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Hear ye! Hear ye!

Letter from the mayor...

Hello again as I said in my last letter to you I am having an amazing time still meeting different organisations that have invited me to see and get to know what they do locally.

Since the last Town Crier came out I was invited to Offenburg one of our twin towns by the Lord Mayor.

Offenburg was celebrating 40 years of town twinning and I was invited to sign the golden book, it was the most amazing special event I have ever seen, the celebrating was over three days, the Mayor, Steffan, and all the people that worked with him were extremely welcoming over the whole time that I was there, a very magical weekend.



In September I went to Israel to see my family and was invited to the festival of Succot there by the Mayor of Shoham, it was a happy and friendly occasion. I am so delighted that we will be twinning with this town, it is very similar to our town and the residents there are very excited at the prospect of twinning with us and getting to know us.

In October my colleagues from my Rotary Club organised a quiz to raise funds for the foodbank, we were able to raise £301 for the charity that we gave to them on the night.

We have many Christmas concerts coming up at Allum Hall, we are raising funds for Noah's Ark Children's Hospice, the Foodbank and the Dementia Club held at Fairway Hall every Tuesday 2pm until 4pm.

I am looking forward to seeing our firework display at Meadow Park on 5 November and of course our Christmas lights switch on, on 27 November. We also have our yearly Chanukah gathering in December but at this time the details are yet to be confirmed.

Please come along and join us on these lovely occasions. I will be looking out for all your well-known faces.

I wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas, Chanukah and a very best wishes for the New Year to everyone.

Cllr Sandra Parnell
Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood
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Queen Elizabeth II

21 April 1926 – 8 September 2022



Proclamation of the King paying our respects to her late majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Sunday 11 September

The Proclamation to announce the new monarch, King Charles III, was read by Cllr Clive Butchins, Deputy Town Mayor, outside the town council offices, Fairway Hall, on 11 September.

The weekend

Thanks to Rev Louise Collins and Pam Kubica for arranging a Remembrance Service at All Saints Church on Saturday 17 September at 3pm. It was a moving service celebrating the Queen's life: her devotion to her nation, her family, across the Commonwealth and the world. She touched the hearts of so many people. Town Mayor, Cllr Sandra Parnell read the 23rd Psalm. Hertsmere Borough Mayor Cllr John Graham addressed the congregation with heartfelt thanks to our late Queen.

The short ceremony at the War Memorial on Sunday 18 September was poignant and struck just the right note. The Royal British Legion were pleased to welcome town councillors, representatives of local organisations and members of the community.

Thanks to: Andrew Grady for organising the sound system and Last Post, George Carr for playing the Lament and the Queen's favourite pipe piece, Nick Todd (war veteran and Burma Star holder) for reading the epitaph.

The president of the Royal British Legion, Tony Wass, invited all back for refreshments.



Compost Corner



Congratulations to all our allotment trophy winners of 2022!

Allum

Best plot: Kris Lengua - a very successful crop, attractive to pollinating insects, with healthy soil from permaculture practices.

Most produce: Lewis Worley - second year in a row and just as magical.

Best effort: Tony Dodkin - always there and hard at it... the results are obvious!

Stapleton

Best plot: Marijus Jusionis - an artistic picture with a place for everything and everything in its place.

Most produce: Ewa Babenczuk - hard to beat, and plenty for pickles and preserves too.

Best effort: Deluar Choudhury - a huge transformation from 'before' to 'after'.

Melrose

Best plot: Virginia Saunders - "I've never won anything!", well it's certainly about time you did! Well deserved.

Most produce: Berta Oshoa-Lopez - a generous something for everyone, including giving thought to insect life.

Best effort: Mr & Mrs Sefton - a lot of hard work from the start, with great skill and sensitivity shown throughout.



Best Plot 2022 Allum
Kris Lengua

Anne Nicodemus

Borehamwood and District Garden Craft Society

What a challenging summer! Members of the garden society struggled to keep their precious plants alive in the hottest months.

A lot of time was spent watering hanging baskets and pots, and using recycled water as much as possible. We looked out at our straw coloured grass and wondered if it would ever recover, but now I look out and it is as green as ever.

We held our annual Autumn Harvest Show at Allum Hall on 11 September. Entry was free for all, tea and cakes were available, so it was nice to be able to chat with old friends and fellow gardeners and share what we have grown. We welcomed lots of visitors who enjoyed looking at the many entries. Fruit trees have had a bumper harvest this year, so there were plenty of apples, pears, plums, grapes and even some late strawberries to admire. There was a wonderful display of flowers as the rains came just in time to help them to bloom. Sadly, although the dahlias hadn't quite got going by show weekend and are only now looking fantastic in our gardens. There was also a vegetable section. Courgettes, squash, tomatoes have all done well and some attractive baskets of produce were displayed.

The craft section showed how busy people had been during lock down. Visitors voted for their favourite item which was a beautifully sewn Mary Poppins doll complete with carpet bag and umbrella. In the domestic section were cakes, jams and a dessert 'fit for a Queen' The winning dessert was made with the flavours of mango, ginger and lime juice. In the floral art section, our theme was celebrating the Royal Jubilee, so it was fitting to see the lovely arrangements people had designed to honour the Queen as we had just learned, a few days before, that she had passed away.

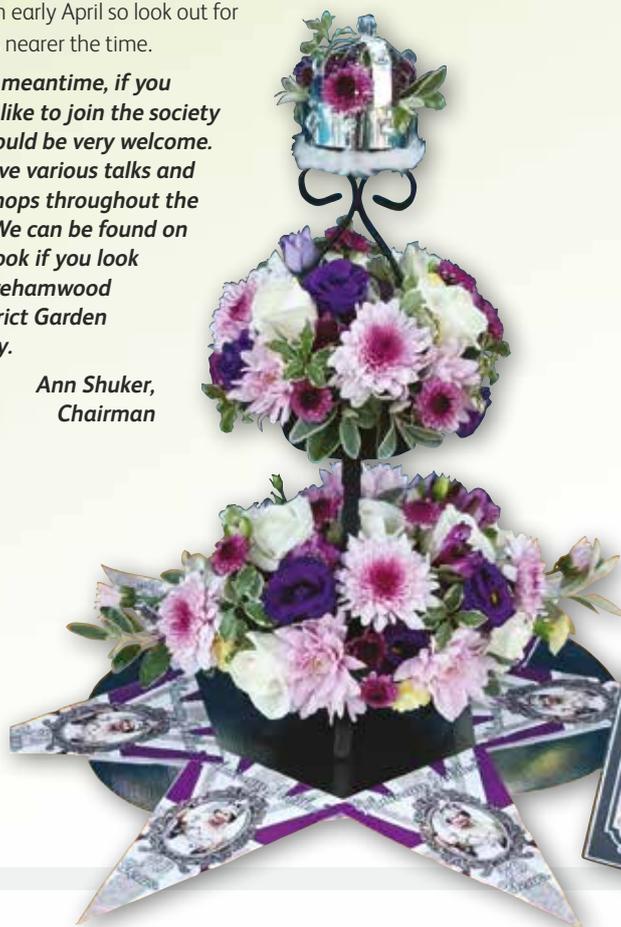
Our Deputy Mayor, Clive Butchins, kindly came along to present the cups and awards. Andy Billings won the Richard Tauber Cup for Flowers, Lina Christova won the Paul Chandler Cup for fuchsias, Simon Gee won

the Wellington cup for Vegetables, Ann Shuker won the Challenge Cup for Fruit and Jenny Griffiths won the Floral Art Trophy. Lina also won the award for best exhibit for her amazing ornithogalum caudatum plant. It is also called the pregnant onion plant. It looks quite amazing. Look it up on google for a picture and you will see how it got its name.

Our next show will be the Spring Show in early April so look out for posters nearer the time.

In the meantime, if you would like to join the society you would be very welcome. We have various talks and workshops throughout the year. We can be found on Facebook if you look up Borehamwood & District Garden Society.

