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Cllr BRIAN EAGLING



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Cllr ALEX DONALD

We wish all our deliverers and supporters a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fair Funding for Council Budgets?

The financial challenges faced by the Council is not just about making difficult decisions with reduced resources, but doing so when the funding formula is so inherently unfair. Take for example a house in Westminster worth £2.7m, the household would pay £755 per year in Council Tax and would receive government funding of £248 per head of population. Contrast that with a house in Havering worth £270,000, which would pay £1,062 in Council Tax but receive only £85 per head in government funding! In addition, by 2019 Havering will see its government grant reduce by 96% compared with a 59% cut in Westminster. Challenging this warped way of funding is an ongoing battle, but our focus is always to place the interests of our residents' first and foremost and to provide the best services we can within the resources available. More budget updates from me over the coming months.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Romleights Car Parking Update

Following complaints from residents with regards to appalling parking problems in the Romleights area, Councillors and Officers visited this area and the Officers are recommending that a Residents Parking Scheme be implemented which will prevent students from the University campus on the Kings Park Estate and commuters parking there. Consultation letters will be issued and the scheme being proposed is for the following roads: Lister Ave, Fleming Gardens, Bartholomew Drive, Chadwick Drive, Ormond Close, Whitmore Ave, Ward Gardens, Mason Drive, Nightingale Crescent.

Cllr DARREN WISE, Cllr BRIAN EAGLING, Cllr ALEX DONALD



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Extra Parking Spaces

We are pleased to inform you that there are now more parking spaces available in Harold Wood Park via entrance from Harold View. This was made possible from the Planning Obligation money that was obtained from the new Kings Park Development.

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Solar Farm in Dagnam Park

As councillors for Harold Wood we have been discussing views with our residents and others including the 'Friends of Dagnam Park' committee when visiting the site with regards to the proposed solar park that the council is consulting upon for Dagnam Park which is situated in our neighbouring ward (Gooshays).

We are concerned that the proposal will impact the local environment, the wildlife, the deer and will be an intrusion on the green belt which this council so proudly claims to be one of its key attributes.

Whilst we believe there may be economic benefits over the long term with Solar Panels, our view on this occasion for this particular site is that the council should look at other alternative options.

Cllrs Eagling, Wise, Donald

Christmas Carols

Harold Park Baptist Church is inviting you for Christmas carols and great company this festive season. Get those vocal chords working and join the wonderful

congregation for this festive get-together on Sunday 18th December at 2.30pm at the church on Harold Court Road.

Cllr ALEX DONALD

Harold Wood Methodist Church

We warmly invite you to join us for the following special events: -
Sun Dec 11th at 4.00pm - Christingle Service - a family event for all ages
Sun Dec 18th at 4.00pm - Carols by Candlelight - come and find the carols decorating the Christmas trees in the church.
Sun Dec 25th at 10am - for Christmas Morning Worship.
Harold Wood Methodist Church, Gubbins Lane.

O Come All Ye Faithful!

Yes, Christmas time is definitely almost upon us once again, and that means a special St. Peter's Church 'Men's Lunch' in Harold Wood is planned. Tuesday 6th December is the date at 11:30. All

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being well, our very good friends - Harold Court School Choir will once again entertain us with carols and Christmas songs. So, after our Christmas lunch we can look forward to some festive music. Our Christmas lunch is always popular, so please book your place a.s.a.p. by phone to St. Peter's Welcome Desk on 01708 342080, or email: welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwood.org, or visit the website: www.stpetersharoldwood.org. (type 'Men's Lunch' into the search box).

On behalf of all the 'Men's Lunch' Team, we send you Every Blessing for this Christmas time. Julian Harris, Chris Knowles and all the Men's Lunch Team.

Football Facilities in Havering

We recently learned of the plight of local kids' football clubs who use Bretons fields, Upper Rainham Road. Many local residents have children playing without adequate facilities. A proposal had been suggested to convert a disused

stable block into a changing room with toilet facilities and we will be looking into this as we feel that this is an underdeveloped and much used part of our area. - John Stone.

