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### Letter from the mayor...

My experience since May being mayor has been

wonderful. At the beginning on June over the four day Jubilee we received visits from the Lord Mayor of Offenburg Marco Steffens and the Deputy Mayor of Fontenay-aux-Roses Esteban Le Rouzes. Their visits were to celebrate 40 years of town twinning with Offenburg in Germany and Fontenay-aux-Roses in France. They attended our special beacon lighting on Woodcock Hill Village Green and visited various street parties across the town where they received a great Borehamwood welcome.



Oliver Dowden MP, Deputy Lord Lieutenant Kate Holland-Hibbert, Town Mayor Cllr Sandra Parnell, Lord Mayor of Offenburg Marco Steffens and Deputy Mayor of Fontenay-Aux-Roses Esteban Le Rouzes

I have been to many events over the summer which have been very enjoyable, the last two days of our festival (Families Day Weekend) were fantastic and the circus was such a success! It was full at every performance with a total of 4,000 people being able to watch a free show over the two days. There were also kids rides and bouncy castle, food stalls, tombola and bric a brac which were all busy.

The summer band concerts in the Meadow Park were very well received and everybody was singing along to the well-known tunes.

Looking to the future we have some great concerts and events coming up to look forward to including bonfire Fireworks Night on the 5 November (see page 20) and Christmas Lights on the 27 November.

I would like to thank everybody who has made these summer months so enjoyable for me and of course all of you.

Hopefully see you all soon.

Cllr Sandra Parnell Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood For mayoral enquiries please email the mayor's secretary at admin@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk

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# **Compost Corner**

#### This year's allotment open day!

During the Civic Festival every year, local residents of Elstree and Borehamwood have the opportunity to visit one of the town council's three allotment sites.

For an afternoon, interested folk are invited to come along on a guided tour to see what's growing, ask questions, meet plot holders, and see all the beautiful, quirky, and traditional, layouts of the plots, also, to gain tips and inspiration from the many different approaches.

This event gives local people a chance to find out about the highs and lows of 'growing your own', and to consider more closely whether or not this is something they might like to do.

This year, the allotment tour at Melrose Avenue allotments welcomed the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Clive Butchins. It's always interesting to note how flowers, fruit, and vegetables fare each year. Last year, for example, plum trees were heavily laden at a similar point in the season, whilst this year they were only just visible!

Every year is different. It seems the changes in weather patterns have affected seed and plant growth, and as said in previous Compost Corner articles, plot holders soon adapt to these challenges whether by increased use of polytunnels, hardier seed/plant varieties suited to a more Mediterranean climate, use of mulch, raised beds, and of course frequent watering... when plots are not already under water!

Undoubtedly, preparing for cultivation and managing an allotment can be hard work, but it has high rewards.

If you want to find out more, or join the waiting list, please visit the town council website www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk/index.php/services/allotments

## Borehamwood and District Garden Craft Society

Hello gardeners, I hope you are enjoying this amazing summer weather, amazingly variable!

A shortage of rain has kept me busy in my garden watering most evenings as I have so many potted plants. This year, in spite of resolutions, I planted most of my vegetables in various pots, supermarket crates, old buckets and battered plastic pots. I do try to be self sufficient and grow my own vegetables and fruit during summer. For winter I stock up with frozen bags of basic peas, beans, carrots and broccoli. Supermarkets supply a good variety of British grown fresh veggies lasting longer in the freezer.

We celebrated together with Borehamwood and our country in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Year in a number of events, specifically flower arrangements displayed around All Saints Church over the early June holiday weekend. Various societies were represented and the public were invited to visit the pretty creations while enjoying a cuppa and chat.

You too can join in to show off your own garden produce and hard work this year by displaying what you have grown on patios, in pots or windowsill trays or gardens at the Autumn Flower Show, Allum Hall, Allum Lane on 11 September. There is a challenge for everyone to take part in this enjoyable event which will be the highlight of our year.

If you haven't received your year book programme schedule giving

you all the details, please contact the show's secretary, Ann Shuker on 07973 184077 for help and advice. Subscriptions this year remain at £5 each to be paid by January.

Member outings are being arranged, so ensure you are still part of the society's membership by contacting Jenny Griffiths on 020 8953 1762.

While the society appears to be quiet since the Covid-19 epidemic, the committee is still planning events so keep in contact. Follow WhatsApp for the group news, members' beautiful flowers, and personal visits to public gardens. See you at the show in September and keep in contact.

Rose Barry







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## Visually Impaired Club



St Teresa's Parish Hall was the venue for the Visually

Impaired Club (VIC) celebration on 10 June from 1.30pm to 4pm. Elvis was back again and had the 80 partygoers entertained.

Town Mayor Cllr Sandra Parnell got the party started and Hertsmere Borough Council's Deputy Mayor, Cllr Victor Eni, gave the vote of thanks at the end. The spread was amazing thanks to the £500 grant from Hertsmere Borough Council and the hard work of Sasha Capocci. The whole afternoon was enjoyed by members and invited guests. A raffle raised more funds for the VIC.

Herts County Council donated £1,000 to the VIC for their outing on Friday 8 July. Members enjoyed a trip on a canal boat leaving from Hemel Hempstead. Fish and chips were served for lunch and later afternoon tea.

The Visually Impaired Club meets fortnightly at Maxwell Community Centre from 1.30pm to 4pm. New members welcome. Refreshments, excercises, speakers, quizzes, bingo, Hoy, and more.

Interested in joining us? Cost £5 pa and £3 each visit. Contact Sasha Capocci on 07771 862 820 or sashacapocci@hotmail.com

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# Music in the Wood

## Meadow Park bandstand concerts 2022

Elstree and Borehamwood town council in conjunction with the bandstand project committee presented four Sunday afternoon concerts on 26 June 3, 10 and 17 July at the Entertainment Arena in Meadow Park.

This year's concert season welcomed Hitchin Band, Watford Band, Welwyn Garden City Band, and our very own Borehamwood Brass.

The Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood Cllr Sandra Parnell spoke at each concert welcoming the gathered townsfolk. Studios Rotary club officials, Nick Male, Pat Strack and Andrew Grady offered 'votes of thanks' at the close of each afternoon concert.

Sunday afternoon concerts commenced on Sunday at 2pm with local community groups performing before the afternoon entertainment commenced at 3pm.

The gathered audience were treated to readings by local members of 'The Writers in the Wood' before the commencement of the afternoon concerts.

Under the direction of their musical director Ian Graves Watford Band performed a wide repertoire to suit all ages.

On Sunday 17 July the entertainment featured the Hitchin Band under the baton of Paul Fensome.

This concert featured several compositions the band had recently performed with the national brass band champions, The Foden's Band.

All concerts were very well received by those who attended.

Andrew Grady

The first concert on Sunday 26 June formed part of the town's family's weekend and welcomed Borehamwood Brass, performing under the direction of its musical director Derek Holland. The band presented a programme of light music for all tastes.

The second concert on Sunday 3 July featured the 'Strummers in the Wood' at 2pm, followed by Welwyn Garden City Band conducted by their new musical director Will Douglas.

On Sunday 10 July we welcomed Watford Brass Band, and The Writers in the Wood.



## Over 50 years of community service

Borehamwood Brass, the brass band for Elstree and Borehamwood, is getting back to regular practice and performing again after the Covid-19 pandemic.

We've just celebrated our 50th anniversary, with a wonderful concert in All Saints Church. This was part of the Elstree and Borehamwood Town Festival.

There was a special moment in the concert when our mayor, Councillor Sandra Parnell presented a certificate to one of our members, Alan Gibbins, who has served a long time with the band.

The concert ended with some of the very well-known tunes from the Last Night of the Proms. Coming soon after the Jubilee, the flags were out, and the audience had a good time.

We were out again the following week, playing to entertain everyone in Meadow Park.