*Ann Shuker,
Chairman*



Baby Loss Awareness Week

On Saturday 15 October 2022 at 7pm, parents, relatives and friends gathered around the evergreen tree at the corner of Shenley Road and Furzehill Road in Borehamwood town centre to remember all babies who have died too soon.

The vigil, part of the globally recognised "Wave of Light," marked the culmination of Baby Loss Awareness Week and saw residents light candles and hang messages on the "Angel Tree" in their memory. The tree was decorated in pink, blue and white ribbons throughout the week.

The event was organised by local resident Tina Nandha who has been doing so annually since 2019 and drew support from local people, shops, businesses and local councillors including Hertsmeire Mayor John Graham and Borehamwood Kenilworth Cllr Dan Ozarow.

Tina Nandha, local Baby Loss Awareness Week coordinator, said: "Baby Loss Awareness Week provides an opportunity to bring families and neighbours together as a community to give anyone touched by pregnancy, baby and infant loss a safe and supportive space to share their experiences and feel that they are not alone."

Tina is hoping to form a local support group for bereaved parents, siblings and families to raise awareness about and help prevent pregnancy and baby loss and drive improvements in care and support for anyone affected by it.

If you are interested in joining this you can contact her here babyloss@wrapitbytina.co.uk

Tina Nandha



Please support the Borehamwood Foodbank!



Borehamwood Foodbank supported over 10,000 people in crisis in 2021 and we expect this to increase exponentially in 2022 as the cost of living crisis bites, energy prices increase and with inflationary pressure.

We long for a world where foodbanks are a thing of the past in the UK, but while we're still needed, we rely on the generosity of local schools, businesses, community organisations and individuals, without whom we couldn't offer our regular services, which include:

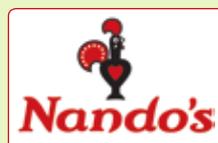
- Twice-weekly foodbank sessions for anyone who needs additional food;
- A Citizens Advice representative at all of our regular sessions offering advice about financial help and benefits;
- Free brand new school uniforms;
- Winter fuel allowance support;
- Additional family lunch sessions during the school holidays;

Over the past few months we have had support from:

- Sobell Rhodes LLP who helped at our Summer Family Foodbank sessions with volunteers attending every one of our six additional lunch sessions over the school holidays. They also bought lots of food and a huge amount of stationery for the children returning to school;

- We've forged a partnership with Nando's, through Fareshare, to give any of its leftover food at our Thursday sessions;
- Tesco, with whom we partner throughout the year, with food donation drives in the Summer and Winter;
- St Martins Church in Shenley, which has set up its own food collection point at the church.

If you can help with financial or food donations – either one-offs or regular donations - please contact us at info@borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk



School News

Kenilworth Primary School

On Friday 16 September Kenilworth Primary school was very excited to receive a visit from our local councillors Cllr Dan Ozarow and Cllr Rebecca Challice.

They were greeted by our schools eco-council who had successfully raised money in partnership with the PTA to create a vegetable patch which has been constructed and built by our skilled site manager Mr Eason. The pupils showed our visitors around the vegetable patch; where each class's plot was located and what each year group had planted. They enjoyed sharing their experiences of being a member of the eco-council and discussing their responsibility to help water and care for our new vegetable patch. They then took a tour of our grounds with the pupils sharing how the litter around the school has decreased due to the eco-council's hard work.



We were then treated to a school assembly led by Cllr Dan Ozarow and Cllr Rebecca Challice. The pupils gained an understanding of their roles and responsibilities within our local area and even got a chance to share their own thoughts and opinions on what they feel our local area would benefit from.

Emma Schumacher
Head of KS2/Maths and Eco co-ordinator

Saffron Green Primary School

What a fantastic start to the term it has been at Saffron Green Primary School this academic year.

As the new headteacher I am extremely proud of the journey the school is taking and the opportunities we now have to drive school success. It has been a pleasure getting to know the parent community at the school gates each morning and seeing the smiles on the children's faces as they skip into school.

In my commitment to rebuild community cohesion and open the doors to families and friends of Saffron Green we have been busy planning events and opportunities for the children. We are focusing on building our Friends of Saffron Green parent association which will allow us to raise funds through a variety of events to support teaching and learning in our school. So far, we have been able to update our phonic library with brand new books for the children to read at home, introduce chrome books into our year 2 and continue to develop our exciting up and coming community events.

This month we will be celebrating Harvest week through a variety of fun in class activities. We will have a visitor from the local foodbank to talk to the children about donating items to support people facing hardship this winter and then end the week with Harvest Festival songs for our parents to enjoy. We also have the return of our exciting Halloween disco followed closely by our Christmas Extravaganza where we hope to see much of the local community.

It has been an exciting start to the year, and I look forward to watching that excitement grow.

Amy Salsbury - Headteacher



Miss Salsbury with some newbies

Meryfield Primary School

We are delighted to be able to say we are a 'Good' school. Our OFSTED inspection took place in May and we are very pleased with the outcome and feel proud of what the whole staff team and governors have achieved.

The inspection captured many of our strengths as a school, it reflects our aim of giving children the knowledge, skills and confidence to open doors of opportunities throughout their lives.

We are excited to announce that Meryfield Community Primary School has been awarded the prestigious Eco-Schools Green Flag Award for the second year. The eco-council have worked hard leading several school wide eco-projects such as WWF Earth Day;



making bug hotels and bird feeders; learning about plastic pollution in our oceans and seas and tidying up our wild area.

The eco-council have big plans for this year with a focus on reducing waste and increasing recycling.

Meryfield is the local community collection site for the Terracycle Writing Instruments Recycling Programme. Please drop off any old felt tipped pens, biro's, highlighters or white board pens and we will be happy to recycle them for you.

Our busy gardeners have a lot to celebrate. We took part in the very first "vegfest" for local Borehamwood schools and had a truly winning day. We entered our produce into lots of categories and were delighted to be first prize winners for the overall best crop of fruit and vegetables. We also won first prize for our spinach, were highly commended for our root vegetables, and won a highly commended for our art work and our most prized certificate: The Best Wonky Vegetable (a walrus shaped potato named Walter). We would also like to add how lucky we were to have had an impressive and very tasty crop of strawberries this year.



Beware of men in suits!

Here I am again, banging on about school uniforms. All of our schools have to ensure that uniforms are affordable and easily obtained. It seems that many countries that have had an association with the UK, still have school uniforms. I have seen this in both India and Sri Lanka with children nicely dressed in simple uniforms walking some distance to school in the morning.

In our town most of our primary schools have sensible, practical and affordable uniforms which look nice. As a governor, I always ask the headteacher what the situation is with regards to uniforms and have always been pleased with how they ensure affordability and do things like recycle unwanted uniforms. They also ensure that uniforms can be bought cheaply at Tesco or local stores. Not long ago, I remember even the youngest children had to wear ties which meant getting changed for games or PE took ages.

The thing which exercises me most is why we are still dressing up teenage girls to look like boys. The only women who wear clothes like these, are in the army and air force. The reason given for this has always been that it prepares them for the world of work but there is no evidence for this today.

When I was teaching I recall that a senior, costly, member of staff spent half her week checking up on uniforms. Class teachers, too, had

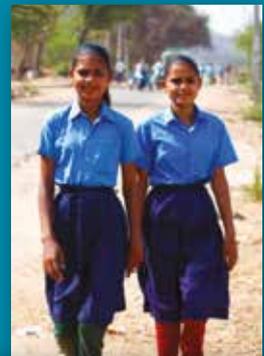
to do this. One of the things teachers always had to do was check on the length of girls' dresses. Surprisingly, some secondary schools still do not allow girls or female staff to wear trousers.

Nobody today would invest in neck ties. They are done, so why are they being perpetuated for boys too. Images of male presenters and politicians on the TV and public life can be increasingly seen open necked.

