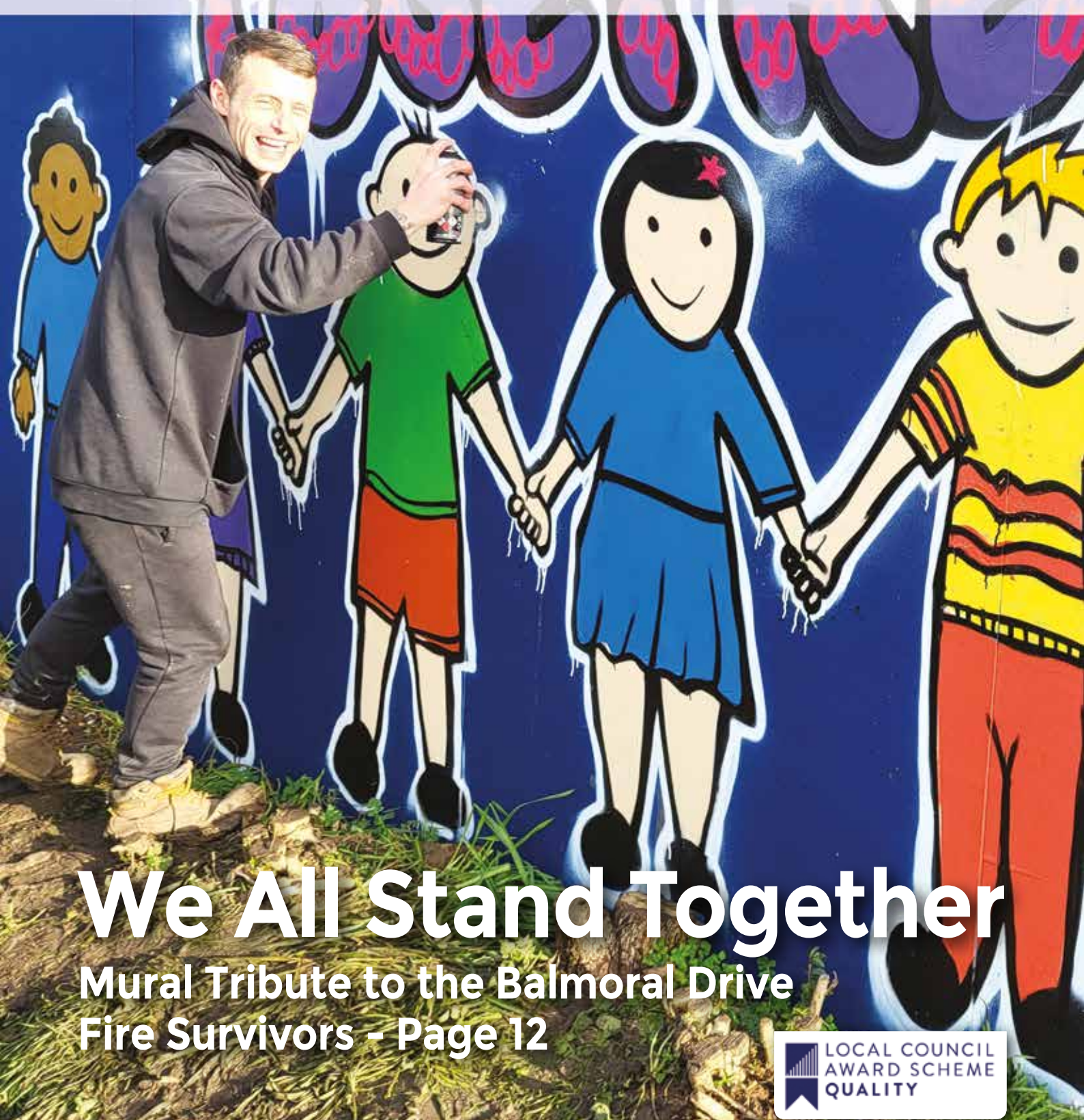


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The magazine for Elstree & Borehamwood residents



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Hear ye! Hear ye!

Letter from the mayor...

Dear residents of Elstree and Borehamwood

I hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas, Chanukah and New Year festivities wherever and whoever you celebrated them with.

I heard the winter coach trips were a great success and you all had a good time because that is why we run them for you.

All the concerts went well. The BBC Concert Band, The Elstree Mozart Players were enjoyed by a couple of hundred people, it might have been more but the snow came and the temperature was minus 5, I believe on the very night of the BBC Concert Band concert. However the ones that braved the really cold weather enjoyed themselves.

We had a Full Council meeting on 18 January and we held a minute's silence to honour Holocaust Day and all the people that died as it was the nearest day to 26 January.

We have a delegation of people from Shoham in Israel on 1 March until 5 March to sign the memorandum of our commitment to twinning the two towns. We are putting together an itinerary as we did with the Mayors of Offenburg and Fontenay last year - it is all very exciting for all the towns that we twin with. We are planning a football tournament between the twin towns with owner of Boreham Wood Football Club Danny Hunter next July/August (to be announced later in February).

On 1 April 2023 we have a concert at All Saints Church, the Scratch Messiah. It will be outstanding as are all Derrick Holland's concerts.

I am sad to tell you that our Town Clerk Huw Jones will be moving on to Bishop's Stortford Town Council as Chief Executive Officer at the end of February. Huw has done wonders for our Town Council. He worked hard to get us the Local Council Award Scheme Quality Award, the only council in Hertfordshire to hold this. He has been the backbone of our council for nearly 12 years, but he wants to move on with his work and we thank him for being so loyal to all of us in Elstree and Borehamwood. We all wish him lots luck and happiness in his new position.

My thanks to all the officers that will be still serving all of you and all the town councillors throughout the year.

I am looking forward to the coming months and all our Town Councillors will do their best for our residents we serve right here in our town.



My best wishes to all of you,

Cllr Sandra Parnell
Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood
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In response to the cost-of-living crisis, local groups are opening Warm Spaces across Borehamwood during the winter months. It is recognized that many are struggling, even facing a choice between heating their homes or buying food to feed their families. Warm Spaces offer somewhere that is warm, safe, free and welcoming.

The Warm Spaces programme serves as a temporary solution to help alleviate the problems people face during the cold weather. Warm Spaces offer hot drinks, along with biscuits, cakes and the opportunity to charge mobile phones and socialize with others. The scheme has been supported by the HBC Community Engagement team.

St. Michael and All Angels Church of England is located on Brook Road. The Warm Spaces grew out of their existing Welcome Café and takes place in the Church Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30am to 3:30pm weekly. Coffee, tea, biscuits, cakes, cuppa soups and fresh fruit are served to guests. Activities include puzzles, scrabble, keep fit, knit and natter and crafts. Lunch time talks and workshops are held with free fish and chips for all. The Christmas party and sing along were enjoyed by over 40 people. Additionally on Mondays, 11:30am - 3:30pm, St Michael's Hall also plays host to Chatter Tables Warm Spaces.

Communities 1st has opened some of its community centres as Warm Spaces and is in talks to open more. People are encouraged to drop by for free hot drinks and biscuits, board games, bowls and more.

- Aberford Park Community Centre, Wednesdays 12 noon - 4pm
- Organ Hall Community Centre, Fridays 10am - 4pm
- Phillimore Community Centre in Radlett, Tuesdays 12 noon - 4pm

The BECC Centre in Borehamwood is a Hertfordshire Family Support Service which is made up of public health, support for children and families, adult learning, among others. BECC also provides a Warm Spaces hub. They encourage the public to come along and keep warm, have hot drinks and charge their electronic devices. BECC Centre also provides a children's play corner. The Centre is open from 9am - 5pm from Monday to Friday. (The BECC Family Centre, off Shakespeare Drive, Furzehill Road, Borehamwood, WD6 2FD).

Borehamwood Library is at 96 Shenley Road and is part of the Warm Spaces project. Up on the first floor, guests are welcome to read books, do jigsaw puzzles and computing. On the ground floor, free coffee and tea are served, thanks to the generosity of the County Council for the funds. They are open.

