be a skating rink, Xmas grotto and fairground rides, all free for our young residents

On 8 December we are delighted to welcome for the first time in two years the BBC Concert Band – all proceeds will go to the Elstree and Borehamwood Foodbank – as you can imagine their services have been a lifeline for so many residents over the past vears!

I must once again thank all the key workers and volunteers who have worked so diligently to keep our lives running as normally as possible and I would be remiss if I didn't thank our town clerk, Huw Jones, and our stalwart officers for everything they do!

I wish you a joyous festival (festive) season and a happy and healthy 2022!



Cllr Farida Turner Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood For mayoral enquiries please email the mayor's secretary at

admin@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk

Town mayor cllr Farida Turner and cllr Rabbi Alan Plancey had the honour of greeting the Israeli ambassador, Mrs Tzipi Hotovely, at a recent lively question and answer session at Elstree and Borehamwood Synagogue.

Mrs Hotovely expressed her delight at visiting the community and underlined her wish for a peaceful society where people can live together in harmony.



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The Borehamwood Visually Impaired Club

This month we held a wonderful celebration Tea Party for one of our members, Edith, 102nd birthday. This incredible lady has raised thousands through her work with Bloodwise when she founded a Radlett fundraising branch which ran for 60 years. She is a long term member of the Visually Impaired Club and takes part in all the activities. Happy birthday Edith.

If you, or someone you know, does have a visual impairment they can be guaranteed a warm welcome and lots of fun at the Borehamwood Visually Impaired Club.

The group is a voluntary group and we are unable to provide any personal care. However, if you have a carer or family member that looks after you they are welcome to attend with you.

Kindly note that we follow Covid-19 guidelines for everyone's health and safety so lateral rapid flow tests are required before each session.

For further information or to book a first visit please contact Sasha by email (viclub.borehamwood21@gmail. com) or phone 07771 862820.

Karen Senitt



Communities 1st welcomes international NHS nurses to Hertfordshire!

Communities 1st have recruited 27 volunteer nurse buddies to help welcome new nurses arriving in Hertfordshire from overseas. This initiative aims to help the nurses feel at home and support them in acclimatizing to the local community, so that they remain in the UK for longer.

The first group of nurses arrived at the end of October, and new groups have since been arriving every couple of weeks. The nurses are given questionnaires to fill out about the kind of support they need. They are then matched with a Communities 1st volunteer buddy.

Their volunteer buddy might take them on a tour around the town area, introduce them to places of interest, help to familiarise them with local customs, or simply meet them for coffee and a friendly chat. Communities 1st is also organising days trips to exciting locations in the UK such as St Albans, Oxford and Cambridge, as well as day out in London.

It's not too late to help support this project! We are looking for volunteers who are sociable, outgoing and warm. If you enjoy meeting new people and exploring local spots, and you have a positive attitude



towards meeting people from different cultures and backgrounds, this role is for you! You can get involved in a group activity, organised by Communities 1st, or see your nurse buddy on a one-to-one basis.

If you are interested in this exciting volunteering opportunity, please fill out an online form on our website. To speak to a friendly member of our team, call 020 3940 4865.



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Compost Corner

My husband Patrick and I first put our names down for an allotment at the beginning of the pandemic.

We have a knees-up swing band called The Fabulous Lounge Swingers and all of our work was cancelled, so we were keen to replace the exercise we were missing from working with our energetic band and to spend more time outside.

We had often spoken about applying for an allotment in the past, but knew it would be a big commitment, so we were thrilled when we were offered one at the end of May this year, after a fifteen month wait, and couldn't wait to get started.

The plot was just a large piece of land covered in grass and we got to work on it straight away, setting out the (ever-changing) shape of what we wanted.

By September we had it levelled out (mostly thanks to Patrick's love of digging), had a couple of beds with a few things planted and were ready to build our shed, which we did ourselves, from scratch, along with the help of our dear friends Mark and Pete, from around seventy percent of reclaimed materials.

We are very keen to do as much recycling as possible, with many of the plants and veg that we have started to grow coming from friends, family and some of our fellow allotment holders... in particular our lovely neighbour Harry who's also given us invaluable advice and help.

Our current but ever-changing plan is to do companion planting at the front of our plot, with more classic allotment planting at the back.

We have only so far yielded a very small crop of potatoes and though they were small, they were extremely delicious and it was very satisfying to eat something you've grown yourself!

We are completely taken with allotment life. It is a wonderful, friendly



community and a uniquely peaceful space, but also a lot of extremely hard work and dedication.

We are both in our 50s and feel that being and working outside is great for the soul. My late grandad Boreham had an allotment on our site many years ago, so it's also wonderful for us to be following in his footsteps.

In September we were overjoyed to be voted best newcomers and posted this photo of us, with our beloved dog Ernie on the WhatsApp group, with a big thankyou.

We can't wait to begin planting properly next spring and look forward to seeing everything bloom and grow, both on our own plot and our neighbours!

Scott Baker, Patrick Davey and Ernie

Borehamwood and District Garden Craft Society during 2021

It has been quite an eventful year for our society. We had our first virtual AGM in February which was a great success. Keeping in mind that not all our members are computer wizards, most of them made an effort with a little bit of support.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions the society could not conduct the usual spring and summer flower shows but we managed to have virtual shows by sharing a lot of pictures of our gardens, specific plants and crops on Facebook and WhatsApp. It was with great pride that we shared snaps of how beautifully we kept our gardens during the lockdown. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our joy of gardening.

We had a very interesting Zoom talk organised by Ann Shuker about Church Gardens, Harefield, a family garden restoration project. Later on, in September, Church Gardens had an open day and some members visited the garden and met the family for further discussions. It is amazing what one can do out of the pure love of nature.

The society was fortunate to have the covid restrictions lifted before our autumn flower show. It was held on 14 September and was a huge success. We had more visitors than ever before for which we thank all our members who helped distribute leaflets advertising the show and those who came and gave us their support.

We have welcomed a number of new members during this year which is very encouraging.

Now we are looking forward to the Christmas celebrations which as usual come with the handmade wreaths and table arrangements. Should anyone in our beautiful town need some help with their Christmas decorations, we are here to support them!

Merry Christmas!

Lina Christova



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Woodlands Primary School

We are working hard at Woodlands to try to provide the children with a number of different experiences to enhance their learning and to immerse them in a number of new activities. Have a look at some of the great things the children have been doing:

Reception have been thoroughly enjoying the new outside area.

Year 1 have been having a wonderful time 'working in the hospital' at school.





Year 4 have been very creative this term. They designed and made iron age round houses. They have also been celebrating individuality. The children used quilling to make their own 'unique' quills that were put together as a globe; this was to reflect our diversity and that we all play a part in saving our planet.

Year 5 have created these amazing spray paint images.

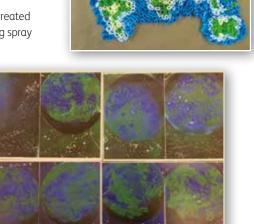




to make them feel happy and cared for. All children received a positive note and they shared how it made us feel to be valued.

Year 3 recently had the most amazing experience when they travelled to Stonehenge for the day – they were able to answer so many questions during their workshop due to their learning.





Year 6 created these stunning pieces of batik whilst learning about the Gambia.





We are very much looking forward to our theatre experiences this year. Foundation stage will enjoy a production of Aladdin in school. The remainder of the school will be heading to the West End to enjoy a magical performance of 'The Lion King'.

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

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Parkside Primary School

The first half term back at school has been fantastic with lots of positive changes taking shape.

