

# ELSTREE & BOREHAMWOOD **TOWN CRIER**



The magazine for Elstree & Borehamwood residents



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### Families Day Circus Times

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#### Saturday 24 June

- 12.30pm
- 1.45pm
- 3.00pm
- 5.00pm

#### Sunday 25 June

- 12.30pm
- 1.45pm
- 3.00pm
- 4.00pm





# Hear ye! Hear ye!

## Letter from the mayor...

I'm deeply honoured to have been elected as Mayor of our town. I am thrilled to have been entrusted with this position. It is an incredible privilege to have this opportunity to serve our vibrant community.



In just a few weeks, we will come together to celebrate the much-anticipated Civic Festival. We have planned an array of fabulous events including The BBC Concert Band, Teddy's Trails Guided Walk and the return of Lawsons Circus on Families Day.

I am very much looking forward to supporting it and meeting local people at the events!

I'll be working hard to support my Mayoral charity, Sebby's Corner. Founded by Bianca Sakol MBE during the pandemic, Sebby's Corner helps and assists local families with babies and young children to have access to essential items like nappies, food, furniture, and clothing.

With best wishes for the upcoming summer holiday period,

**Clr Rebecca Challice**  
**Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood**  
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# Communities 1st cancer event attracts hundreds

On 29 March 2023, Communities 1st hosted a Health and Cancer Awareness event at Aberford Community Centre in Borehamwood. It was their most popular public event to date, with over 170 members of the local community, four GP surgeries, and three national charities among those in attendance.

The event was organised for the Our Health Matters project, which is part of the nationwide Core20PLUS5 initiative, an NHS scheme aiming to tackle health inequalities in specific areas of deprivation across the UK. The Our Health Matters project focuses on Hertsmere because research has shown that residents are not always well-supported by existing health services. Local people often experience inequalities of access and experience, especially with early cancer diagnosis, hypertension, respiratory disease, and severe mental illness. This event was held to raise local awareness of cancer and general health topics.

Stephen Craker, CEO of Communities 1st said: "We're pleased to be able to provide a space where Hertsmere residents could equip themselves with knowledge of the signs and symptoms of cancer. We are now planning an event for later in the year for local people to find out more information on a range of respiratory conditions."

The event comprised four talks by representatives from Prostate Cancer UK, Cancel Out Cancer, CoppaFeel! and Hertfordshire Health Walks. These representatives also hosted information stalls, along with Macmillan Cancer Support, Peace Hospice Care, Healthy Hubs Hertfordshire, Fairbrook Medical Centre, Schopwick GP Surgery, Manor View Practice at Theobald Surgery, The Grove Medical Centre, a Health Protection Nurse, and Communities 1st. The general practice staff checked blood pressures, booked NHS Health Checks and blood tests, signposted and made referrals to physiotherapists, social prescribers, mental health services, weight management and other wellbeing services.

Members of the public left the event with not only increased awareness of health and cancer, but information about other services such as

transport, befriending and walking groups. One

attendee, the carer of an elderly person with cancer, said it was good to be able to talk to so many expert organisations in one place. Others found the event very relaxed, and felt the talks made cancer feel like less of a taboo subject.

Mike Carn OBE, volunteer presenter with Cancel Out Cancer: "I hope those who heard the presentation went away feeling more confident in talking about cancer and took the message that early diagnosis can save lives back to family and friends."

Communities 1st will hold a Health and Respiratory Awareness event on 14 June 2023 from 1 - 4pm at Aberford Community Centre which will be attended by Asthma and Lung UK.



Welcome to BETTA

The Borehamwood & Elstree  
Twin Town Association

## Borehamwood & Elstree Twin Town Association

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# Compost Corner

## One Straw Revolution

I've been thinking about soil health for a good few years, but not really doing much about it – mulling over many approaches including the so-called 'no dig' method expounded by Charles Dowding, and recently reading Masanobu Fukuoka's revolutionary discussion 'The One Straw Revolution', about a cultivation practice making the most of the natural balance found in nature, and no need for pesticides or fertilizer use.

Life does seem to bring about a convergence of ideas and circumstances so this year it's all happening! Firstly, I happened upon several sources of cardboard (office deliveries, and neighbours moving

in/redecorating) which were laid down overlapping across the plot, then a thick layer of straw and a good watering, and a scattering of manure – horse and chicken. I'll be scooping up the grass trimmings too, and adding anything else I come upon that will help produce a nutrient rich mulch. I'm told this will produce an excellent rich soil for the coming year's veg, and this is when the no-dig practice will kick in. If you want to know more, I suggest you do your own research, and look out for this year's Civic Festival Allotment Open Day – come and see how it's getting on!

*Anne Nicodemus*



## Borehamwood and District Garden Craft Society

What a wonderful Spring we have had. It may have been wet and cool, but that has meant the flowers have been spectacular.

The daffodils have lasted longer than usual and now are joined by a colourful display of tulips. Even magnolias and camellias haven't been spoiled by frost. We gardeners have been busy. At our AGM we enjoyed a talk by Francis Watkins about the benefits of medicinal plants. In February we had a snowdrops walk followed by hot soup and a quiz. In April we held our Spring Show at Allum Manor in the big hall. Here you could have seen displays of daffodils and many other spring flowers. The scent in the hall of all the flowers was quite heavenly. Teas and cakes were served and Sandra Parnell, the Mayor, came along to present the prizes. Andy Billings was presented with the award and medal for gaining the most points in our shows over the last year and Jenny Griffiths won best in show for a beautiful display of white cyclamen.

Our next show is the Autumn Show, again at Allum Manor, on Sunday 10 September. Do come along, everyone is welcome. Here we display autumn flowers, fruits, and vegetables, along with a cake competition, also chutneys, pickles and jam, and a floral art display. The society has a Facebook page so look us up for more information.

*Ann Shuker, Chairman*



# HEALTH AND WELLBEING EVENT

at Allum Hall,  
Allum Lane,  
Borehamwood, WD6 3PJ  
Wednesday 7 June  
4.30pm - 9pm

Come to our Community Health Event to find out information for you and your family! There will also be children's entertainment!

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What to expect:

### Market Place

**4.30pm - 9pm:** Come and browse over 40 stalls offering well-being information services and advice to the Hertsmere community

### Mini Health Checks

**4.30pm - 9pm:** Health Care Assistants from the three medical centres will offer mini health checks

### Health Talks

**5pm:** Community Pharmacy Services for Patients

**5.30pm:** How does the local Primary Care Network/Integrated Care Board work?  
Dr Liam Chapman

**6pm:** Boobs and Balls  
Practice Nurse Tammy Connolly

**6.30pm:** Menopause  
Dr Milad Hilli

**7pm:** Allergies and Immunology  
Professor Michael Rudenko

Refreshments will be subject to availability.  
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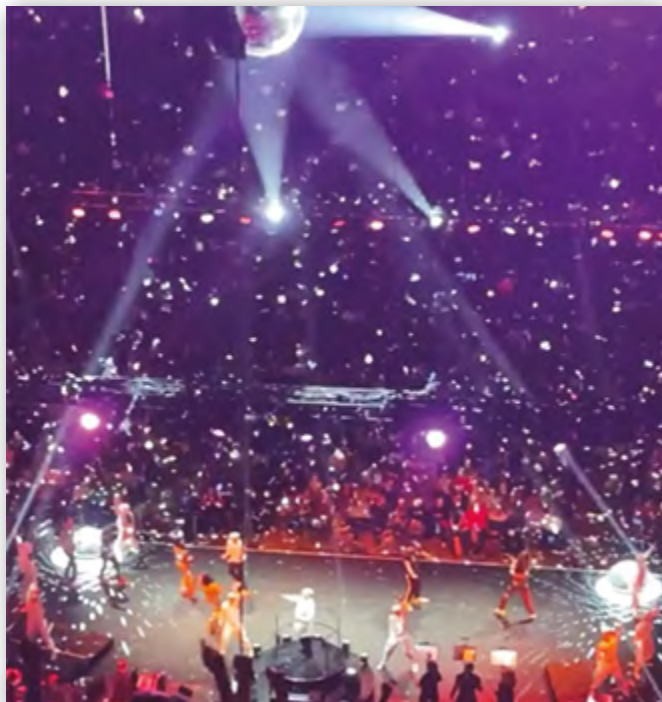
# School News

## Cowley Hill Primary School

### Young Voices Concert

Members of our choir attended the Young Voices Concert, which took place at the O2 Arena.