Monday and Wednesday 9am - 6pm
Tuesday and Thursday 12 noon - 7pm
Saturday 9am - 4pm

You are urged to make use of Warm Spaces in Borehamwood. Meet people, forge camaraderie, keep warm and enjoy coffee and tea!

Cllr. Amb. Alpha Bird Collins, LLM



Warm Spaces in Borehamwood

MONDAY

Chatter Tables 11:30am-3:30pm at St Michael's Church
Borehamwood Library 9am-6pm at 96 Shenley Road

TUESDAY

Welcome Café 11:30am-3:30pm at St Michael's Church
Borehamwood Library 12pm-6pm at 96 Shenley Road

WEDNESDAY

Borehamwood Library 9am-6pm at 96 Shenley Road
Back2Bowls 1-3pm at Aberford Community Centre

THURSDAY

Welcome Café 11:30am-3:30pm at St Michael's Church
Borehamwood Library 12pm-7pm at 96 Shenley Road

FRIDAY

Organ Hall Community Centre 10am-4pm

SATURDAY

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Warm Spaces

What is a Warm Space?

Warm Spaces are places where people can gather in a warm, safe, welcoming place and enjoy some company and a free hot drink.



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Foodbank - British Empire Award Kristan Payne BEM



'I was shocked but thoroughly delighted to receive the British Empire Award in the New Year Honours list. I am very aware that without the full support of St Teresa's Church, the trustees and volunteers this would have been impossible.

I am proud to have played my part in this. The Foodbank is still going strong after almost ten years. It goes without saying that we hoped by now to be unnecessary but sadly in the present climate the Foodbank is busier than ever. The Foodbank has strengthened the Community as all donate to help their neighbours in need.

Soon, we realised that a full range of toiletries and household goods were needed. The Foodbank has risen to the challenge of helping with heating fuel costs, provision of new school uniforms and shoes, our surviving winter projects, CAB benefits advice and much more.

For me, personally one of my greatest achievements and joys was the formation of our Family Lunches. We were well ahead of the curve in this, it is unusual to include the whole family. Holiday hunger is a real issue for many with parents often skipping meals.

Combining a hot two course meal with an hour of crafts and activities for all ages was wonderful. Being creative is good for our wellbeing and raises our self-esteem. Families went home with food

for the week. I shall never forget the look of sheer delight when one boy spotted a box of cereals in his bag. You really would have thought it was Christmas.

We stayed open throughout the pandemic thanks to our dedicated teams and excellent hygiene practices.

I have been deeply touched by the kind words acknowledging my work and all I can say is Thank you. I have gained far more than I ever gave.

Julian Milner



Gratitude's Creative Club knit comforting clothes and blankets for hospital in-patients



Gratitude's Creative Club are a team of exceptional volunteers who work tirelessly to create wonderful, knitted products for donations to patients at our local hospitals.

In honour of Mitzvah day, the team delivered an astonishing 130 articles to Barnet General Hospital.

Knitted items were donated to the Barnet Hospital Trust:

For our Newborn department, and children's cancer ward we donated: 43 premature baby hats, 28 premature baby blankets, 11 baby bundles (blanket/hat/jumper/toy) and two scarves.

The following warm and comforting blankets and clothes were shared with patients in the elderly patients ward: 13 twiddle muffs, 19 lap blankets/single bed size blankets, six belts, one bag, one hat and 6 shawl/scarves.

Thank you to the wonderful team of Gratitude's Creative Club angels who #KnitForLove.

Gratitude supports Mitzvah day to recognize the importance of work done by Britain's faith communities to promote a loving attitude and help those in society in need it and would like to thank all those who were involved for their support and commitment to this wonderful initiative.

Carolyn Klein



Compost Corner



“. the work will still be there tomorrow”

Alf has been keeping busy since retirement over 10 years ago. Straight away, his wife Barbara made sure he had an allotment to keep him out of trouble, and he's seen there, most days, from first thing in the morning in all weathers, even if it's only for a few hours a day.

At this time of year, there's not too much to do as all the beds have been prepared well in advance, but the kettle is always on and there's an extra chair for visitors. "It gets me out of the house" says Alf, "as I always like to be doing something". I ask about his growing plan for the year ahead, but Alf doesn't have a particular one, only growing what Barbara likes to cook with, and of course family can help themselves to whatever he grows. Alf likes to grow produce using his instinct – perhaps that's a big factor in his undoubted success! He likes to be aware of how others are doing, and will offer to help if anyone is struggling.

Alf is a very modest gentleman, and very wise... "don't work too hard today, as the work will still be there tomorrow". He's a great example for what can be achieved in working a plot and has won the award in recent years for Best Plot. More power to his elbow!

Anne Nicodemus



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School News

Cowley Hill Primary School



EYQS - Early Years Quality Standard Award - SILVER

Over the past year, our team in Early Years Foundation Stage have been working extremely hard towards an Early Years Quality Standard accreditation.

This has focused on further developing our learning environment and the quality of the provision for our children. The team and unit have been visited by members of the Herts Early Years team and have received incredible feedback on all occasions. They were extremely impressed by the wonderful environment in which our children learn and develop on a daily basis. They also commented on the high quality interaction that all staff have with children. Our school is to be used as a model for other settings and we are so proud of the team and children who work so hard within our EYFS unit.

The hard work of the whole EYFS team must be acknowledged in the achievement of the EYQS silver award. Both the nursery and reception environments are inspiring, engaging and offer age-appropriate learning and challenge that excite the children and invite them to



engage in learning that improves the outcome for every child. The hard work and dedication of the practitioners to maintain such high-quality provision must be acknowledged. This includes positive interaction with children to extend their learning at every opportunity. It has been a pleasure to work with all the EYFS practitioners at Cowley Hill Primary School. Well done!

Caroline Luck Hfl EYFS Adviser

Primary Science Mark

In November we were one of only 14 primary schools in Hertfordshire to be awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark.

We are very proud of this achievement and it shows that we have a deep commitment to the teaching, learning and value that science has on young people.



Boxes of Cheer and Harvest - supporting our local community foodbank

At Cowley Hill our school community regularly support our local foodbank to help those in need.

This year we have already collected a large amount of donations through our Harvest Festival celebrations and then at Christmas we held our traditional Bauble Swap for a Box of Cheer. The boxes of cheer contained special Christmas items and a small game. Each one is for a family and contained a special card from our families to the families receiving the box. The Foodbank reported that these special hamper style boxes were gratefully received by their clients.



Year 6 Arsenal literacy and football tournament

In November some of our Year 6 children had the incredible opportunity to visit the training ground of Arsenal Football Club.

Here, they had the chance to stage a post-match interview in the press room and listen to a reading from author Dan Freedman, whose books have inspired the Jamie Johnson series on CBBC.

Later, they had the fantastic opportunity to play football in the high-quality facilities at the club! The pupils represented the school amazingly well and were all lucky enough to receive a medal and a signed copy of Jamie Johnson Born to Play by Dan Freedman himself.



Herts Wellbeing Quality Mark – second year running at Cowley Hill

We are pleased to have achieved another HFL Wellbeing Quality Mark.

A half-day validation visit was completed by our designated Wellbeing Adviser Kate Stockdale, in which we highlighted progress made, evaluated and shared impact evidence and demonstrated sustainability.

For over a year, we have been working with the rigorous, self-evaluation and review tool to examine, track and evidence commitment to wellbeing across the curriculum and the whole school culture and environment. This provided us with the opportunity to build on existing good practice of our priority area of focus on diversity and inclusion.



Aylmerton residential journey - September 2022

Our children took part in our annual Norfolk trip to Aylmerton at the end of September.

The children were great ambassadors for the school and had a fantastic week taking part in many activities including a trip to Blakeney to see the seals, swimming and a disco. They all learned how to manage their own equipment and belongings and take responsibility for themselves. It was our pleasure to see the children grow in confidence and maturity over the week.



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Parkside Primary School

Wow, this first term has been busy at Parkside Community Primary School

PGL School Trip

The new academic year started with our Year 6 children departing on their PGL trip to Liddington.