Christmas Lights

As we look forward to Christmas many local homes get into the spirit with magnificent Christmas Lights many people flock into the area to see them with their children. One local property in particular who also use the opportunity to raise cash for the excellent Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital is in Herbert Road, Emerson Park. Go along and see the wonderful display and please leave some cash for the Children's Hospital.

Tree Roots

I received reports of tree roots from the public pavement intruding onto people's properties in the Harold Park area. If you are experiencing tree roots affecting your property, please get in touch and a senior arborist will be asked to make a house visit.

Cllr ALEX DONALD

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Website Improvements

I am liaising with the IT team at the Council to help make their website easier for all to use. Please check out the new design and let the team know your thoughts, suggestions and general feedback by clicking on "Take our survey" at www.havering.gov.uk.

Cllr ALEX DONALD

TABLETS and their side effects

Reaching 90, I've been inundated with birthday cards, well, over fifty at least, and most of them original. At this age, one has an excuse for not remembering things, such as all those who were kind enough to send cards. Having received a Samsung Tablet for my birthday, I thought I'd sign up for Facebook, if only to send a general thank you to at least all those on Facebook who sent good wishes. Once I'd figured out how to send a message, I then had to find out how to stop being pestered by strange people who wanted to "be my friend" There seems to be an urgent need to communicate. One is constantly being nagged to sign petitions, buy things, or comment on how much one "likes" some inane piece on a celebrity one has never heard of. Do we really need to be in touch 24/7, why must I give my opinion on everything? I'm wondering if the social media is really for me, I think I'll write to those who sent cards.

Dennis Goodwin

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Travellers

I recently witnessed a large number of travellers setting up camp at the Austin hotel on the A127. I immediately contacted Cllr Eagling

and passed on the information, even though it was not part of his responsibility. I'm glad to say that by lunchtime the following day the site had been cleared with the assistance of Police and the tons of rubbish that had appeared overnight was being cleared. Thanks to Councillor Eagling's swift intervention, another unauthorised site was unable to establish itself within the Borough. Once again thanks Brian!

Ron Fennell

Camborne Ave/ Gooshays Drive Update

We would like to remind residents in Camborne Ave and Gooshays Drive whom have the long vehicle crossovers up to their properties that they should not be parking on the crossovers during the operational times of the yellow line restrictions between the hours of 10.30am to 11.30am as you may be liable and receive a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) as these are deemed to be part of the public highway.

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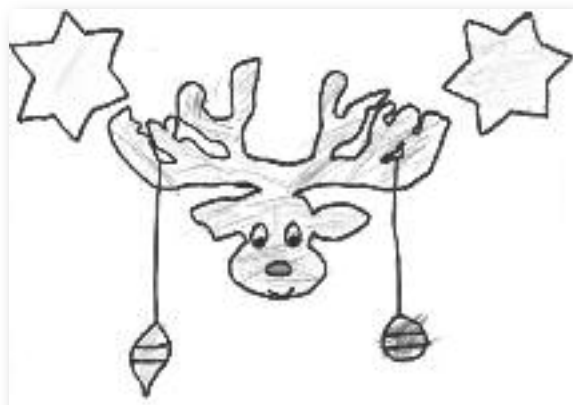


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'Design a Christmas Card' Competition at Corbets Tey School



Pinney Talfourd teamed up with local special needs school Corbets Tey School for their 'Design a Christmas Card 2016' Competition this month. Brandon Riches, aged 13 won first prize with a cute design of Rudolph complete with baubles

for earrings. It will now be used for Pinney Talfourd's Christmas card and Brandon will receive a toy of his choice at a special school assembly. *The Bulletin* were also delighted to offer a prize to the runner up Zack Cassidy, aged 10 for his cheerful snowman.