This was an amazing opportunity for the children to perform as part of a 9,000 strong choir to an audience of thousands. The children were amazing and enjoyed performing alongside global superstars Heather Small, Beatbox Collective and violinist Anna Phoebe. The children were brilliant ambassadors for the school and certainly had a night to remember.



### Cowley Hill Writes

In our new regular feature, 'Cowley Hill Writes' we are highlighting the fantastic young authors we have right here in our school.

All of our children produce high quality writing throughout the week and this is a chance for us to showcase their talent. Each week we choose a piece of excellent writing from EYFS/KS1 and KS2 and display it in our newsletter, as well as on a display board in school for everyone to see. The following are two examples from year 1 and year 5:

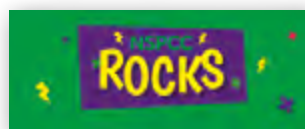
*Suddenly the girl saw a sweeping owl coming behind her. She felt worried and terrified. Then she heard a loud hooting sound. As soon as possible she hid behind a mountain. Next the girl decided to draw a sledge and a reindeer was riding the sledge. She escaped from the snowy owl.' Maria – 1 Beech*

*'Slithering eerily through the creaking trees, the river sneered as its uncautious prey swam around. The river coiled cunningly emitting toxins by the second. Big boulders clenched whilst the river sucked in its food. The stiff surface parted as the sun sparkled on it while the fish darted under the murky surface' Milena – 5 Chestnut*

### Costa Cowley Returns

Our first Costa Cowley of the year was a page- turning success!

The dining room was filled with our Nursery and 6 Hawthorn classes as they enjoyed delicious cups of hot chocolate and biscuits while sharing stories with a family member or friend on their table. We will be hosting another Costa Cowley very soon!



As part of Number Day 2023, KS2 participated in 'NSPCC Rocks', which was an online event hosted by Times Table Rock Stars.

On Friday 3 February, students collected one point for every correct answer entered over the course of a one-hour duration. A massive 2,895 schools participated across the United Kingdom which equates to 17,285 different classes. When the points were totalled on Friday evening, Cowley Hill came out with a total score of 75,495 correct answers ranking us at 161st place – this means we successfully overcame the competition of 2,735 other primary schools!

### World Book Day

It was another fantastic World Book Day at Cowley Hill.

Lots of famous and interesting literary characters appeared through our doors along with their favourite books or props. Children had an enjoyable assembly where they sang a World Book Day rap and shared their favourite stories and characters, as well as completing live lessons



with an author or other exciting World Book Day themed activities. An excellent day was had by all.

### Year 6 meet World War Two veterans at Duxford

Our year 6 classes were lucky enough to visit the Imperial War Museum's Duxford site.

The day presented a fantastic opportunity to further develop their understanding of their current focus upon World War Two. The incredible exhibitions were enjoyed by the children and adults - chance would also place their visit on the same day as rehearsal for an air show took place!

Aside from exploring the site, they also had the pleasure of sitting down to talk with two veterans of the armed forces; Robert Johnson, who was 5 when war broke out in 1939 and he witnessed

the Blitz and flying bombs falling on the capital. Robert is also a veteran because he did his National Service in the Army during the 1950s. The children also met John Kershaw, who is also an eyewitness to World War Two - he grew up in North London and was aged 3 when the war broke out in 1939. John served in the RAF during his National Service.

The questions asked by the children to further their own level of understanding were praised and demonstrated their attention to detail throughout their learning opportunities in school.



### Science Evening 2023

We held a hugely successful Science Evening this term where over 320 parents and children returned to school to take part in lots of exciting science experiments.

## Woodlands Primary School

The pupils at Woodlands Primary School have been very busy recently. Have a look at the range of activities and experiences that the children have been doing.

Belmin thoroughly enjoyed his time meeting Gareth Southgate, after winning a competition.

Well done to the Y5/6 girl's football team. For the second year in a row, they won the Borehamwood championship!!



Reception have planted their own potato seeds and cannot wait for them to grow so they can try them! They are watering them regularly and checking on them daily.

Year 3 and 4 put on a superb performance of 'The X Factory.' Pupils and staff worked extremely hard to ensure the quality of singing, acting, and staging was brilliant. Well done to all involved!

Nursery have enjoyed learning about spring and new life. They visited the school pond and collected some frog spawn. The children are very excited to see them grow into frogs.



# Parkside Primary School

It has been an action-packed term at Parkside. The children and staff have all contributed to a number of fantastic moments, moments which will last in the memories of our children forever.

## Partnership with Sky Studios

This term our Year 6 children were able to visit the Studios in Osterly.

Not only did they see live studios but the class, in small groups, were able to make their own 30 second movie trailer. It was an experience which we thank Sky for providing our children with. Furthermore, linked to a Sky Arts Competition our very own Maya was chosen as one of the winners in the Access All Arts event.

Finally, our Head Teacher, Mr Soyka was invited to the new Sky Studios in March to witness the official opening of the twelfth sound studio by HRH Prince Edward. It was a wonderful opportunity for Mr Soyka to represent the school and promote Parkside.



## Mental Health Week

Mental Health Week began on the 6 February and allowed the children to explore this Year's theme of 'Lets Connect' where children and staff learned about making meaningful connections.

As we know people thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. Making/having healthy connections to family, friends and others is key to supporting our mental health and overall happiness.

The week consisted of lots of different activities. There was a 'dress to express' day, Flip Theatre came into school to run special workshops for all children, Miss Bowers led health and fitness sessions for all classes and a wonderful display was created at the end of the week to showcase the children's learning.



## Out and about

This term saw a number of our classes enjoy trips away from the classroom.

Year 1 had an enjoyable visit to Mountfitchet Castle, while our Year 4 children went to experience the National Science Museum and finally our Year 2 classes enjoyed a fabulous trip to the Welwyn Roman Baths.

## Cycling skills

We were extremely proud of our Year 5/6 children as they took part in a cycling skills morning workshop with Herts DSP during February.

It was a delight to see so many children learn how to ride a bike for the first time. Well done to everyone who took part and persevered.





## Science Week

Science Week this year was a tremendous event and we all thank Mrs Samways for her efforts in organising such a wonderful week of activities.

The conversations, the experiments, the smiling faces were all abundant during the week as children developed a number of new scientific skills before ending with a truly inspiring workshop session by Sublime Science.



## World Book Day 2023

Miss Wood was very busy this year with ensuring our children had a World Book Day to remember.

It all started with a workshop called the Extraordinary Adventures of Fillogog which was led by a company called AS Creatives. During the morning assembly, the children were introduced to the character, Fillogog, before participating in drama-based sessions to help create a whole school story. I would also like to thank Nicola from Watford FC Community Sports Trust for joining us and leading our Year 3 children with a fun quiz along with providing Parkside with over 200 books!



## Electric Umbrella

During March, the school was also delighted to welcome the Electric Umbrella Company in for a special assembly.

The company create amazing live music experiences with learning disabled people. In doing so they help change the way the world looks at them and others while inspiring children to be happy and proud of who they are!

## Sport at Parkside 2023

Myself and Miss Bowers have tried to enter as many competitions as possible for our children.

Since the turn of the Year we have participated in a Year 4 Rapid Fire Cricket event, in which our children came runners-up, we were then invited by Watford FC to take part in a penalty shoot-out competition on the pitch at Vicarage Road during a live game in front of 22,000 fans. Unfortunately we went out in the semi-finals. The children also took part in an athletics competition hosted at Yavneh College. Five of our children from Year 5/6 took part in the local swimming gala for schools in Borehamwood (which we have not entered for a number of years) but as PE lead, it made me incredibly proud to see how far the children's skills and determination in the water have come. Year 3 and 5 then took part in a gymnastics competition at Hertswood, where they finished 4th, finally a big mention to our boys and girls in Year 3-6 who have represented Parkside in many football games this year, I have been incredibly impressed with the positive attitude shown by all especially when games were not going their way, it takes grit, determination and a sense of pride to keep going for your team.