First of all with the help of Mrs A Lunniss and Miss E Bowers, lunchtimes have been transformed and been made more enjoyable for the children. Football no longer takes over the playground, a creative space has now been included for children to draw and colour, the gym is being used and there is a special workout session every Thursday with Mr Wanless. The multi use games area is now used for football/basketball sessions only and a new craze of the week is introduced every Monday; the crazes include parachute games, cricket, tennis, skipping and netball, to name just a few. Even though so much has changed, it is lovely to see how much fun the children are having outside. Staff had playground training over two days with Therese Hoyle which led to us as a school thinking more about what playtimes should be like for our children.



This half term also saw Year 6 embark on their residential stay to Marchants Hill PGL activity centre. Although it was quite early on in the year, it was great to see the children and staff



bond as a team and take part in lots of challenging and exciting activities. The giant swing, ambush, obstacle course, abseiling, climbing wall, raft building, aeroball and zip lining were just a few of the activities the children did during the week of 4 October 2021. As a school we were hugely proud of our children, who were highly spoken of from many of the PGL instructors, for their attitude, determination and manners. So a big thank you is deserved to our hugely talented Year 6 children.

Then at the end of half term, we had the unveiling of a plaque in commemoration of a previous member of staff, Mairead Boucherat. Mairead was sadly killed whilst on a cycle ride in aid of charity. Mairead's husband unveiled the plaque and her son Paul also attended the ceremony. Marc and Paul have made generous



donations to assist with purchasing the wonderful variety of books we now have available for the children. The school council were also in attendance with some of the staff who knew Mairead. It was a special moment to remember an incredibly special person.

Finally we are excited by the return of competitive sports and hope to give lots of our children the opportunity to take part in many different competitions through the support of our partnership with the Borehamwood consortium and Queens School. Over the course of this academic year, we hope to compete in the Borehamwood gala, athletics, and football competitions for both boys and girls as well



as a cross country festival. These kind of events will hopefully inspire the next generation of athletes and who knows... maybe the next up and coming professional sports person. This was also highlighted through our link with Sports for Champions, who sent in an ex England basketball player, Pierre Henry Fontaine, to talk to our children about the challenges he faced when trying to reach the top, which for our children and staff was very inspirational.

For more updates regarding our school and the work our brilliant children produce, please visit our Twitter (@headparkside), Facebook (@parksideschool), and Instagram pages (parkside_primary_school621)

> Mr L Wanless Year 6 Teacher/Head of PE

Kenilworth Primary School

African drumming workshop

On Thursday 7 October, we celebrated the beginning of Black History Month with a fantastic African drumming workshop. The children practised maintaining a rhythm and how to sing traditional African songs while performing on their drums. The children all had a fantastic time.



Poet visit

On Friday 17 September, Kenilworth students were incredibly lucky to be visited by the excellent poet Joshua Seigal. Joshua read a selection of his poems to the children and they got to meet his friendly lemur friend! He also supported the children in Key Stage 2 to write their own poems and we were really impressed with their creativity.

UK parliament week

Kenilworth enjoyed participating in UK parliament week. We started the week with a workshop for Years 3-6, learning all

about parliament, the government and the democratic process of elections. We then finished the week with our house captain elections. Pupils from Year 6 wrote speeches to campaign for votes and our pupils enjoyed taking their ballot papers to the polling station and completing their votes. Congratulations to our new house captains who begin their roles this half term.

Farm animals

We have had an incredibly exciting half term as we have opened Kenilworth Farm! Kenilworth is now the proud home of five chickens, three pygmy goats and a class rabbit. The children are enjoying getting to know the animals, collecting eggs and learning how to be responsible for living creatures.



Follow us on twitter to see all the lovely things we do at Kenilworth @kpswd6

Claire Williams

Meeting, meeting, meetings!

At best, they bring a team together for a common purpose. At worst, they waste everyone's time with muddied objectives and ill-defined actions.

It all boils down to how well they're led. In our town we are lucky to have school governing bodies led by able chairs who work hard to ensure meetings are meaningful. Our excellent clerks play a key role, too.

Meetings starting dead on time is key. Let this slip, then people will drift in later and later, knowing that you don't start on time. At the other extreme, meetings should not take more than two hours. I aim for 90 minutes. For secondary schools they may go on longer but governors must realise that senior staff in our schools get into school soon after 7am every day.

Our Herts for Learning clerks make sure that relevant documents for the meetings are available well beforehand, either by emailing them out or putting them on the hub, a website that stores key documents securely in one place. This enables governors to review papers and hopefully forward questions to the headteacher before the meeting. No time is given for reading these papers at the meeting as that is a waste of our time.

As a chair of governors, myself, I make sure that we can move forward promptly, while giving opportunities for everyone to contribute including some who might be more reticent. I try to project a positive disposition by encouraging and praising wherever appropriate. We are all volunteers and the reason we don't get paid is because what we do is priceless.

Interested in becoming a governor and helping to make a difference? Contact your local school or go to the website www.hertsforlearning.co.uk/business-services/governance

If you want to know more about being a governor email me at geoff.strack@ntlworld.com

Geoff Strack



Elstree Screen Arts

Centre of Screen Excellence - official launch

ESA has officially launched the creative and technical free traineeships for 18 year olds in six different pathways for young people who want to work and build a career within the film and television industry.

The traineeships, created in partnership with Screenskills, Elstree Studios and the National Film and Television School, focus on giving students the opportunity to be trained and work on set in the TV and film industry.



Students have the opportunity to be mentored throughout the course by industry professionals from BBC Studioworks, who will support the trainees with

mentorship over a six month period.

Applications for next September are now open, if you wish to apply please visit esaacademy.org







Cancer Awareness Month

It's Cancer Awareness Month and at ESA we want to show our support to all women and people who have been affected by cancer.

ESA is running a series of events to collect donations for several charities such as Breast Cancer UK with activities like Tree of Inspiration where staff and students can write the names of loved ones who have been faced with cancer on a ribbon and tie it to the tree, Cap for Cancer where students and staff wore pink accessories, and Chase Cancer Away 5K where students and staff will run 5km in the local area for breast cancer awareness.



Follow ESA #RETHINKCANCER journey throughout the month on their socials and feel free to donate on the Just Giving page. Link in their bio @elstreescreenarts

Friends of MGM book signing event

Friends of MGM gathered for a special evening at the ESA building for the book signing of 'MGM British Studios' by Paul Welsh.

The event took place on Friday 15 October. Guests were greatly surprised by the reveal of a replica of the MGM clock tower.



Globe Trip

Earlier this month ESA Year 11 had the opportunity to participate in a Lively Action workshop at the Shakespeare's Globe and see a performance of Romeo and Juliet.

This trip was especially memorable because students haven't been able to see live performances for a while. It helped them bring to life the texts they are currently studying as part of their GCSE English Literature course.



£26millions' worth of humanitarian aid delivered in seven years

Watford-based charity Goods for Good has a lot to celebrate as it sees in its seventh birthday this month. For seven years Goods For Good has been delivering essentials, dignity and hope to the most vulnerable in need.

- Since the charity was set up seven years ago we've delivered over £26 millions' worth of humanitarian aid to over 24 countries worldwide;
- Providing over three million people with essentials such as clothing, footwear, underwear and bedding, nappies, food, hygiene goods, toiletries and medical equipment;
- We work with a network of over 135 corporate partners and 50 UK charity partners to deliver a lifeline of essentials to those who need it most;
- On average we support over 5,000 vulnerable people a month;
- Over the last 12 months we've supported over one million people by delivering £6 millions' worth of everyday essentials they can not afford or have access to;
- By recycling, reusing and redistributing overstocked and pre-loved goods we've saved approximately 530 tonnes of essentials from going to landfill or being incinerated, reducing our collective carbon footprint by approximately 657 tonnes of CO₂ emissions;
- Whilst we have achieved a lot, our team is very small. There are only four of us and two are on part-time contracts funded through a lottery grant.