Lots of fun and new skills were developed by our children. Wall climbing, fencing, tunnelling, camp fires, raft building, aeroball, abseiling, the giant swing, the sensory trail, archery and rifle shooting were just some of the activities our children took part in. As a school community, we are incredibly proud of how brave and determined our Year 6 children were throughout the week, not only this but they represented Parkside extremely well, instructors commented on how polite, considerate and engaged all the children were.



Finally, we must thank our Year 6 team, Miss Wood and Mrs Knowles for supporting the children during their week away from home and giving up their own time to ensure the children had a week they would never forget.

Fireworks

Another year of fabulous fireworks at Parkside happened in November.

We thank everyone who came and supported us. We all hope you had a lovely evening and we look forward to more community events in 2023.



Sport at Parkside

This term has also seen the return of lots of sporting events.

Parkside have not only competed in football matches but also in hockey, table tennis, cross country and speed stacking. In terms of participation, it has been great to see children from Year 1 to Year 6 all having the opportunity to represent their school in competitive events. Success was also achieved in some events as Alfie in 3 Birch won the Year 3 event in the Watford and Hertsmere Cross Country while our Year 2 and 4 Speed Stacking team won not only their Year group events but the overall competition too. Miss Bowers did a terrific job in preparing the children, the speed at which the children stacked and collapsed their cups was phenomenal.



This Girl Can

'This Girl Can' in Herts Roadshow came to Parkside with a special guest visitor: Ella Wyrwas, a rugby player for Saracens and England.

The roadshow aims to increase the awareness of the importance of women's sports as well as promoting The Daily Mile initiative across Hertfordshire, with the hope of encouraging more schools across the county to get involved.

This Girl Can is a national campaign from Sport England and celebrates active women who are doing their thing, no matter what they do, no matter how they do it, and what they look like whilst partaking in physical activity. The campaign has successfully persuaded nearly four million women to act.



We were very proud to be one of only a few schools in Hertsmere to be selected to take part in this event and hopefully it will have inspired athletes of the future. It was great to see the girls in Year 5/6 enjoying their session with Miss Bowers and Ella to round off what was a lovely event to help encourage more girls to get into sport.

Joy of Moving with Watford FC

The Joy of Moving programme with Watford FC started for our Year 4 children in November.

The programme is designed to help children develop their physical, cognitive and social skills in a fun and educational way. It is a national school-based educational programme for children aged between 9 and 10 that has been developed by the English Football League (EFL) and over the last six weeks has provided an interactive and fun way of learning through both theoretical and practical sessions as well as improving children's knowledge around other lifestyle factors, which can then be taken home and help improve relatives' lives.

Christmas at Parkside

Year 2 visited St Michaels and All Angels church to learn about signs and symbols before the start of December. They then performed an amazing Christmas show alongside Year 1 in front of lots of our friends and families.

This was not the only show to take place at Parkside during December, as Reception and Nursery delivered a lovely retelling of the Nativity. The children acted so confidently and their singing... was just so beautiful! Well done to all the children and staff involved. Finally, we ended 2022 with a Carol Concert from our Year 3 and 4 children, who definitely got everyone into the Christmas spirit and we thank the residents from The Mead for coming along to watch too.



Anti-Bullying Week 2022

During Anti-bullying Week, the children were visited by Flip Theatre who delivered high energy, upbeat and creative awareness workshops from Reception to Year 6 with this year's key theme, "Reach Out".

The main learning objectives included: Recognising the power of kindness, Teaching the skills to be able to deal with bullying in a non-aggressive way and Improving resilience – knowing what to do and how to deal with it.

Black History Month

Black History Month is about celebrating and sharing knowledge; celebrating the contribution black people have made to freedoms, our culture and our society.

The children produced a terrific display at the end of October to showcase their learning. Frankie in Year 4 also wrote a very powerful spoken word poem which linked to the school's partnership with Show Racism the Red Card.

Kindness is needed for change. Making us understand how me and you are equal, showing that tomorrow can be a brighter day!

If we stand up for each other, we will make the world a better place. Together, we can make a difference by protecting one another, no matter what race we are.

Give Racism the Red Card!

Mr Liam Wanless

Year 4 teacher and Head of PE and social communications

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Saffron Green Primary School

What an amazing term it has been at Saffron Green with so many exciting events and enriched learning opportunities.

Saffron Green has reopened its doors to the community once again! With the re-establishment of our fantastic PTA we were able to host an exciting range of very well attended events such as our Christmas Fair, Christmas carol service, school nativity plays, Santa runs and many more. A big well done to all of the Early



Saffron Green Christmas Fair - School Choir Performance

Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children who performed amazing Christmas productions with such confidence and sparkle, we are extremely proud of each and every one of you.

This term we plan to continue our hard work around creating an engaging and broad curriculum for the children across all subject areas. We have embarked on a journey to support the children's reading skills and are excited to see the impact of our hard work as the children are taught systemically each week. We have also been successful in purchasing some exciting new science equipment to enhance the teaching of science across the school and bring learning to life through first hand experiments and experiences.

Physical Education will continue to be a focus this term at Saffron Green after the success of our first Santa Run. The children took part in running laps around the school, attempting to beat a personal target they set themselves. Although exhausting, it was a great way to motivate the children and staff to get active! We also have some exciting new lunchtime clubs starting this term, cheerleading and cricket will help support the wide range of physical activities we have to offer.

Amy Salsbury
Headteacher

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Girlguiding

Girlguiding is a wonderful opportunity for girls to develop their skills and gain new opportunities. We welcome girls from the age of four until they're 18 in our multiple units across Borehamwood. At our units, girls will get to try new things, go on trips, earn badges, meet new friends and partake in many other activities.



In the past, we have taken day trips to London, celebrated the Queen's Jubilee, had overnight trips to campsites (and even a shopping centre), played golf, been hiking and climbing as well as the many arts and crafts, games and sports we do in our weekly meetings. Girlguiding is here to not only provide opportunities, but also to give girls the confidence to access the world and make their own way through it. This is emphasised even more with our awards for our older members, such as the Queen's Guide Award and the Young Leader Qualification, both of which give girls integral skills for their adult lives.

Our units are supported by highly trained leaders who volunteer their time to help the girls get the best experience from their time in Girlguiding (while also having fun themselves). It also gives adults a chance to meet friends and try new things while guiding the girls through their journeys. If you are looking for a rewarding volunteer role, use the website below to register your interest.

We are always looking for new members to join us and help our organisation to grow, giving us the ability to provide more opportunities for more girls in the local area.

If you are interested in volunteering or signing your child up, please sign up at go.girlguiding.org.uk/join-us

Katie Appleford



Volunteers

The 3rd Borehamwood Rainbow unit urgently need more volunteers in order to stay open.

Having recently opened in the Spring of 2022, we have sadly lost two of our three adult leaders who have unexpectedly relocated/started a new job. If we cannot find anyone soon the unit may have to close which will be so sad for the children who go each Friday and love it. This role is voluntary but very rewarding.

Can you, or perhaps someone you know, stop this vital unit from closing? Girlguiding has a long association with Borehamwood. So many youngsters have enjoyed their time as Rainbows, Brownies and Guides in the town.

Girlguiding leader Nicola Day said: "We have a super team of volunteers but need at least one more adult helper to make things work for this particular unit. We know that many Girlguiding leaders work full time, so we are looking to run a flexible leadership team which will make it easier for everyone to volunteer. We need this additional support to keep our active unit running."

If you are interested in volunteering with us, please email elstreeandbwooddistrict@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk



Borehamwood schoolchildren to Balmoral Drive



Over a hundred pupils at Saffron Green Primary School in Borehamwood have taken part in an art competition in which they submitted drawings and messages of hope and solidarity with the survivors of the recent fire that destroyed blocks of flats on Balmoral Drive. The fire on 12 August 2022 sadly left 21 households without their homes and possessions.