## Class assemblies and parent workshops

It has been great to see so many parents enjoy our class assemblies, from Ancient Greeks, Suffragettes, The Himalayas, The Wild Robot, The Seasons to learning all about the Easter Story.

We hope you all enjoyed listening to how much our children have learned during their lessons. A massive thank you also to everyone who stayed and took part in the Guided Reading workshops, it was lovely to see classrooms so busy and again we hope it was useful to see how reading is taught and enjoyed throughout Parkside.

**For further information and to see more of our children's wonderful learning please visit:**

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**Twitter:** @headparkside

**Instagram:** @parkside\_primary\_school621

Mr Wanless

# Saffron Green Primary School

## Sport at Saffron Green

With the support of Mr Fassett, Mrs Bossert and our teachers, the school has taken part in and accomplished some amazing sporting achievements.

Linking with Queen's Secondary School has enabled us to take part in cricket tournaments, athletics events, gymnastics competitions with more events scheduled. The children have been bringing home many awards from our year 1 children winning first place in the gymnastics competition to our year 5 and 6 football team reaching the semi-finals of the annual Boreham Wood Football Club Schools Tournament. We are extremely proud of all our children who have taken part this year in sporting events and are lucky to have such enthusiastic and hardworking children to represent our school.



## Exciting events and experiences

Trips are such an important aspect of a child's development, and we have been lucky to get these back underway.

# Little Angels Preschool

Little Angels Preschool on Furzehill Road had their Ofsted inspection on the 8 February 2023. Staff worked extremely hard during the inspection to showcase the wonderful things they do not only for the children in their care but for the whole family! Little Angels are pleased to announce they have received the highest Ofsted rating, **OUTSTANDING**, for a second time in a row.

Ofsted said 'Leaders and staff show complete dedication to ensuring that children receive the highest quality teaching' and 'Staff welcome a wide range of different communities and go above and beyond to work closely with families to ensure they are fully supported'



Year 1 and 2 have enjoyed visiting the Science Museum, while KS2 had a wonderful day exploring Wisley Gardens. We have been flag bearers for Boreham Wood Football club, visited the amazing new Sky production arena in Borehamwood, been part of a heart-warming community project to support the survivors of the Balmoral Drive fire, performing at the Royal Albert Hall and celebrating our King's Coronation.

As well as this we have been opening up our school to the community with some really exciting events that have taken place over the year. We held our very well attended Christmas Fair, a beautiful Mother's Day activity afternoon, a fun week celebrating World Book Day and lots of Easter excitement with our Bonnet parade and egg hunts. We look forward to hosting this term our annual Summer Fair on Friday 14 July along with lots of other events open to the community detailed on our school website.



*If you are thinking about sending your children to our setting please ensure you put them on our waiting list as early as possible you can do this by emailing [littleangelspreschool12@gmail.com](mailto:littleangelspreschool12@gmail.com) or visiting our website [www.littleangelsborehamwoodpreschool.co.uk](http://www.littleangelsborehamwoodpreschool.co.uk)*

# Camp Unity 2023

Camp Unity 2023 is hosting our newest adventure-filled week for primary school children (6-11 years old) to run for 5 nights from Sunday - Friday, 30 July – 4 August 2023.

With a fantastic chef and a new camp director, our multifaith camp in its fourth year aims to bring local communities together to promote friendships among children who might not ordinarily have a chance to meet; to encourage exploration of the outdoors and to help build confidence and life skills.

Camp includes three meals daily plus crafts and sports activities and entertainment at night. Children are expected to help keep the campsite tidy.

Other activities during Camp Unity focus on what makes Elstree & Borehamwood unique; we've enjoyed a splash session at the Venue Leisure Centre and visited the working farm and attractions at Aldenham Country Park. Our programme varies each year.

Experience has shown that children respond energetically to the outdoors, running through fields by day and staying up late near the campfire at night, allowing them to learn and to grow in maturity in ways differently than during the school year.

Our campers and Youth Leaders are diverse by religion and nationality. We maintain high staff ratios to meet campers' needs. And we welcome adult volunteers to help run the camp. Anyone working with us must be DBS/CRB-approved.

One ancillary aim of Camp Unity is to bring parents and civic leaders together to build bridges and enhance community cohesion. We are grateful for financial support received from the Hertfordshire County, Hertsmere Borough, and Elstree & Borehamwood Town councils.

Trustees: Father Dominic Mckenna, Victor Eni, Jirina Horinek, Rivka David, Kashif Merchant, Rabbi Jeff Berger.

**Enquiries and an application request can be sent to [campunityborehamwood@gmail.com](mailto:campunityborehamwood@gmail.com).**



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# Music in the Wood



## News from Borehamwood Brass



A mayors and chairs get together was held instead of the scheduled Woodcock Hill Beacon Lighting event (cancelled because of the inclement weather).

Our guests from Fontenay-aux-Roses and Offenburg attended at Cllr Sandra Parnell's house.

Now the band is preparing for the summer season, rehearsing most Friday nights, and learning new pieces. This year, we're playing a fun repertoire that ranges from the magic of Mancini to the theme from Pirates of the Caribbean.

### Where to hear the band this summer

**Friday 16 June at 7:30pm** - Our annual concert which is part of the Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council's summer festival – it's a free event in All Saints' Church in Shenley Road. Everyone is welcome!



## BBC Elstree Concert Band

The BBC Elstree Concert Band was founded by flautist Ian Marshall and gave its first public concert at the BBC's Elstree Studios in July 1986.

The audience was a modest one but included, crucially, the Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood and the Town Council's Entertainments Officer. The Town Council's support over subsequent years has been vital to the band's development. Indeed, Elstree and Borehamwood remains very much the band's spiritual home, where it regularly gives concerts.

The continued development of the band into the versatile and entertaining ensemble you will hear today is down to the inspirational and energetic leadership of two people: the founding Musical Director, Mike Crisp, and the current Musical Director, Andrew Morley.

Mike Crisp was a pillar of the BBC's TV Training Department and composer of a considerable amount of music for television programmes. He assumed the responsibilities of Musical Director from a very early stage and continued for many wonderful years until his departure for pastures new in France. His successor, Andrew Morley, has continued to take the band from strength to strength, pushing players to new levels with great exuberance!

Over the thirty plus years of the band's existence, it has played at a wide range of venues in and around London, including the Elstree and Maida Vale Studios, St James's Church Piccadilly, The Proms at

**Sunday 25 June, from 2pm** - Hear the band play in the performance space in Meadow Park. This is an outdoor event so we hope for warm dry weather.

**Sunday 23 July, from around 1:45pm** - We'll be performing at the NSPCC's Summer Fete at Schopwick House. It's always an excellent event with teas, cakes and stalls in the beautiful walled garden.

### Are you organising an event this year?

If you'd like some live music to help your function go with a swing, the band is available to play at events in and around Borehamwood. We play at fetes, fundraisers and private parties.

### Brass players, get involved!

We are always glad to meet people who play brass instruments. Why not try us out? You need to be able to read music and ideally have some experience of playing in a band. We practise most Friday evenings at St Teresa's Church Hall at Shenley Road.

**More details about the band at our website:**  
[www.borehamwoodbrass.org.uk](http://www.borehamwoodbrass.org.uk) or contact our Secretary, Andrew Grady at [borehamwoodbrass@hotmail.com](mailto:borehamwoodbrass@hotmail.com)



St Jude's in Hampstead Garden Suburb, Millfield Theatre, Allum Hall, Dorchester and Westminster Abbeys. The ensemble has also given concerts further afield in Belgium, Germany and France.