School governors can influence the policy for uniforms and must at least ask the question about affordability.

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

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



Geoff Strack

Music in the Wood



Borehamwood Brass

Visit to Germany

Borehamwood Brass has a longstanding friendship with the Offenburg Fire Service Band in Germany, and the Offenburg Stadt invited us to visit for the Heimattage Festival. Along with Mayor Cllr Sandra Parnell and members of the twin town association, BETTA, we travelled to Germany for events marking 40th Anniversary of Borehamwood's partnership with Offenburg. Our members met up with four original members of the Offenburg Fire Brigade Band that formed the link with Borehamwood in 1989.

Fridays evenings in Borehamwood

Now, with cooler weather and autumn in the air, we are back to practising every Friday night. One of the reasons why we love brass instruments is that we can play all kinds of music – from classics to show tunes, music from the movies and even jazz. So our repertoire is very varied, and we can find the right pieces for most occasions.

Where to hear us

If you would like to hear Borehamwood Brass, here are some of the events where we'll be performing between now and Christmas:

Sunday 27 November - The Christmas Lights Switch-on outside All Saints' Church.



Friday 9 December - Christmas Concert, 8 pm, St Marks Church, Barnet Vale, EN5 5HY.

Monday 19 - Friday 23 December - Tesco, in aid of NSPCC.

Joining the band

We are always pleased to meet new players, and we currently have a space for a percussionist. We rehearse most Fridays at St Theresa's Catholic Church Hall, 291 Shenley Road. If you are interested in joining the band, please contact our secretary, Andrew Grady 07802 736628.

Book the brass band

We play for all kinds of events and celebrations. If you would like to book the band, please contact Andrew Grady 07802 736628.

Andrew Grady



Borehamwood Community Choir

If you love music from Abba and the Beatles through to some of the latest hits and enjoy singing then come and join us.

No auditions needed and you already know the songs so have fun singing them with a group of people like you. We have restarted rehearsals on a Monday night at St Teresa's Church Hall, 291 Shenley Road, Borehamwood starting at 7:30pm until 9:30pm during term time. Transport is provided for those with mobility issues and we look forward to you joining us.



Elstree Mozart Players

Bringing classical music to the Wood



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

The third concert of this year's season was held on Saturday 8 October 2022 at Allum Hall. Proceeds were donated to the Rotary Club of the Studios of Elstree and Borehamwood, supporting their community-based projects.

Sasha Capocci, president of the Studios Rotary Club, welcomed the Mayor of Hertsmeire, Cllr John Graham, and Cllr Clive Butchins, Deputy Town Mayor, who both said how much they enjoyed it and commented on the high standard.

EMP performed Elgar's Aubade from the Nursery Suite, marking respect to her late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

Soloist, Albert Kayedpour, led Max Bruch's Violin Concerto No1 in G Minor Op 26. His interpretation of the music was excellent.

The orchestra performed the well-known William Walton March 'Crown Imperial' to close the 1st half.

The concert featured Vaughan Williams' Tuba Concerto performed by Nathan Mansell. Another outstanding performance.

Two works by Peter White were featured: Concert March Team Spirit plus Concert Waltz Sapphire Blue. Peter joined the orchestra to play the piano for these two works.

The evening ended with a performance of Eric Coates famous Dambusters March.

Thanks to Allum Hall & Manor and the Studios Rotary Club for support in staging this concert.

Future programme

Saturday 19 November for Noah's Ark Children's Hospice.

Saturday 10 December a Yuletide Concert for the Town Mayor's charity for the year, the Foodbank.

Further details are in this edition of the Town Crier.

For more information about the orchestra, or how to become a Patron, please contact either Pat Strack on 020 8386 3151 or Andrew Grady on 07802 736628.

Email: elstreemozartplayers@outlook.com



Albert Kayedpour

Borehamwood and Elstree Community Radio

The steering group, consisting of Clive Butchins, Andrew Grady, Nick Male, Sandra Parnell and Pat Strack, is working with Marlon Dwyer, Clive Glover, Bob Redman, Dan Salter, Tom Watkins and Peter Windsor, and is pleased to announce that Steve Tann has joined as the BECR Project Manager.

The team has been formed to develop the means to lead to the establishment of a full-time local community radio station for the town. The project volunteers will initially work with a few young people to teach them some basic skills: recording and editing interviews and posting podcasts.

The volunteers will be working with groups of young people from 18 to 25 years old to help them understand the range of skills needed.

So far 20 volunteers have expressed an interest in helping, with experience ranging from hospital radio, music station, student radio, 3CR, BBC, jingles and voiceovers, or just enthusiasts.

BECR has received a grant from Clarion Foundation to purchase

equipment to enable recordings and eventually internet broadcasts to take place. We are now looking for long term funding to advance the project.

Negotiations proceed for a central venue for training, meetings and a drop-in run by volunteers.

A purpose-built radio station is proposed and discussions are well advanced.

Contact: pat.strack@icloud.com



Borehamwood & Elstree U3A

This year is the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the U3A nationally, and marks 20 years since the formation of the Borehamwood and Elstree Branch. We celebrated at our AGM in September with a Branch Social at which we were entertained in style by our Ukulele Group, the Strummers in the Wood.

We have a variety of special interest groups, from board games to rambles and bridge to ukulele which mainly meet monthly. We also have some interesting talks lined up for our branch meetings:

- On 20 December Colin Oakes will provide a suitably festive talk on "Gilbert and Sullivan's Christmas";
- On 17 January Ian Robertson will talk about naval history.

Branch meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 10am at St Teresa's Parish Centre in Shenley Road. Attendance is free for members and £3 for visitors. Do join us, whether you are already a member or just want to come along to find out more about the U3A.

Judith Sear
Chair, Elstree and Borehamwood U3A



Platinum Jubilee certificates



The Queen's Pageant Master Bruno Peek wants to pass on great thanks to everyone who played their part in Celebrating the Queen's Jubilee in June

The Platinum Jubilee certificates are presented in recognition of all their help to make this event go so well.

Certificates have been awarded to:

- The Studios Rotary Club of Elstree & Borehamwood;
- Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council.

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Shoham Town Twinning

The formal proposal to twin was taken to Full Council on 7 September. It was agreed that the framework was now in place to go forward with the overall aim of delivering tangible economic and social benefits to both communities, especially in light of post Covid-19 regeneration.

The first meeting of an advisory group seeking to forge town twinning links between Elstree and Borehamwood and Shoham in Central Israel took place on Monday 5 September in Fairway Hall.

Councillors from Elstree and Borehamwood Town and the Deputy Mayor of Hertsmere, Councillor Victor Eni, attended, plus representatives from local businesses, sports and cultural groups as well as Borehamwood and Elstree Twin Town Association and Danny Hunter, Chair of Boreham Wood Football Club.

A link was opened via Zoom with Peleg Reshef (International Affairs Portfolio Holder, Municipality of Shoham) with the aim of making introductions and highlighting similarities: population size, sports, culture, leisure, interest in the environment and sustainable transport and social wellbeing (provision of support for the elderly, education / young persons and diversity).

Thanks were expressed to Cllr Simon Rubner for bringing Shoham to the table when a possible link was suggested. The Town Council has



already received assurance from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office that there was a natural alliance between the towns. Councillor Parnell had explored the idea and Councillor Newmark reported on his recent visit to Shoham (Chair and Vice-Chair of the International Affairs Sub-Committee respectively).

Discussion from the floor resulted in assurances that the existing twin town links would be maintained equally and included in the arrangement should it proceed.

Business initiatives included opportunities of provision for industry placements for young people. Sporting links would be encouraged between clubs in the town, not only for players but also supporters and social members.

Please reach out for more news of our existing links with Fontenay Aux Roses and Offenburg.

The Town Council is keen for residents and businesses to get involved in this important twinning project with Shoham.