In a visually stunning tribute, the winning designs have been spray-painted onto the hoarding outside the flats by a local graffiti artist, Lee Bennion. The children's artwork has now been transformed into a 50 feet long unity mural as the flats undergo reparation work.

The paintings sprayed on to the giant mural depict two hands making a heart shape with the wording "stronger together", rainbows and flowers

alongside the phrase "If you want the rainbow, you've got to put up with the rain", a Care Bear style teddy with "we stand with you" written on his tummy and children of different backgrounds holding hands next to the slogan "we all stand together".

The idea of showing support to the fire survivors came from Saffron Green pupil, 6 year old, Ava-Mae Smith who put her hand up in a school assembly during the first week of term on Monday 12 September and asked how she and her schoolmates could help.

Ava-Mae said: "I think we should do drawings for the people that lived in that burned house because I don't like people being sad, I like people being nice and happy and cheerful. I think when they see them then they are going to think happiness and I think it's going to feel like everything is going to be ok and their house is going to be fixed soon. They can start a new life and have the same things they wanted, whatever they managed to take with them they can still start a new life."

At about the same time, having been in daily contact with many of the survivors who were staying in local hotels, Borehamwood Kenilworth ward Cllr Dan Ozarow was concerned about their emotional wellbeing and was thinking of ways to lift their spirits. He visited the school to discuss ideas of how to do this with the teachers. By coincidence as he left he bumped into Lee Bennion outside and the project was born. Cllr Ozarow says: "In these depressing times, this mural shines as a beacon of hope and unity for our local community. The survivors of this terrible fire have been through so much and have the support of our entire town. Once again it is local children who are at the forefront of creative ways of helping others. I thank the teachers and pupils at Saffron Green, Lee the artist and Clarion Housing for allowing us to use their hoarding for this project."

The winning designs were chosen by a jury that included Ava-Mae, Saffron Green Primary School's Head Teacher, Miss Salsbury, local ward Cllrs Dan Ozarow and Rebecca Challice, and fire survivor Katie Burchell.



in moving mural tribute fire survivors

Expressing what the children's initiative and the mural means for her and the other survivors, Ms Burchell explained: "It was an absolute pleasure to be involved in this project and to feel so supported by the community. Thank you so much to all the children at Saffron Green."

The graffiti artist Mr Bennion who volunteered his time to spraypaint the images onto the mural and whose son attends the school stated: "The designs the children drew were all beautiful. They were just amazing. Looking through them nearly brought tears to our eyes. Well done to the finalists and all of you. I am really proud of Saffron Green."

Saffron Green Head Miss Salsbury who only took over the role May 2022 said: "I



feel very moved and extremely proud by the empathy and kindness shown by all the children at Saffron Green despite their young age. Their caring nature and thoughtful actions are an asset to our school and our community. We are honoured to be able to support our local community and hopefully show them that they are not alone."

The materials for the mural were kindly paid for using funding from Cllr Rebecca Challice and Cllr Dan Ozarow's Hertsmere Borough Council Ward Improvement Initiative Scheme (WIIS) budgets.

A short video of the project, including all of the other pupils' drawings can be seen here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGGEsykKTVk>



Senior clubs

DR 96

DR 96, over 60s Club, continues to grow. Membership is increasing. Every week there are either exercises, an entertainer or a speaker as well as a quiz, bingo, Hoy and a raffle.

On 30 November St Andrew's day was celebrated in true Scottish style. Piper George Carr piped in the haggis fulfilling the ceremony with reading from Robbie Burns and attacking the haggis with his dirk. Thanks to Sasha for organising the Haggis neeps and tatties.

70 DR96 members celebrated Christmas in style at The Manor Hotel Elstree on 7 December. The decorations in the hotel were wonderful and we felt so grateful to be enjoying the afternoon together after such a bad year. The hotel staff did us proud. The food was excellent. A full Christmas lunch with crackers, starters, turkey roast, dessert followed by mince pies teas and coffees. All special dietary requirements were met with ease and no fuss.

At the Christmas lunch, Sasha Cappoci, DR96 Club treasurer, organised a raffle and raised £215 for the Borehamwood Foodbank. Our members wanted to help those struggling this year.

Unfortunately, the Christmas party planned for 14 December was postponed because of the snow. The party was held in the New Year.

DR96 meets at 96 Shenley Road every Wednesday.
New members always welcome.



Dementia Club

The Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia club members went to the Barracuda in Shenley Road for brunch to celebrate Christmas together.

Thank you to Herts County Council for the festive grant towards the meal. This was followed by a party at Fairway Hall in the afternoon. Thanks to our special helpers Sarah Donnelly, exercise tutor, Paula Shorey, Lal Joshi and Yvonne Harris for refreshments and chats to members. Thank you to Michael for the weekly quiz and to Shamini for helping with labels etc.

Each week there is a quiz. Some afternoons there are entertainers or speakers. Members will visit the Dutch nursery.

New members always welcome.

Monday Club

The Monday Club meets every other Monday at Aberford Hall, membership is slowly increasing and new members are always welcome.

The Christmas party planned for 12 December had to be postponed until January 9 due to the snow. 20 members enjoyed a late festive lunch at the Toby. Thank you to Herts County Council for the festive grant towards the meal.

Every meeting there is a quiz, bingo raffle and sometimes a speaker or entertainer. Trips are arranged on a regular basis. Our next trip will be to Anglesey Abbey to see the daffodils.

Dates for 2023: 6 and 20 February, 6 and 20 March, 3 and 17 April.



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

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Sandra Parnell: 07736809015 sparnell513@gmail.com

Pat Strack 07790305428 p.strack@icloud.com

Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council

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You!



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)

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One of our regular guests has been here from the very first day, Slimming World with Hannah Harmen! "As one of the very first hirers at 96 Shenley Road I couldn't recommend the centre enough. I am there every Wednesday to run my Slimming World group at 5:30pm and 7pm (and Marie is there every Thursday 9:30am and 11am). The building is excellent, and the staff are ever so helpful. I am so glad that I chose 96 to start my small local business"

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To keep up to date with everything we are doing, drop us a like on Facebook @96ShenleyRoad



Drama, romance, action, comedy!

National Theatre Live has it all

Some of the best masterpieces from the National Theatre are coming here to 96 Shenley Road on the big screen. Kicking off 2023 we have The Crucible on Saturday 28 January at 2pm, followed by Othello on Saturday 25 February at 2pm. Then we have GOOD Starring David Tennant on Saturday 29 April at 2pm

We have more shows ready to be announced soon so make sure to keep an eye out on 96ShenleyRoad.co.uk, all tickets are also available there so make sure to grab yours now!



Murder, Mayhem & Mystery - A Journey Through The Dark Side

2023 opens with a brand new Exhibition.

Travelling back to 1735 when Dick Turpin invaded an Elstree farm with his gang, we progress through nearly 250 years of local history to 1971 when another gang attacked Barclays Bank in Shenley Road. Years of Murder, Mayhem & Mystery indeed. In between you will find stories of dastardly deeds, murders punished and unpunished, secret houses hidden in plain sight and 'celebrities' in trouble - from Martha Ray in 1779 to Sophia Loren in 1960.

We examine the first 'trial by newspaper' of the murder of William Weare in Radlett. We have the pistol that John Thurtell used to commit his brutal crime, and the newspapers from that time. And then we have plenty of stories of local misdeeds which you may have heard about, but never in this detail before. A poisoner from Rowley Green, a bigamist from Elstree and a fraudster from Deacons Hill Road are just some of the tales we've assembled for you.

The Exhibition opens on Tuesday 31 January and runs until August. Come and be entertained by some stories from the Dark Side.



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Visit your library this springtime

The long, cold grip of winter is behind us, hopefully – English weather is a fickle beast – and the first signs of springtime are starting to appear.

Whilst it is hardly time to cast the proverbial clout, it seems safe at last to follow the example of the hedgehog and venture out of hibernation to see what the world has to offer.

Borehamwood Library can provide the perfect change of scenery for anyone a little tired of being holed up all winter long. We have comfy chairs scattered about the library so find yourself the perfect spot to sit and read a while. We receive daily newspapers as well as a selection of weekly magazines and there is a convenient café located on the ground floor here at No.96.