The band's performances have been broadcast nationally as well as globally through the BBC World Service. The band provided the music for a major BBC 1 documentary and has made several recordings, the most recent of which was for a Radio 3 programme on the music of Charles Ives, as part of the "Discovering Music" series. The group has also given concerts in aid of The Voice of the Listener Trust, the North London Hospice, St Luke's Hospice and several other charitable organisations.

Come and see the band's latest show on Wednesday 21 June called "Shaken, Not Stirred" celebrating the music from spy movies.

**For all enquiries, or to join our mailing list, please email [info@bbcilstreeconcertband.co.uk](mailto:info@bbcilstreeconcertband.co.uk). For more details about the band and its forthcoming public concerts please visit [www.bbcilstreeconcertband.co.uk](http://www.bbcilstreeconcertband.co.uk) and for tickets [www.ticketsource.co.uk/btc](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/btc). You can also follow the band on Facebook at [facebook.com/BBCElstreeConcertBand](https://www.facebook.com/BBCElstreeConcertBand).**

# Elstree Mozart Players

## Bringing classical music to the Wood



Elstree Mozart Players brings classical music to Elstree & Borehamwood, being formed by Derek Holland Cllr Pat Strack, and Andrew Grady in 2018.

The next concert is on Sunday 11 June 2023 at 7:30pm. We will be performing a concert as part of Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council's Civic Festival, see poster within this edition of the Town Crier.

The concert will include music by Weber, Copeland, Mendelson, and Wilson, including a performance of Haydn's Cello Concerto, soloist Juliet Maclean.

On Saturday 1 April 2023 Elstree Mozart Players organised a concert of Handel's celebrated 'Messiah from Scratch' to support The Peace Hospice, the chosen charity for our Mayor of Hertsmere Cllr John Graham, raising over £250.

Soloists were Nicola Hooke, Soprano, Janice Watson, Mezzo Soprano, John Upperton, Tenor, Stuart Jenkins, Bass.

The Aria 'The Trumpet Shall Sound' featured Alison Perry who played solo trumpet for the evening.

Cllr Victor Eni deputised for the Town Mayor Cllr Sandra Parnel at the concert.

On Saturday 7 October in Allum Manor & Hall at 7:30pm the orchestra in collaboration with The Studios Rotary Club will present a charity concert in aid of the Alzheimer's Society.

Featuring music by Glinka, Elgar, Sir Arthur Sullivan, Eric Coates, Tchaikovsky, plus York Bowes, Violin Concerto, soloist Peter Busserau.

We will be welcoming a special guest conductor Andrew Penny MBE to the evenings concert.



Cllr Graham, a patron of the orchestra invited other mayors and civic dignitaries from across Hertfordshire.

The concert included choir members from Radlett, Wembley, and Borehamwood, plus other interested individuals.

**Reservations open 1 September 2023**

**Tickets for each concert cost £15 with £12 concessions.**

**For more information, please contact**

**Pat Strack on 020 8386 3151**

**or Andrew Grady on 07802 736628**



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# SUMMER Coach Trips

Are you over sixty years of age and a resident of Elstree and Borehamwood?

The Town Council is once again offering a chance to have a day out at the seaside or visit an interesting city for only £15. Choose one of the listed destinations and bring your proof of age and residence (driving licence or bus pass/passport and a utility bill) along to Fairway Hall, Brook Close, WD6 5BT from Monday 5 June 2023. Tickets are on a first come, first served basis and are on sale from 9am to 12noon from Monday to Friday -strictly one per person. Please bring correct change. There may be a chance to buy a second ticket after Monday 19 June 2023 if any remain unsold.

The fully air-conditioned coaches leave Fairway Hall at 9am prompt and depart the destination at 5pm for the return journey. You must be able to board the coach without too much difficulty and can bring a carer (who must also purchase a ticket).

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

Destinations		
July 2023	Monday 3	Eastbourne
	Tuesday 4	Clacton-on-Sea
	Wednesday 5	Bournemouth
	Thursday 6	Broadstairs
	Monday 10	Brighton
	Tuesday 11	Stratford-Upon-Avon
	Wednesday 12	Hastings
	Thursday 13	Margate
	Monday 17	Southend
	Tuesday 18	Costwolds



Cotswolds

## Update on the Elstree and Borehamwood Neighbourhood Plan



The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, comprising local residents and councillors, are continuing to work hard on the Neighbourhood Plan. Following on from our successful Community and Youth Surveys, we have begun to consider some draft objectives for our area:

### Objective 1: Protecting and enhancing our rural setting within the Green Belt:

- Protect, preserve and enhance existing green space and provide new ones too.
- Support initiatives to protect and enhance wildlife, biodiversity and habitat provision.
- Maintain and enhance the connectivity of wildlife corridors.
- Maximising opportunities for the reservoir.

### Objective 2: Celebrating our unique heritage:

- Local heritage assets are identified and conserved for future generations.
- Making the most of our links to the television and film industry.
- Telling the story of our area – how it has evolved and the communities who have settled here.
- Reinforcing our identity and sense of place.

### Objective 3: Providing homes to meet the needs of the local community:

- Supporting the provision of affordable homes.
- Influencing new housing that caters for occupants throughout their different stages of life.
- Designing quality neighbourhoods that enable exemplary sustainable design.

- Directing new housing to the most sustainable parts of the area, near to local facilities.

### Objective 4: Enabling a thriving economy:

- Revitalising the town centre as a safe, friendly and accessible destination offering a mix of retail, housing, local services and entertainment, including into the evening.
- Supporting the television and film industry with greater involvement in the local community and provision of facilities.
- Safeguarding existing employers, including the medical/pharma industries.
- Providing a supportive environment for those working from home.

### Objective 5: A walkable and cyclable neighbourhood (a 20-minute town?):

- Encourage walking and cycling, particularly for local journeys.
- Enhancing the network of walking and cycling routes that link key services to housing and ensuring that new developments connect to this.
- Supporting initiatives to tackle congestion.

### Objective 6: Celebrating and supporting our communities:

- Providing a range of facilities, services and recreational activities to meet the needs of different ages, cultures and interests across the area.
- Supporting our football club.
- Encouraging a friendly and involved community.

***We will display our progress to date in June / July – we'll be posting more information on Facebook (Elstree and Borehamwood Neighbourhood Plan) and <http://neighbourhoodplan.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk/> - keep an eye out for updates!***

# Civic Festival & Summer Events



Sunday 11 June

The Parish of Elstree and Borehamwood and Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council invite you to

*Festival Service*  
*"A Celebration of Service"*  
**Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 3.00pm**



**Holy Cross Church,**  
**Balmoral Drive,**  
**Borehamwood,**  
**WD6 2QU**

Uplift Strength  
 Coffee Celebration  
 Community  
 Cake Tea Meet  
 Thoughts Peace  
 Prayers Unity  
 Praise Biscuits



Sunday 11 June



ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

CIVIC FESTIVAL 2023

## SUMMER CONCERT

on  
 Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
 at 7.30pm



CONDUCTOR: DEREK HOLLAND

FEATURING  
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 IL SIGNORE BRUSCHINO  
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**HAYDN**  
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**WEBER**  
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 STEPHEN RANDALL  
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 WESSEX MARCH

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 Elstree & Borehamwood  
 Hertfordshire WD6 1EB

TICKETS COST

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 ADULTS

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 CONCESSIONS

£10.00  
 IN ADVANCE

RAISING FUNDS FOR WOODOCK HILL VILLAGE GREEN

PLEASE NOTE: Anyone showing COVID -19 symptoms is advised NOT to attend  
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[www.elstreemozartplayers.co.uk](http://www.elstreemozartplayers.co.uk)

Monday 12 June

## Festival Chess Night

Free entry to play or watch.