If you have good ideas about how to make this a success and/or to get involved, we would like to hear from you – please contact the Town Clerk on 0208 207 1382 / clerk@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk

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St Teresa's International Lunch

On 2 October, St Teresa's Parish Hall was decorated with National flags to welcome everyone from all backgrounds by sharing a dish from their countries of origin. Some were wearing their traditional costumes.

Fr Dominic organises this international lunch each year to bring the communities of Borehamwood together over a meal. Diners experience tasting a variety of dishes from all around the world. To name but a few Nigeria, Ghana, Guyana, Philippines, France, Scotland, England, Italy, Spain, Peru, Morocco, Sri Lanka, India, Ireland, Cap Verde....

This was an excellent and memorable day enjoyed by all.

Borehamwood and Elstree Seniors Forum

Cllr Sandra Parnell and Cllr Pat Strack's initiative to ensure that the needs of older folk in Elstree and Borehamwood are met, was started on 15 September with an inaugural meeting at Fountain Court with a second meeting on 20 October.

It was attended by representatives from statutory bodies: Hertfordshire County Council and Hertsme Borough Council, charities: Alzheimer's UK, Age UK, Leecliff, Communities 1st, CarersinHerts, Friends of Carers and from local voluntary groups: the Monday Club, Dementia Club, DR96 Visually Impaired Club, and Live Well.

It was agreed that Borehamwood Seniors at Fountain Court need to receive sustainable funding. This unique service needs to grow back to a five day a week 52 weeks a year, hours 10 am to 3pm from the present one day a week.

Pre Covid-19 cost £11 per person a day and post Covid-19 £34.70. We have a responsibility to ensure that the most vulnerable, frail and needy in our town community have a much-needed service offered at an affordable price.

It was agreed to enhance publicity through a number of channels so that all clubs and organisations in the town are advertised and known to the elderly, their families and friends and professionals that help them.

A directory of all clubs and organisations is being compiled so that information is shared across the community.

Information for the Warm Spaces Scheme a joint venture of HBC and Leecliff will be shared as far as possible including through GP practices. This will enable any residents to attend.

It was agreed that all groups, organisations and professionals working with the elderly should know about extra help in the community: e.g. Warmer Homes, and to add more groups as they become known.

Pat Strack



The Friday Night Project

Cllrs Sandra Parnell and Pat Strack were delighted to be invited to Hertswood Academy to see how the youth club was progressing. Early involvement with a number of stakeholders and the project was all set to go when the school had an Ofsted then, moved into the new build and Covid-19.

Despair that it would never start turned to joy when we saw what a wonderful experience the young people were having.

We visited the basketball hall where about 30 young people (nine girls) were on and off the courts playing. Exemplary behaviour and a great sense of energy and comradery.

Outside on the floodlit area over 100 young people were playing football.

This is all down to John Manitar, youth leader, whom Sandra and I first met in 2015 running twilight football at BWFC, Marlon Dwyer, Clarion Foundation, Ross Hopcroft, Tabards School of Hard Knocks. Dan Smith, Leecliff, they with others have got an exciting project not only up and running but thriving, providing great sport and socialisation on a Friday night in term time

Pat Strack



Dementia Club

Every Tuesday afternoon the Dementia Club meets at Fairway Hall.

The free club is run to provide somewhere for families who live with dementia to enjoy themselves. Carers are welcome. Refreshments, quizzes, exercises, bingo and entertainment takes place every week from 2pm to 4pm.

Members are enjoying the return of performers and the opportunity to dance to add to the other activities including the weekly chair exercises.



On 23 August members went to the Manor Hotel Elstree for afternoon tea. It was a joy to dine in such a historic place in a wonderful setting. Thank you, Hertsme Borough Council for your donation to this outing.

The club will have Christmas brunch at Barracuda on Tuesday 13 December then on to party at Fairway Hall.

New members are welcome.

Monday Club

The Monday Club welcomes new members. Refreshments, quizzes, bingo and entertainment are on the agenda for a fun morning.

A recent treat saw members enjoying afternoon tea at the Manor Hotel Elstree on 8 August. This was subsidised by a grant from Hertsme Borough Council.

Club members are booked for Christmas lunch at the Toby Inn for Monday 12 January

The Monday Club meets every other Monday at Aberford Hall, 10am to 12pm. Cost £5 per annum and £3 per visit. 28 November, 12 December, 9 and 23 January.



DR96

A thriving club for over 60s. Members enjoy refreshments, quizzes, exercises bingo and entertainment every Wednesday at 96 Shenley Road 10am to 12pm.

DR96 members chose to visit The Manor Hotel Elstree for afternoon tea, either on 31 August or 7 September. The food and service were excellent.

DR96 members will revisit for Christmas lunch on Wednesday 7 December to enjoy the festive fayre. "Elvis" will entertain so sing along and maybe try some dancing when we roll up the rugs.

DR96 members and friends went on an outing on 13 October to Southend to enjoy some autumn sunshine

New members are welcome.



Contact details for DR96, Monday Club and Dementia Club

Sasha Capocci: 007771862820 sashacapocci@hotmail.com

Sandra Parnell: 07736809015 sparnell513@gmail.com

Pat Strack 07790305428 p.strack@icloud.com

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Elstree & Borehamwood Christmas Guide



Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council

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Sunday 27th November 2022

All Saints Church, Shenley Road, Borehamwood WD6 1EB

2pm – 6pm (Light Switch On at 4:30pm)

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

www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk

Free Tea & Coffee in 96 Shenley Road



Christmas market coach trips

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

The Town Council is offering a chance to have a day out at a Christmas market for £12.

Choose one of the 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

Tickets available from Monday 21 November 2022.

Tickets are on a first come, first served basis and are on sale from 9am to 12 noon from
Monday to Friday - strictly one per person.

Please bring correct change. Tickets are non-refundable.

The fully air-conditioned coaches leave Fairway Hall at 9am prompt and will 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).

Winchester

Tuesday 6 December

Canterbury

Thursday 8 December



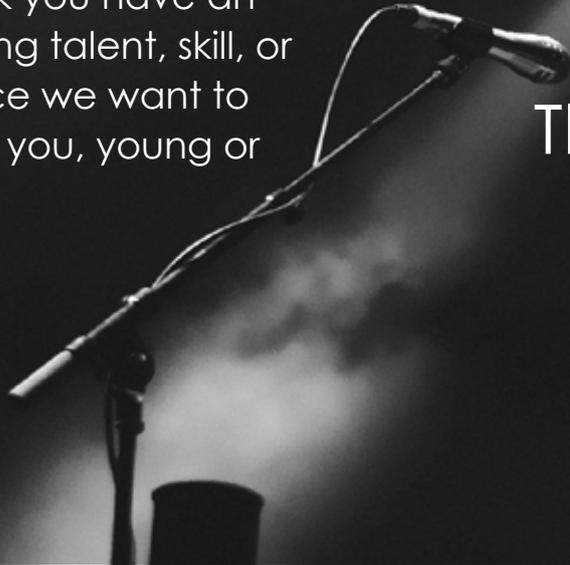
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Thursday 8 December

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3rd Prize £50

To register please contact Dan Salter on 020 8207 1382
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Saturday 10th December

7.30pm

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Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council
And BBC Elstree Concert Band

Christmas Concert

Wednesday

14 December 2022

Allum Hall, Allum Lane, Elstree, WD6 3PJ

8pm

(Doors open at 7:30pm)

Tickets £10



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CHRISTMAS 2022 SERVICES

at the Anglican Parish of Elstree and Borehamwood

Holy Cross Church

Balmoral Drive, Borehamwood, WD6 2QU

Every Sunday at 9:30am

Sunday 4 December 9:30am, A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

St Michael & All Angels Church

Brook Road, Borehamwood, WD6 5EQ

Revd Louise Collins 020 8953 2362

Every Sunday at 9:30am + Welcome Café on Thursdays at 1:30pm

Sunday 27 November 4pm, Advent Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 17 December 4pm, BETTA Candelit Carols