The band takes a break during August, then we'll be back to rehearsals to prepare for the autumn season and the Christmas events.

## Do you play a brass instrument?



If so, the band would love to hear from you. We have

space in the band for more players and you just need to be able to read music, play to a reasonable standard, and be available on Friday nights.

We have moved! We are now rehearsing in St Teresa's Church Hall, at 291 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, from 8pm - 10 pm on Friday evenings. Rehearsals are a chance for us to try out some new pieces and practise for future events and they are usually good fun.

We will be holding an open rehearsal on Friday 7 October. If you play an instrument and would like to try us out, why not come along? This will be a chance to play with the band and find out if you enjoy it.

If you are interested, please contact our secretary at borehamwoodbrass@hotmail.com

## **Elstree Mozart Players**

## Bringing classical music to the Wood



#### The Elstree Mozart Players was founded in 2018 by Derek Holland in partnership with Pat Strack and Andrew Grady.

The second concert of the 2022 season was held on Sunday 12 June as part of the Elstree and Borehamwood Civic Festival.

The concert raised  $\pm 300$  to support the Rotary Club of the Studios of Elstree and Borehamwood Ukrainian Appeal.

Victor Eni, President of the Rotary Club of the Studios of Elstree and Borehamwood, welcomed everyone to the evening's concert.

The Mayor of Hertsmere, Cllr. John Graham, his wife Barbara and Cllr Farida Turner, representing the town were also in attendance.

The concert featured the first performance of 'Concertino for Oboe and Strings', by John Wolfe; 'Song of the Birds', by Pablo Casals, arranged by Adrian Brown; Weber's 'Concertino for Clarinet and Orchestra, and a performance of Beethoven's Symphony 6 in F major, 'The Pastoral Symphony'.

Thank you to the Rotary Club of the Studios of Elstree and Borehamwood, Laurence Wiseman, All Saints Church, plus the Revd. Tim Warr, and Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council in the staging of this concert.

The next concert is on Saturday 8 October, at Allum Manor & Hall, Allum Lane, Elstree, and will again be supported by the Rotary Club of the Studios of Elstree and Borehamwood, raising funds for worthwhile Rotary charities. The concert will feature works by Offenbach, Walton, Peter Wilson, White, Vaughan Williams, and Eric Coates

Tickets will be £15, with £12 concessions. Tickets bought in advance will be £10 per head.

Anyone requiring tickets, more information about the orchestra, or interested in becoming a patron of the orchestra, please contact either Pat Strack on 020 8386 3151 or Andrew Grady on 07802 736628 or email:elstreemozartplayers@outlook.com

Andrew Grady



## **Borehamwood and Elstree Community Radio UPDATE**

## The steering group, Clive Butchins, Andrew Grady, Nick Male. Sandra Parnell is pleased to report progress.

Starting with producing podcasts is a way of bringing like-minded people (young and old) together and create a core group of people to start an online radio service. Working has already begun with Yavneh College and Elstree Screen Arts Academy on producing podcasts with our team Clive Glover, Bob Redman and Tom Watkins.

Hertswood Academy students will start making their own podcasts in September at the Friday Night Youth Club.

There has been an offer of two rooms for training and meeting at 96 Shenley Rd. Important negotiations for a solid base location which can grow with the project are currently in progress at two different locations. Funding for equipment has been secured from Clarion Foundation.

The group has appointed a new project manager Steve Tann who will oversee things moving forward.

That online service will be added to the Small Scale Digital Audio Broadcasting (SSDAB) system broadcasting across South Herts. This is due to start in late 2024 but may well slip into 2025. By then we would hope to have a thriving radio service for Elstree and Borehamwood with lots of enthusiastic volunteers.

We have a team of experienced enthusiasts (student radio, music radio, hospital radio 3CRand BBC) and volunteers who want to learn more ready to help.

A meeting will be held in September for anybody who would like to volunteer. If you are interested, please contact pat.strack@icloud.com





# Saffron Green Primary School

#### Come and join our early years unit at Saffron Green Primary School

At Saffron Green we are extremely proud of our early years' provision for both nursery and reception aged children. Our extensive and recently refurbished unit provides a unique indoor and outdoor learning space for children from ages 3 to 5.

#### Our engaging EYFS provision

We have been really busy developing our learning environments to reflect the children's current learning and bringing their own interest to life! We provide stimulating and purposeful activities to enhance and develop each child's growth and our resources are carefully arranged for all children to access.



Our outdoor space is a place of great excitement where our children have endless opportunities to explore the world around them and develop their inquisitive minds!

Our children are so excited and enthused to come to

school each day, ready to explore what our school has to offer. We are very proud of all of our children and what they have achieved this year!

We would love to meet you and your child, so book a visit today and we will show you all our nursery and reception classes have to offer!

#### Extended nursery hours at Saffron Green

We offer nursery provision from 8am to 6pm which we hope will assist parents with their childcare arrangements. Our children have access to afternoon enrichment activities to enhance their learning and can then join our wrap around care for further fun and exploration! Hours above your entitled 15 or 30 funded by the government, will be provided on a paid basis.

To join us, please contact us on 020 8953 3801 or via email on: wraparoundcare@saffrongreen.herts.sch.uk – we look forward to welcoming many of you on board





## **Jubilee banner competition**

In issue 45 we ran a competition to design special Jubilee banners to go along Shenley Road celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We are happy to announce that the winner is 11-year-old Scarlett Strudwick.

Scarlett had a special meeting with the town mayor Sandra Parnell where she received a certificate, book and her own banner featuring her design.



# Parkside Primary School

It has been such a great end to the academic year which has created so many memories and as we look forward to 2022-2023, we say a fond farewell to our Year 6 children and wish them all the best for the next chapter of their education.

**Mini Police:** Year 5 have been working alongside Hertfordshire Constabulary all year on a project called Mini Police. They have studied lots of different aspects of looking after our local community and how to be a conscientious citizen. During the last session, they shared all of their hard work with Year 4 in an assembly. The children worked in small groups to present what they had learned in each session. At the end of the assembly, they were presented with a certificate to celebrate all of their hard work. Well done Year 5!



**Link with QE Boys:** We have been delighted with our recent partnership with QE Boys secondary school.

This term we took 8 Year 5 children to QE Boys school to participate in some English and maths challenges. There were six schools competing and one of our teams came third overall! They had to work together to solve some very tricky maths challenges and compete in a spelling bee challenge where we got to the final round. The children worked very hard and should be very proud of themselves!

The children were also invited to participate in a science themed day where they had to use forensic science techniques to solve the mystery of who had murdered the head teacher. They used microscopes to look at hair and fibre samples from the crime scene. They analysed finger prints taken from the scene and replicated blood splatters from the crime scene. Both teams then presented their findings to the other schools and successfully solved the mystery.

**Sports day 2022:** It was a wonderful day of different physical activities for both KS1 and KS2. For some children it was the first time they have participated in a sports day, and I must congratulate everyone for working so well in their teams. Days like today are not possible for me to achieve on my own as head of PE, so I must say a massive thank you to Miss Bowers, Mr Honour and the rest of the staff for all their support in the set up and organisation on the day. Finally, I want to thank our families and the wider community for attending and supporting our children. Massive congratulations to Orange team who were our eventual winners!

**Oliver Dowden MP visit:** The MP for Hertsmere visited the school in April. He was put through his paces by the school council who grilled him on a number of issues that ranged from rubbish on the local streets to the role of the prime minister. He spoke passionately about the local area and his hopes for education. He then spoke with our Chair of Governors Mrs Forrester and Mr Soyka regarding the ongoing challenges we face as a school and the education system as a whole. All in all it was a very positive experience and we thank Mr Dowden for giving us his time.



**Jubilee week:** It was an incredible 'off the curriculum' week at school which left quite an impression on everybody. It started with trips to Knebworth House and the Changing of the Guard in London and finished with a tremendous assembly where children shared examples of their work.