Hey, you don't have to be a bookworm to enjoy the library, either! Head to the first floor and add a few pieces to our community jigsaw puzzle or let yourself relax with some adult colouring.

Our friendly Thursday meetup Craft & a Cuppa is perfect for anyone looking to get out of the house for a bit, meet some new people and have a chat. Why not drop-in next week at 2pm? Bring your crochet or sewing, sketching or whatever else takes your fancy and swap tips and tricks.

Do you know what else springtime is? The perfect time to finally figure out that tablet you got for Christmas. We host monthly Tea & Tablet sessions, enabling customers to gain confidence with technology in an informal setting. Speak to a member of staff today for more information or to book a place for next time.

James McCorry



60th Celebrations at Maxwell Park Community Centre

Save the date - Saturday 17 June 2023 - Fun and activities for all the family

After 60 years of many ups and downs we are still here and ready to celebrate this milestone anniversary!

So many changes since the centre opened as 'The Lynx' in 1963, a community centre built by the local businessman Ivor Bailey for the residents of Borehamwood. Initially the focus was on providing a place for local youth to hang out. Bands were booked and the likes of Eric Clapton, The Who, Elton John, Amen Corner and many others played their early gigs here. Quite a historic music venue!

Many of the Ageless Generation have popped into the centre to tell us of how, in the good old days part of their teenage years were spent in 'The Lynx'. Lyn Sherwood is one of those. Although she was there for a very special occasion, Lyn and her husband Peter were

the first couple to hold their wedding reception at the venue! We still see Lyn on a weekly basis when she comes in to one of the many activities that are held at the centre.

We are looking forward to the next ten years of providing a very much loved and needed venue for the residents of Borehamwood and our neighbouring towns.

For anyone who comes to our centre they will know that our brilliant hirers provide activities for Small Humans to the Ageless Generation.

We look forward to seeing you on the 17 June if not before....

Please look out for updates of our 60th celebrations and activities on:

MPCC Events/ What's On: www.maxwellpcc.org

Facebook page: Maxwell Park Community Centre

Email: admin@maxwellpcc.org

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Winter



Elstree and Borehamwood's Got Talent winners

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- 2nd - Elise Nelson
- 3rd - Libby Niella

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The Community Choir



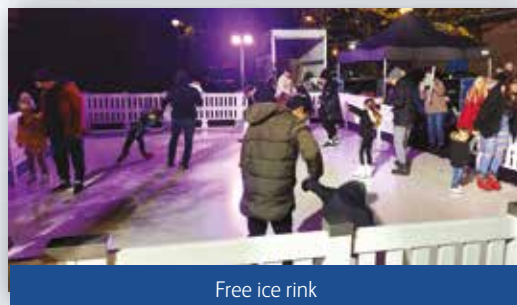
Borehamwood Rock Choir



Free Santa's grotto



Borehamwood Brass



Free ice rink

Remembrance 2022



Members of the Studios Rotary Club were out in force over the weekend of 12 and 13 November assisting with this year's Poppy Appeal.

Five Rotarians, Pat Strack, Geoff Strack, George Carr, Irmine Mason and Andrew Grady all gave up time to selling poppies on behalf of Borehamwood Royal British Legion at Morrisons. Sandra Parnell assisted the RBL helping on the stall set up in our local Tesco.

Our president, Sasha Capocci provided much needed refreshments for the Air and Army Cadets selling poppies in Shenley Road.

On Sunday 13 November, Rotarians were in the parade in Borehamwood where our club president Sasha Capocci laid a wreath on behalf of Studios Rotary Club, and Charles Kelly laid a wreath on behalf of Elstree & Borehamwood Rotary Club. Victor Eni, Deputy Borough Mayor and Town Mayor, Sandra Parnell laid wreaths in their official capacities. Cllr Pat Strack laid a wreath as leader of the Town Council.

Our president elect, Andrew Grady sounded the Last Post and Reveille at the Remembrance Service at the War Memorial, which this year was led by Rev. Louise Collins assisted by Rabbi Thacker. George Carr performed 'A Pipers Lament' at the end of the service, which was appreciated by the huge, massed gathering this year.



Clive Butchins, Town Deputy Mayor laid the wreath at the Elstree memorial after reading a lesson at the service in St. Nicholas Church.

Clive Butchins also represented our town at the Armistice Day events in our French twin town, Fontenay-aux-Roses, on 11 November. The town wreath was laid by Clive and the BETTA wreath by his wife Elaine. There followed a procession around the communal cemetery honouring all the deceased servants of France buried there.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

As the Poppy Appeal organiser for the Royal British Legion in Borehamwood, I would just like to thank all the businesses and residents who supported our appeal this year.

As you should be aware, we raise money in support of ex-service people and their dependants and with your support this year we were able to mount a concerted campaign towards this aim. With the aid of the local Army and Air cadets we were able to have street collections within the local shopping area and with our small band of volunteers we were able to man stalls at both Morrisons and Tesco stores.

Again, I would like to thank all those who donated so generously towards our charity which enabled us in this time of recession to raise a total of £30,783.35p.

Well done to the people of Elstree and Borehamwood.

The Legion still has its social club in Shenley Road, and it welcomes new members to come along and take part in its activities and social events.

We would also welcome along anybody who would be willing to help with our future fund raising, especially with preparing, delivering and collecting of poppy boxes and of course giving some time to help on our fundraising stalls.

Many thanks to you all.

For further details contact the Royal British Legion at 289 Shenley Road or telephone 020 8386 2900.

**Carol Denbigh
Poppy Appeal Organiser
RBL Borehamwood**

We raised a total of
£30,783.35p.



Elstree and Borehamwood NSPCC

The Elstree and Borehamwood NSPCC Committee have had a very successful 2022 Winter season.

On 6 November we held our annual Craft and Gift Fair in Allum Hall, Elstree. This was a cheerful event with music from Borehamwood Brass and local musicians including Nick Male and Blue Grass Boys, many stalls and refreshments were served all day. The profit for the work of the NSPCC was a most rewarding £3,100.

We followed up with the annual cooperation with Borehamwood Brass collecting for their Christmas Carol Concert sessions in Tesco Extra, Borehamwood.

The total donated by generous Tesco customers was £1641 such is the power of music! Our thanks to Tesco and Borehamwood Brass. Thanks to Studios Rotary members who shook the buckets and to Sasha Capocci, president, for providing the refreshments.



For 2023 we plan a fundraising lunch at a date to be arranged and the famous Schopwick Garden Party on Sunday 23 July. An exhibition of Elstree Past, Present and Future will be held in St Nicholas Church.

New Year greetings to all our supporters.

Ann Goddard
Chairman E&B NSPCC Committee
020 89531436

Shizentai Judo Club

Shizentai Judo Club came out on top in the Autumn at the British Kata Championships.

Chief instructor Ricky Cleevly led a team of seven Judoka and he returned to Shizentai with three gold medals and three national titles. The team achieved a total of eight gold medals, two silver and two bronze.

Shizentai Judo established in 2012 and is a community club based at 96 Shenley Road which prides itself in offering sessions for all ages, beginners to black belts. The club has a number of coaches and sessions throughout the week and has sessions for ladies only and individuals with additional needs.

Practising Judo is great for general wellbeing, fitness, discipline, confidence and a sense of community.

Further details can be found on their website www.shizentaijudo.co.uk. If you are considering giving an Olympic sport a try please email shizentaijudoclub@hotmail.co.uk



Studios Rotary Club

Studios Rotary Club raise funds for Children in Need

In November, Studios Rotary Club held a raffle raising £142 for Children in Need. The winner of Pudsey Bear was Jan Venga. President Sasha Cappoci presented him with his prize, he was over the moon.