Sunday 18 December 4pm, Carol Service

Monday 19 December 7pm - 8pm, Carols at 'The Wellington' Pub, 4 Theobald Street

Thursday 22 December 1:30pm, Welcome Café Candlelit Carols and mince pies

Saturday 24 December Christmas Eve
5pm, Nativity with Christingle
11:30pm, Holy Communion

Sunday 25 December Christmas Day
9:30am, Family Communion

All Saints Church

94 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, WD6 1EB

Every Sunday at 11:00am

Sunday 18 December 11am, A Service of the Word with Lessons and Carols

Sunday 25 December Christmas Day
11am, Holy Communion

St Nicholas Church

Elstree High Street, Elstree, WD6 3EW

Car parking available at St Nicholas School

Lay Minister John Auton 07885 142217

Every Sunday at 9.30am

Sunday 11 December 6:30pm, Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 24 December 4pm, Crib Service

Saturday 24 December Christmas Eve
11pm, Midnight Mass

Sunday 25 December 10am, Christmas Morning Family Communion



Elstree Productions Theatre Company

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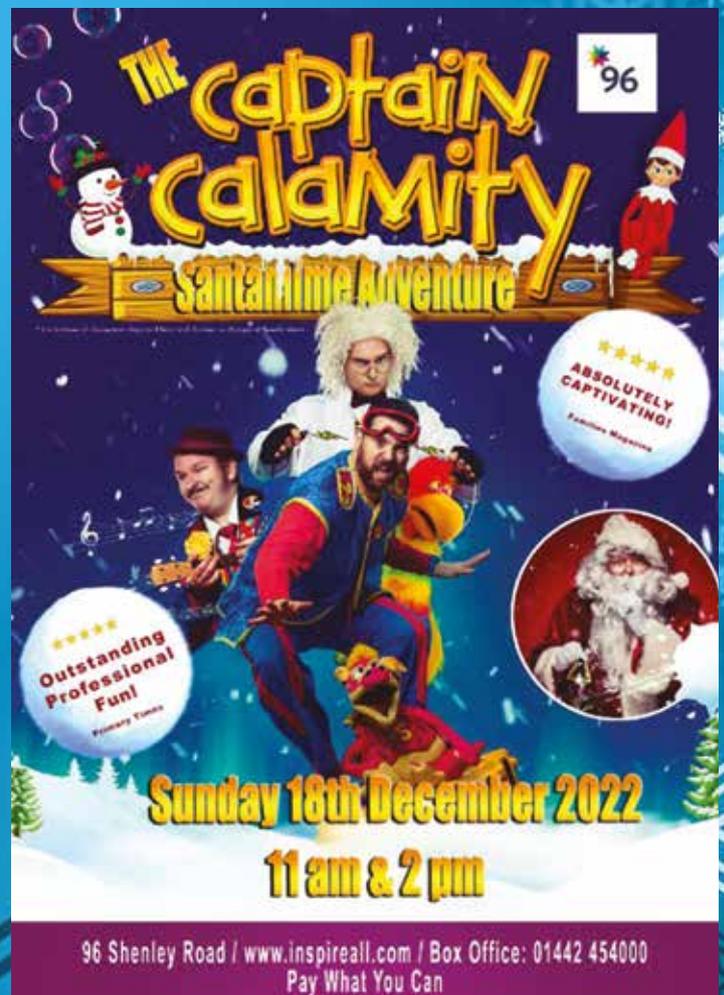
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Sat 26th November 2:30pm & 7:30pm
Sun 27th November 2:30pm

St Michael's & All Angels Church
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Elstree and Borehamwood NSPCC

The NSPCC Committee has organised two successful events this year raising funds for the work of the NSPCC for all the nation's children. We plan to complete our fundraising year with two more.

The NSPCC November craft fair was held on Sunday 6 November from 10.30am to 3.30pm in Allum Hall, Elstree. The Mayor of Hertsmere, Cllr



John Graham, opened the event serenaded by local musicians headed by Borehamwood Brass, Nick Male and the Woodmen, Strummers in the Wood, and Paul Lomax on guitar.

Refreshments were served throughout featuring the famed Chinese lunches.

Gifts, craftwork and bargains were on sale with games and raffles and displays of Arts and crafts.

Came along for the Christmas shopping, fun and games, and to support the NSPCC.

Nearer Christmas we shall celebrate in partnership with our wonderful supporters, Borehamwood Brass who are performing a Carol Concert kindly hosted by Tesco Borehamwood. These will run from 19 to 23 December from 6pm - 8pm. Our collectors will be so happy to receive your donations! Happy Christmas to everyone.

Ann Goddard
Chair E&B NSPCC

Maxwell Park Community Centre

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Update on the Elstree and Borehamwood Neighbourhood Plan



Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council is developing a Neighbourhood Plan for our area. This document contains planning policies to influence future development – where it goes and what it looks like – in our area over the next 15 to 20 years. It will sit alongside Hertsmere Borough Council's Local Plan and will be used to help determine planning applications here.

Tell us your views: We launched our community survey last month and have had a resounding response. But we still want to hear from more of you. You can find a paper copy of the survey in the Autumn Town Crier edition, from the council, or alternatively you can fill in the survey online here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/EBNP1>

If you run a business locally, then we want to hear from you too: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/EBNP2>

We are also working with the Youth Council to develop a survey for younger people and this will be launched in the schools in the next few weeks.

What you have told us so far: Many of you have told us you would like to see a cleaner place, with lots of green space, attractive to families and with enough local facilities, such as health and education. Lots of you have mentioned the need for more things to do for young people, particularly teenagers. Unsurprisingly, traffic and parking get mentioned a great deal.

The Neighbourhood Plan offers an opportunity to focus on walking and cycling locally, something that the Town Council is pushing for instance through the Beryl Bike Hire Scheme that was launched this October. We are getting lots of interesting views on where footpaths might be improved or better connected to enable better access. Finally, you've mentioned lots of green spaces that are important to safeguard, of which could be made more accessible or usable.

All of the information gathered will be carefully considered by the Steering Group and will guide the final Neighbourhood Plan.

How to get involved:

- Fill in the survey;
- If you run a local group, get in touch as we would love to come and talk to your members;
- 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: cllr.clive.butchins@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk;
- Call us: 07930 325965.

Welcome back to the NHS Covid-19 booster vaccination teams

Although we'd all like to think the pandemic is over, the simple fact is that Covid-19 is still out there and immunity levels are falling. To boost those levels a new programme of vaccinations started in early September.

This time local GP surgeries are running vaccination clinics for Covid-19 boosters and/or flu jabs.

To supplement their efforts, Herts Health has asked Allum Manor for the use of Allum Hall for weekly clinics up to the end of November.

Chair of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Ann Goddard, and all trustees were quick to agree to this request. 'Having hosted over 110,000 vaccinations up to the end of June, Allum Manor has always supported the NHS vaccination programme.

When we were asked if the NHS could hold additional clinics to deliver booster jabs for over-50s, we were delighted to support the programme. The new clinics are now in full swing, delivering 600 or more jabs each session to booked patients and walk-ins.'

Bob Redman



The Manor House restored to its past glory

As reported in the Autumn edition of 'Town Crier', work started in mid-May to redecorate the outside of the Manor House. Parts of the Manor House date from the 1700s and the building, for many years a private residence, is on Hertsmere's register of Locally Listed Buildings of historical or architectural interest to the local community.

Although the rooms inside the Manor House were completely redecorated while it stood empty during the pandemic lockdowns and are regularly redecorated, the outside had not been touched for years.

In 2021 the Board of Trustees authorised a major programme from reserves built up during the tenure of our late chair, Mr. Jim McKean. Adverse weather delayed the start, but by May this year our chosen decorator, Stuart Green of Elstree Decorating had assembled a team of local tradespeople, including the painters known as the Pink Ladies (Karen and Jane), joiner Rupert Wood and scaffolder Lee Maddison of Ash Scaffolding.