School Games Award: This term we were accredited with the Bronze Schools Games mark, which we achieved in less than 12 months. This is a tremendous achievement for our school as a whole, in what has been the first full year of sport since Covid-19. The School Games Mark is a government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. We at Parkside are very proud of everyone involved in helping the school achieve this wonderful goal, and we will use this as a stepping stone to achieve the Silver award next academic year.

**Summer fayre 2022:** In June, we held our summer fayre and it was great to see so many of our families and local community. A special thank you must go to our PFA, in particular Nadia and Nick, for all their hard work in creating a wonderful event for our school. Plans are already taking shape for next year.

Year 6 Class of 2022: It has been a busy last term for our Year 6 children, with SATs, end of year productions and final trips to Whipsnade, Jump In and the cinema. They have all been a credit to Parkside and we will miss each and every one of them. Keep working hard and believing in yourselves, remember to find your dream and teach it to fly.

We look forward to creating more memories after the summer break. As always please keep up-to-date with everything Parkside at: Facebook: @parksideschool Instagram: parkside\_primary\_school621 Twitter: @headparkside

L Wanless Year 6 Teacher and PE lead

# Kenilworth Primary School

Staff and governors from Kenilworth Primary School are celebrating after being graded 'good' in its recent Ofsted report. Kenilworth Primary School was judged as a 'good school' after an inspection on 27 - 28 April 2022.

The inspectors recognised the school has significantly improved since its last assessment in 2018, where the school was deemed as 'requires improvements'. The report commented that 'Leaders and Governors want children to achieve their best. Staff share this view.' The inspectors were particularly impressed by the school's strong safeguarding culture, teachers' strong subject knowledge and how the curriculum 'supports pupils' academic and personal development well.'

The report also recognised the school for its strong English and mathematics teaching and the good start provided to all pupils





in the Early Years and high-quality lessons in creative learning. Mrs Fiona Ajose, Headteacher, said: "We're thrilled with our latest Ofsted report and are really pleased that the comments of the inspector recognise the hard work and progress we have made over the last couple of years. I would like to thank all the pupils, parents, staff and governors for their continued support and dedication to the school.

As acknowledged in the report, we have developed an aspirational and ambitious culture at Kenilworth and we will continue to strive to achieve high standards and performance and learn from the recommendations of the report." The full Ofsted report can be read at www.reports.ofsted.gov.uk

To find out more about Kenilworth Primary School please visit www.kenilworthprimary.com. We currently have places available and would welcome visits to the school. Please email admin@kenilworth.herts.sch.uk

# Woodlands Primary School

The academic year 2021 – 2022 flew by in school. After a few uncertain years, it has been lovely to start returning to 'normal'. Across the year, we have been able to provide our pupils with learning opportunities further afield:



Year 3 learning about the Stone Age, topped off with a visit to Stonehenge



Some of Years 5 and 6 had an amazing residential trip to the Isle of Wight



The Year 5 /6 girls came in second place in the regional finals

# Meryfield Primary School

We have been very busy at Meryfield. As well as supporting the children with their learning, we have managed to enjoy lots of enrichment activities too. Here are just a few highlights of what the children have been doing:



#### Bread making

Our topic in Design and Technology was 'The Great British Bread Off'. The children learned about the process of bread making and the ingredients required to make dough. The children thoroughly enjoyed the practical experience, and loved tasting their baking when they got home.

#### Reception theatre trip

Reception went on their first school trip to The Eric Morecambe

Theatre in Harpenden to watch 'Dear Zoo', they sat beautifully and joined in with the songs and actions. There was lots of excitement when we got back to school.

#### Trip to London Zoo

Year 4 recently went on a trip to London Zoo as part of their learning. The children had a great time exploring and learnt all about the vast range of species that ZSL work with and are trying to protect.



#### Queen's Jubilee events

The whole school enjoyed celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee before half term. We joined other schools in the trust (Agora Learning Partnership) to find out about the impact of one of our monarchs (Queen Victoria) on our lives today. We were very proud of the children who represented Meryfield.

We then turned our attention to learning about the life of Queen Elizabeth II and significant events that occurred within her reign such as how her wedding was similar or different to Queen Victoria's.

For both days we dressed up - firstly as royalty to celebrate the Agora Jubilee Day and then in red, white and blue to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. Luckily the weather was lovely, so we could sit outside and enjoy a special picnic together.

## Don't all rush

Who wants to be Prime Minister? Who wants to be chair of governors at Grange Hill? Unlike for political parties, candidates for chairs of governors are as scarce as hens' teeth.

In politics you get a long list of candidates who think that they are the best person for the job. Conversely, governors most often finish up as chair by default. Mostly it is because nobody else wants the job and someone volunteers on the understanding that it is an interim appointment and usually they finish up doing the job for years.

Having been a school governor for more than 40 years, a chair for more than 10 years and a governor in ten Hertfordshire schools, this has been my experience. The schools that I know of now have brilliant governors and remarkable chairs. A senior person at Herts for Learning, who support our schools, says that the reason governors do not get paid is because what they do is priceless.

Being a governor is much more demanding now than when I first started at Homeshill Middle School, Borehamwood. The role of chair is even more demanding both in time and responsibilities. There are many wonderful opportunities as chair but also stressful situations like being involved in making staff redundant, declining staff requests for pay increases and on some occasions dealing with staff who are not up to the job. On one occasion I had to meet with an irate parent who was not happy with the format of sports day as he was angry that we did not have events that had emphasised winners and losers. A worrying job for a chair that is never ending is maintaining a viable governing body which means looking out for people who might join. The chair cannot do everything so they have to find people who can be delegated important roles such as safeguarding, special needs, pupil premium and governor training.

If you are 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 contact me at geoff.strack@ntlworld.com

#### Geoff Strack



Governors carrying out a training exercise

## **40 Years of friendship!**

In 1982, Elstree and Borehamwood town council signed a twinning charter with Offenburg in Germany and Fontenay Aux Roses in France. At the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee year Oberburgermeister Marco Steffens came to visit our town and its many Jubilee events.

Now, our town mayor is to lead an official delegation to the celebrations, in the town known as 'The Gateway to the Black Forest'.

Councillor Sandra Parnell, present mayor, was personally invited by Offenburg's mayor, Marco Steffens when he joined us here for the Queen's Jubilee events. A contingent from Borehamwood Brass will also be attending and playing

Over the years, many exchanges have taken place between our towns.

Betta is organising trips to Offenburg and Fontenay aux Roses in France yearly at rock bottom rates for all our residents.

It is the aim of the town council, working with the Borehamwood and Elstree Town Twinning Association (BETTA) to build on these firm foundations of 40 years of exchanges and we are looking forward to hear from any resident interested in participation in our twinning community work.

This brings our community a new perspective as well as helping people to develop their language skills as we run a free French conversation class monthly.

Please contact BETTA on 07852 967160 for more information about any twinning activities.

Martine Eni



## Kangoo Jumps

#### Hi, my name is Crina and I am an official Kangoo Jumps Instructor @ Maxwell Park Community Centre.

From the moment I tried Kangoo Jumps using rebound boots, I knew this was a unique experience which was going to keep me energized and make me want to come back for more. It rejuvenated me when I was tired but best of all, it made me smile!

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Come and try something different in your community at the much loved Maxwell Park Community Centre.



## Maxwell Park Community Centre

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Children's Party 4 hour slot available for hire on Saturdays between 2pm-6pm



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## **Howdens Borehamwood**

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## **Dementia Club**

Karaoke started the party for members of the Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Club.

The Platinum Jubilee celebration was held at Fairway Hall on the afternoon of 8 June from 2.15pm to 4.15pm. The hall was decorated and a big thank you goes to Yvonne Harris for the red, white and blue flower arrangements on the tables. Those arrangements then went to the VIC party and subsequently to All Saints Church for the Elstree Mozart Players Concert raising money for Ukraine.