Pat Strack



Tapestries of Faith

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

Children, families and community groups come together to 'sow the seeds of love' for Borehamwood & Elstree Mitzvah Day

Mitzvah Day

Mitzvah Day is the UK's largest faith-led day of social action. A Jewish-led celebration, over 40,000 people around the world come together to give their time, not money, to make a difference to the community around us (see mitzvahday.org.uk)

Across Borehamwood and Elstree an estimated one thousand people from faith groups, children and teachers in local schools and community groups engaged in a mass flower-planting project in the lead up to Mitzvah Day on 20 November 2022, coordinated by food poverty charity Gratitude.

Bringing children, families and people of different backgrounds together, the "Sowing the Seeds of Love" project sought to aid local biodiversity, improve the environment and counteract climate change. Volunteers performed weeding and raking of open areas of land in strategic sites in preparation for bulb-planting.

Then on Mitzvah Day itself, dozens of people including local councillors, faith leaders, headteachers of local schools, volunteers and children gathered at Borehamwood Mosque next to Maxwell Park to engage in mass planting of bulbs; including daffodils, narcissus, crocuses and other seasonal flowers.

In total, more than 3,000 bulbs were planted in an initiative that followed the success of last year's Mitzvah Day in which local schoolchildren launched the Children's Climate Emergency Manifesto and their pictures were put on display in a "Homage to Planet Earth" at Gratitude's Hub on Elstree Way.

Among the participating organisations were St Michael and All Angels Church (CoE) and their gardening friends from Aycliffe Road Multi-Purpose Day Centre, Borehamwood Islamic Society, Hare Krishna Temple - Bhaktivedanta Manor, Yavneh College, St Teresa's Roman Catholic Primary School, Kenilworth Primary School, Saffron Green Primary School, Borehamwood & Elstree Synagogue and The Liberal Synagogue Elstree.

Local Christian, Hare Krishna, Muslim and Jewish communities took part in this interfaith initiative and some of their places of worship opened up their garden/wooded areas so that flowers could be planted. Compost, bulbs, plant pots and plants were kindly supplied by Gratitude, Borehamwood-based Folia Europe and Garden On A Roll.

John Carlisle from Gratitude said: "The thing about spring that always fills me with joy is the bluebells, snowdrops and daffodils coming up. But hey, to achieve the harvest we need to plant the seeds. This bulb planting is a great metaphor. Investing our time and energy in the future. The near future with the bulbs. And the further future with the children. Gratitude is about paying it forward. Let's give our children, our communities and our planet a chance. Sowing the seeds of love."



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Music & light on Chanukah

The fourth night of Chanukah is affectionately known as 'Two Ronnies Night' because we light four candles (not fork handles!).

This year, Borehamwood & Elstree Synagogue held an event for women on this night (21 December) called 'Music & Light'. The music was provided by students from Hertsmere Jewish Primary School and Yavneh College, which ranged from pop and rock, to classical, to musicals and Jewish music – something for everyone, as the audience encompassed women of all ages and interests.

There was a chance for everyone to sing traditional songs together, and of course, the lighting of the Chanukah candles, led by

Rebbetzen Eva Chapper.

Everyone enjoyed a light supper which included latkes and doughnuts – foods traditionally associated with Chanukah as they're fried in oil which reminds us of one of the miracles of Chanukah. One jug of oil, which should have been enough to light the Menorah (candelabra in the Temple) for just one night, lasting for eight nights.

This event was one of several events organised by Borehamwood & Elstree Synagogue throughout the festival of Chanukah.

Caroline Levison
(Women's Officer, Borehamwood & Elstree Synagogue)



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Music in the Wood



Borehamwood Brass

Calling all brass players!

Would you like to join your local brass band? Borehamwood Brass is the brass band for Elstree and Borehamwood, and we are looking for new players.

We currently have a few spaces in the band. In particular, we'd like to meet new cornet players, and people who can play horns, baritone or percussion, but all brass players are very welcome.

Borehamwood Brass is a mixed ability band, with some very fine players indeed, and some not so experienced. We are a community band, but



we think most people would agree that we perform to a very high standard, and we've won a number of awards in the past.

To join, you need to be able to read music and ideally you would have playing experience to Grade 5 or above. If your sightreading is a little rusty, that will soon improve when you start playing again.

We use our Friday night rehearsals to try out a wide range of music as well as preparing for concerts and the other events where we perform. The big ones each summer are the EBTC Summer Prom concert and the NSPCC Fete. Then in the winter, we are busy with carolling and other events around Christmas.

We work hard at the music, but we keep it fun and informal. We are a friendly bunch, so if you can play, you will soon fit in and feel at home.

We rehearse on Friday evenings at the St Teresa Roman Catholic Church Hall at 291 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, and we expect players to commit to rehearsing regularly on Fridays, and joining in for our performances.

If you are interested in trying us out, please get in contact with our Secretary, Andrew Grady borehamwoodbrass@hotmail.com or see our website www.borehamwoodbrass.org.uk

Anna Wood

Borehamwood and Elstree Community Radio project

Articles in the Town Crier have had a good response.

Those who have already expressed an interest were contacted by the end of January. We need more volunteers to set up the radio station.

BECR project board are in negotiation for a physical space for a studio using equipment purchased, and would aim to start making programmes and later setting up online streaming. This could be as little as three hours a day

The opportunity to go on air on digital radio will now probably be in 2025 so there are a good two years to establish everything. This would be a parallel activity to the podcasts for young people funded by Clarion as all ultimately are part of the overall BECR project.





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Elstree Mozart Players

Bringing classical music to the Wood



The Noah's Ark Children's Hospice

On Saturday 19 November Elstree Mozart Players, working in partnership with The Rotary Club of the Studios of Elstree and Borehamwood presented a fundraising concert in aid of The Noah's Ark Children's Hospice, based in Barnet.

The charity is one of the designated causes for the Studio Rotary Club's President, Sasha Capocci. The concert raffle raised £400 for the Children's Hospice.

The concert was attended by the Mayor and Consort of Hertsmere, Cllr John Graham, and his wife Barbara. Also in attendance was Town Mayor Cllr Sandra Parnell.

The audience were enthralled by the performance of internationally renowned soprano Janice Watson who performed several well-known arias, such as 'Strida La Vampa' by Verdi, 'The Sun whose Rays' from

the Mikado, and 'Habanera' from Bizet's Carmen as part of the evening's concert.

The orchestra performed a programme of light music for all tastes, featuring many well-known pieces, such as The Light Cavalry by Suppé, The Merchant of Venice Suite by Arthur Sullivan, The Emperor Waltz Op 437 by Johann Strauss, concluding the concert with The Cockaigne Overture (In London Town) by Sir Edward Elgar.

At the close of the concert Town Mayor Cllr Parnell, offered a vote of thanks to all those who had made the evening possible, which included Sasha Capocci, Pat Strack, Andrew Grady, and members from the Studios Rotary Club who had assisted in the running of the concert.



Sasha Capocci presents Janice Watson with a bouquet of flowers in recognition of her wonderful performance during the evening's concert

Elstree Mozart Players Orchestra

The orchestra, formed by Derek Holland, Cllr Pat Strack, and Andrew Grady in 2018, brings classical music to the community in Elstree & Borehamwood.

On Saturday 10 December the orchestra presented a fundraising Festive Concert in aid of Borehamwood Foodbank. The Foodbank is the chosen charity for the Town Mayor, Cllr Sandra Parnell. Over £200 was raised. The concert was attended by the Deputy Mayor of Hertsmere, Cllr Victor Eni, with the Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr Clive Butchins, and his wife Elaine in attendance.

The orchestra's 2023 season starts on Saturday 1 April 2023 at 7:30pm presenting a charity concert at All Saints Church in Shenley Road, Borehamwood. Funds will be raised in aid of The Peace Hospice in Watford, the designated charity for Cllr John Graham, Mayor of Hertsmere 2022-3

The concert features a performance of Handel's 'Messiah from Scratch'. If you would like to sing in this concert, please contact Derek Holland on derek.holland3@btopenworld.com

On Sunday 18 June 2023 at 7:30pm we will be performing a concert as part of Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council's Civic Festival and will be in aid of the Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Club.