The team had to tackle a building three storeys high, advancing around it in a highly coordinated way. That they managed to complete this project despite the weather, illnesses and public as well as private holidays is a tribute to their dedication and the high quality of their workmanship.



In the words of Stuart Green: 'Based in Borehamwood for over 30 years, I was delighted to be chosen to redecorate the Manor House. It's been a challenging project and required me to assemble a team of highly experienced tradesmen at a time of fierce competition for such people. Hopefully we've made the Manor House fit to deliver care and pleasure for the local community for many years to come.'

Erecting scaffolding well over eight metres high and ensuring at all times the safety of others in the team was key to the success of the project. We were very fortunate to bring onboard Lee Maddison: "Our scaffold yard is on Barnet Lane, Elstree, so we have known the Manor House for nearly 30 years. It's a local landmark and I'm incredibly proud we could be part of this project."

The final word goes to Chair Ann Goddard: 'Like most other enterprises we have been working hard to rebuild after Covid-19, and like everyone else we are now struggling with rampant inflation and soaring energy charges.

But we also have a clear duty of care to maintain our properties, the Manor House and Allum Hall. Stuart and his team have helped us restore the Manor House to its past glory. Thanks too to our regular customers and their guests for their patience.

We see this project as a key investment and a vote of confidence in the future of Allum Manor. We welcome all our friends to visit and see for themselves the result of this transformation.'

Bob Redman

A brief history of the Manor Hotel



The Manor Hotel stands on the site of an old house dated 1540.

Commander, Sir Tim Dawson BT, Royal Navy, was the first occupant of Edwarebury House. It was turned into a private country club in the early 1930's and remained so until late 1950's. It was then operated as a hotel with a fine restaurant for some years until an expansion in 1989 added conference rooms which moved the hotel into its present status.

The building's original features have been largely retained with several pieces throughout the hotel being of considerable age. The front door was originally part of the dungeons in Lewes Castle.

As one stands in the entrance hall attention is immediately drawn to the outstanding features of the fireplace with Italian carved columns supporting the ornate mantelpiece.

The decorative frieze paintings around the upper part of the reception lobby were executed by Sir Norman Little depicting scenes from the Spanish Armada. It is understood that some of the wood was actually

from ships involved in this battle. The beams and cornestones have been used to decorate the ceilings in reception.

The wooden panels in our Beaufort Room are believed to date back to the 1600's. In the bar, there is a particularly fine set of old Gothic panels made from ships lockers. The fire place overmantel features some fine carving which frames a medieval Spanish painting produced on a leather "canvas".

The Manor Hotel is set in 10 acres of gardens and natural woodland, with views overlooking Central London and the gardens initially planned by Mr W Innes Stuckey. In fact, some of the shrubs and rhododendrons are of the same age of the house itself, the magnolia tree outside the bar is especially impressive when in flower.

Many television programmes and films have featured the hotel. In addition to this 'claim to fame' the hotel can boast of having entertained many famous celebrities, including Peter Sellers, Tom Cruise and John Cleese to mention a few.



Elstree & Borehamwood Museum

The good news is that our successful exhibition "The Line that Never Was" has been extended until 31 December, to give even more visitors a chance to see our 18-foot model railway and all the associated information. The hours are as usual, Tuesday to Thursday midday until 6pm, Saturday 10am to 3pm, and the Sunday of the Lights Switch On.

We have enjoyed hosting a large number of visitors, many of whom have spent a lot of time with us and complimented us on our display, and even being featured in some very complimentary independent write-ups and blogs on the internet.



Our next exhibition will now open in January. This will be "Murder, Mayhem and Mystery - A Journey to the Darkside". In the meantime, there will be a display in the café area of work done by Michael Finlay while working as a set designer at Elstree Studios. He worked on many well-known and successful films and TV series, including Hammer Films and Star Wars: Episode VI - Return of the Jedi.

We are still looking for more volunteers to host visitors to the museum. Typically this can be for three hours or so each week and training is provided, although one of the pleasures is to learn so much about our area while actually 'on the job'!

Visit our website and online blog for fascinating and up to date information, or even better pay us a visit in person (above the library at 96 Shenley Road).

Clive Butchins
www.elstree-museum.org.uk

Tea & Tablets at Borehamwood Library

The winter months are drawing on... and on and on... and outside is cold and dark – and being England, damp too. There isn't much reason to wrap out and step out, is there?

Well, we have the perfect solution – join us for Tea & Tablets! This informal, friendly group is held once a month at Borehamwood library. It is the perfect opportunity to get out, meet lots of lovely new people and to enjoy a cup of tea and a biscuit.

Bring along your iPad, tablet or smartphone, and ask any questions you might have about it. We will talk about something a little different each time to help you get the most out of your device – you might even be surprised by what new skills you pick up along the way!

In the coming months we will be covering topics such as:

- How to shop online safely;
- Connecting with family and friends on Facebook;
- Getting started with online banking;
- Saving and viewing photographs;
- How to get ebooks and talking books on your tablet.

Tea & Tablets is held once per month at Borehamwood Library on a Wednesday from 2:30pm to 4pm.

A cost of £3 per session includes tea, coffee and biscuits.

Places must be booked in advance. Pop into the library and ask staff for more details, or to book your place for the next group. Or call 0300 123 4049 and ask for Borehamwood Library.

James McCorry



Environment

Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society

Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society continues to fight to save our lovely and fragile green countryside for us all.

The new Draft Local Plan is expected to be published in 2023. We oppose the housing burden proposed by developers, exacerbating traffic congestion, pollution and loss of Green Belt land, without taking account of the special formula identified by CPRE, for reduced housing numbers in areas with significant Green Belt land like Hertsmere. We favour eco-friendly development on brownfield sites and welcome the commitment of Hertsmere Borough Council to sustainable transport and net zero carbon emissions by 2050. The 2022 Brownfield Register still fails to account for sites made available as a result of Covid-19 and Brexit.

We continue to support the preservation of Aldenham Reservoir and Woodcock Hill Village Green, two historic, beautiful, and beloved green spaces and in this we have the backing of our MP, Oliver Dowden CBE.

The new planning applications for the solar plant on 320 acres of green belt land alongside Butterfly Lane, will be appealed by a legal team on behalf of local organisations including EBGBS.

EBGBS oppose the planned retirement housing on Cecil's Horse Sanctuary and are working with HBC to have litter removed from



Tykeswater Lane and resolve the danger of four wheel drive vehicles and pedestrians accessing the same byway.

Please join the EBGBS to add power to our defence of the environment for everyone.

Visit our website and Facebook page for regular updates:

www.ebgreenbelt.org

www.facebook.com/EBGreenBelt

Anne Godard

All Saints Graveyard

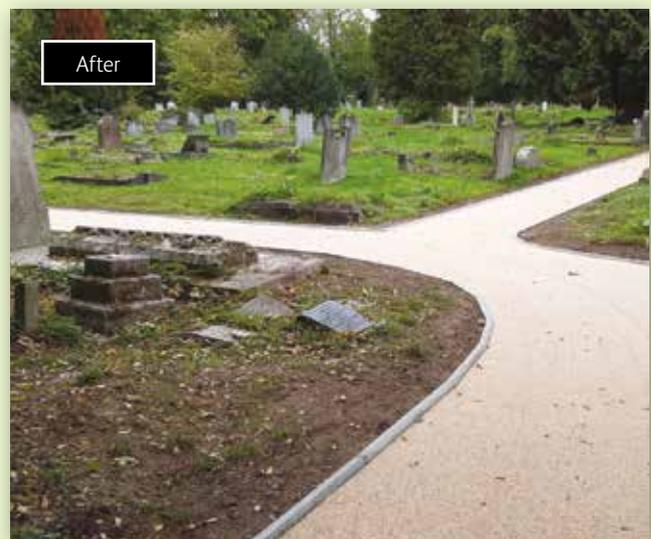
Recent carefully hand-laid re-surfacing work was undertaken by the team from SURELAYuk at All Saints Church closed cemetery.