Shenley Sandwich Bar was the caterer of choice and the party fare was enjoyed by all. Thank you to HBC for a  $\pm$ 500 grant.

Club members enjoyed afternoon tea at The Manor Hotel Elstree thanks to a grant from Herts county council of  $\pounds 1000$ .

This is a free club supported by grants and donations, and sponsored by the Studios Rotary Club and Boreham Wood Football Club.

## **DR96**

#### 53 DR96 members travelled to Windsor for a day out. A £1000 grant from Herts County Council defrayed the cost of a boat trip on the Thames which included afternoon tea. A fantastic treat.

The committee members decorated 96 Shenley Rd in preparation for the Platinum Jubilee Party for DR96 members. On the morning of Wednesday 9 June Elvis was alive and well and living in London. Well, Lee actually. A superb performance that had people up and dancing.

The party food was a hit, and a toast to the Queen (cardboard cut out)

The Club meets every Wednesday at 96 Shenley Road from 10am to 12pm. New members are welcome. Refreshments, excercises, speakers, quizzes, bingo, Hoy, and more.

brought the party to an end.

Interested in joining us? Cost £5 pa and £3 each visit



#### Contact details for DR96, Monday Club and Dementia Club

Sasha Capocci: 007771862820 sashacapocci@hotmail.com Sandra Parnell: 07736809015 sparnell513@gmail.com Pat Strack 07790305428 p.strack@icloud.com

## Women's Institute

Meeting at Allum Manor House, 2nd Monday of the month 2pm - 4pm

## **Monday Club**

On Monday 7 June members of the Monday Club enjoyed a party to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee at Aberford Hall.

The room was decorated with bunting and flags. The morning started with tea/ coffee and cake followed by



music from Paul Lomax. A Right Royal Quiz was won by Shamini and Michael.

Then it was time to enjoy the spread from Shenley Sandwich Bar: sandwiches, bagels, nibbles, cake and fruit.

Sweet Caroline was a firm favourite to wave our flags and sing along.

We finished with a toast to Her Majesty then a rendering of the National Anthem. Thank you for a grant of  $\pounds400$  from Hertsmere Borough Council.

Monday Club members and friends enjoyed a day at Kew Gardens on Thursday 16 June courtesy of a £1000 grant from Herts County Council. It was one of the hottest day of the year but there was plenty of shade and so many different aspects to visit in this beautiful setting.

4th July saw the Monday members and friends celebrate American Independence Day. Elvis had people up and dancing to many US classics. Hot dogs and chocolate followed with tea and coffee. Nick Male won the quiz.

Interested in joining us? Cost £5 pa and £3 each visit

Pat Strack (all)

If you're 60<sup>+</sup> or caring for someone who is, our Borehamwood Seniors Club offers somewhere to socialise, enjoy activities and have a two course lunch



Our Care Support Workers provide a safe, caring place where senior citizens in the Borehamwood area can have fun and not be alone.

At Fountain Court, Brook Road, Borehamwood. Monday to Friday (not bank holidays) 10am - 3pm. Contact us to book a free taster session.

For more information or to book: Call: 020 8905 1158 Email: admin@carersinherts.org.uk Visit: www.carersinherts.org.uk



# **Forest Village Care Home**

#### Over 40 volunteers of all ages joined me at Forest Village Care Home on Cardinal Avenue to help transform their dining room.

Volunteers included children from the local Kaytana summer camp (aged 9-11) and various people from Cardinal Avenue and the surrounding roads who wanted to flex their artistic muscles and give something back to the community. The residents of the care home had requested a beach scene so I designed a mural for the largest wall

and decided to paint two of the other walls shades of bright yellow in an attempt to make the room feel joyful and inspiring. Everyone played their part bringing this to life, whether painting sections of the mural or helping to roller the solid coloured walls. It was very much a team effort led by myself.

In addition, Khristian Rawlings, the operations manager at Wickes in Borehamwood, very kindly donated all the paint and supplies we needed in order to make this project happen. His support and enthusiasm for this project was second to none and very much appreciated by myself and also the managers of the care home. The room was blocked off and windows covered over in order to make it a proper surprise and then, on Friday 12 August, the mayor of Elstree & Borehamwood came to officially reveal the transformation to staff and residents alike. As you can imagine, it was quite an emotional moment, not just for me as I was so nervous about how the design would be received but also for the staff who were overwhelmed in the moment knowing that this room would now be so much more uplifting and such a happy space to use in the future.

#### Sheara Abrahams



# **Unity In Diversity**

Have you ever heard about our Diversity Festival? Or maybe you are a commuter to or from this growing town. Either way, you won't want to miss a major international festival upcoming in October.

Diversity was the brain child of Hertsmere's deputy mayor, Cllr Victor Eni, who is Nigerian and his French wife, Martine.



They knew that their town was now increasingly multicultural , but were equally aware that these cultures, like railway tracks, ran along parallel lines.

One important factor is that the local Jewish community is now the fastestgrowing outside London.

Diversity is a two-day festival, bringing together the many strands of our diverse communities and, through sharing, exploring our differences and what we have in common.

Cllr Victor Eni explains: "Art, food, music and dance come together



in creative fusion. On our second day, we enjoy a sumptuous international buffet. Anyone bringing a dish of food from their national culture gets in free, A supervised Kosher section is included in this."

Martine adds: "Every year, we create a panel discussion ,including civic leaders and experts in their subject. Last year we tackled modern day slavery. This year's theme is mental health and mindfulness"

As Bob Marley said:" Let's get together!!

Cultures rarely encountered each other. A particular factor in Elstree and Borehamwood was that it has the fastest growing Jewish community outside London.

Diversity takes place over the last weekend in October at Fairway Hall, in Brook Close, Borehamwood. Tickets are available from Interculturalbe@gmail.com.

Nick Male

# Borehamwood and Cranborne multipurpose day service

At Borehamwood and Cranborne multipurpose day service we celebrated Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee in grand style.

It was a massive expression of jubilation at Borehamwood and Cranborne multipurpose day service on Aycliffe Road during the seventieth anniversary celebration of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth of the United Kingdom. What a great feat of service to the people by a long serving monarch!

A splendid party with lots of food and live music was held to commemorate the occasion. This occurred under the leadership of Ms Owen who was assisted by Ms Barker, Mr Paratusic, Ms Woodgate, Mr Hardwick, Mr Ismet, Mr Vincent, Mr Drozd along with others whose names have not been mentioned. It is noteworthy to point out that the party was well attended by dignitaries and locals.

Borehamwood and Cranborne multipurpose day service's modus operandi is a model of social care leading to fulfilling the needs of folks who use their service irrespective of their disabilities.

Some attributes of the service are in relation to their establishment which spans from 1984 and has been the hub of the community participating in many activities associated with Borehamwood and the surrounding areas. They are proud to bring people from all walks of life to provide opportunities and benefits from the many programmes and events which they undertake at Aycliffe Road.



In furtherance to their services, they challenged themselves to offer the best and suitable made to measure support to all of their service users. For example: they are linked with the Community Gardening Project; football sessions with Boreham Wood Football Club; varied sports, music and dance, art and craft, culinary team; tennis; and many other activities.

The day service is pleased to extend thanks and appreciation to the wider community for their support which ensures that they can make use of the different types of opportunities that present themselves on a weekly basis throughout the years.

Finally, the celebratory fever is still felt and talked about in Borehamwood.

Cllr Alpha Bird Collins, LLM





## **St Michael and All Angels**

St Michael and All Angels Church enjoyed a Jubilee Quiz and on 4 June two Jubilee Tea Parties, sponsored by the borough council.

A replica hand-knitted model of the Queen was on display, seen here with Wendy Churchill from Knit and Natter. The next day, we joined the party in Meadow Park and a splendid 'Jubilee Songs of Praise' with Borehamwood Brass and parish musicians, led by Revd Louise Collins.







