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# Harold Wood Station Update



We have received the following update from Crossrail regards to the development works at Harold Wood Station:

"Over the recent Spring bank holiday, the project team were able to lift in the link bridge connecting the existing ticket hall to the new footbridge. The link bridge is an essential part of the step free access scheme at the station. Works to build the lift shaft foundations are progressing and we have also been continuing to extend the platforms 1 & 4 which will accommodate the longer trains once they start to roll into service next year. The old footbridge span is expected to be removed over the August bank holiday.

holiday.

The ticket hall refurbishment works are expected to be substantially completed by the winter 2016 and the ticket hall is expected to reopen around this time. The new lifts are currently expected to be commissioned around the same time.

Works and all major upgrades being delivered at Harold Wood are expected to be substantially completed by Spring 2017. All dates are subject to change."

Cllr DARREN WISE

## A Future Without the EU

Whichever way residents voted in the EU referendum, what matters now is not what should have been, or let's have another referendum, whether the 'fear campaign' was less or more credible than the 'exit campaign', but to accept the will of the majority of the people and to make the absolute best of this fundamental change in direction. From Whitehall to our own Town Hall, there are bound to be financial and environmental implications which will impact on the services we provide our residents and business community. So whether an 'Inner' or an 'Outer', we are all British and the only way forward is to firmly set aside differences, unite as a nation and work for the very best deals for our residents, businesses and for future generations. As an aside, with a turnout of 72% (33.6m) nationally, participation has been generally regarded as high. However, in probably the most important political decision of a lifetime, it is surprising that 12.9m people did not vote at all.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

## A12 Gooshays Drive/ Gubbins Lane Junction

TFL have finally agreed to our suggestion regarding road markings at the traffic lights on the A12 at the junction of Gubbins Lane and Gooshays Drive. Cllr. Darren Wise and myself have had

many site meetings and sent a considerable amount of emails over many years and we are delighted that this matter has now reached a satisfactory conclusion. Hopefully the work will have been carried out by the time you read your *Bulletin*.

Cllrs BRIAN EAGLING & DARREN WISE

## Carnival and Family Fun Day

Carnival and Family Fun Day on Sunday 7th August 12.00 - 6.00pm. Parade starts at 12 noon. Kids go free - £1 Adults. At Forest Row Centre, Lodge Lane, Collier Row, RM5 2LD.

## Summer Fayre

Tenants and Carers of Supported Living 76 Neave Crescent, Harold Hill, RM3 8HN warmly invite you to a SUMMER FAYRE fundraising event on Saturday 13th August between 1 and 4 pm. Admission is free and all are welcome to attend. BBQ and Refreshments will be available, together with Tombola, Books and Games, Cake stall, Jewellery and various other stalls. All proceeds for the benefit of the tenants. Come along and enjoy yourself.

## Geoffrey Avenue

Following reports of a very dangerous hole on a drain cover along the pavement in Geoffrey Avenue, I immediately contacted the Council and I am pleased to report the utility company has been notified to get it repaired as soon as possible.

Cllr ALEX DONALD

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## Alex is Young People's Champion



Congratulations to Cllr Alex Donald who has been elected by fellow Councillors to the position of

Havering's Member Champion for Young People. This role entails promoting and supporting young people's issues and concerns across the borough and scrutinising the Council's agenda. Alex commented "I am so proud to represent Havering's young people whose views and concerns I will do my best to champion. It is a huge privilege and I encourage anyone involved in local events to get in touch and, if available, I would be happy to attend and support".

## Harold Wood Evening WI

Ladies - have you ever thought it would be nice to make new friends in the area? Look no further, the Harold Wood WI meet on the first Wednesday of each month at the War Memorial Hall, Gubbins Lane at 7.30 pm for a 7.45pm start. We are a friendly and inclusive group and visitors are always welcome. Entrance is £2.50 including refreshments. Aug 3rd - we will not be holding a meeting, instead we will be holding a social event with a royal themed afternoon tea, held at 1-4pm in the War Memorial Hall. Tickets £6.00. For further details, please ring Diane on 07792 423502. September 7th we have Mrs Bourdman giving a talk titled Famous women in history - Why croissants aren't French.

## Plastic Bottle Lids

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## Thank you Sainsburys

We heard from a local resident recently who asked us to pass on her good news following the loss of an earring in Hornchurch Sainsbury's. Apparently this is such a regular occurrence that they keep any lost earrings that they find or that kind shoppers hand in at their service desk. Thank you to Sainsbury's for helping their customers.