Monday 12 June 2023

7.30pm – 9.30pm

FAIRWAY HALL  
 Brook Close, Borehamwood, WD6 5BT



Thursday 15 June



FAIRWAY HALL  
 Brook Close, Borehamwood, WD6 5BT

Thursday 15 June 2023

6.30pm – 9.30pm

Free Entry

Free Tea and Coffee



**Pull out and keep this handy reference**

Thursday 15 June

# Festival Guided Allotment Open Day

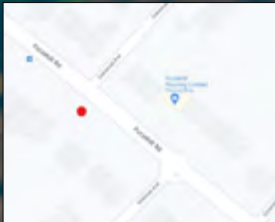
Thursday 15 June 2023

1pm

(Meet at the front gates)

## Melrose Allotments

Furzehill Road,  
Borehamwood,  
WD6 2EA



Free Entry



Friday 16 June

# 2023 Flower Festival



Friday 16 June & Monday 19 June  
11am – 1pm

All Saints Church  
Shenley Road  
Borehamwood



Friday 16 June

Summer Festival 2023

Concert *with*

# Borehamwood Brass



8 pm, Friday 16th June

All Saints Parish Church, Shenley Road,  
Borehamwood, Herts WD6 1EB

Admission Free — All Welcome!

And see the flowers in the Church

Saturday 17 June



# parkrun Festival 5km Parkrun 2023

Saturday 17 June, 9am  
Aldenham Country Park

To take part please register at  
[www.parkrun.org.uk/aldenham](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/aldenham)

For more information, please visit [www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](http://www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)



Saturday 17 June



HERTFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

# BOREHAMWOOD FIRE STATION OPEN DAY

17 JUNE 2023  
1PM - 4PM



WORKING TO PROTECT. ACTING TO SAVE.  
[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/fire](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/fire)

Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 June



Elstree Productions Theatre Company presents

# Walk On By

a Jukebox musical

Saturday 17th June - 2:30pm and 7:30pm  
Sunday 18th June - 2:30pm

Fairway Hall, Brook Close,  
Borehamwood, WD6 5BT

Tickets only £8  
Licensed Bar

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/ep](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ep)

Elstree Productions is affiliated with Noda



Sunday 18 June



## Festival



### Guided Walk

# Sunday 18 June 2023

The walk is free, but registration is essential.  
Please register with  
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Tuesday 20 June



## Festival



### Quiz Night

# Tuesday 20 June

## The Royal British Legion

### 7pm

Enter a team in our Festival Quiz battle Prizes for the winning team but more importantly the title of Festival Quiz Champions and the Trophy Shield. It is free to enter but you must register in advance as places in this ever-popular event are limited.

If you would like to take part email [dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](mailto:dsalter@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk) or call 0208 207 1382 Alternatively, you can download an application form from our website.  
[www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](http://www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)



**Pull out and keep this handy reference**

Wednesday 21 June



ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL  
BBC ELSTREE CONCERT BAND

PRESENTS

# SHAKEN, NOT STIRRED

MUSIC FROM JAMES BOND AND OTHER SPY MOVIES

FEATURING MUSIC FROM:

SKYFALL  
THE AVENGERS (TV SERIES)  
MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE  
DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER  
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## WEDNESDAY

### 21 JUNE 2023

8PM

(DOORS OPEN AT 7:30PM)

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ELSTREE, WD6 3PJ

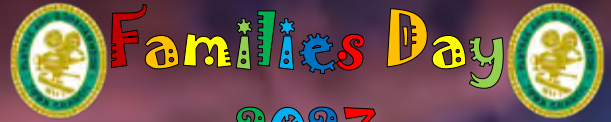
BBC ELSTREE  
CONCERT BAND

TICKETS  
£15



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[WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/EBTC](http://WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/EBTC)

Saturday 24 June



## 2023

### Saturday 24 June

12pm - 5pm

Meadow Park



### Circus Times

Free entry to the circus will be given out on a first come first served basis on the day

Saturday 24 June

12.30pm

1.45pm

3.00pm

5.00pm

Sunday 25 June

12.30pm

1.45pm

3.00pm

4.00pm



Sunday 25 June

FREE CIRCUS

12:30 / 13:45 /  
15:00 / 16:00

FUNDED BY EBTC

# SOUNDS OF SUMMER

SUNDAY 25TH JUNE  
MEADOW PARK, BOREHAMWOOD  
12:00- 18:00

### MAIN STAGE

SOUL JUMP    MATT SANDERS  
THE LONDON BONNEVILLES  
SHADES OF MIDNIGHT

### ACOUSTIC STAGE

BOREHAMWOOD BRASS  
GABBY NIMAN  
THE BLUE PATCH

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Bandstand concerts

## Meadow Park

### FREE Brass Band Concerts 2023

**Sunday 25 June**

**12pm Borehamwood Brass**

**Sunday 2 July**

**3pm Hemel Hempstead Band**

**Sunday 9 July**

**3pm Welwyn Garden City Band**

**Sunday 16 July**

**3pm Watford Brass Band**

Please bring your own chairs and picnic blankets



For more information, please visit [www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](http://www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)

Details correct at time of printing

## Uncover your family history at Borehamwood Library



Have you ever wondered if there are any famous historical figures or deep, dark secrets hiding in your family tree? Well then... this summer is the perfect time to start unravelling that mystery and dig deep into your family's past.

Begin your journey at Borehamwood Library, using your free membership to make full use of our online reference library and services. These include family history resources Ancestry and Find My Past, which you can access from the library without paying a penny.

Simply sign on to one of our public computers using your library card number and PIN – and you're good to go! Members of the library are entitled to two hours free computer use every day. That's plenty of time per week to get stuck into the census, right?

Additional family history and local history services available at your library include:

- Up-to-date issues of Who Do You Think You Are? and Family Tree magazines for hire;
- A collection of family history books;
- Access to Microfiche and Microfilm reels;
- Old photographs of Borehamwood and surrounding Hertfordshire available to view upon request.

So, what do you reckon... ready to find out whether there is an astronaut; an explorer; or a famous historical figure on your family tree?

**For further information, telephone: 0300 123 4049  
or visit: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries).**

James McCorry



## Elstree & Borehamwood Museum

While our current exhibition, Murder, Mayhem & Mystery - A Journey Through The Dark Side, is in full flow until August, the Friends of the Museum had a crime orientated talk last month.

We were visited by Vicki Pipe the curator of the new Bow Street Police Museum in Covent Garden. Not totally unrelated to our exhibition because the famous Bow Street Runners were involved in two of our most famous crimes on the display boards - the murders of Martha Ray in 1776 and William Weare in 1823. Indeed they were called out as far as Elstree to assist in the apprehension of the murderers of Weare. Vicki gave us an excellent talk on the early days of policing in London before the Met was formed. If you're not a Friend, please consider joining us for talks, outings and newsletters among many other delights. Full details and a joining form can be found in our Get Involved section on the website.

And don't forget our very popular Going Down The Village reminiscence meetings which are now on the first Tuesday of every other month at 96 Shenley Road. The next one is on Tuesday 6 June at 10:30am - hope to see you there for a natter about your memories!

**Email: [info@elstree-museum.org.uk](mailto:info@elstree-museum.org.uk) - Website: [www.elstree-museum.org.uk](http://www.elstree-museum.org.uk)**



Elstree & Borehamwood Museum invites you to:

### 'Going Down the Village'

A reminiscence meeting for the over 60's at 96 Shenley Road

*It's Friendly, Free and Fun - Join Us*

Meetings for 2023: On the following Tuesdays - 6th June, 1st August, 3rd October and 5th December. 2024: February 6th  
From 10:30am - 11:40am. Meeting Room One, 96 Shenley Road.

Tel: 01462 454888 for further details  
Website: [www.elstree-museum.org.uk](http://www.elstree-museum.org.uk) Registered Charity No 1157779

## Join a new Health Walk in Borehamwood!

A new Health Walk is launching in Borehamwood!

Do you like to walk and talk? Health Walks are free, accessible and social volunteer-led walks. Walking can improve fitness, increase joint mobility while also boosting your mood and helping you sleep better. Plus it is fun and you will meet new people. So why not join in?

The walk will start outside St Michael and All Angels Church in Borehamwood at 11am and will stroll through Aberford and Brookmeadow Parks via Leeming Road, travelling approximately a mile. Refreshments will be available at the Church Hall. The walks will take place every Monday, commencing 17 April.