# Thursday 2 June - Sunday 5 June

Woodlands School





Bullhead Road



MIUB

Cardinal Avenue









Lullington Garth



Coopers Crescent



Woodcock Hill Beacon





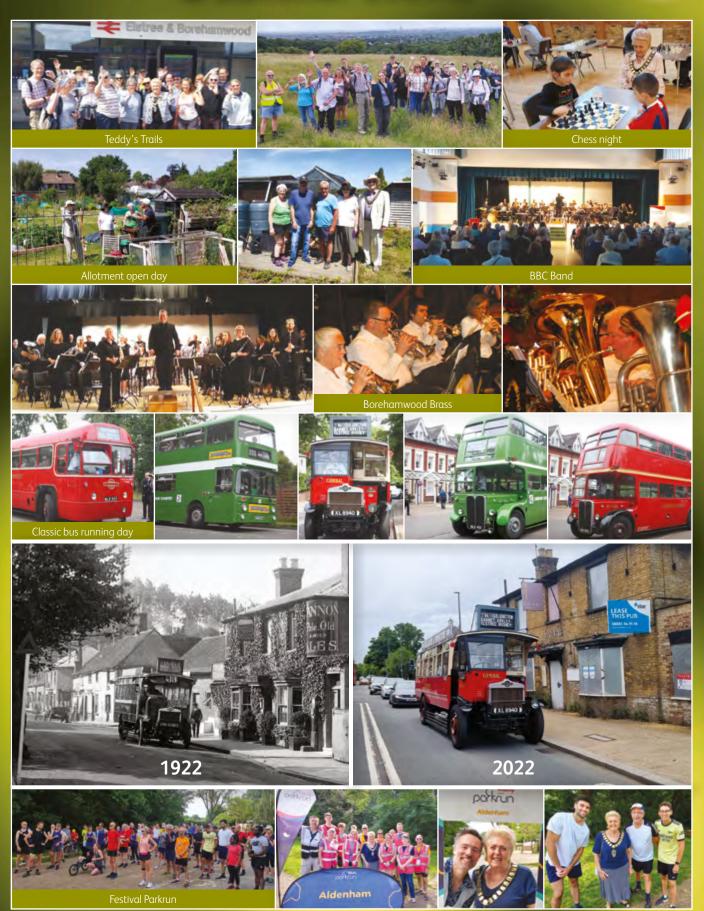






# **Civic Festival** & Summer Events





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(Display will start at 7.30pm)

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## Elstree & Borehamwood Museum

The Elstree & Borehamwood Museum is not just about bringing you first-class exhibitions, knowledgeable volunteers, and displays of your local history. We also host visits from primary and secondary schools and show them items and photos from our collections.

Recently we had three very successful visits from Years 1, 2 and 6 of Summerswood Primary School. We showed them our collection of old toys and talked through how to play with them, before screens took over our playtime! They were amazed at the fun you could have with a wooden toy, a yo-yo, and a telescope.

Of course they were intrigued by our current exhibition, Off The Rails, with the working model of the tube line from Edgware to Bushey Heath that was very nearly built before World War II. Everyone loves a train model.



Tony Deswarte with his model train

## Go digital this Autumn

The days are getting shorter, the leaves on the trees turning honey gold... and that nip in the air makes the prospect of spending an afternoon outdoors seem rather less appealing. Well then, what better time to hole up indoors and dive headfirst into the digital world?

Our public computers are available Monday - Saturday and with your library membership you can enjoy an hour of free access every day, so what are you waiting for?

Not quite ready to fly solo? At Borehamwood Library, we offer a number of services to help you get started. Whether you consider yourself a total novice, you want to learn something new or you just need a little extra advice, chances are we can help.

#### Tea & Tablets

A monthly, informal group for people just getting started with a tablet; as well as those looking to gain confidence and learn some new skills. (Booking required)

#### IT taster sessions

One-to-one guidance to help you get started using a computer or tablet, or help learning how to do something specific. (Booking required) We received many hand drawn and written 'Thank yous' from the pupils. Here's just a very small selection of their letters.



We welcome school visits, so any interested teachers please contact us on info@elstree-museum.org.uk.

Jocelyne Walker

## Jubilee memorabilia wanted

The weekend of 4 - 7 June 2022 was a very special enjoyable occasion and of special historic significance.

Elstree and Borehamwood museum is always updating its collections as today's events are tomorrow's history. As such we would like to add any photos, memorabilia, artefacts and reminiscences while they are still fresh in your mind.

So if you have anything that you think would be of interest to the museum please email info@elstree-museum.org.uk with details of your proposed submission. Thanking you in advance

#### Elaine Butchins



#### IT champions

Our expert volunteers are available Tuesdays and Thursdays 2pm - 4pm to help customers using the public computers or queries regarding a mobile phone

public computers or queries regarding a mobile phone or tablet. (No booking required)

With autumn suddenly upon us and winter close behind, now is the time to sink your teeth into that family history project you just never seem to have time for. Using your library membership, you can log in to Ancestry and FindMyPast on a library computer, completely free of charge; read through a past census or dig deep and unravel the mysterious past of your family tree...

Ask staff for more details about digital services available in the library. Call 0300 123 4049 or visit www.hertfordshire.gov. uk/libraries. Follow us on Facebook @borehamwoodlibrary



# **Flower festival**

This year's flower festival theme was 'celebration'. First of all we had to celebrate the person who started all this in the year 2010, Marijke Turner. All Saints Church celebrated its 100 years birthday literally at the centre of the community.

Although the flower festival continued during Covid-19 with photos, it was so much better to welcome back over 26 groups and organisations with a whole range of celebrations.

Marijke is delighted that we continue. Sue Everett was able to reprise her role with refreshments. Thank you to Pam Kubica and Rev Tim Warr for ensuring the church could be used again.

A great big thank you to Sasha Cappoci for providing cakes on Saturday at the opening and Monday at the closing coffee mornings. So many people passed through and enjoyed the displays, and many stopped to chat.

Celebrating the Platinum Jubillee:

- BETTA 40 years of twinning;
- 50 years of Borehamwood Brass;
- 20 years of the U3A.

Thanks for support from Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council.

Pat Strack

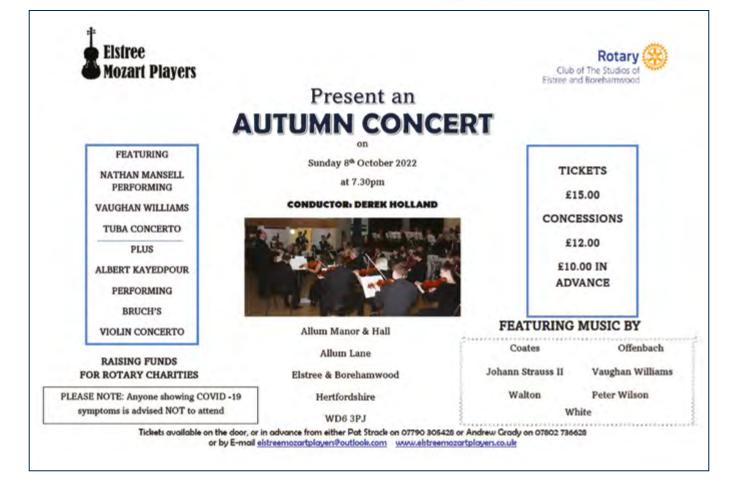


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& Borehamwood Chartered in 1942

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## Borehamwood and Elstree U3A summer celebrations and autumn events

The Borehamwood and Elstree U3A held a very successful garden party in June to celebrate our 20th anniversary, and more events are planned for the rest of the summer. The picture below shows the garden party and our celebration cake, and also our flower arrangement for the Town Flower Festival in All Saints Church.