Town councillors chose this resin bound system as it offers a clean bright finish, with natural drainage, and resin bonded for a nonslip, sealed and smooth surface, providing accessibility to visitors in all weathers.



Take a look at the before and after pictures of paths at All Saints closed cemetery, as part of an ongoing uplift programme of work by Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council. Keep an eye out for notifications regarding the next phase of work.

Anne Nicodemus



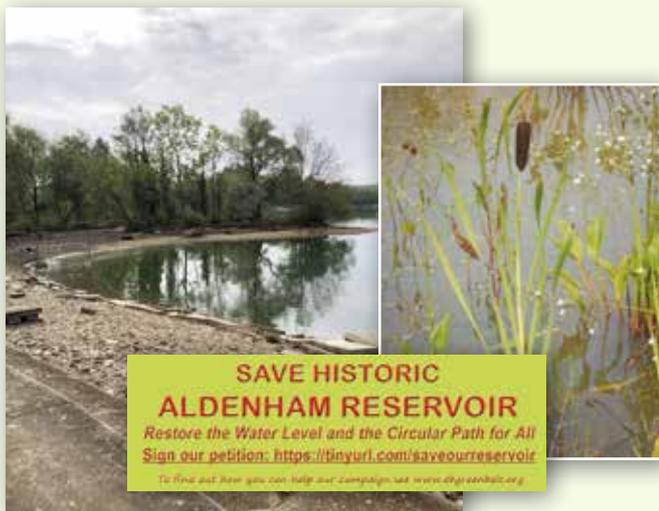
Aldenham Reservoir - Action on a solution

There is new progress on plans for Aldenham Reservoir. Caroline Clapper's Facebook message spells cross party agreement.

The Aldenham Country Park Trust Ltd, Elstree & Borehamwood Green Belt Society, Elstree Village Preservation Society and ACP Advisory Panel representatives met in October with Nitin Gosrani and his planning adviser for detailed discussions.

Key elements

- A new engineering study, endorsed by the Hertsmere Borough Council, proposes rebuilding the dam at a cost of £2.5m. The water



level would be lowered while engineering works were proceeding, the level would be raised again with a new spillway.

- There would be no commercial development. Sailing and fishing would, however, return, providing a modest revenue.
- The capital cost to rebuild the dam, planning costs, renovation of the angling and sailing clubs and setting aside an investment fund to cover maintenance and future development would total about £4m.
- To fund this, the developers would apply for planning approval to build a series of small industrial units and, possibly, a health facility on land by the Bhageecha Restaurant: arguing very special circumstances.
- A community body would be set up to manage the reservoir and dam as well with investment funds made available through the deal. Membership of the body would reflect the interests of local stakeholders, including ACPT, EBGBS and EVPS.

This is very close to the plan ACPT, EBGBS and EVPS supported back in 2016. The owners, council and planners are now talking and engaging with each other in a constructive fashion. Much needs to be clarified.

We signalled our strong support for the proposed plan.

The owners will be organising consultations with local stakeholders in November. Please participate and register your support. For once we have a positive plan to consider!

Simon Ray Chair ACPT, Ann Goddard chair EBGBS, Pat Strack Chair EVPS, ACP Panel.

Brownfield Register

The Brownfield Register was published in 2017, updated on 13 July 2022, and is available to view on the Hertsmere Borough Council website.

When updating the register, local planning authorities, are not able to remove sites that have been built out, but must add an 'end date' to the row in the spreadsheet to indicate where a site is no longer available. This is why some sites that have been developed are still listed on the register.

Inclusion on the register requires a site to be suitable, available and achievable for residential development; these criteria come from the Town and Country Planning (Brownfield Land Register) Regulations 2017.

The majority of sites on the register either have planning permission, prior approval (e.g. conversion of offices to residential), or were put forward through the local plan process. It is through these mechanisms that we become aware of sites, adding them to the register.

Hertsmere Borough Council has launched a fresh call for sites, focussing on brownfield land. Land owners, developers and other stakeholders will be asked to inform us of potential development sites of which we are unaware, forming part of the Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA), and aiding the development of a new local plan.

Although the full effects of the pandemic on land use are not yet known, demand for office and other commercial space in the borough remains strong. Many commercial buildings in use are located within our employment areas, which means they are not 'available' nor 'suitable' for residential use, so cannot be added to the brownfield register. Some office and other employment floor space in the borough has already been lost to residential use as a result of the prior approval regime. The extent to which additional employment sites can be included in the brownfield register is relatively constrained. HELAA provides us with an opportunity to comprehensively assess the supply of brownfield land.

Hertsmere Borough Council Planning Department

Woodcock Hill Village Green Annual General Meeting

Mitzvah Day (20 November) was well attended with Oliver Dowden, our MP taking part.

Judicial Review

The Public inquiry was due to take place in public in December but due to the changes of inspectors it went part heard, in January and some in March. Not ideal! Certainly, a lot more expensive. £10,000 as opposed to £4000. WHVG commissioned a traffic survey cost £4,000 completely ignored by the Inspector KC Grimshaw.

HBC KC and WHVG legal team, Emma Montlake, Environmental Law Foundation with Joe Thomas as our barrister, put up a strong case for retaining the Village Green. The inspector favoured Taylor Wimpey. The land by Byron Avenue is to be deregistered, a loss to residents in Borehamwood: loss of habitats and biodiversity. The replacement land north of Barnet Lane, the new Village Green, is less species rich and benefits Elstree residents.

WHVG challenged the inspector's decision and at the beginning of October heard that unusually a Judicial Review would be allowed. A one day sitting in February 2023. WHVG costs to Taylor Wimpey if we lose are capped at £7,000 but we need to raise more money to pay court costs etc. £10,000 is needed.

Please support fundraising to keep the Village Green for Borehamwood and stymie plans for Taylor Wimpey to first fence the land to become a tip and eyesore before it tries for planning permission.

Hertsmere Borough Council will not challenge the decision. Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council were not able to offer funding towards the legal costs.



Tu B'Shevat

On Sunday 16 January we welcomed members of the newly merged Elstree & Borehamwood and Edgware, Masorti community to a special tree planting event, honouring the Jewish New Year for Trees.

Vivien Spevock: sent the abbreviated story reminiscence of Rip Van winkle which can be found here https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Honi_HaMe%27agel

Working parties have been intermittent due to the time costs of preparing evidence for the Public Inquiry and the weather.

Please join us. Membership £5 per household per annum. Contact Pat Strack email Pat.strack@icoud.com 020 83863151.



Winter-Fest at Aldenham Country Park

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Then it's off on an adventure to meet all the animals, don't forget your animal feed or those cheeky goats won't be pleased. On your way around the farm enjoy a boogie to some festive tunes in the Dance Tunnel and let out a belter or two at Santa-Oke. Go on an Elf Hunt and spot all the hiding elves just hanging out - find them all to win a prize.

The kids don't get all the fun, refuel and relax with some festive fare at Rustic Rhubarb or warm up with some scrumptious hot chocolate from the Clock House Kiosk! Before you head off, pick up a few special Christmas gifts and delights from the farm shop.

Wait there's more. Take a walk around 100 Aker Wood, home of Winnie the Pooh and friends, and explore the lake, streams and nature trails. With miles of countryside to see and a wide variety of wildlife sharing the park with us, tread carefully and keep your eyes peeled. Phew, what a wonderful way to see in the festive season.



Additional charge activities include face painting, balloon modelling, tractor ride and at Park Play the trampolines, mini golf and mini quad bikes.