On Saturday 7 October 2023 at 7:30pm the orchestra will be performing an Autumn Concert, supported by The Rotary Club of the Studios of Elstree and Borehamwood at Allum Manor & Hall. This concert will be in aid of the designated charity for the Rotary Club's President for 2023-24.

For anyone requiring more information or are 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: elstremozartplayers@outlook.com



Environment

Barnet Lane West development proposals by Inland Homes

Hartfield Avenue Residents Association and Elstree & Borehamwood Green Belt Society oppose these proposals.



This is an incursion into the Green Belt adjacent to the proposed replacement Woodcock Hill Village Green, with no special circumstances demonstrated. Traffic chaos at Deacons Hill Rd, loss of habitats, and increase on pressure on fragile infrastructure.

Inland Homes want to know your views on the proposals. To provide feedback or ask questions, please call 020 7139 5010 or email BarnetLaneWest@communicationspotential.co.uk

Contact your local councillors:

CLr Harvey Cohen: clr.harvey.cohen@hertsmere.gov.uk

CLr Morris Bright: clr.morris.bright@hertsmere.gov.uk

County CLr Caroline Clapper: caroline.clapper@hertfordshire.gov.uk



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- A children's play area;
- New pedestrian and cycle links;
- Vehicular access off Hartfield Avenue.

Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society

Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society continues to campaign to save our precious Green Belt from destruction against increasing pressure from development.

New housing is needed but should be sited on brownfield areas if possible. The next Sky Studios developments will inevitably swallow up a large swathe of Green Belt along Rowley Lane. We have been fighting to minimise the impact on our countryside.

A possible solution to the vexed Aldenham Reservoir preservation question seems in sight. The owners, Liberty Lake Leisure, and Hertsmere Planning Committee are discussing an arrangement whereby development of the mere area as a business park will provide funding for the repair of the dam and maintenance of the lake and its surrounds might be agreed. We support this strongly as a Special Circumstance justifying use of Green Belt land, saving the reservoir which is such a valuable community asset.

We have opposed the development proposed on Woodcock Hill and its loss of Village Green Status. We also oppose the solar plant proposed for Butterfly Lane.

Tykeswater Lane, a by-way for all vehicular traffic, continues to cause problems and concerns to local residents. 4 by 4 vehicles churn up the path and make it dangerous for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders as well as disturbing the wild life.

Shenley footpath no 3 is another major cause for concern. Part of the track is used illegally by horse riders thus making the path impassable at times for pedestrians. There is an order to divert the path from its route passing through the Well End Scout Activity Centre. A new bridle path is on hold as there is one objector.

Please join the EGBS to save our Hertfordshire countryside.

Want to know more? Contact ebgreenbelt.org or Ann Goddard Chairman E&B Green Belt Society, 020 89531436.

Aldenham reservoir

Plans are moving forward for Jewel of Hertsmere (formerly Liberty Lake Leisure Ltd) and Liberty Aldenham Ltd to submit a planning application on land they own on Watford Road. The land is zoned for employment by Hertsmere Borough Council.

In October members of EGBGS and local environment groups were invited to a meeting by landowner, Nitin Gosrani. His agent explained the proposals and how, if successful, money would be forthcoming, to set up a trust to manage the reservoir and its environs. The Dam Inspector reports show that the dam is a high risk and needs work urgently.

Councillors and members of environmental groups were invited to

a presentation at Fairway Hall on 9 November 2pm - 4pm. A public consultation was held at Allum Hall on 1 December 2pm - 7pm allowing residents the opportunity to talk to the agent about the proposals and receive the details

As well as EGBGS, the Elstree Preservation Society, Aldenham Country Park Trust, Aldenham Country Park Advisory Panel, Aldenham Angling Society and Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council have welcomed the attempt to reach a solution to preserve the Reservoir for public use in perpetuity.

The good news is that permission has been granted for a public footpath to be designated around the reservoir.

The full proposals are available on EGBGS website ebgreenbelt.org



Tu B'Shevat invitation

Sunday 12 February at Carrington Ave, footpath 9 by the field 10:45am for 11am start, finish at 1pm. Please join us when you can between these times.

Celebrating the first anniversary on Woodcock Hill Village Green.

- Wear sturdy shoes or boots and warm clothing;
- Please bring your own gardening gloves, (trowel, forks and spades if you have them);
- Invitation to all faiths;
- An opportunity for the community to work and celebrate together.

Tu B'Shevat is the Jewish 'New Year for Trees'. It is one of the four Jewish new years. Tu B'Shevat is often called the Israeli Arbor Day, adopting the holiday to further environmental projects. On Tu B'Shevat Jews often eat fruits associated with the Holy Land, especially the ones mentioned in the Torah.



This year we will be joined again by Rotary District 1130 members of the Trees for Peace Group who helped plant trees in 2019.

Last year's event was a huge success with the Masorti Community who have moved to Borehamwood. Rabbi Newman, EBMC, marked the joint project with a brief summary of the celebration and prayers for us all. Alison Arellano organised goodie bags for all participants. They were very much appreciated.

Vivien Spevock EBMC: 'I went back to my son's house and we read the story of "Honi Hame- Agel". He planted carob trees in Israel, fell asleep for 70 years, woke up to see the carob trees, but not recognising any of the people around him - a "Rip Van Winkle" type story emphasising the need to do things that benefit future generations.

The abbreviated story can be found here en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Honi_HaMe%27agel

Diversity festival

#Diversity2022

Unity in diversity

Have you heard the one about the Englishman, the Nigerian and the Peruvian? No - it's not a joke, it's a description of Diversity 2022.

Where else, but at our annual two-day international festival, could an English attendee buy beautiful Nigerian jewellery, or take part in exuberant Peruvian folk dancing?

Where else could he join in joyful drumming and laughter workshops or enjoy the unique sights and sounds of Soul Jump, with its Jewish and Afro-Caribbean performers?

The delightful Indian child dancers were also a great hit with the multicultural audience. Delicious foods from all over the world were enjoyed in our international sharing buffet. A fascinating plenary session on Mental Health and Wellbeing featured input from a multi-disciplinary team of health service professionals.

Diversity Festival was born during Victor Eni's Town Mayoral year with Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council. Now Victor is the Deputy Mayor of Hertsmere. To show their respect for Victor and their support for diversity, both Cllr John Graham and his Mayoress, Barbara, from the Borough and our current Town Mayor, Cllr Sandra Parnell, came to demonstrate their active support.

Says Victor: " This was our fifth Diversity weekend and it just goes from strength to strength. It reflects the growing diversity of our vibrant community. Thank you to everyone who came. See you next year!"





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Elstree and Borehamwood

Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 8 March 2023 at 7.30pm



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Brook Close, Borehamwood, WD6 5BT

Dear residents of Elstree and Borehamwood

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting called by the Mayor, Cllr Sandra Parnell.

The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for electors to have their say on anything they consider to be important to the people of Elstree and Borehamwood.

Any registered elector is welcome to attend.

The council may invite local clubs, societies or other voluntary and statutory organisations to speak about the work of their group.

Cllr Sandra Parnell
Town Mayor

Cllr Mrs P Strack
Leader of Council

H R O Jones
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Shoham Town Twinning



I recently accompanied our Town Clerk on a visit to Shoham, Borehamwood & Elstree's newest twin town. Located in Central Israel, Shoham shares many similarities with our area.

Our visit focused upon ensuring that the new twinning arrangements deliver tangible economic, social and cultural benefits.

We were warmly welcomed at Shoham's high school where discussions with the headteacher helped identify areas for future collaboration between young people in Shoham and Borehamwood and Elstree. These will include exchange visits and regular interaction over Zoom and other internet platforms.