In the autumn we will have our regular programme of events on the third Tuesday of the month at St Teresa's Parish Centre:

20 September	Branch AGM
18 October	Mike Beech on "The History of the Postal Service"
15 November	Mark Lewis on "William Morris and the Arts and Crafts Movement"

Meetings start at 10am with the talk starting at 10.30. They are free to members, or  $\pounds$ 3 for guests or visitors. There is a small charge for tea or coffee and biscuits.

New members are welcome – if you would like to find out more, visit our website at https://u3asites/borehamwood, contact our membership secretary Christine Manning email cmu3a2022@ gmail.com, telephone 020 8953 6071, or come along to a branch meeting.

> Judith Sear (Chair/Newsletter Editor, Borehamwood and Elstree U3A)

## Aid to Ukraine

#### "What can I do about it?"

Don't we all ask ourselves this question when we look at the terrible things happening in our world? Don't we cry? Don't we sometimes despair?

Yes we do, but one great international movement also takes action. Rotary's motto is "Service Above Self" and there is no greater example of this than its aid to the poor suffering people of Ukraine.

Studios Rotarians were brought face to face with the shameless aggression they are facing when they listened to Helen Antoniou. Helen is a member of the Rotary Club of Northwick Park.

She was also the driver of a lorry, racing through the night to bring essential supplies to the women and little children of Ukraine. With her fellow Rotarian Dick Nathan, she drove for 16 hours, encountering many obstacles on the way.

Under the auspices of a charity based in Felstead , they had masspurchased everything that was needed. In particular they helped people who had been rendered disabled by the Chernobyl disaster. These innocent victims were overjoyed that 'Rotarians remember.'

Studios Rotarians were so moved by Helen's front line report, that they presented her with a cheque for £300 towards this vital humanitarian effort. It was raised at a concert given by our wonderful local orchestra, the Elstree Mozart Players.

Would you like to help Studios Rotary to help Ukraine? To find out how, please contact Pat Strack on 07790305428.

Nick Male



## Bat Mitzvah Club

## The end-of-year ceremony is always a highlight for the Bat Mitzvah Club.

And it was such an honour to have Mayor Parnell present the certificates of leadership to all the girls for completing the beautiful course. The girls spoke about women who inspire them, and they received a special gift in honour of their Bat Mitzvah. Mazal Tov to all the girls and their families!





# **National Windrush Monument**

#### An 82-year-old station assistant at Elstree & Borehamwood was a guest of honour at the unveiling of the National Windrush Monument.

Siggy Cragwell was one of a number of VIPs invited to the event at Waterloo station on 22 June with the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge also in attendance along with the Mayor of London.

Siggy was introduced to Prince William who heard how he had come to the UK from Barbados 60 years ago and worked on the railways ever since. They also talked about their shared love of cricket.

Siggy said afterwards: "It was very, very good, I was quite happy to meet Prince William and speak to him. He was a relaxing kind of guy. I've had a wonderful day."

Baroness Floella Benjamin, who is chairman of the Windrush Commemoration Committee said, "The National Windrush Memorial will be part of the British heritage and be seen by millions of people. It has created a figurative representation of the Windrush generation. It will evoke deep emotion and pride."

The monument, symbolising the Windrush generation's courage and resilience since arriving in the UK between 1948 -1971, has been designed by renowned Jamaican artist Basil Watson, as a permanent place of reflection, to foster greater understanding of the generation's talent, hard work and continuing contribution to British society.

The three figures – a man, woman, and child – dressed in their "Sunday best" are climbing a mountain of suitcases together, demonstrating the inseparable bond of the Windrush pioneers and their descendants, and the hopes and aspirations of their generation as they arrive to start new lives in the UK.

Since Siggy's railway career began 60 years ago, he has worked at Marylebone, Bedford, St Albans and Luton stations, and has been a popular figure with Thameslink at Elstree & Borehamwood since 2002.

Nathan Louis, courtesy of the Borehamwood Times



A while back, my good friend Lorraine from Writers In The Wood asked me to write this article - it would include my experiences moving from the UK to Australia. The One Million Project - a charity/creative network I'd set up and maybe a mention of Earth-F, the comic book universe I created, with the involvement of dozens of writers and artists.

I was full of plans and inspiration - Covid-19 had separated me from my beloved girlfriend (a talented writer and artist/musician) for two years. And after a brief settling in period, we were going to write together, and I intended to finish or continue dozens of projects.

The truth is, almost four months later, my writing has been sporadic. Going from being a "single guy" to living with my girlfriend and two children has been a huge, albeit great, lifestyle change. I still had the ideas, I still had the grand wide spanning ambitions, and contacts by the dozen. The intention was to make more creative contacts in Melbourne, use my year or so here to concentrate on it all, even get



Siggy Cragwell speaks to Prince William at the unveiling of the National Windrush

fitter - more writing, more art, more steps!

But ... life.



I've hardly done any of that, and most times even thinking

of the scope of what I had to do made me anxious and overwhelmed so I watch TV, spend time with the family and go sightseeing. It's now Australian winter so I walk outside less.

Last night though I face-timed my mother and she reminded me - since I was a child - "never give up". I can try and fail two or three times, but I always return and find my inspiration. And remembering that, I think I'm ready to break through. I may take a while to get things done, but I will.

Tortoise always wins the race.

Jason Greenfield

## **Rotary Club**

### Rotary Club of Elstree and Borehamwood

# Sunday 3 July was a memorable day for our club with both the presidential handover and an 80th birthday celebration.

The club's charter was flown over from the USA on a Wellington bomber in 1942 to kick off 80 years of service to the local community as well as supporting national and international causes.

Thirty fellows and guests met at Reveley Lodge in Bushey Heath - what a lovely venue that is! Rtn Elaine Butchins kicked off proceedings by giving us a brief history of the club. She was ably supported by three past presidents presenting various anecdotes from their tenure. Then the not-so-new president for the next Rotary year was invested, as in the event Rtn Charles Kelly was continuing in post for a second year. appropriate words. The DG also made a surprise presentation of a letter and certificate from Rotary Head Office in Chicago to mark the occasion.



The event finished with about 40 minutes of popular tunes, in his own inimitable style, from another Purcell student, Cole Lam on the piano (check him out on YouTube). The event was enjoyed by all.

If you would like to know more about the international service organisation that is Rotary, and whether it is something in which you would like to be involved, please contact me on 07939 088421. We continue to meet for lunch fortnightly and welcome visitors.

**Rtn Clive Butchins** 



## Wishing well

## Studios Rotary Club dedicated a plaque to the memory of George Male at 96 Shenley Rd. Borehamwood.

When George Male was a member of Elstree and Borehamwood Rotary Club he had a wishing well built by members of St Teresas Youth Club. Money thrown into the well was collected and helped to support the Cheshire Home for the homeless in Hertfordshire. When the village hall was demolished the wishing well disappeared.

Nick Male, who was then president of EBRC, wanted the wishing well



replaced. Times have changed and the wishing well is now bright yellow plastic and is inside the entrance to 96 Shenley Road, Borehamwood. Nick is now a past president and member of Studios Rotary Club. Money collected from the well is shared between EBRC and The Studios Rotary Club to be used for Rotary charity work.

George's other legacy can be celebrated. George set up the Otters Swimming Club in Borehamwood which continues to provide safe swimming at The Venue for vulnerable people.

Pat Strack

## Studios Rotary Club

Studios Rotary Club was successful in obtaining a grant from Rotary charity KIDSOUT, to send all Y6 children at schools in the town with staff and supporters to the Reel Cinema.

Again this year Service Above Self awards were presented to four pupils from each of the town schools by both Rotary Clubs. These children have demonstrated that they think of others and help where they can.

Studios Rotary Club members helped with a litter pick organised by staff at McDonalds, Shenley Road. The area around McDonalds, the War Memorial and Eldon Ave was cleared.