If you are not already registered, please arrive 15 minutes early in order to complete a New Walker Form or alternatively you can register online as a First Time Walker.

**For more information google Hertfordshire Health Walks. See you there!**



**Join our First Steps Walk**  
Mondays 11am  
St Michael and All Angels Church, Brook Road  
(April 17, 24, May 15, 22, June 5, 12, 19 & 26)



For more information about Health Walks, scan the QR code or visit our website at: Hertfordshire County Council/Health Walks



healthwalks.cms@hertfordshire.gov.uk  
01992 558 888





## Come along to Back2Bowls

Ever fancied trying your hand at bowls? Free sessions take place in Borehamwood every Wednesday from 1 - 3pm at Aberford Community Centre, WD6 1PL.

During the session you will be given techniques and tips on how to improve your play. No previous experience needed and equipment will be provided.

Everyone is welcome and there will be refreshments provided as well as other activities to try.

**For more information please email [community.services@hertsmer.gov.uk](mailto:community.services@hertsmer.gov.uk)**



## Borehamwood Bootcamp

On Saturday 22 April Borehamwood Bootcamp celebrated its second birthday with a party in Meadow Park.

It was a very jolly affair with Bootcamp regulars lifting, running and thrusting their way through the park as well as playing bootcamp games with army stretchers, balloons and a special 'Who Wants to be a Bootcamper' quiz with Councillor Pat Strack.

The Bootcamp, run by Hannah Ellis, a personal trainer and Borehamwood resident, started up in lockdown but continues to grow as many locals prefer training outside to the gym. They also find the atmosphere at Bootcamp encouraging and supportive, a great way of feeling part of the community while also getting fitter, stronger and happier. Of the event, she said: "I'm so proud of all my bootcampers who have found time out of their busy lives to prioritise their health and happiness. Because that's really what bootcamp is about fundamentally, not lifting weights, but becoming a better, happier, healthier version of yourself. A lot of people really want to get fitter but just don't know where to start. Come along to Bootcamp where having fun is just as important as getting fit!



Every Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, local residents meet in the park for a 45 minute exercise session which has a different theme every week. Past Bootcamp sessions have included themes as diverse as cardio week, outdoor gym week, Olympic week and core week.

Monica Petrenciuc, Bootcamp regular said: "I love the support and encouragement at Bootcamp. The party has been so much fun and I definitely feel more confident about myself since coming to Bootcamp. I'm fitter and stronger than I've ever been too!"

**Bootcamp occurs every Thursday at 9:30am, and Saturdays and Sundays at 9am in Meadow Park by the zip wire.**

**For further information about joining call Hannah on 07952 876 929 or see [www.hannahellispt.com](http://www.hannahellispt.com)**

## Barnet Combat Academy at Maxwell Park Community Centre

Muay Thai is a Thai martial art known as 'the science of 8 limbs' because participants strike with not only their fists and feet, but also their knees and elbows. Competitors fight in boxing rings, with hypnotic traditional music playing while the air fills with the pungent menthol smell of the oil Thai boxers use to warm up their muscles.

I knew none of this when I turned up at a class at Barnet Combat Academy seven years ago on a whim. I walked past the gym every day on my commute, and one day my curiosity got the better of me. I had no idea I'd fall for the sport so quickly, and that I'd find myself squeezing in as many sessions a week as possible.

There's a preconception that sports like Muay Thai are only for those brave souls who want to fight competitively. Muay Thai is for those people, of course, but it can also be for those who prefer their faces unpunched. It's an unparalleled workout: a pad training session a few times a week will increase your strength and fitness fast.

But it wasn't just the workout that hooked me - it was the community I found at the gym. When lockdown struck, our Zoom shadow-boxing classes kept me sane. I found a club that was at the heart of its local community: through the gym I've not only made new friends, I've

taken part in community festivals, and I've seen the voluntary work our coaches do, such as working with local young people through the charity Art Against Knives.

In the last seven years I've seen a move to a larger premises, an expanded timetable, and now new classes in Borehamwood, growth which is a testament to the gym's ties to the local community.



# Gratitude



## Easter Egg Hunt

On Sunday 2 April, Gratitude ran an Egg-cellent Easter Egg Hunt at Maxwell Park.

Organised by our wonderful volunteers from Gratitude's Kids Corner, who had been busy for weeks drawing up plans for the maps and setting up locations for hiding the eggs.

About 150 children took part, and each was presented with a basket and 6 cryptic clues to help them find each of the eggs. The eager kids, unfazed by the mud, set off to look for the eggs.

Every child received an Egg and goody bag. The team was overwhelmed by so many egg-cited kids and enjoyed sharing delicious chocolate eggs kindly donated by our supporters from Taylor Wimpey, Amazon and Sky Cares.

We would like to thank our amazing volunteers Beata, Barbara, Victoria, Claire, Sam, Masda, John and Lal for supporting this initiative. A lot of creativity and organisation goes into running an event like this and we are proud of them all.

## Easter Sunday at The Hub

Every child who visited the hub on Easter Sunday received a delicious Easter egg from our beautiful Easter Bunnies. It was great to see the wonderfully decorated Easter Bonnets expertly decorated by our Gratitude Kids.

## Giving @ Barnet Hospital

Over the Easter Weekend, the team delivered Easter Eggs to the children on the wards at Barnet General Hospital. Gratitude's Creative Club also donated bags of knitted clothing to the patients on the wards. We are



grateful for the blessings and generosity of our volunteers and the good feeling from giving at this special time of year.

Tibor, Valeria, Patrick and Pearl dropped off the bags of knitted and crocheted items and gave out three full crates of chocolate eggs to families and nurses on shift.

Special thank you to one of our youngest volunteers Patrick, who was happy to cheer up the children in the hospital as our Easter Bunny.

*Carolyn Klein*

## Hava Stone

A new resident of Borehamwood is already making an impact in the Borehamwood art scene.

Having grown up in North London, she is delighted to be in this neck of the woods where she is close to the open expanses of nature. As a nature inspired resin artist, she gains inspiration through nature to inspire others. In her recent projects, she has produced unique abstract art reflective of the changing seasons and other everyday natural wonders.

Another recent project involved creating an artistic addition to the Ark in the Jewish Life centre of Borehamwood and Elstree. She spent two full days in the centre working round the clock, applying resin art to the Ark doors and ensuring the design is both admirable and befitting the décor of a synagogue. Hava is delighted with the results and delighted that others are benefiting from her work.

Rabbi Hoch, Rabbi of the Jewish life centre commented, "Hava's art is stunning. We are delighted to have Hava's artistic contribution in our synagogue. This further creates an atmosphere of introspection and connection for others."

Hava has an exciting line up of projects in the summer, including exhibiting her artwork at the upcoming 'Parallax' exhibition and working on her new collection 'Emotion.'

**To be in touch with Hava, or to design your unique commissioned art work or purchase her art, please message her on [hello@havastone.com](mailto:hello@havastone.com). More details about her work can be found on her website: [www.havastone.com](http://www.havastone.com)**



## Writers in the Woods

Poem by Amy Edwards

### Anxiety



So, anxiety I know we've been close for years,  
 You've latched on to all my deepest hopes and trauma fuelled fears.  
 Egging on those fears, giving them space to grow.  
 Grasping new ones from the deep, ones that now like to show.  
 Arm in arm we've gone through life, struggling to separate.  
 I'd like to say thanks for the memories, but I've felt like an inmate.  
 I'm not saying always, I'm sure you've helped me to survive.  
 Yet I've felt trapped so many times, surviving but not feeling alive.  
 When I'm having a better day or week, you might go to sleep.  
 Then out of the blue you are triggered with one bleep.  
 A bleep from a flashback, a bleep in the present.  
 You awaken so hyper vigilant and ready without my consent.  
 I'd like to come to an agreement. Would you consider a truce?  
 A lifelong contract per say is what I'm hoping to produce.  
 One where you awaken but only if I'm in desperate need.  
 In 'real' emergencies, when I need your incredible speed.  
 When I say 'real' I mean when I need to get out, and fast.  
 When you are protecting me from a catastrophic blast.  
 Not when I'm talking to my son's teacher, or a good friend.  
 No more popping up in supermarkets, no more driving me round the bend.  
 You must be exhausted all that work you've put in over the years.  
 All the times you have forced my hand, and I've cried a thousand tears.  
 So let me give you a break, for as long as I possibly can.  
 Go away somewhere nice and sunny, you might even get a tan.