Goods For Good is a small British charity that was set up in 2014 by Rosalind Bluestone from her dining room table in Borehamwood. Seven years on, the charity has grown in size and impact. With a lean staff-team of two full-time and two part-time people it's supported by a valuable network of 250 volunteers. To date the charity has delivered over $\pounds 26$ millions' worth of donated goods globally to vulnerable people in need in the UK and 24 countries

Goods # Good

overseas, including eastern Europe, former Soviet Union, the middle east, Africa, and the Philippines.

Due to the pandemic and Brexit our 7th year has been our most challenging but our most rewarding yet. With thanks to the National Lottery Community Fund and funding from Comic Relief the charity has been able to increase its activities by almost 40%, supporting more weekly requests from UK charities supporting vulnerable people - such as emergency foodbanks, housing associations and asylum seekers' drop-in centres. Our network of charity partners has grown in the last twelve months and we now work with over 50 UK organisations who support the UK's most vulnerable people. These are people that are homeless, isolated, single parent families, people with mental health issues, refugees and asylum seekers. In the last twelve months alone, our small team has reached over one million people delivering over £6millions' worth of essentials such as clothing, footwear, underwear and bedding, nappies, food, hygiene goods, toiletries and medical equipment.

The need

There are over 80 million people worldwide who have been displaced from their homes due to war, unrest, or natural disaster. Besides living in danger, the majority of these people have inadequate food, shelter, clothes, medicine, and other essentials.

- There are 4.2 million children living in poverty in the UK. That's one in every four children who don't have the essentials to live;
- 280,000 people have been recorded as homeless, including hidden homelessness;
- There are one million elderly people in the UK who identify as lonely and go over a month without speaking to a friend, neighbour or family member;
- 16 million people in the UK experience a mental illness, with the numbers rising by an estimated 10% during Covid-19.

For the last seven years Goods For Good has been providing a lifeline to these vulnerable individuals.



foodbank

Borehamwood

Helping the community through the winter

As the nights have drawn in, and the weather has become colder and wetter, we've seen some sunshine in the form of the generosity of our community, where schools from around the area have come together to donate food to help people in need.

Monksmead, Summerswood, St Teresa's, Habs Boys and many other community organisations have donated food by the trolley load as part of their annual harvest collections. The juice cartons, tea and coffee, pasta and rice, tinned meat, vegetables and desserts are put into food packs that create meals for at least three days, and they are handed out to people in need at the Borehamwood Foodbank's twice-weekly sessions at St Teresa's church in Shenley Road.

We also have some creative residents in the Borehamwood community who have come up with interesting ways to help raise money to help sustain the Foodbank and its activities. Charlie Rozentals runs an annual turkey prize draw, which ran through October and November. At the time of writing the winner had not yet been announced. And local 12-year old Eytan Wittenberg, did a local food collection - and fasted for 13 hours - as his Bar Mitzvah project.

But more than just food, the Foodbank gives the local community free access to a Citizens Advice Bureau representative, and has

grants for winter wellness packages, which include fuel grants, duvets and sheets, hot food, flasks and slow cookers. People in need are encouraged to pop along to our sessions on a Monday afternoon or Thursday morning to find out more.



Please look at our https://borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk or follow our Facebook page @borehamwoodfoodbank to find out about our latest work and activities.

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Music in the Wood

Borehamwood Brass

After lockdown Christmas last year, we're pleased to

report that Borehamwood Brass is rehearsing regularly

the restrictions of last year, it's good to be able to see

really looking forward to a more "normal" Christmas for

As well as formal concerts, we are often out and about in smaller groups

playing at events in and around Borehamwood. Here are a few places

where you might see us/or have seen us, between now and Christmas

Sunday 7 November – NSPCC Christmas Craft Fayre, 10.30am, Allum

Sunday 13 November 2021 – Remembrance Day Parade, Edgware,

Friday 10 December – Christmas Concert, St Marks Church, Potters Rd,

Sunday 19 December – Carols on the village green, Letchmore Heath,

Monday 20 to Friday 24 December – Borehamwood Tesco's Christmas

Borehamwood Brass always welcome new members, so if you play a

Sunday 28 November – Borehamwood Town, Christmas Lights

our friends and start making music again, so we are

again and getting ready for the Christmas season. After



You would ideally need to have passed Grade Five and have

some experience of playing with a band, even if it was a while ago. We rehearse most Friday nights. There is more information about our rehearsals and activities on our website at www.borehamwoodbrass. org.uk.

If you are organising a fete or a function, or if you are planning a special birthday or an anniversary, would you like a band to play some light music? Why not talk to our secretary to see what we can offer? We play a mix of classic tunes and lighter pieces depending upon the occasion, and our fees are not high.

You can contact us via our website or email borehamwoodbrass@ hotmail.com, Facebook www.facebook.com/borehamwoodbrass, Twitter: www.twitter.com/BWoodbrass

Andrew Grady



brass instrument and would like to join a friendly local musical group, this could be a good time to start getting out and playing again.

Calling all musicians

Hertsmere Acoustic Music recently restarted its regular monthly sessions at 'The Crypt Bar' under the church in Rossington Avenue in Borehamwood.

All musicians, singers and listeners are welcome at the gatherings of the club.

The next session, Wednesday 24 November is the date of our next evening get-together.



Entrance is free and we look forward to hearing you. All styles of music and levels of ability are represented.

The club will be also organising a session around Christmas. For more information, please contact Nick Male, either by email: nick.male2@btinternet.com or telephone 020 8207 3057. Come and join us folks!

Nick Male



Elstree

Mozart Players

Elstree Mozart Players

Bringing classical music to the town

On Saturday 9 October Elstree Mozart players performed their first concert since 29 February 2020.

The orchestra led by Lucy Cummings, and consisting of 70 local musicians, aims to enthuse the cross section of the local community crossing barriers of age, gender, race and religion to celebrate music as a performing art.

The evening concert was conducted by one of the founders of the orchestra, Derek Holland raising funds for Rotary charities.

The concert staged at Allum Manor & Hall in Elstree featured performances of Rossini's William Tell Overture, Eric Coates' 'The Three Elizabeths Suite, William Mathias's Serenade (op 18), Elgar's Pomp & Circumstance March No 4 in G, J Straus II's Die Fledermaus Overture, Armas Jarnefelt's Praeludium, concluding with Sibelius's Finlandia.

For the performances of Pomp & Circumstance and Finlandia the orchestra was augmented by the inclusion of members of Borehamwood Brass.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the performance of Phillip White's Tuba Concerto has been rescheduled for our concert in December.

The mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood Cllr Farida Turner was in attendance for the concert, along with the president of the Rotary Club of the Studios of Elstree and Borehamwood, Victor Eni. The concert was organised in conjunction with the trustees and staff of Allum Hall and Manor, and we are grateful for their support.

The next concert by Elstree Mozart Players will be on Saturday 20 November at Allum Manor. This concert presents a series of solos featuring Mozart's Flute & Harp concerto, and Haydn's Trumpet Concerto.

On 5 December the orchestra will be performing a pre Christmas concert of seasonal music, sponsored by Elstree & Borehamwood town council, supporting the mayor's charity for 2021-22 the local Foodbank.