## Do you play Bridge?

Harold Wood Bridge Club are looking for new members. For more details contact Mr Ron Lockhart on 01708 523 513.

## Harold Wood Charity Run

A 5 mile Charity run through the beautiful parks in Harold Wood is being organized by the Harold Wood Running Club. The race will take place on 16th October at 11:00. The course is on gravel paths beginning and ending in Harold Wood Park. Facilities include a baggage deposit, change rooms, showers, food and bar facilities. Medals for all finishers. Please support our local, special charities, Add+Up and Joni's Army. <http://www.haroldwoodrc.co.uk/>

## Harold Park Baptist Church

I was delighted to attend a service at Harold Park Baptist Church on Harold Court Road where we were treated to an inspiring Billy Graham video followed by coffee and snacks. It was lovely to catch up with those attending the service and I would particularly like to thank Jan and Shirley for their

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wonderful hospitality. I would also encourage visiting this quaint little church and contacting the secretary on 07713 235611.

Cllr ALEX DONALD

## Church Road Bin

Following reports of a missing bin on Church Road (by the bus stop between David Drive and Geoffrey Avenue), I contacted the Council to find out what was going on. As they were not aware of its removal, I asked for it to be replaced as rubbish was piling up. I am very happy a new bin has been installed with an extra lock.

Cllr ALEX DONALD

## Harold Wood Primary School

I was delighted to be invited to open the Harold Wood Primary School Summer fayre last month which was a success and it just avoided the rainy weather that we have been getting lately. An incredible amount of hard work goes into organising these events



and a big thanks has to go to the Parents Association - Michelle, Louise, Nicky and Clare as well as other families of pupils. Also a big thanks to Miss Dowding, the Head teacher and all the teachers for allowing use of the school and their support on the day.

Cllr DARREN WISE

## Honorary Award

Giorgio Bugnatelli of Upminster has been awarded an honorary British Empire Medal (B.E.M.) for charitable services to Hylands Community Amateur Sports Club. Giorgio said "Being recognised for

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my efforts in the community is a great honour. I was clear from the outset that I wanted to set up a tennis club where young people could not only learn and play but also have the opportunity of developing as confident and balanced individuals." The investiture was held at the Tower of London and the award was presented by Mr Kenneth Olisa OBE, Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen.

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## Shepherd's Hill

I was notified by residents in Shepherd's Hill that the middle of the road markings were faded where previously an accident had occurred earlier this year. I urgently raised this with Council officers and I am pleased to report these have now been repainted.

Cllr ALEX DONALD

## Free Music Workshops

Now in its 8th year The Guitar & Keyboard School (7 Fitzilian Ave, Harold Wood, Romford, RM3 0QS) run regular free music workshops for adults and children. The next free workshops, open to all, are on: **Saturday 3rd September, 3:45 - 5:45 pm** Rock Guitar Workshop **Thursday 8th September, 30 min sessions from 5 - 9pm** Intro to Woodwind. Meet the teacher, for saxophone, flute, clarinet Singing, Theatrical & Popular Music. Please book by phoning Terry Rolison on 07850 884035 or use the

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under threat from demolition. A huge number of local residents are concerned and do not wish to see a historic part of Hornchurch lost.

The Council's Planning Committee at the end of June deferred a planning application from Lidl the Supermarket chain to demolish the former Mecca Bingo Hall in an effort to find a solution to keep this impressive facade that is part of our local area.

The building, formerly known as Towers Cinema, was constructed in 1935 and operated as a cinema until 1973 when it was converted

to a bingo hall. The Planning Committee felt that the impressive frontage could be saved and requested that the applicant came back with further information/plans.

The building has been vacant since late 2015. The site comprises the large former cinema building with a characteristic 1930s Art Deco frontage facing the High Street of the building.

The Cinema Theatre Association and the Twentieth Century Society also objected to the proposed demolition pointing out the architectural significance of the building.

Sadly in November 2015 Historic England confirmed that the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport had decided "not to list the building based upon the findings of a Historic England advice report, which assessed the building's historic interest and found that the criteria for listing were not fulfilled"

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## Thank You Ron!