Find out more or book online www.aldenhamcountrypark.co.uk/christmas

ILLUMIN8

YOUTH GROUP FOR 11-16 YEAR OLDS

Fridays 7-9 pm

@ Borehamwood Baptist Church

Dates: 18th, 25th Nov, 9th Dec.

See website for more dates.

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To register & for more information:
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This month, we held a wonderful celebration, an afternoon tea at the Manor Hotel.

Edith Oakley, is a very special lady, who spent almost all her life raising money for the charity close to her heart - Bloodwise. Edith is 103 years of age and is a long-standing member of the Visually Impaired Club - happy birthday Edith. Wendy Churchill had knitted a doll in her image which she presented to Edith. A remarkable feat as Wendy

is, herself, visually impaired.

If you or someone you know have a visual impairment, they can be guaranteed a warm welcome and have lots of fun at the VIC.

The VIC is a voluntary support group for the visually impaired. Please note that we are unable to provide personal care. However, if you have a carer or a family member to provide assistance, they are most welcome to come along as well.

For further information or to book a visit, please contact Sasha on 07771 862820.

Sasha Capocci



Disability Games

On Sunday 9 October 2022 members of the Rotary Club of the Studios in Elstree and Borehamwood assisted in the running of the North London Disability Games which is organised and run by The Rotary Club of Barnet.

Many other clubs from the London assisted in running different aspects of this annual event.

Studio club members assisted with running the raffle in aid of different Rotary activities around the district. The club also ran a mini raffle to be drawn on 19 November. The prize is a large Pudsey Bear. Also on sale were some mini-Pudsey key rings.

Club President Rtn. Sasha Capocci organised a mini café, whilst running one of the games, Boccia as part of the afternoon event working in partnership with fellow members from The Rotary Club of Radlett.

President elect, Rtn. Andrew Grady organised a large PA system for the afternoon's proceedings, performing a fanfare as the awards were presented.

At the close of the event the winners were presented with their awards by the District Governor, Brian Coleman, and other civic dignitaries.

Disability groups came from all over North-West London to take part, with a group from Hertsmere MENCAP group, and The Visual Impaired Club, in total winning over 20 different medals competing at the games.

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Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council

I Want 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)

Rotary Club of Elstree and Borehamwood

Our club continues actively to support a variety of worthy causes, striving to distribute our albeit limited resources where they can do the most good for the needy of this increasingly troubled world. With local needs in mind, we are once again supporting our local Foodbank with their "Winter Warmer" scheme, aided by a grant from the District Foundation.

We regularly support the Rotary affiliated charities Kids Out (providing a treat for deprived children locally) and Shelter Box (providing first line support for victims of natural disasters) among many others.

We were recently enthralled by our Ukrainian refugee speaker, Olga Lemishko, who related the ongoing suffering caused by Russian aggression over many, many years. She also gave us a spirited rendition of the Ukrainian National Anthem, accompanied by Rtn. George Carr on his bagpipes, enjoyed by all present, including our Assistant Governor, Sue Jessel. Olga and her six-year-old son are being hosted by my daughter so we are getting to know her quite well.

But Rotary is not all about charity, it also provides an ongoing opportunity for fellowship. Through it I have made many fantastic friends. As well as regular lunch meetings, we hold occasional social evenings.

Raising Funds for The Mayor, Cllr Sandra Parnell's charity Borehamwood Foodbank

Eight teams competed at Fairway Hall on Wednesday 19 October to raise funds for The Foodbank. Studios Rotary Club organised the event. Thanks to Sam Covill for the posters and publicity.

Before the quiz began, a supper of Lasagne, salads and crumble was served, prepared by Studios Rotarians.

Quizmaster Peter Forrester led the teams through their paces. Rtn Andrew Grady kept score. The winning team The VIC received a bottle of wine each donated by Cllr Simon Rubner.

The Raffle raised £301. The prizes were donated by president Sasha Capocci, the hamper, Cllr Simon Rubner, Champagne, and Morrisons Chocolates. We thank them all.

Pat Strack



Our members have been and still are very much involved in the local community, such as the local museum, the NSPCC, local Councils and Allum Hall. The Rotary Club of Elstree and Borehamwood is an integral cog in the wheel of voluntary work which binds the community together, members having been instigators of the original Allum Hall, the Maxwell Community Centre and the new Performance Shelter in Meadow Park.

If you would like to find out more, why not visit us on one of our fortnightly Thursday lunch meetings at the Waggon and Horses in Elstree? Give me a call or drop me an email to find out more.

Clive Butchins
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Purple4Polio

Studios Rotary Club presented all 11 primary school in the town with a large bag of purple crocus corms to plant. Crocuses were chosen as the symbol as it is about the time that they bloom that is the polio season.

Rotary International have an agreement with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation that every £1 that rotary donates the Foundation donates £3. Studios Rotary club spent £150 on corms and that translates into £600 for vaccination. There were only four cases in Afghanistan and two in Pakistan in 2021.

Unfortunately, now we see that there is a danger of polio reoccurring in London. School children are being vaccinated

A speaker from the studios will tell the pupils about polio and the campaign to eradicate polio around the world. They will see the flowers in the spring.

Studios Rotarians planted crocus corms outside Elstree Studios.

“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

Useful information

Barnet General Hospital

Wellhouse Lane, Barnet EN5 3DJ
020 3758 2000

Borehamwood Library

96 Shenley Rd, Borehamwood WD6 1EB
0300 123 4049

Borehamwood Police Station

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

Citizens Advice

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

Cowley Hill Primary School

Winstre Rd, Borehamwood WD6 5DP
020 8953 2218

Elstree and Borehamwood Museum

96 Shenley Rd, Borehamwood WD6 1EB
01442 454 888

Elstree & Borehamwood railway station

Station Road, Borehamwood WD6 3LS
03450264700

Elstree Screen Arts Academy

Studio Way, Borehamwood WD6 5NN
020 8386 6220

Fairbrook Medical Centre

4 Fairway Ave, Borehamwood WD6 1PR
020 8953 7666

Hertswood Academy

Cowley Hill, Borehamwood WD6 5LG
020 8238 7200

Kenilworth Primary School

Kenilworth Dr, Borehamwood WD6 1QL
020 8953 3459

Meryfield Community Primary School

Theobald St, Borehamwood WD6 4PA
020 8953 2106

Monksmead Primary School

Hillside Ave, Borehamwood WD6 1HL
020 8953 3328

Parkside Community Primary School

Aycliffe Rd, Borehamwood WD6 4EP
020 8387 3000

Saffron Green Primary School

Nicoll Way, Borehamwood WD6 2PP
020 8953 3801

St Nicholas Elstree Church of England Primary School

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

St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

Brook Rd, Borehamwood WD6 5HL
020 8953 3753

Schopwick Surgery

Romeland, Elstree, WD6 3BJ
01707 354000

Summerswood Primary School

Furzehill Rd, Borehamwood WD6 2DW
020 8953 3139

The Grove Medical Centre

Borehamwood Shopping Park,
Borehamwood WD6 4PR, 020 3538 3959

Theobald Medical Centre

121 Theobald St, Borehamwood WD6 4PT
020 8953 3355

The Venue Leisure Centre

Elstree Way, Borehamwood, WD6 1JY
020 8386 9886

Watford General Hospital

Vicarage Rd, Watford WD18 0HB
01923 244366

Woodlands Primary School

Alban Cres, Borehamwood WD6 5JF
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Yavneh College and Primary School

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Elstree & Borehamwood town council meetings

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

21 November	International Affairs Sub-Committee	Main Hall	7:00pm
29 November	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7:00pm
30 November	Full Council	Main Hall	7:30pm
7 December	Transport & Community Safety	Main Hall	7:00pm
9 January	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7:00pm
18 January	Full Council	Main Hall	7:30pm
2 February	General Management	Meeting Room	7:00pm
13 February	Environment & Planning	Meeting Room	7:00pm
27 February	Entertainments	Meeting Room	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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