**We've already got a Bear.  
 We need volunteers to help run  
 our sections on  
 Tuesday & Wednesday nights.  
 7th Borehamwood Scout Group**

[gsl@7thborehamwood.org.uk](mailto:gsl@7thborehamwood.org.uk)

Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council

I  
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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](mailto:richard@hbwa.org.uk) if you are interested or want more information.

Richard Jarvis (Town Council Head Steward)

## Maxwell Park Community Centre

**Bright spacious hall available on Saturday afternoons/evenings for private hire.**

**Meeting rooms and mirrored dance studio are available for hire.**

**Special Rate for Children's Party 4 hour slots available for hire on Saturdays between 1pm-6pm**



### Regular activities include:

Bar-K Line Dancing, Bollywood Dancing, British Tinnitus Association, Clarion (Courses & Training), Cocaine Anonymous, Elstree & Borehamwood Table Tennis Club (Junior & All Ages), Generation Plus, (Art, Indoor Bowls, Table Tennis), Friends of Care Homes, Guideposts, Hartbeeps, IT Digital Hub (FREE Internet Access and Tuition), Jazz Band Practise, Kangoo Jumps, Little Kickers, Step2Skills (Adult Learning Courses), KJ's School of Dance, Krav Maga, MoveDanceSweat, Pilates, Shogun Karate, Strength & Balance, Step2Skills (Courses) Sundance Line Dancing, Tae Kwan Do, Up Community, Visually Impaired Club, We Move She Moves (Golden Dance Fit, Pound, Zumba), East Anglian Wing Chun Athletic

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## Rotary Club of Elstree & Borehamwood

Our club was chartered in 1942 and has been going strong since then. Fellows of the club were involved in the creation of Allum Hall, Maxwell Community Centre and more recently the Performance Shelter ('Bandstand') in Meadow Park.

We raise money for good causes – recently supporting our local Foodbank's Winter Warmers initiative with additional financial support from the District Foundation (see picture). Previously we raised money for a Parish Centre in Uganda to dig a well for a clean water supply.

We are also regular supporters of other charities, such as Shelter Box, an excellent organisation that provides shelter and self-sufficiency resources for those affected by natural disasters (Pakistan floods and the earthquake in Turkey and Syria are recent examples) that seem to occur all too frequently these days.

## Visually Impaired Club

The 10-year anniversary celebration of the Visually Impaired Club was a day filled with joy, appreciation and gratitude; the celebration was made possible by the volunteers who supported the club's mission over the past decade.

The event began with a warm welcome from Sasha Capocci who expressed gratitude for the support of the volunteers and donors who have helped the club grow and achieve its goals over the years.

Then live entertainment took centre stage, the members were dazzled by music and a singalong. As the entertainment was going on, the members and guests were treated to a delicious buffet lunch and had the chance to mingle, catch-up and share stories about their experiences with the club over the years.

Thank you again to all the volunteers who dedicated their time to supporting the club's activities and thank you to all the donors who have contributed to the club's financial stability, making it possible for the club to provide a range of activities, services and outings.

As the day came to a close, volunteers and guests left feeling inspired and energised, knowing that their support has made a difference in the lives of the blind and Visually Impaired people who are part of the club's community.

## The Tuesday Club

Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Club meets at Fairway Hall every Tuesday 2 - 4pm where Sarah starts the afternoon with the exercise classes.

The members and committee of the Tuesday Club would like to thank Hertsmere Borough Council for their grant towards a party to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. The party took place on Tuesday 9 May.

This club is free.

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and non sectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages:

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

We guarantee you a warm, friendly welcome with no pressure to join.

***If you are interested in taking part and enjoying our friendly fellowship meetings, please contact the Hon. Secretary, Rtn. Clive Butchins on 079 39 08 84 21 or through our website <https://www.elstreeandborehamwoodrotary.org/>***



## DR96

DR96 over 60s club meets every Wednesday from 10 - 12pm at 96 Shenley Rd. The club celebrated eight years in March.

The members and committee of DR96 would like to thank Hertsmere Borough Council for their grant towards a party to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. The party was held on Wednesday 10 May at 96 Shenley Rd. The committee are to be thanked for organising the hall and table decorations and food. Elvis (Leigh) entertained us all.

***DR96 is still growing and welcoming more members. £5 annual membership £3 a visit for refreshments.***

## The Monday Club

Monday Club members enjoyed a meal together on Monday 15 May.

Because of the number of Bank holidays and only meeting fortnightly the Coronation party for The Monday Club will take place on Monday 5 June. Tim Corbett is engaged to ensure a right Royal morning.

The members and committee of the Monday would like to thank Hertsmere Borough Council for their grant towards a Party to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

The Monday Club meets fortnightly at Aberford Hall

***New members are always welcome. £5 annual membership £3 a visit for refreshments.***

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# Environment

## Save Woodcock Hill Village Green from Taylor Wimpey

Andrew Grady and I met Oliver Dowden to object to Barratt Homes intentions to build on the Horses Home BE6.

A week later the Planning Inspectorate caused even more distress by upholding the Public Inquiry decision allowing Taylor Wimpey to take away part of our cherished Village Green. Green Belt land at Byron/Vale/Masefield is also a local wild life site. Wishes of residents were completely overridden, biodiversity ignored. Our legal team are seeking permission to appeal.

Both Oliver Dowden MP and Cllr Morris Bright have not only shared our disappointment but will help us to challenge the decision.



"I am incredibly disappointed to hear that a Judge has upheld the Planning Inspectorate's decision to approve the Deregistration and Exchange of village green land at Woodcock Hill in Borehamwood.

My opposition was clear throughout the process, writing to the Secretary of State and the Planning Inspectorate to register my objections, as well as responding to the initial consultation." Oliver Dowden MP.

"I know the WHVG Committee fought hard against this. I commend them for all their hard work. I will continue to work closely with them to do all we can to resist these plans. Having lived in Borehamwood for almost 35 years I am both deeply saddened and upset about the decision." Cllr Morris Bright.

All who have visited Woodcock Hill know what a hugely important part of the community's identity it has become. So much effort by so many people over a long period to see this site protected and now some of that protection is lost. It is a special place held in the hearts of many Borehamwood residents.

The effort of the WHVG Committee and volunteers should be highlighted as a clear example of the local community coming together to stop an injustice.

*Sandra Parnell*



## Trees for Peace

On behalf of Woodcock Hill Village Green Committee I would like to say a big thank you to Folia Europe for providing the trees for this Jewish Festival.

Rabbi Chaim Hoch, Jewish Life Centre, explained the story behind the event and said a prayer for unity. Rabbi Jeff Berger, Studios Rotarian, said a few words about people of faith and none coming and working together as a community. Our youngest participant was 18 months. She managed with a litter picker. Our oldest was 84 and took the names of those attending.

Our project manager Alex Melson ensured all were safe and planted the trees to make a copse on the hill.

We had some trees left over, so five local schools have taken them to plant in their school grounds: Cowley Hill, Kenilworth, Meryfield, Summerswood and Hertswood Academy. Elstree and Borehamwood Town Youth councillors will be planting some as well.

We were delighted to welcome members of Studios Rotary Club, president Sasha Capocci, and representative of Rotary District 1130: Sree Vallipuram. Rtn Sree promotes the 'Trees for Peace' Campaign.



## Town Council goes green with Electric Vehicle & Public Charging

The Town Council site warden team has recently taken delivery of a new 100% electric van on a 5-year deal to replace the previous diesel vehicle and to help cut the carbon emissions in the town.

With a range of approx. 175 miles, the new van is ideal for the short journeys the Town Council Site Warden Team does around the town at the Allotment Sites, Churchyards and supporting the Town Council events.

