

Elstree & Borehamwood Museum Friends Newsletter April 2024: Issue Number 29



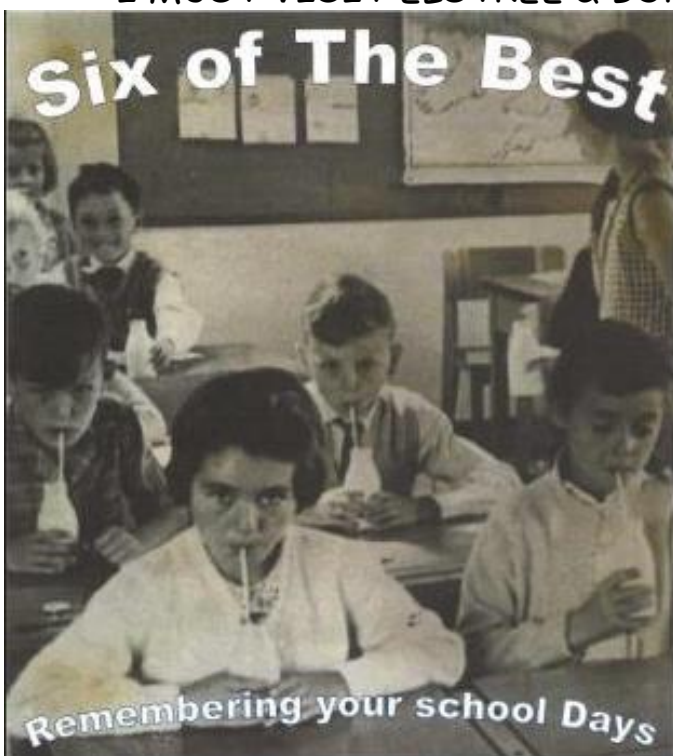
Welcome to your April newsletter. We had over 2,100 visitors to our 10 Year Celebration exhibition from September to March. We hope that you had an opportunity to visit and stand in awe of the working model train exhibit - always a crowd pleaser - and weigh yourself out a two-ounce selection of sweets from the Hanson and Maud exhibit, ringing up the 6d on the till (it also proved VERY popular!)



Our new exhibition 'Six of the best' is now open!

Write out 100 times:

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We have featured within the museum, in no order of preference or priority, six local schools:

**Borehamwood Grammar, Campions,
Cowley Hill, Furzehill, Hillside
and St. Nicholas Church of England.**

Due to the limited space available to us in the museum, we have expanded our exhibit to include more information online and for the digital wizards out there, our exhibition features QR Codes (digital links to our website)

this one will take you to the ['Our History'](#) section of our

website where you will find much of our source information and so much more.

Of course, our information is by no means complete and there are many gaps in our records. If you spot any errors or omissions and you can provide us with more details, we'd love to hear from you with your memories and stories, plus photos and any other items of interest you would be willing to share with our community. Please get in touch - contact details on the back page, or pop into the museum.



Friends turned out for Nick Male.



We had a fantastic turn out in mid-January for our Friends event 'An evening with Nick Male'. We'd like to pass on our thanks to Nick who shared with us his experiences and stories he has collected about the much-missed Thatched Barn and other local places and events. Our Friends had equally fascinating stories which were



shared during the evening, and we thank you all for your support, participation, and interest.

We hope to be able to announce our next Friends event very soon.

The awards go to....

At the Hertfordshire Association of Museums Awards 2024, we won the Creative Health Award for our work with Open Art Box on *Our Recollections Through Art* project.

Pictured here, Catriona Briggs from Hertsmere (left), and Anji Archer of Open Art Box (right), receive the award from Sally Ackroyd of SHARE. Also, all four Hertsmere Museums shared a Heritage Heroes certificate.

Collected here by Ruth Stratton of Hertsmere on behalf of the army of volunteers who play a vital role in the day to day running of your local museums:

Elstree & Boreham Wood Museum

Potters Bar Museum

Bushey Museum and Art Gallery

Radlett and District Museum

Congratulations one and all!



Reminiscence.

The April 'Going Down the Village' reminiscence topic of 'Cinema' was held on April 2nd.

Museum Manager, Dave Armitage, talked us through the history of cinema venues, from the first in station road 'The Gem'. The building (opposite the railway station) still exists today having survived alternative uses as a florist and public toilet (not at the same time!).

Were any of you at the 'Grand Re-Opening' of Studio 70 pictured here and does anyone know who the Film and TV stars were making the personal appearances?





We came up to date with the Reel Cinema, although the old-fashioned cans of film no longer provide the images, the digital revolution is upon us. Participants in the session also spoke fondly of memories of the excitement of Saturday morning westerns and the usherette with her ice cream tray. We talked about some of the movies made right here in our town, and memories were shared of watching the jousting being filmed for Ivanhoe in 1952! Anyone remember the castle set? Why not come along and enjoy a free cuppa and biscuits on our next visit 'Going Down the Village' - **Tuesday 4th June at 10:30am** in meeting room 1 on the first floor of 96 Shenley Road - topic to be announced, check the website for details. You will be most welcome.



Volunteering.

We have been working with [Communities 1st](#) for some time to bring more volunteers to help with our facility and we were thrilled that they chose to feature us in their recent volunteer sector briefing. The article:

MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

Meet Elstree and Borehamwood Museum

Elstree and Borehamwood Museum is a small independent accredited local history museum located within 96 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, evolving from a community history project with a small collection of objects and photographs.

Run entirely by volunteers, the museum has acquired a diverse collection of items from the history of local schools to the influence of local film and television production, and they have been able to create a wealth of themed displays, talks, workshops for schools and local community groups and answering a busy enquiry service. Multi award winning, most recently receiving the Hertfordshire Association of Museums Creative Health Award for our Recollections Through Art project, working in partnership with Open Art Box CIC.

They are looking for volunteers for a variety of positions including Front of House to greet and assist our visitors; Learning Officer to collaborate with local schools to arrange talks, workshops, and visits; Publicity/Media Officer to promote and raise awareness and an Events Organiser to support ongoing activities.

More information can be found on our website [here](#) To discuss your availability and area of interest, please contact Kay Chesterman on 0208 953 4422 or email: friends@elstree-museum.org.uk



Interested? Please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Still our Friend?

Membership renewal for 2024/25 now due.
Why not also encourage friends and family
to join you in supporting us.
Annual membership costs:
£5 for a single member or
£8 for 2 people at the same address
You will receive up to 3 newsletters per year
and
invitations to exclusive Friends events.
Drop into the museum (details below)
or email:
friends@elstree-museum.org.uk

Thank you.



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April 2024 - 31st March 2025

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**PLEASE JOIN OUR FREE
REMINISCENCE MEETING**
Held bi-monthly at
10.30am in Meeting Room One
at **96 SHENLEY ROAD**
Dates for your diary
4th June
6th August
1st October
3rd December

Elstree & Borehamwood Museum invites you to:
'Going Down the Village'
A reminiscence meeting for the over 60's at 96 Shenley Road

ADMISSION FREE! EVERYBODY WELCOME

Meetings for 2024: On the full (or near) Tuesday: 27th April, 4th June,
6th August, 2nd October and 2nd December. 2025: 4th February
From 10:30am - 11:45am. Meeting Room One, 96 Shenley Road.

Tel: 01442 454888 for further details
Website: www.elstree-museum.org.uk Registered Charity No 1157770

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Open: **Tues, Wed & Thurs: 12pm - 6pm**
Sat: 10am-3pm

Email: info@elstree-museum.org.uk

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