For information and ticket details please contact either Pat Strack on 020 8386 3151 or Andrew Grady on 07802 736628 Email elstreemozartplayers@outlook.com

Andrew Grady





Live Satellite is coming to 96 Shenley Road

In 2022 we will be bringing you LIVE theatre from the UK and around the world including productions from Royal Shakespeare Company, Royal Opera House, Royal Ballet, National Theatre and André Rieu streamed straight to the big screen. We are starting this exciting new venture with an encore (recorded) screening of Cliff Richard on Saturday 11 December 2021.

Cliff Richard - The Great 80 Tour

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Celebration of Black History Month @ Borehamwood Day Centre

The Multi-purpose Day Centre in Borehamwood celebrated the 2021 Black History Month in grand style. Exhibitions of people of African descent of past and present, local and international figures were on display. Their contributions to society were being acknowledged and appreciated.



It is noteworthy that the day centre is located on Aycliffe Road and its staff work tirelessly serving many disabled individuals in our community leading to happiness in their lives.



Councillor Alpha Bird Collins, LLM was the keynote guest speaker at the centre on 29 October. He reminded people of Africa's rich heritage. His speech related to the 'Contributions of King Mansa Musa of Mali'

who was the richest man on earth with personal wealth worth over 400 billion dollars in gold during the thirteenth century. King Mansa Musa built the first universities and largest mosques in Africa which are currently UNESCO protected heritage. His kingdom then stretched over the modern-day countries of Mauritania, Mali, Niger, Nigeria,



Burkina Faso, Senegal, Gambia and Equatorial Guinea. The kingdom had a rich culture, including sculptures in stone and metals, grandiose architecture and hundreds of thousands of manuscripts that still exist up to present day.

Local councillors Collins, Kaza and Eni were recognized for their tireless efforts in



the wider community and were acknowledged to be very approachable by all people irrespective of creed or colour.

Photos of prominent persons such as Nelson Mandela, Jomo Kenyatta of Kenya, Thomas Sankara also known as Che Guevara of Africa, Jesse Owen the athlete, Barack and Michelle Obama, Mahatma Gandhi, among others as well as paintings from artists in Liberia, West Africa were on display.

Cllr Alpha B Collins



WOOD GO TOP OF THE LEAGUE!

Tyrone Marsh (pictured celebrating with Kane Smith) scores the winner in a 1-0 victory over Southend United on Saturday afternoon to send Wood top of the National League!



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Fireworks Display

On Friday 5 November 2021

The Town Council's annual free fireworks display returned to Meadow Park with the help of 007 James Bond.

The skies above Elstree & Borehamwood lit up in a bright and colourful pyrotechnic show for the Town Council's annual firework display in Meadow Park set to 007's greatest hits.

Around 6,000 spectators showed up to see the return of the popular annual display in which fireworks were set to the hits from the James Bond films which included Live and Let Die, A View to a Kill, Skyfall and the current movie No Time to Die.

The Town Council Entertainments Officer Dan Salter said "It's great to be able to bring this event back to Meadow Park and provide a free, safe professional display for the community. We wouldn't be able to put on an event like this if wasn't for the support of Hertsmere Borough Council in letting us use the park and Boreham Wood Football Club in turning off its lights during the display".

Cllr Victor Eni who set off the display said "It's so good to have the Fireworks back, it's the best display yet!".



Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON 2021

Come and join popular soap star Lorraine Stanley switch on this year's Christmas lights



In aid of 2021 Mayors Charity



Sunday 28th November 2021

All Saints Church, Shenley Road, Borehamwood WD6 1EB

2pm – 6pm (Light Switch On at 4:30pm)

 Free Santa's Grotto · Free Kids Ride · Free Ice Skating · Borehamwood Rock Choir · Borehamwood Brass ·

 Free Tea & Coffee in 96 Shenley Road

 Please DO NOT

Please DO NOT ATTEND if you feel unwell or have symptoms of COVID-19

www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk



Christmas Classical Extravaganza Sunday 5th December

7.30pm

CONDUCTOR: DEREK HOLLAND

Allum Manor Hall & House Allum Lane, Elstree & Borehamwood Hertfordshire WD6 3PJ



Please DO NOT ATTEND if you feel unwell or have symptoms of COVID-19 FACE MASKS ECOMMENDED





Club of the Studios of Elstree & Borehamwood

Tickets £8

Tickets are ONLY available From

www.ticketsource.co.uk/ebtc

NO TRANSACTIONS WILL BE TAKEN ON THE NIGHT OF THE PERFORMANCE



Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council And BBC Elstree Concert Band

2021 Christmas Concert Wednesday 8 December 2021

Allum Hall, Allum Lane, Elstree, WD6 3PJ

8pm (Doors open at 7:30pm)

Tickets £8

In aid of 2021 Mayors Charity



Tickets available <u>ONLY</u> from www.ticketsource.co.uk/ebtc

TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD ON THE NIGHT OF THE PERFORMANCE



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CHRISTMAS 2021 SERVICES

Borehamwood Baptist Church

12 Furzehill Rd, Borehamwood, WD6 2DF

Sunday 19 December:	10:30am, Sunday Service with Children's nativity
Sunday 19 December:	4pm, Carol Service
Saturday 25 December:	10am, Christmas morning service

St Michael and All Angels

Brook Road, Borehamwood, WD6 5EQ

Friday 24 December:	3pm, Christmas Eve Christingle (ticket only
	event, available from Revd Collins on
	020 8953 2362)
Saturday 25 December:	10am, Christmas Day Family Service

St Nicholas Church

High Street, Elstree, WD6 3SW

Sunday 19 December:	9.30am Communion6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
Friday 24 December:	11pm Midnight Communion Service
Saturday 25 December	10am Family Communion Service

St Teresa of the Child Jesus

291 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, WD6 1TG

Friday 24 December:

5pm, Christmas Vigil & Children's Nativity 8pm, Christmas Vigil Mass

Saturday 25 December:	Noon Mass
Sunday 26 December:	8.30am Mass Noon Mass
Monday 27 December:	Noon Mass
Tuesday 28 December:	Noon Mass
Thursday 30 December:	9.15am Mass
Friday 31 December:	9.15am Mass 9.30pm Mass
Saturday 1 January:	Noon Mass
Sunday 2 January:	10am Mass Noon Mass
Monday 3 January:	Noon Mass

SS John Fisher & Thomas More

28 Rossington Avenue, Borehamwood, WD6 1TG

Saturday 18 December: Sunday 19 December Friday 24 December: Saturday 25 December: Sunday 26 December: Monday 27 December: Saturday 1 January:

Sunday 2 January:

10am - 1pm Extended Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass 4th Sunday Advent 11.30am - 12pm Carols 12am Midnight Mass 10am Mass 8.30am Mass Noon Mass 6pm Mass 8.30am Mass

Elstree Productions

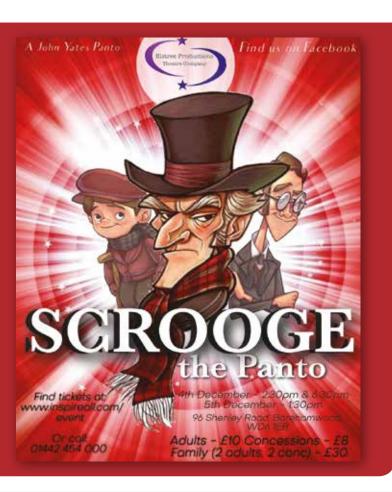
Elstree Productions Theatre Company is back and with a new pantomime version of the Charles Dickens classic 'A Christmas Carol'. This December they will be making their debut performance at the 96 Theatre in Shenley Road with three stunning performances.

The moody, ungrateful Ebenezer Scrooge hates Christmas so much, he doesn't spend a penny on presents, charity or even his own food. He is universally despised all round, apart from a handful of people who are family and co-workers.