## **Falklands remembered**

This event was organised on Saturday 18 June by the town council, Pat Strack and the Studios Rotary Club at the request of George MacGregor.

George was asked to play a special piece of music, written for this national ceremony for 1000 pipers to play at 11am. The occasion gave us time to reflect on the servicemen and women who fought for our country in this conflict.

The event was especially poignant as Bernard Still, a local man, was drowned when HMS Coventry was sunk. He was 26 years old when he died leaving a wife and child, and his father and sister.

Wreaths were laid by town mayor, ClIr Sandra Parnell; borough mayor ClIr John Graham; leaders of the political parties, Conservative, ClIr Morris Bright, Labour, ClIr Rebecca Chalice for the borough and ClIr Richard Butler for the town; and Studios Rotary President Victor Eni. ClIr Pat Strack, leader of the town council, laid a wreath on behalf of Maria Still in memory of her brother. Studios Rtn Nick Male remembered Bernard's father as a congregant of St Teresa's RC Church and his own father's and grandfather's Naval Service. Nicks father survived when his ship, the Hecla, was sunk during WWII. A new boat was commissioned in it's stead and was a hospital ship during the Falklands war.

Fr Dominic McKenna presided over the service with Tony Wass, Royal British Legion president, reading the Exaltation and Kohema Epitaph. Studios Rotarian, Andrew Grady sounded the two minutes silence.

Pat Strack



## **Noah's Ark Children's Hospice**

Sasha Capocci, Studios Rotary club president for 2022 - 2023 choose Noah's Ark Children's Hospice as her charity for the year.

Noah's Ark Children's Hospice helps babies, children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions, and their families, make the most of every day.

Their staff and trained volunteers provide clinical, emotional and practical support for families across north and central London as well as Herts Valley. Their support is carefully adapted for every child and is offered wherever it is required – whether in the home, their community or at our state-of-the-art children's hospice building, The Ark in Byng Road Barnet. Sasha Capocci and Pat Strack, as Rotarians were at the first brick laying in 2018 along with Rotarians from across London and Hertford shire. Noah's Ark have to raise  $\pounds$ 4million per annum to carry out its vital work.

On 2 and 3 October Noah's Ark will be holding a special fund raising event, donations received will attract match funding.

Elstree Mozart Players supported by Studios Rotary Club volunteers will be holding a concert of light classics on Saturday 19 November at 7.30pm Allum Hall, Allum manor Elstree WD6 3PJ

Tickets in advance £10 on the door £15 with £12 concessions. Please contact Pat Strack pat.strack@icloud.com or Andrew Grady 07802 736628.



## Party in the park

Celebrating the "Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty, The Queen" on Sunday 5 June 2022, our 'party in the park' was held by the Studios Rotary Club of Elstree & Borehamwood, with Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council, Hertsmere Borough Council, Leecliffe Local, and Anglican Churches of Elstree & Borehamwood.

Thank you to everyone for a fantastic day enjoyed by hundreds of townsfolk! Club president Victor Eni, Pat Strack, Sam Covill, Nick Male, and Andrew Grady put together a great day celebrating this remarkable landmark! Thanks to members Irmine Mason, George Carr, Sandra



and Victor for official formalities as town mayor and deputy mayor of Hertsmere, and Borehamwood's French twin-town of Fontenay-Aux-Rose's visiting mayor, Esteban Le Rouzes. For Nick Male's singing and musical talents, George Carr playing his pipes in traditional dress, the

Parnell, Sasha Capocci, Michael and Louise Ezuma, and thanks to Martine Eni, Erika Grady, Heather Covill, and Revd. Louise Collins's Songs of Praise, and to everyone involved in getting the entire show up and running, (and dismantling afterwards!). To Sandra choir, and Sasha's amazing cakes! To Dan Salter, Richard Jarvis, Des Feehily', and use of Michael's van, Andrew and Sam's preparation and planning, and Karren Fielding's promotion and publicity.

Karren Fielding

## The Studios Rotary Club - New president

The Studios Rotary Club of Elstree and Borehamwood held its handover ceremony to welcome the new president on Tuesday 28 June 2022.

Club members were joined by fellows from three different local Rotary clubs, which included Rotary Club of Radlett, Rotary Club of Elstree & Borehamwood, and Rotary Club of Dulwich & Peckham along with many different friends of the club.

The handover was held at the beautiful Manor Hotel, Elstree, to honour the outgoing president Victor Eni with his vibrant report for 2020-22.

Incoming president Sasha Capocci gave an enthusiastic vision for 2022 -23 and Andrew Grady was selected to be president elect for 2023-24.

The team will work together to enhance the club's image both locally and internationally raising funds for Sasha's chosen charities, the Visually Impaired Club and Noah's Ark Children's Hospice. Outgoing assistant district governor Adrian Faiers, in attendance, gave a heartfelt speech hailing accomplishments, achievements and hard work of all our members.

Adrian presented Nick Male with a 'Paul Harris Fellowship' (named



after the young Chicago lawyer who founded Rotary in 1905) for his outstanding work within the Rotary organisation locally. This was an award which had also been presented to Nicks late father George Male.

Andrew Grady

# Frederick Thomas 8 February 1933 - 26 June 2022

Frederick (Fred) passed away peacefully on 26 June, aged 89, leaving behind his wife, Sheila, children Heather, Paul and Mark and grandchildren Matthew, Emma, Hannah, Sebastian, Amelia and Oliver. He was much loved by so many.

Fred's funeral was held on Thursday 21 July at 1.30pm in the Lady Chapel at St Albans Abbey. It was attended by family and many friends from the various organisations in which Fred was involved.

Fred was born in 1933 in Walthamstow, the eldest of three children. From the age of 11, he attended Harrow Weald Grammar School and, from there, studied physics and maths at Keele University where he met Sheila. After university he joined Armstrong Siddeley Motors Rocket Division in Coventry where he worked on propellant pumps and combustion chamber design.

When his father died prematurely in 1959, Fred made the decision to take over his father's ironmongery business and this is how he came to run Borehamwood Ironmongers in Shenley Road from April 1960. His proprietorship over many years endeared him to so many local residents. He was ever helpful to identify their needs and had an encyclopaedic knowledge of his stock. Many customers have really fond memories of him and they continue to this day. He became involved with several local organisations and was introduced to Rotary in 1965 by past president Doug Dalton. He was also a Hertsmere borough councillor for Elstree for many years, serving his community to the best of his ability.

Fred became president of the Rotary Club of Elstree and Borehamwood for the first time in 1984 and then again in 2002. When he finished his second presidency of Rotary, he was invited to join Probus and he continued to attend both organisations right up until just before his first hospital stay in March 2022. In 2018, Fred was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship Award for services to Rotary.

Fred was also involved in the Speaking Newspaper and for many years in amateur dramatics, where he was able to display his singing ability.

His daughter, Heather, says "Dad has always been there for us and we have learnt a lot from him over the years. We have been hugely impressed with his work ethic, honesty and integrity and his commitment to public service. He was curious about everything in the world and had a very enquiring mind which made for lively debate and he was good company. Our lives have been shaped by Dad's positive attitude, adventurous spirit, humour and fortitude in the face of adversity. He will be much missed and never forgotten." Those sentiments are shared by all who knew him.

Heather, with additions by Rotary Friends.



## **Steve Simmonds' bench**

As part of our festival classic bus running day, on Sunday 19 June Elstree and Borehamwood town council unveiled a new bench on Allum Lane dedicated to the



late Steve Simmonds who sadly passed away in 2021.

Steve worked for Sullivan Buses and was a great supporter of community events including the Civic Parade, Teddy's



Trails, Rotary Kids Out trips, and council Transport and Road Safety meetings. Steve's family joined town mayor Cllr Sandra Parnell as she unveiled the new bench.

## **Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society**

Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society (EBGBS) is carrying on with the campaign to save our precious threatened and diminishing Green Belt from over-development.