As featured in last month's issue, Bruce Nicholls has kindly taken over the role of *Bulletin* editor from Cllr Ron Ower. Over the years as editor, 26 to be precise, it's fair to say that Ron has given his heart and soul to the *Bulletin*, and indeed the community. Back in 1990, the *Bulletin* was a 4-page newsletter which went out to 6,000 households. Thanks to the hard work of Ron, and with the support of a fantastic network of volunteers, colleagues and deliverers, the *Bulletin* is now a 24-page publication going out to some 20,000 households every month. Over time, the *Bulletin* has helped local community groups, businesses and residents along with providing news, views, events and updates on the work of your Residents' Association councillors on Havering Council. Ron will continue in his role on the Council and as a councillor for the Upminster ward as well as assisting Bruce in his new role. I

am sure I speak for many in saying a big 'Thank You' to Ron for all his hard work and for making the *Bulletin* the great success it is today - and long may it continue!

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

## U.C.R.A Coach Outing News

Saturday 17th September coach trip to ELY.

Ely has a treasure trove of heritage and is home to one of England's most beautiful and largest cathedrals.

The picturesque riverside boasts a variety of eateries including an award winning tea room, and the High Street is a mix of individual shops mixed with brand names selling everything from handmade chocolates to fine art. Ely was also home to Oliver Cromwell and his house is open to the public throughout the year. Don't forget to check the "Diary" on page 22 for booking details.

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### At the Forest Centre:

**Friday 19th August** - musical cream tea 2.30-4.30pm £8 per person (Booking essential)

**Friday 19th August** - Jazz in the Barn with Dave Browning's Jazz Band 8-11pm. Tickets £12

**Sunday 21st August** - Sunday Market and art exhibition 10am-3pm. Admission free

During the children's summer holidays we will be joining with the Forestry Commission in emphasising the importance of not leaving litter in the countryside by following the Countryside Code whilst you are out and about. This will also form part of our children's activity programme on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week through drama, art, craft, stories and exploration. The full holiday programme is available on the website or at the Forest Centre, Pike Lane.

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## New Role on Council

I am pleased to report that my cabinet responsibilities on Havering Council have been expanded to include financial management, transformation and client side IT (Channel Shift). One of my objectives will be to update the council website, but at the same time making sure there are measures in place for those

residents who do not use computers to access council services - and to be able to talk to someone if needed!

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

## Green Waste Bins

The period for renewing your green bin fees has now closed, but almost 1,450 people have not renewed - this is a high number, and it is thought that it is partially due to the difficulties which people had in renewing their subscription.

The Council are now e-mailing these people with a telephone number that can be used, in case this was the reason - bins will begin to be reclaimed from August, so if you have problems, please contact me.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

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Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

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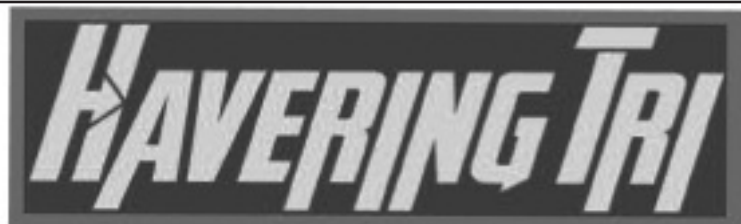
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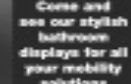
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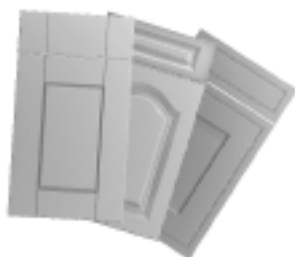


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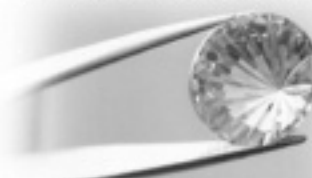
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## Cricket Charity Day



3rd July saw the inaugural Ardleigh Green Cricket Club Charity Day in support of Saint Francis Hospice. There was an U9 game in the morning and an adult game in the afternoon, with the home team sporting Saint Francis Hospice t-shirts for the occasion. A number of different fundraising initiatives meant just over £1000 was raised. The Club would like to say a big thank you to those that donated prizes, and to everybody that came along and supported a fantastic day for a very worthy local charity. The Club is based in Central Park, Harold Hill and welcomes new playing and social members.