Can three spirits show him the error of his miserable ways in just one night!?

Find out in this musically charged performance! You'll laugh! You'll cry! Boo and cheer!

Scrooge The Pantomime is the Christmas family entertainment of the season.





Coming in 2022

Families Day Weekend

featuring John Lawson's Circus

Saturday 25th June & Sunday 26th June (times to be confirmed)

FREE ADMISSION

735 DYE

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 or phone 020 8953 8008.

We are back! DR96 Seniors Club

On Wednesday 6 October DR96 returned to 96 Shenley Rd.

39 members were welcomed back by the committee. Each person had to provide proof that they had had two jabs; many had already had the booster jab, the flu and the shingles jab. The committee had agreed that everyone needed to be kept as safe as possible. No jab, no entry.

On 13 October Sarah Donnelly returned to lead the exercises to keep members healthy, mentally and physically.

Greer and Marion, Tesco's champions, helped serve refreshments. Sue Everett and Marijke Turner are very much missed and members thank them for all their hard work. Disposable cups and plates and singly wrapped cakes help to make members feel safe.



Memories committee with Elvis 2019

Trip to St Pancras with a tour and lunch arranged by Thameslink 2019



Thank you, InspireAll staff, for keeping us safe with your sanitisation regime.

Members enjoyed a quiz, bingo, hoy, had a raffle and time to chat. Performers will be invited to entertain again. Events are planned for Christmas and the New Year.

DR96 meets every Wednesday at 96 Shenley Rd. membership is ± 5 a year and ± 3 for every time you meet.

New members are welcome. Please contact: Sasha Capocci, sashacapocci@hotmail.com, 07771 862820 Maureen de Courcey, cmdecourcey@gmail.com Georgina Doolan, georgina.doolan@ntlworld.com Brenda Pryor, b_pryor@sky.com Eve Murphy, evelyn.murphy21@btinternet.com Sandra Parnell, sparnell513@gmail.com, 020 8953 0832

Pat Strack

Back on the road again! Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Club

Members of EBDC were thrilled to return to Fairway Hall on Tuesday 5 October.

The club now meets at 2.15pm for a 2.30pm start until 4pm. 11 members were welcomed back. Each person had to provide proof that they had had two jabs; many had already had the booster jab, the flu and the shingles jab. The committee had agreed that everyone needed to be kept as safe as possible. No jab, no entry.

Sarah Donnelly led all the members with lively music in routines to improve balance, energy, breathing and general fitness. It was just fun as well.



Fun and exercise in the afternoon led by Sarah Donnelly 2019



EBDC 3rd Birthday Party 2019

Marion, Tesco's champion, helped serve refreshments. Marijke Turner is very much missed and members thank her for all her hard work. Disposable cups and plates and singly wrapped cakes help to make members feel safe.

Thank you, Fairway Hall staff, for keeping us safe with the sanitisation regime.

All enjoyed the quiz and time to chat. Performers will be invited to entertain again. Events are planned for Christmas and the New Year.

Thank you, the customers at Tesco for buying books and raising ± 1050 for EBDC. Marion and Jack Wylde, former manager, made the presentation on 5 October.

New members are welcome. This is a free club. Please contact: Sasha Capocci, sashacapocci@hotmail.com, 07771 862820 Sandra Parnell, sparnell513@gmail.com, 020 8953 0832

Monday Club reopens at new venue

The Monday Club said goodbye to Holy Cross Hall and reopened at Aberford Community Centre, Aberford Rd. Members and committee would like to thank Hazel David and Christine for working so hard at Holy Cross to make the club a success.

Aberford Community Centre is within walking distance of the town and a bus stops at Brook Rd, 50 yards away. The club runs from 10am to 12pm.

The Monday Club reopened on Monday 25 October welcoming members with two jabs. The committee are pleased to welcome new members.



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, HAFLS (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 For private or regular hire please call: 020 8953 4295 or email info@maxwellpcc.org

A quiz, bingo, hoy and a raffle. Time for a sing along and exercises will be part of the continuing programme. A full programme of events with speakers are planned

Membership is £5 per annum and £3 each session attended. To join us and find more details please contact Sasha Capocci: sashacapocci@ hotmail.com 07771 862820 or Sandra Parnell: sparnell513@gmail.com 020 8953 0832.

Pat Strack



Neighbourhood Watch



As the district coordinator for Neighbourhood Watch in Hertsmere I play numerous roles.

- Supply and fit free security equipment for elderly and vulnerable members;
- Buy and sell security equipment to Neighbourhood Watch members at low cost. (5 % profit for admin);
- Put up and remove Neighbourhood Watch signs;
- Fit free temporary CCTV for agencies;
- Show rogue trader and distraction DVD's to various groups;
- Carry out house security checks for Neighbourhood Watch members;
- Carry out referral visits for police;
- Attend HertsWatch meetings (County Neighbourhood Watch);
- Attend joint ventures with police and watch liaison officer;
- Attend joint ventures with Fire and Rescue.

These are some of the reasons for joining Neighbourhood Watch, as well as receiving messages from police on burglaries etc.

Hertsmere is only a tenth of the Neighbourhood Watch areas in Hertfordshire. At present we have 43 % coverage which equates to 16,328 households and puts us in third place overall. I would like to see this grow to 50 % by next summer, but I need help to achieve this. The total number of households in Neighbourhood Watch in Hertfordshire presently stands at 165,554.

Neighbourhood Watch is the biggest communications operation in the country and alongside OWL is the best.

If you are interested in joining or would like any of the above please contact me, Richard Jarvis at richard@hbwa.org.uk

Richard Jarvis QAVS District NHW Coordinator and Chairman Hertsmere Borough Watch

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Allum Hall supporting Covid-19 booster programme

The vaccination programme at Allum Hall in Elstree continues, with vaccinations fast approaching 80,000 – an impressive number considering the centre has been running for just ten months.

In October GPs at Allum Hall – the largest GP-run vaccination centre in Hertsmere – started a new stage in the vaccination programme by providing Covid-19 booster vaccinations.

In line with guidance from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI), booster vaccines are being offered to people who had their second dose at least six months (182 days) ago, starting with people in the following priority groups:

- those living in residential care homes for older adults;
- all adults aged 50 years or over;
- frontline health and social care workers;
- all those aged 16 to 49 years with underlying health conditions that put them at higher risk of severe Covid-19 and their adult carers;
- adults who live in the same household as people with suppressed immune systems;
- people over 16 years of age with a learning disability or severe mental illness, and their carers.

This 'third phase' of the vaccination programme is very important because it tops up the immunity levels of vulnerable people before those levels start to naturally decline, leaving people at risk of becoming seriously ill in the autumn or winter.

People who are eligible will be contacted by the NHS when it's their turn to get their booster. They will be invited by phone, text or letter to get their vaccination either through an invitation to a local GP-run service such as Allum Hall or by making an appointment through the national booking service.

Over the past month or so more than 600 people requiring their first or second jab have also taken advantage of being able to 'grab a jab' without having to book in advance and without having to be registered with a GP or needing to provide ID. Clinics have offered both the Astra Zeneca and Pfizer vaccines to anyone who walks in and is aged 16 or older. COVID-19 Vaccine Injection Only

clinics has been very enthusiastic. We've worked hard since January to provide Hertsmere patients with a friendly and efficient service through our team of NHS clinicians and care coordinators working alongside volunteers organised by Communities 1st.