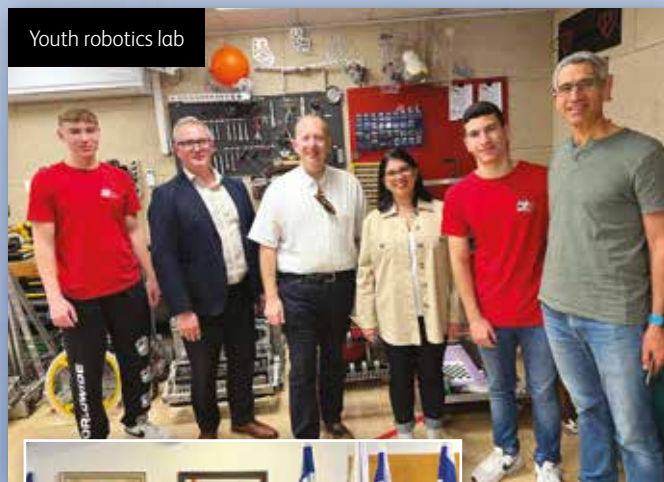
Some of the most exciting plans will focus on robotics, in which Shoham is an international leader. We visited the youth robotics laboratory and met with members of their international award winning young people's robotics team. This project is led entirely by local youth with support from mentors and funding from local business and the municipality. We had the opportunity to 'meet' a basketball playing robot designed by the young people that had recently won a global award.



We also visited Shoham's innovative 'community gardens': a modern variation on our more traditional allotments. The gardens are council funded, but operated entirely by volunteers from the local community. They grow a variety of produce that is distributed to local families. The gardens are highly sustainable and also provide a hub for both educational and social activities.



Shoham Community Gardens



Youth robotics lab

In meetings with local officials we discussed a proposed international football tournament involving Borehamwood's three twin towns. We were impressed by the extent to which the streets and buildings in Shoham are accessible to all. Shoham is a world leader on accessibility and trains councils around the world.

When I proposed the twinning motion last year with Cllr Parnell, I stressed that we must deliver tangible benefits for local people. I'm confident that we are on course to achieve this.

Cllr J Newmark

Cllr Newmark's and Cllr Parnell's visits to Shoham were funded personally, not by the council.



Cllr Newmark and Town Clerk presenting Cllr Peleg Reshef of Shoham with the Elstree & Borehamwood Town Plaque



Town Mayor Sandra Parnell visiting the Robotics Laboratory earlier on in the year



Update on the Elstree and Borehamwood Neighbourhood Plan



Work on the Neighbourhood Plan for Elstree and Borehamwood continues. Ultimately this document will contain policies to determine how land is used locally and to help decide the outcome of planning applications in our area.

An opportunity to protect our valued green spaces - we have a unique opportunity in our Neighbourhood Plan to protect green spaces that are important to us. We can designate 'Local Green Space', which would mean that these spaces would be protected to the level of Green Belt. Not every space is suitable for designation as each one needs to meet certain criteria. For example, the space must be fairly small in size, located within the community and – importantly – must be 'demonstrably special' for one or more of the following reasons:

- **Recreation** - the space is used for recreation, informal or formal;
- **Wildlife** - the space is rich in biodiversity;
- **Tranquil** - the space offers a spot for reflection in an otherwise urban area;
- **Beauty** - the space is particularly attractive;
- **Historic** - the space is notable from a historical perspective.

Many of you have already been nominating potential spaces, suggestions including Thirskcliffe Nature Park, Cowley Hill, and the allotments and Red Road Park.



Are there spaces that you would like to nominate? Maybe there is an area near to where you live that is special to you. Please complete our survey or get in touch with us to make your suggestions.

How to get involved

- Fill in the survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/EBNP1>
- If you run a local group, get in touch as we would love to come and talk to your members in person about the project;
- Join the steering group which is overseeing the whole project;
- Talk to us about a specific topic area if you have local knowledge, interest or expertise;
- Tell your friends, families and colleagues about the Plan and encourage them to complete the survey.

Contact us

- Visit our website at: <http://www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk/> (Neighbourhood Plan);
- Email us: neighbourplan@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk
- Call us: 07930 325965.

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Sustainable transport sub-committee update

Further to the full update in the last edition of the Town Crier, the Council's Sustainable Transport sub-committee is pleased to report that the electric vehicle charging points have now been installed at our Fairway Hall offices and will shortly be open for public use.

The Beryl Bike Cycle Hire scheme is now fully operational with financial support from the Town Council. Initial usage figures indicate a strong uptake. The committee is currently focussing upon a more long term project together with the borough and county councils to



review, repair and expand the town's existing cycle highways. The committee is also supporting a Youth Council led initiative to deliver a campaign encouraging people to walk on journeys under a mile and to cycle for all journeys under three miles.

Cllr Jeremy Newmark



Beryl Bike launch



Charging points at Fairway Hall

Youth Council Question Time

On the 7 November 2022, Elstree and Borehamwood Youth Council hosted their first-ever Question Time event by the youth for the youth.

The Youth Council's objective was to get local young people more involved and more engaged in the political process. Our panel consisted of politicians from the Labour and Liberal Democrat Parties (the Conservative panellist was unable to attend to



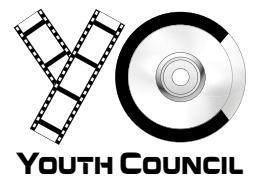
extenuating circumstances), the first team manager of Boreham Wood FC – Luke Garrard and the owner and chairman of Boreham Wood FC - Danny Hunter.

It was very well attended and those in attendance were able to hear about all the different issues varying from Healthcare to Housing. Members of the local Youth Council were able to learn about the contrast in the views of the different political parties and how this influences their policies. A highlight of the event was listening to Danny Hunter talking about the importance and impact of education.

Overall, all present finished the evening greatly enthused and the Youth Council hopes to hold another Question Time next year to increase political engagement in the community.

Adam Duke
Chairman of the Elstree and Borehamwood Youth Council

ELSTREE & BOREHAMWOOD



“Who do I talk to about.....?”

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

Here is a brief list of key functions covered by each council to help untangle the web and to show who does what in your area.

Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council is responsible for:

- The office of the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Mayoral engagements
- The management of the three allotment sites at Melrose Avenue, Allum Lane and Stapleton Gardens
- Support of the town twinning with Fontenay-aux-Roses and Offenburg
- A programme of entertainment and events throughout the year such as the two week Summer Festival (including the Civic Parade and Families Day), Guy Fawkes night fireworks, Christmas lights switch-on and musical concerts (including the BBC Band and local bands)
- Coach outings for residents over 60 years of age
- The award of grants to local groups and charities and honorary titles to local champions
- The free quarterly magazine “Town Crier”
- Street seating, some notice boards and church clocks
- Upkeep of closed churchyards (All Saints on Shenley Road and St Nicholas in Elstree)
- Upkeep of Elstree and Borehamwood war memorials

- Support for school swimming transport
 - Youth Council
 - Transport and Community Safety Forum
- Elstree and Borehamwood town council is the council closest to the residents in the parish. The Town Council is here to be a voice for the residents by representing their views on issues affecting them.

Call: 020 8207 1382 or visit www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk

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 InspireAll) 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 www.hertsdirect.org

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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

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

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01442 454 888

Elstree & Borehamwood railway station

Station Road, Borehamwood WD6 3LS
03450264700

Elstree Screen Arts Academy

Studio Way, Borehamwood WD6 5NN
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Fairbrook Medical Centre

4 Fairway Ave, Borehamwood WD6 1PR
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Hertswood Academy

Cowley Hill, Borehamwood WD6 5LG
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Kenilworth Primary School

Kenilworth Dr, Borehamwood WD6 1QL
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Saffron Green Primary School

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St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

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Schopwick Surgery

Romeland, Elstree, WD6 3BJ
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Summerswood Primary School

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Borehamwood Shopping Park,
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Manor View Practice

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The Venue Leisure Centre

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Borehamwood Kenilworth North

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.

27 February	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7.30pm
8 March	Annual Parish Meeting	Main Hall	7.30pm
13 March	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7.00pm
22 March	Full Council	Main Hall	7.30pm
29 March	Transport & Community Safety	Main Hall	7.00pm
4 April	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7.30pm
18 April	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7.00pm
20 April	General Management	Meeting Room	7.00pm
10 May	Annual Council & Mayor Making	Main Hall	7.30pm

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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