The Town Council has also installed 2 x 22kw electric vehicle charging points adjacent to Fairway Hall for public charging.

These public charging points are available 24/7 in the car park located behind NatWest House and Fairway Hall next to the dentist.

To use the points you will need to install the BeeCharged app and setup an online account with BeeCharged.

The Town Council are currently charging 22p/kwh. More information is available on BeeCharged by scanning the QR code on the Charging post or going to [www.beecharged.com](http://www.beecharged.com)



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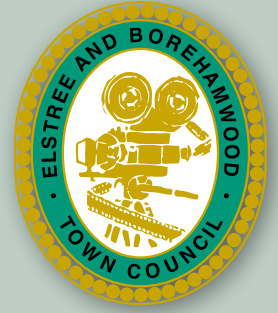
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# Annual Report 2022/23



## Mayor's Summary

[Summing up at the Annual Council Meeting], the Town Mayor, Councillor Sandra Parnell said "I have had a very special Mayoral Year. Coming out of the pandemic restrictions, events were able to be held and the highlight of my mayoralty was the Queen's Platinum Jubilee when we hosted visitors from France and Germany, the Deputy Lord Lieutenant and other dignitaries at the celebrations, including a Beacon Lighting. International affairs continued with the signing of a twinning agreement with Shoham in Israel and the visit of their mayor. Also I visited Offenburg to celebrate 40 years of Town Twinning. Here in Borehamwood I was warmly welcomed by the Romanian community at their festivities and in the town we celebrated the success of our local football team and the centenary of the local bus service. I attended events at churches, synagogues and Bhaktivedanta Manor. My Mayoral Charity, the Borehamwood Foodbank, benefitted from a number of concerts, including the Elstree Mozart Players, Borehamwood Brass and BBC Concert Band. We had a wonderful programme of entertainment throughout the year culminating in the Twin Town visits and celebrations for the King's Coronation".

## Community services

**Hall bookings:** Fairway Hall was open for the entire Municipal Year with a total usage of 1,686 hours (income = £30,328.76).

### Allotments:

Site	Managed	Occupied	Occupancy
Allum Lane	52	52	100%
Melrose Avenue	103	103	100%
Stapleton Gardens	59	59	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>100%</b>

The Site Warden team was joined by an additional full time staff member in the summer which enabled us to increase our grass cutting schedule into the autumn months and carry out further hedge and tree works over the winter at all the allotment sites.

'BeansTalk', our biannual newsletter for all plot holders, was produced in April and September to give plotters information about different ways to cultivate their plots along with allotment advice and news.

**Grants:** In 2022/23 the Town Council was proud to have assisted the following organisations with grant awards (or CIL expenditure) to contribute to the cost of local activities which are of benefit to the community (or a section of it):



Deputy Mayor of Fontenay-Aux-Roses Esteban Le Rouzes, Town Mayor Cllr Sandra Parnell & Lord Mayor of Offenburg Marco Steffens

Grant Award	Amount	Purpose
Letchmore Heath Village Trust	£500	Legal costs as part of COG
Sebby's Corner Charity	£500	Shelving for supplies
Hertsmere MENCAP	£2,000	Hall Hire
The Chai Centre	£5,500	Chanuka Menorah Lighting
CIL Award	Amount	Purpose
Hertsmere Borough	£20,000	Beryl Bikes Scheme
Boreham Wood Football Club	£125,000	Improvements
All Saints Churchyard	£35,000	Pathway improvement
Manor View Practice	£30,000 (paid in May 2023)	Surgery improvements

**Planning and Consultations:** The Council continued to consider planning applications referred to it by Hertsmere Borough Council as a statutory consultee. 343 were considered in total. Comments were made on 49 of these with concerns including issues of smaller unit developments failing to meet local needs for family sized homes and concerns over the high levels of retrospective applications locally. Objections were made to developments on the Green Belt.

**Site and street maintenance:** The Council maintains the film plaques in Borehamwood, 57 benches and 11 notice boards. Both War



Commemorative bench in memory of Steve Simmons

Memorials, St Nicholas and All Saints Churchyard (and church clocks) are maintained by the grounds team. A commemorative bench was installed in memory of Steve Simmons (Sullivan Buses).

## Leisure and entertainment

With the pandemic behind us we returned to a full schedule of events, below is a list of some of them:

- Jubilee Beacon Lighting;
- 40th Anniversary of Town Twinning;
- Borehamwood Brass Anniversary Concert;
- Festival Quiz;
- Festival Park Run;
- Festival Chess Night;
- Teddy's Trail Guided Walk;
- Allotment Open Day;



Jubilee Beacon Lighting



Elstree &amp; Borehamwood's Got Talent Show

- Two Day Families Weekend with free circus;
- Meadow Park Brass Band concerts;
- Elstree & Borehamwood's Got Talent;
- BBC Elstree Concert Band (George Gershwin & John Williams 100 Years of Film Music).

**Fireworks Night:** Fireworks Night returned to Meadow Park with a bang, celebrating the Best of British and the life of Queen Elizabeth II, attended in a safe environment by over 5,000 residents/visitors (the only free on entry display in the local area of this size).

**Christmas Lights:** Christmas Lights were switched on by the mayor



Fireworks Night

outside All Saints Church and the festive season started with the return of the free skating rink, teas and coffees, Santa's Grotto and live music.

**The Town Crier magazine:** Four editions of the popular magazine were published and distributed to 16,000 residents and businesses. The Town Crier is available online and in hard copy format at the railway station, library, museum and Communities 1st.

**Teddys Trails:** This walking book and local history guide, Teddy's Trails, continues to be popular with 290 sold to date.

**Coach trips:** A full programme of summer and winter trips resumed after two years:

Coast & Countryside 12 coaches - 519 tickets sold = £5,190;

Christmas Market 2 coaches - 84 tickets sold = £1,008;

In addition, the Council provided six free coach trips in the summer as a thank you to NHS staff.



Christmas Lights



Free NHS Coach Trips



Youth Council Question Time

## Children and young people

**School swimming:** The Council continued to support local schools in meeting the cost of travel to The Venue swimming pool for lessons.

**Youth Council:** The Youth Council continues to grow and contribute to Council decision making with representation on the Sustainable Transport Sub-Committee and Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. Members have developed a work programme and are now active members of the new community board at the Sky Studios. They are promoting public awareness to reduce local car travel by the "Walk Under A Mile" initiative and encourage cycling. A very successful Question Time event was held with local politicians and representatives have attended the Annual Parish Meeting and Twin Town Agreement Signing. The aim of the Youth Council is to promote civic awareness and pride.

## Public Access Report and Communications

The report contents were approved by Full Council on [15 May 2023] and the report is available for inspection by any elector in the Parish area by contacting the Town Council Offices or viewing on the Council

website ([www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk](http://www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk)). The report is published in the quarterly Town Crier publication distributed to every resident in Elstree and Borehamwood (16,000 copies) and available at the railway station, library, etc.

## Finances

The summary of Council Finances at Year End (31 March 2023) is:

**General Reserve Fund at Year End:** (plus two savings vehicles)  
£378,673.00.

**Earmarked Reserves at Year End: Election:** £36,250.00.

**Top Sliced CIL Fund:** £299,235.89.

## Town councillors

All 13 councillors were elected in May this year and a Mayor and Deputy Mayor are chosen at the Annual Council Meeting for the municipal year 2023/24. For the 2022/23 municipal year the Mayor is Councillor Mrs Sandra Parnell and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Clive Butchins.

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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 June	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7:30pm
14 June	Full Council	Main Hall	7:30pm
20 June	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7:00pm
4 July	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7:30pm
5 July	Transport & Community Safety	Main Hall	7:00pm
18 July	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7:00pm
26 July	General Management	Meeting Room	7:00pm
5 September	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7:30pm
6 September	Full Council	Main Hall	7:30pm
19 September	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7:00pm
20 September	Transport and Community Safety	Main Hall	7:00pm
3 October	Entertainments	Meeting Room	7:30pm
12 October	General Management	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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