Dr Alex Byrne,

Schopwick Surgery

and chair of the

Herts Health GP

Federation says:

"I'm delighted to

say that so far the response to the

booster programme

at our Allum Hall

partner at

"It's really important that people who are most vulnerable to Covid-19 get the vaccinations they need to protect them from the virus ahead of winter, giving longer-term protection to those who need it most. I ask everyone who has been invited to get a booster jab to take up that invitation. Don't forget that if you haven't had your first or second doses of the vaccine yet, it's not too late. Please come forward and get your vaccine which you can do by walking in to Allum Hall, or asking your GP or booking through the national service."

For further information about dates and times of clinics at Allum Hall as well as at other walk-in vaccination centres and pop-up clinics, please visit www.covid.healthierfuture.org.uk

Meanwhile the NHS 'Respiratory Hot Hub' or patient assessment centre which has been hosted at Allum Manor since late 2020 continues to serve patients who require medical assessments and observations for Covid-19 symptoms.

This service is available by appointment only from 10:30am to 6pm Monday to Friday for patients who have been referred by their GP or by NHS111. Testing for Covid-19 is NOT part of the service.

By offering face-to-face GP appointments it saves patients long visits to hospital A&E departments. Operating at almost 80% of capacity, it will remain at Allum Manor over the winter.

Bob Redman

New defibrillators in town

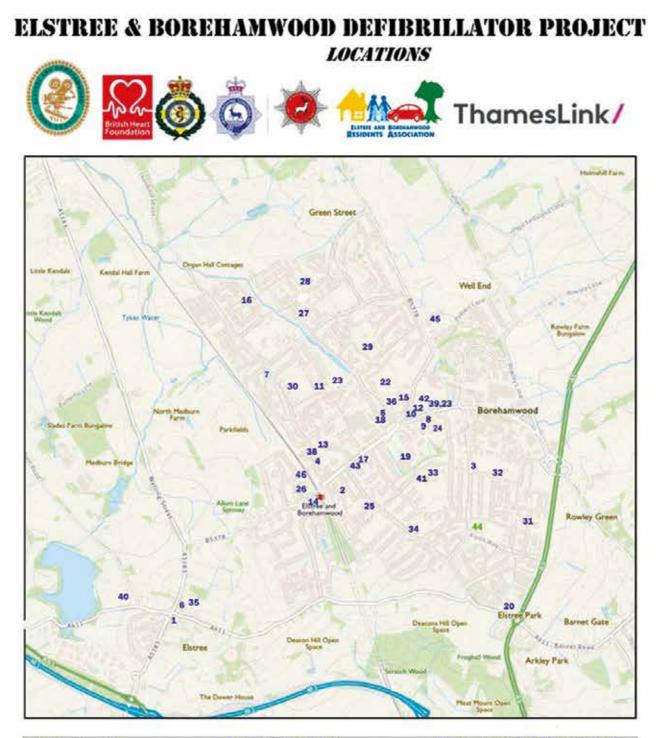
The defibrillator campaign team, Clive Butchins, Sandra Parnell and Pat Strack are pleased to announce that an automated external defibrillator (AED) has now been donated to Maxwell Community Centre, Maxwell Park.

There are many different clubs and organisations meeting at

Maxwell Community Centre. This addition to the AEDS in town will be very useful. Training for use will be arranged in the not too distant future. Watch this space!

The team is negotiating donating a defibrillator to be placed in the One Stop Shop in Manor Way. This is a busy local shopping centre, so easy access to a defibrillator is much needed.

Pat Strack



Existing locations:

- **Cornerhouse Dental Care** 1.
- 2. **Drayton Road Dental Practice**
- 3. Manor Way Dental Practice
- 4. **Grove Medical Centre**
- 5. Fairbrook Medical Centre
- 6, **Schopwick Medical Centre**
- **Theobald Medical Centre** 7.
- 8. Fire Station *
- **Ambulance Station** 9.
- 10. Police Station *
- 11. Elstree & Borehamwood Synagogue 12. Hertsmere Borough Council
- 13. Marks & Spencer
- 14. Elstree & Borehamwood Station *
- 15. St. Teresas Parish Centre *
- 16. SS John Fisher & Thomas More *

- 17. 96 Shenley Road
- 18. Fairway Hall *
- 19. Tesco
- 20. Morrisons
- 21. Aberford Hall
- 22. Boreham Wood F.C.
- 23. The Venue
- Muslem Centre & Mosque 24.
- 25. The BECC
- 26. Allum Hall
- 27. **Community Shop (Leeming Road)**
- 28. Parkside Primary School
- 29. Cowley Hill Primary School
- Meryfield Community Primary Sch. 30.
- 31. Saffron Green Primary School
- 32. Kenllworth Primary School
- **Monksmead Primary School** 33.
- 34. Summerswood Primary School

- 35. St. Nicolas' C of E Primary School
- St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Maxwell Community Centre 36.
- 37.
- **Kinetic Centre** 38.
- 39. Ibis Hotel
- 40. **Elstree Lawn Tennis Club**
- 41. **Yavneh College**
- **Elstree Way Clinic** 42.
- Pure Gym 43.
- 44. **Three Ways Community Centre**
- 45. **Hertswood Academy**
- 46. Ohr Yisroel Synagogue * Available 24 hours

Amended 24/1/2021 C. Butchins

Borehamwood and Elstree U3A 20th anniversary

In December 2001 a small group of local residents met at the civic offices to discuss the formation of a local branch of a new and rapidly growing national organisation – the "University of the Third Age", or U3A for short.

Within a few months the Elstree and Borehamwood U3A was up and running, and it has gone from strength to strength since. Next year we will celebrate our twentieth anniversary.

We were formed by older people for older people, bringing together the retired and those no longer working full-time and planning for retirement. We are run by members for members. We do not have



The U3A rambling group on an August 2021 walk in London Colney



Christmas 2019 - a pre-Covid-19 branch meeting at St Teresa's Church Hall

professional teachers – we meet to learn from each other, share common interests and gain new skills, make new friends and enjoy ourselves.

We have monthly meetings at which all members and guests are welcome, and a wide range of smaller special interest groups. They might be researching local or family history, learning craft skills like knitting or needlecraft, practising a language, playing bridge, card games or scrabble, or joining in walks and outings.

Our branch meetings are held once a month, on the third Tuesday in the month at 10am at St Teresa's church hall in Shenley Road. There is an opportunity to socialise, normally followed by a talk by an outside speaker. Our next meeting will be on 21 December when we will hear Tricia Thompson talk on "A history of Christmas music".

New members are welcome – if you would like to find out more come along to a branch meeting, visit our website at https:// u3asites.org.uk/borehamwood/home and use the contact form, or telephone our membership secretary, Christine Manning, on 020 8953 6071.

Borehamwood and Elstree Community Radio

A meeting held on 13 October at Fairway Hall made great progress towards making our local Radio station a reality. The steering group (Clive Butchins, Andrew Grady, Nick Male, Sandra Parnell and Pat Strack) were joined by advisor, Clive Glover, and interested local residents.

BECR has now attracted local people with relevant expertise, including experience working at BBC Regional Radio Stations and other hospital, student, community and specialist music stations.

Support for the project is growing rapidly with many individuals, groups and organisations wanting to contribute. Funding for start-up equipment is in place thanks to the Clarion Foundation. The steering group is reviewing studio venue options in Borehamwood for the short and longer term.

The aim is for this project to flourish into a full-time local Community Radio station serving the town, broadcasting our unique voices and stories far beyond our borders.

Involving young people & including the community

The Project will bring together local young people. Phase 1 will see students from Yavneh College, Elstree Screen Arts Academy and Hertswood Academy start to produce and publish a series of podcasts.

In phase 2 additional young people's groups will be invited to take part, including EBTC youth councillors, Boreham Wood PASE Academy and young people from All Saints Church.

Other local groups will be invited to join in during phase 3.