There is need for houses but they should be carefully planned and eco friendly with solar panels and insulation using the minimum possible green land. Elstree and Borehamwood has become so congested with traffic and consequent air pollution which impacts on the life and health of us all. We must limit building in the town with regard to the expected new housing targets which will lower the forecast number.

A current issue of concern is the eventual fate of the historic reservoir, which is still being discussed by Herts County Council, Hertsmere Borough Council and the owners. We hope it will be run by a Community Interest Company for the public with provision for the upkeep of the dam and grounds.

We are also objecting to the deregistration of Woodcock Hill Village Green, imposition of a huge solar plant along Butterfly Lane and the desecration of Tykeswater Lane [Byway 60] by offroad motor vehicles. This last should be redesignated and closed to motor traffic to preserve the footpath and the safety of pedestrians. Footpath 3 Shenley to Borehamwood promised upgrade is still held up.

We are taking an active part in the new Neighbourhood Plan discussions and liaising with other conservation bodies, local and national. Please support us by joining if you care about our countryside, at its most beautiful in these summer months.

Please see our website ebgreenbelt.org for contact details.

Ann Goddard Chairman Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society



## Elstree and Borehamwood NSPCC

We held a successful lunch at the Imperial China Restaurant for 75 guests, who were entertained by reminiscences of her career with Dior by Hazel Bermange. This raised £1,613 for the work for abused and neglected children – even more needed in times of economic hardship.

Our annual garden party in the lovely gardens of Schopwick House with stalls, teas and live music was held on Sunday 24 July, with our thanks to Ann and Norman Shuker. St Nicholas church was open for readings from the works of Dickens, a famous visitor to Elstree. A total of £2,194 was raised.

The November craft fair, to be opened by the mayor of Hertsmere, Cllr John Graham, will be held on Sunday 6 November from 10.30am to 3.30pm in Allum Hall with live music from local musicians headed by



Borehamwood Brass and Paul Lomax on guitar. There will be a wide range of craft and gift stalls, and refreshments including the famous Chinese lunches. Entry free.

All proceeds to the work of the NSPCC.

Ann Goddard Chair E&B NSPCC Committee

## **Trailblazing on sustainable transport**

The town council has established a sub-committee to deliver an agenda around sustainable transport for Borehamwood and Elstree. It includes representatives of all three tiers of local government ensuring that joinedup thinking prevails.

An action plan was swiftly established:

#### Cycle scheme

We provided £20,000 seed funding for the Beryl Bikes cycle hire scheme launched this September. We also ring-fenced a further grant of £38,000 contingent upon improvement of the existing cycle lane network. At the instigation of our Youth Council, cycle training will also be available in tandem with the scheme's launch.

## Improvement and expansion of existing cycle lane networks

The committee assessed the existing local cycle lane network concluding that it is currently unfit for purpose due to lack of continuous cycle lanes and parts of the network having being obscured by overgrowth. We are working with the county council as part of a new 'cycling and walking plan' to ensure improvements are identified and commissioned.

#### Electric vehicle charging points

Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council obtained government funding to enable the town council to install two double electric vehicle charging points at Fairway Hall. As well as providing an important public resource this will enable



the council to replace our petrol van with an electric alternative.

#### **On-demand buses**

County council investment in this service currently excludes Hertsmere. We will be monitoring developments as these schemes are rolled out, making recommendations for a Hertsmere service should we be able to demonstrate need.

#### 'Walk Under a Mile - Cycle Under Three'

Our Youth Council will be leading this important campaign. Details will be available shortly setting out how to engage with this valuable initiative.

As residential and commerical development around our town increases, the work of this committee in developing clean, sustainable transport alternatives will be increasingly important for our collective future.

> Cllr Jeremy Newmark Chair, Sustainable Transport Sub-committee



## A busy summer at Allum Manor

#### One hundred years of local buses

The spring edition of 'Town Crier' featured an article about the centenary of local bus services for Elstree & Borehamwood. For 100 years buses have played a key role in the growth of the town and they continue to serve local residents and visitors. As an alternative to private cars they are an essential part of current local plans to reduce traffic congestion.

Following months of planning by John Cartledge and his committee, on Sunday 19 June Allum Manor was proud to host a gathering of nine (!) vintage buses, the oldest of which was 100 years old. Using Allum Manor as their base, the buses carried passengers free-of-charge, locally and also as far away as Watford and St. Albans.

Families as well as transport enthusiasts visited all day long. Pausing between rides, town mayor ClIr Sandra Parnell said 'I was delighted to attend and see how popular the event was with many of our residents, and how it attracted enthusiasts from far and wide, putting Elstree and Borehamwood on the map.'



#### Time to spruce up the Manor House

Allum Manor was a family residence back in the 1800s and the board of trustees is determined to ensure that this old building remains sound and attractive. The rooms of the Manor House were completely redecorated by our handyman Kevin during the Covid-19 lockdown,

and now a major programme of external redecoration of the Manor House is well underway.



Under the leadership of local decorator Stuart Green and his team of painters, glaziers and carpenters, work started in May and continues on schedule. We invite you to see the results of this makeover for yourself when you next visit us at Allum Manor.



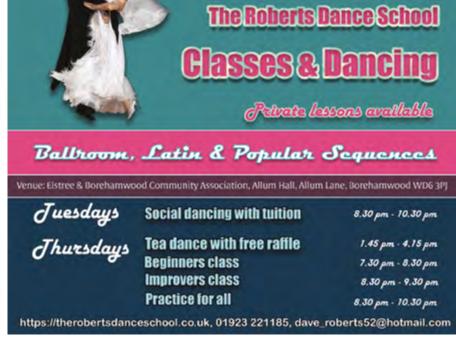
#### Farewell to the 'Patient Assessment Centre'

Back in November 2020, access to local GP practices was severely restricted. The Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group asked for permission to use part of our car park to house two large portakabins for GP consultations by appointment. Led by chair Dr. Ann Goddard, the board agreed at once.

Since then the 'hot hub' or 'Patient Assessment Centre' has been operating at near full capacity and, in the words of Dr. Nicolas Small, Chair of the HV CCG, has 'provided a valuable community service'.

The PAC saw its last patient on 30 June. The portakabins, generator and all the ancillary equipment and medical supplies have left the site, closing another chapter in Allum Manor's response to the pandemic.

> Sharon Downes Centre Manager





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### 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 owned by author John Cartledge 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  ${\it \pm 10."}$  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)

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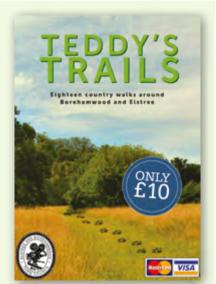
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#### Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council



## for an Event Steward

I am looking for people with good communication skills and the ability to work as stewards for Town Council events. This is a paid occasional position and the tasks will be wide and variable. You should be able to follow requests and instructions from myself. Please contact me by email **richard@hbwa.org.uk** if you are interested or want more information.

Richard Jarvis (Town Council Head Steward)

## "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 Screen Arts Academy 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

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St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

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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

4 Fairway Ave, Borehamwood WD6 1PR

Cowley Hill, Borehamwood WD6 5LG 020 8238 7200

Kenilworth Dr, Borehamwood WD6 1QL 020 8953 3459

**Meryfield Community Primary School** Theobald St, Borehamwood WD6 4PA 020 8953 2106

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

Fairbrook Medical Centre

020 8953 7666 Hertswood Academy

**Kenilworth Primary School** 

**Monksmead Primary School** 

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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.

6 Sept	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7.30pm
7 September	Full Council	Main Hall	7.30pm
20 September	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7.00pm
28 September	Transport & Community Safety	Main Hall	7.00pm
6 October	Entertainments	Meeting	7.30pm
13 October	General Management	Meeting Room	7.00pm
15 November	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7.30pm
17 November	General Management	Meeting Room	7.00pm
29 November	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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