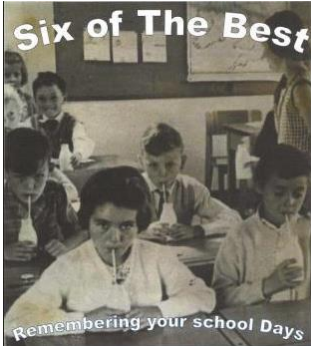


Elstree & Borehamwood Museum Friends Newsletter September 2024: Issue Number 30



Welcome to your September newsletter. Our current exhibition 'Six of the Best' is going strong with visitor numbers over 800 between May and August. This exhibition will close 3pm on Saturday 19th October so make sure you don't miss out.

Much of our school archive is also available on our website, Check out the online information available on all our local schools by using the QR code here



Coming in November...



We are super busy and very excited to be working on our next feature called '**Up, Up and Away**' **The History of Elstree Aerodrome**. From its origins as a Country Club with highlights of the fascinating history of this local treasure. Our exhibition will include a small sit in replica aircraft with flight simulator capabilities and mechanical controls.

Opening to the public from 5th November.

Another successful Friends event held.

Friends of the Museum enjoyed an evening talk with Lesley Davies. Lesley explained about the history of the schools of Elstree and Borehamwood from the pre-Victorian school in Elstree in 1814 all the way up to the outbreak of the Second World War. And



even a short excursion to 1949 when Furzehill School burnt down. Lesley's research was the driving force behind our current exhibition Six Of The Best, and although we could only show the salient points in our small space, her complete work and the complete story of our local



Furzehill School fire 1949

schools can be found on this website under *Our History*.

I remember when...



Just a quick reminder that the next **Reminiscence Meeting** will take place in **Meeting Room One** at **96 Shenley Road** on **Tuesday 1st October** at **10.30am**. The subject is **Health and old-time remedies**. Bring in your memories of potions used in the past and those old bottles and ointments stored at the back of the medicine chest!

PAUL WELSH MBE



18 July 1953 to 4 September 2024

It is with great sadness that we heard the news of the recent passing of one of the Museum's founders and most stalwart advocates.

A long-time Trustee and supporter from our time in Drayton Road all the way through to our current home.

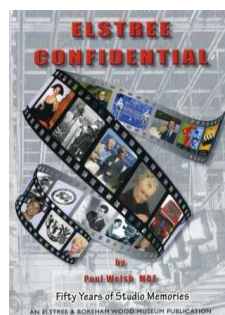
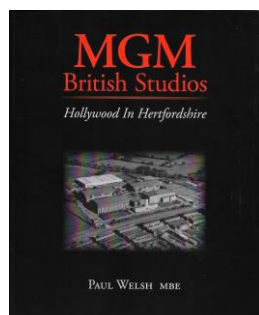
We ran several Exhibitions involving Paul and his work in Borehamwood. Most noticeably was Save Our Studios which featured his herculean efforts to ensure the historic Elstree Studios was saved from the bulldozer.

He recently gave us permission to reprint his two books Elstree Confidential and MGM British Studios so we are indebted to him for that. You will read many stories about him in the coming days, but he was always our champion and his advice and knowledge always an inspiration.

The [Borehamwood Times Obituary](#) is available online

Here's a shot below of Paul giving us a talk during his Friend's evening in 2018 - it was a memorable occasion full of his characteristic wit and humour.

Thanks for everything Paul, R I P



Olympic fever...

In honour of the recent Paris 2024 Olympics, who out there remembers the 1948 London Games? The athletic events in the 1948 Olympic Games took place in Wembley Stadium. The Marathon and the 50K walk started and finished there but their route took them along the roads of Hertfordshire and Middlesex. In Hertfordshire, the route passed through Elstree and Borehamwood.

The Marathon runners entered Hertfordshire at Stirling Corner and then onto the Barnet Bypass, through to the Elstree Way, Shenley Road and along Theobald Street to the railway bridge at Radlett.

Here the runners turned north onto Watling Street and passed through villages to the west joining the Watford Bypass and returning to the Stadium, leaving the Hertfordshire boundary shortly before passing the foot of Elstree Hill South



Marathon In Elstree....



...and Boreham Wood....



...and Shenley Road

Already a Friend?

Why not encourage family, friends, and neighbours 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.

Can you spare 3 hours a week?

Elstree & Borehamwood Museum is run entirely by volunteers, and we are looking for enthusiastic people of all ages to support our local community.

You can commit to as many hours that suit you, we just ask you make a regular commitment to support the day to day running of the museum.

Want to know more? Telephone or drop into the museum (details and opening hours below), or email:

friends@elstree-museum.org.uk

with your details and area of interest and we will be in touch.

Thank you.

**PLEASE JOIN OUR FREE
REMINISCENCE MEETING
Held bi-monthly at
10.30am in Meeting Room One
at 96 SHENLEY ROAD
Dates for your diary
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 following Tuesdays - 2nd April, 4th June, 6th August, 1st October and 3rd December. 2025: 4th February
From 10:30am - 11:40am. Meeting Room One, 96 Shenley Road.

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