Volunteers are now needed

The BECR Project team is looking for one or more skilled volunteers to help launch this exciting project. Are you familiar with radio/podcast production or have a passion to learn and share those skills? Could you work with the steering group to build broadcast platforms? Could you teach young people how to record and edit audio content, as well as shape, produce and promote their podcast material?

To register your interest in volunteering, please contact Bob Redman bob.redman@btinternet.com or Pat Strack pat.strack@icloud.com

Pat Strack



Rotary Club returns to the studios

After over eighteen months of not having face to face meetings the Rotary Club of the Studios of Elstree & Borehamwood returned to face to face meetings at the beginning of October.

Some meetings are a hybrid, utilising conferencing technology to allow those who are unable to attend in person a chance to be part of the meeting.

This meeting included a talk from Sister Avril on her campaign to reinstate free music tuition in schools for all interested pupils. Carol Denbigh from the local branch of the Royal British Legion talked about the plans for this year's Remembrance Day and the activities of the poppy appeal locally in the last 18 months.



It was great to be back in person, sharing fellowship with others, with a virtual presence, which may be the new norm going forward.

Andrew Grady

International recognition for local rotarians

The work of the Studios Rotary Club has been officially recognised by the organisation's International President.

Delegates to the recent London District Conference of Rotary congratulated Studios members on their impressive programme of achievements.

These include creation of a scheme to help autistic children. This is to be a joint project with the Rotary Clubs of Herzliya and Modi'in in Israel.

The club has also undertaken many other different projects in the last twelve months, such as a Keep Britain Tidy clean-up day, and run a virtual quiz night to raise funds for the mental health charity 'MIND in Hertfordshire'.

Also highlighted were a series of virtual concerts, featuring dozens of talented local children.

Victor Eni, President of Studios Rotary, received the citation on behalf of all the officers and members, commented that he is 'proud to be the

Sister Avril

Sister Avril, a local resident at Rosary Priory, recently presented a talk to Rotary members about reinstating free music tuition in schools.

She wants to spread the word of her campaign to get the government to reverse the many years of underfunding a vital and important part of our culture.

Before becoming a nun, Sister Avril was for many years a peripatetic woodwind teacher in state schools.

For many it was a new lease of life, and taught them not only how to play the instrument but also life skills: listening; working with others; coordination; social contact; and in many cases was helpful in sorting out problems of relating with others through playing together.

Music involvement is not an option but an integral part of a stable life. It is an enrichment and enjoyment which lasts throughout life. But only those with money can afford to have this choice.

A full education is for all - not just for those who can afford it. Poorer children and often very talented children are thus deprived of what now

president of talented individuals who work for the benefit of our local community and further afield.

Now the club looks towards a bright future , inspired by Rotary's motto of 'Service Above Self'.

Andrew Grady





seems to be seen as an unnecessary option, and miss out. This should be accessible for all.

Sister Avril has seen the difference instrumental music tuition can make to children's health, happiness, well-being and adjustment, and as a preparation for life. A detail that is more important today as we climb back to a sense of normality after the pandemic.

Sister Avril has started an on-line petition "Reinstatement of free instrumental tuition in all state schools" being passionate about this.

Without action we will see the potential loss of many of our wellestablished musical institutions. Her goal is to obtain as many signatures as possible to force a debate about this in parliament.

You can read more and sign the petition here: https://chng.it/QSbWzTbx

Andrew Grady

Environment

Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society

At a meeting called by Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society on Monday 11 October at Allum Manor, representatives from Elstree and Borehamwood, Shenley, Aldenham and Radlett heard an excellent informative address from Chris Berry of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) Hertfordshire.

Chris gave valuable guidance on tackling planning authorities and warned us that Hertfordshire and Surrey were the two counties which posed the most threat to Green Belt, overriding legal restraints on building on it. He told us that every objection counted. A lively question and answer session followed and then speakers from Allum Lane Fields Assocition, Radlett Society and Green Belt Association, Aldenham Parish Council, the Well Enders, Woodcock Hill Village Green committee, Elstree Village Preservation Society and E&B Green Belt Society spoke about their local anxieties. The overload of new housing on health facilities, loss of Green Belt and traffic congestion with pollution featured largely. The impact of the proposed film studios in Rowley Lane was also discussed.

We felt much better armed for the debate on the new Local Plan.

Ann Goddard Chairman E&B Green Belt Society

Woodcock Hill Village Green

The Woodcock Hill Village Green committee would like to express its thanks for the huge amount of work the barrister Joe Thomas and Emma Montlake, of the Environmental Law Foundation have put in to give us the best case we can provide against Taylor Wimpey's registration proposal.

Taylor Wimpey's threats to deregister part of the village green, take it away from the residents of Hillside Ward, Borehamwood and offer replacement land in Elstree are completely wrong.

The land was registered as village green in 2008 and has been managed as a nature reserve first using the management plan written by Herts Countryside Management Services with later tweaks introduced by Alex Melson. It was registered as a Local Wildlife Site in 2002.

We have had huge support from environmental groups Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust, Open Spaces Society, the London Loop, CPRE the Countryside Charity, as well as support from town, borough and county councillors and the Hertsmere MP Oliver Dowden.

We thank the expert witnesses Ken Coyne on ecology and John Cartledge, on accessibility.



Mitzvah Day November 2019. The community working together on this fantastic village green.

We now have to wait until the public inquiry in late November and the verdict next year.

The proposal is to exchange a

tranquil peaceful spot teeming with wildlife including five ponds in Borehamwood for land that has been grazed by horses, with little ecological interest beside a busy main road in Elstree. Not a good deal at all!

Thank you to all the local residents who have supported this by delivering leaflets, writing objections and making donations.

"Say No" to a rural park, we have plenty of those already!

To become a member £5 per household per annum contact Pat Strack pat.strack@icloud.com or 020 8386 3151. Pat Strack Chair WHVG Committee



Oliver Dowden, MP, listening to members of WHVG Committee.



Hertsmere Local Plan: Planning for growth

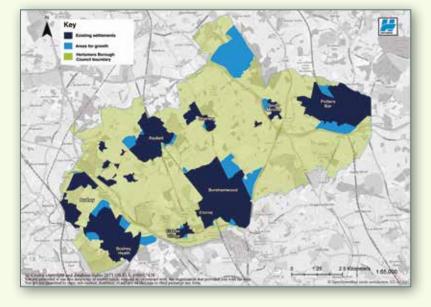
On 9 October Hertsmere borough council published its Local Plan. Comments must be made by 6 December.

This phase

- The current stage of the process is a consultation on preferred policy options under Regulation 18 of the relevant Planning Acts;
- There is no obligation on Hertsmere borough council to include all or any of the proposed provisions in the next, final version of the Local Plan when it is published;
- Anyone can comment to the council on any aspect through the council's consultation portal or by email or post;
- It is helpful to specify the policy or site on which you are commenting;
- The council must consider all comments made;
- The publication Local Plan will then be subject to a minimum six weeks consultation, during which anyone can make representations on whether or not the plan is 'sound' as defined by Local Plan regulations.

Any such representations that the Plan is unsound or not legally compliant will be considered by a planning inspector during a subsequent public examination of the Local Plan. Comments can be submitted to Hertsmere borough council by 6 December 2021 via:

- The online consultation portal on the Hertsmere.gov.uk website;
- Email: local.plan@hertsmere.gov.uk;
- Post: Planning Policy and Transport Team, Hertsmere Borough Council, Civic Offices, 3 Elstree Way, Borehamwood, WD6 9SR.