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- 3 Wednesday - **Harold Wood Evening W.I** meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the War Memorial Hall in Gubbins Lane, 7.30 pm for 7.45 pm. Visitors are welcome for £2.50, which includes refreshments. For more details please ring Marion on 01708 349038.
- 6 Saturday - **The Havering Branch of the East of London Family History Society** hold meetings at Trinity Church, Station Road, Upminster RM14 2SJ doors open at 1pm meeting starts at 2pm. The talk is "Valance House archives" with Linda Rhodes. The Internet & Technology Group meet at the same venue 11am - 1pm where a Q&A session is followed by a workshop. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.
- 6 Saturday - **Upminster Tithe Barn Museum of Nostalgia Open Days**, Hall Lane. Open 10.30 am to 4.00 pm. Free Admission.
- 7 Sunday - **Upminster Tithe Barn Museum of Nostalgia Open Days**, Hall Lane. Open 10.30 am to 4.00 pm. Free Admission.
- 8 Monday - **Havering Essex Wildlife Trust** are meeting at the end of Park Drive, Upminster at 7.00 pm for Plants at Cranham Marsh. How many flowering plants can be found? Contact Secretary Joy Emmerson for more details on 01708 440297.
- 9 Tuesday - **NADFAS (Havering)** meet at The New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster, RM14 2QH. Coffee from 10.00 am. They have monthly Guest Speakers. Lectures 10.45 am. Visitors welcome at £8. For further information on the Society, future lectures and visits can be found at [www.haveringdfas.org.uk](http://www.haveringdfas.org.uk).
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- 18 Thursday - **Upminster Wine & Social Club**. We are a fun group with an interest in wine appreciation and enjoying many social events. We hold meetings every third Thursday of the month with a variety of speakers and a wine tasting. Meetings are held in the Cranham Social Hall, Front Lane, Cranham; start 8 pm. For more information contact Maureen Jasper on 01708 223956, or simply come along on the night.
- 20 Saturday - **Stewart Avenue Gate Sale** - on site 10 am - 12.00 pm.
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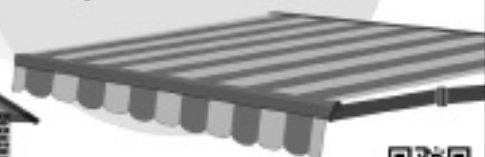
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### SEPTEMBER

3 Saturday - **Upminster Tithe Barn Museum of Nostalgia Open Days**, Hall Lane. Open 10.30 am to 4.00 pm. Free Admission.

3 Saturday - **The Havering Branch of the East of London Family History Society** hold meetings at Trinity Church, Station Road, Upminster RM14 2SJ doors open at 1pm meeting starts at 2pm. The Internet & Technology Group meet at the same venue 11am - 1pm where a Q&A session is followed by a workshop. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.

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6 Tuesday - **Oglethorpe Women's Institute** John Whitehead will give a talk entitled "The Golden Age of Radio". Our meetings are held at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, RM14 1XL at 7.45 pm. Visitors are welcome.

7 Wednesday - **Harold Wood Evening W.I** meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the War Memorial Hall in Gubbins Lane, 7.30 pm for 7.45 pm. Visitors are welcome for £2.50, which includes refreshments. For more details please ring Marion on 01708 349038.

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her son Liam are now able to have a vehicle crossover to enable her to park outside her home.

## Rotary Club Sponsored Walk

The Rotary Club of Hornchurch & Upminster have organised their annual sponsored walk to take place on Sunday 11 September 2016 to raise funds for the Saint Francis Hospice. The start and finish will be at the RSPB Rainham Marshes Nature Reserve, Off New Tank Hill Road (A1090) off the A1306 between Rainham & Lakeside, Purfleet, RM19 1SZ. Parking available at the start (Charge £1). Start between 9.00 and 10.00 with drinks at the halfway point. The 7-mile walk will take place over public footpaths through Rainham Marshes and alongside the River Thames. It is not a race - just a pleasant walk through open countryside. Adults and children are invited to take part, children under 12 to be accompanied by an adult. For details and sponsorship forms contact Rtn Brian Taffs 01708 250855, btaffs@btinternet.com, www.hornchurchrotary.org

## Great Danes

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Dennis Goodwin

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party was thrown for the Queen's Box Office Manager, celebrating 30 years at the Theatre!

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Reminiscing about the changes she's seen through the decades since she started as a Box Office Assistant, Jan said: "There were no computers. We had to write the customers' names and mark them off on the seating plan for the auditorium using crayons - mine was cerise! I've had and am still having a wonderful time and am proud of the many, many marvellous productions we've created over the years."

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