Hertsmere Draft Local Plan

Summary of CPRE Herts' initial concerns

Direction of travel

The Hertsmere draft Local Plan is strongly pro-development. All open countryside in the borough is designated as Green Belt but considerable areas are allocated for development, ignoring major environmental implications.

Hertsmere council insists it is required to provide for housing need in full, as assessed by the government's formula. This is not the case. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) allows councils to limit land allocation where it is designated as protected, including Green Belt.

Lack of protection of Green Belt as a strategic objective for the Local Plan

Approximately 10% of the Green Belt in Hertsmere is allocated for development and this will impact significantly on the character and appearance of the borough. Treatment of the Green Belt in the Local Plan is limited (the Green Belt chapter is six pages out of 245) and this is a significant failing of the draft Local Plan.

Overprovision of housing

CPRE accepts that we need housing in Hertsmere as elsewhere, especially truly affordable housing for young and older households, but the projections in the Local Plan are excessive and out of date. The latest projections show a slower rate of increase in new households for the plan period.

Failure to address climate change

HBC declared a climate emergency in 2019 and the draft Local Plan is the key mechanism for implementing this declaration. Despite legal requirements, the Local Plan fails to take account of the need for carbon reduction targets, transport provision, and related concerns.

Underestimation of the opportunities for regeneration and reuse of land

The Local Plan greatly underestimates the likely changes which are already affecting town centres, out of town retailing and office use. The impact of the pandemic and social and economic trends will create many more opportunities for regeneration and reuse of land.

Chris Berry CPRE

Aldenham reservoir

Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt members, E&B Residents Association and Aldenham Country Park Trust representatives demonstrated on the shore of Aldenham Reservoir on Sunday 26 September.

All have grave concerns about the condition and future of Aldenham Reservoir, a historic feature of our local landscape for 226 years and a link with our industrial and military history, an invaluable recreational asset and a wildlife habitat.

The loss of this much loved and used green space would be devastating to our community and to the many North London families who come and enjoy exercise in natural surroundings with the amenities of the adjacent Aldenham Country Park run by Renaissance. The cultural and recreational loss with the detrimental effect on wildlife would be disastrous.

SAVE HISTORIC ALDENHAM RESERVOIR

Restore the Water Level and the Circular Path for All Sign our petition: https://tinyurl.com/saveourreservoir To find out how you can help our campaign see www.abgreenbelt.org

Dropping the water by two meters

- disfigured the beauty of the lake and revealed acres of malodorous mud;
- put the Aldenham Sailing Club out of action;
- exposed the historic and unique clay dam to drying out, increasing the possibility of instability.

Gating installed across the path round the Reservoir possibly denies access to the public for the lakeside walk.

Liberty Lake Leisure Ltd, the owners, received a dam engineer's report



indicating that the dam is safe at present with no more than normal movement and presents no immediate danger. We beg and implore that this report be shared with Hertsmere Borough Council and Herts County Council and that all three parties get down to meaningful talks with a view to sharing the expense of maintenance and running the Reservoir as a publicly owned asset.

Since the protest Mahesh Gosrani, LLL Ltd, has made an offer to Hertsmere Borough Council to pay for an Independent Inspection of the dam. This is something that HBC have insisted must be done before talks can take place. The protestors hope that a way forward can now be found.

Dr Ann Goddard



I am looking for people with good communication skills and the ability to work as stewards at Town Council events.

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Richard Jarvis (Town Council Head Steward)





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BE1 Schopwick Practice relocation

It has not been demonstrated fully that there are no alternative suitable sites than that promoted at Allum Lane. The GP Practice, Haven Health and Herts Valley CCG refuse to say where the other 10 sites they considered were located and the reasons they were discarded, even refusing Freedom of Information requests. While it may be the case that these sites were, indeed, unsuitable unless this evidence is forthcoming there is no way of judging that. The public statement by an executive of Haven Health that it is 'cheaper to build on the green belt' seems to be the only criterium put forward.

The plans on Schopwick Surgery's website regarding its relocation onto the green belt site of Allum Lane indicate the building of a whole new health care centre, not just the relocation of the surgery.

Do we really want such a massive and looming building on this site in the green belt?

The proposal incorporates a plus 40 space car parking facility. The development will effectively create a new access and exit point at



the waste recycling road and major road works along Allum Lane. Is a healthcare centre best located next to a major household waste facility?

Current wildlife that live on this green belt site will be destroyed. The traffic congestion and carbon footprint would be greatly increased in this area. The impact of extra traffic would exacerbate morning rush hour, the afternoon school run and evening rush hour.

Allum Lane is prone to flooding and impassable at times. The meadows help to soak up rainwater and prevent some of the flooding. Once built over this will increase the likelihood of flooding.

The HLP seems to give a presumption to the relocation of Schopwick Surgery to Allum Lane, formerly BE1. The relocation of Schopwick Surgery will have an impact on Elstree Village, footfall to the local parade of shops would decrease.

Allum Lane residents



Unity In

"A resounding success!" That was the universal verdict on Diversity 2021. The two-day multicultural festival in Fairway Hall ranged from the very serious to the simply hilarious.

A panel discussion on Modern Slavery shared the spotlight with a Laughter Therapy Workshop.

A packed hall danced to the Caribbean rhythms of a steel band and applauded a Parade of the Saris, featuring some well-known local ladies and even two brave gentlemen!

The ever-popular Soul Jump animated band attracted an enthusiastic audience and everyone enjoyed the magnificent international buffet. This comprised food from all the national communities represented at the event.

Diversity was the brainchild of Councillor Victor Eni, who is Nigerian, during his year as Mayor of Elstree and Boreham Wood. With his wife Martine, a proud daughter of Alsace in France, he put his heart and soul into making the weekend of celebration the great success it was. In this he had the full support of all his family.

Victor said: "I want to thank everyone, especially the trustees, Hertsmere Borough Council, Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council, Mayor of

Hertsmere, Cllr Swerling, Town Mayor, Cllr Turner, volunteers, and so many peorple and organisations too numerous to mention that made the event a Success. Now planning begins for an even bigger Diversity Festival 2022. Watch this space folks!

Please contact us at Interculturalbe@gmail. com

Martine Eni

Diversity





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"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 Fontenayaux-Roses and Offenburg
- A programme of entertainment and events throughout the year such as the two week Summer Festival (including the Civic Parade and Families Day), Guy Fawkes night fireworks, Christmas lights switch-on and musical concerts (including the BBC Band and local bands)
- Coach outings for residents over 60 years of age
- The award of grants to local groups and charities and honorary titles to local champions
- The free quarterly magazine "Town Crier"
- Street seating, some notice boards and church clocks
- Upkeep of closed churchyards (All Saints on Shenley Road and St Nicholas in Elstree)
- Upkeep of Elstree and Borehamwood war memorials

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

- 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

Hertsmere borough council is responsible for:

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

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

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

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

Hertfordshire county council is responsible for:

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

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

Call: 0300 123 4040 or visit

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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 OHB 01923 244366

Woodlands Primary School Alban Cres, Borehamwood WD6 5JF 020 8953 2717

Yavneh College and Primary School Hillside Ave, Borehamwood WD6 1HL 020 8736 5580

Fairbrook Medical Centre 4 Fairway Ave, Borehamwood WD6 1PR

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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

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Elstree & Borehamwood **Town Council meetings**

For a full list of our forthcoming meetings, please see the website. All meetings now take place at Fairway Hall.

Date	Meeting	Location	Time
24 November 2021	Full Council	Main Hall	7.30pm
10 January 2022	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7.00pm
19 January 2022	Full Council	Main Hall	7.30pm
1 February 2022	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7.30pm
3 February 2022	General Management	Meeting Room	7.00pm
15 February 2022	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7.00pm

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

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