Client Services Partner, Catherine Polli, said "Thank you to everyone at the school for your time and effort. The children's designs are always brilliant and this year did not disappoint. We are also delighted that *The Bulletin* has donated a prize again this year as there are always so many great entries it is hard to choose just one winner." Pinney Talfourd will also give a donation to the school for their help in organising this annual event.

c2c Update



Following numerous concerns raised by rail users, 24 new carriages will be delivered to c2c's East Ham Depot where they will be tested before being pressed into service. Longer trains between Thurrock and London will be introduced, with at least three trains doubled in length to eight carriages at peak times. The 24 British-built carriages, which have been constructed by Bombardier at their factory in Derby, were ordered by c2c in April. More seating capacity will be introduced before Christmas, with the final phase of improvements set to coincide with a new peak-time timetable as from Monday 9th January 2017.

Clr CLARENCE BARRETT

Wingletye Bridge

Regular reports of collisions between vehicles on this narrow bridge keep coming in and we are still trying to find a suitable solution, so far the railway company will not extend the bridge nor remove the narrow, and I think dangerous, footpath. We have had proposals for one-way traffic controlled by lights and speed humps to slow traffic none of which seemed to please everyone. Let us have your views so we can seek another solution.

Laurance Garrard

Thames Chase

The forest in autumn is full of colour and fruits - a beautiful time of year before the winter frosts change the trees into bare skeletons. During half term Pumpkins donated by Waitrose were carved by children into scary faces to light the spooky walks through the Forest. Events at the Forest Centre during

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Friday 16th December – cream tea with Christmas music 2.30-4.30pm (Booking essential)

Sunday 18th December – Christmas market with craft and produce stalls and music. 10am-3pm.

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Christmas & peaceful New Year. We are very grateful for your ongoing support and hope to run a full programme of coach trips in 2016 which will be featured in the *Bulletin* next year.

Christmas Tree Festival

Upminster Methodist Church will be holding its annual Christmas Tree Festival between the 3rd and 11th of December. In its sixth year the theme this year is "Let's Celebrate" and we have invited local schools and organisations from the church and community to decorate trees for this event using this idea.

The opening times are Saturdays 10-5pm, Sundays 2-5pm and Weekdays 2-6pm.

The Festival opens on Saturday 3rd December at 10am and there will be refreshments available all day. In the church halls there will be a Christmas Market with craft and charity stalls selling cards, gifts, cakes and other festive goods. Entrance is free: donations to our chosen charities.

For more details, please contact

the Church Office 01708 222278 or email upmethodistchurch@btinternet.com

Cranham Community Centre

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Gaynes School Prize-giving

As Deputy Mayor I presented the prizes at Gaynes School for last year's Year 11 students. It was pleasing to see so many students receiving awards for achievement, progress and effort. 99% of all leavers had either gone on to further education, apprenticeships or employment, which is a very credible result. It was also good to be entertained by some accomplished musicians. Well done to the Head teacher, the Governors and all staff.

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CLlr ALEX DONALD

Christmas at the Queen's Theatre

Pinney Talfourd has once again teamed up with Queens Theatre Hornchurch to host 'Christmas at the Queens' on Tuesday 6 December (11am - 1pm). We are delighted that the Dawn Chorus have once again agreed to join us in singing a range of upbeat Christmas songs including "Let it Snow" and "Jingle Bells". There will be a raffle in aid of the Queens Theatre charitable trust and Pinney Talfourd's own charity of the year, Motor Neurone Disease Association (South Essex branch).

Finally, after all the excitement

you are welcome to stay for a coffee and cakes courtesy of Pinney Talfourd.

This event has attracted a full house every year so call the Queens Theatre Box Office on 01708 443333 to reserve your space early or visit www.pinneytalfourd.co.uk for more details. P.S. Christmas jumpers and Santa hats are welcome.

This is Havering



The Council has produced fantastic statistics on the "demographic and socio-economic profile of Havering" i.e. giving population profile, household profile and economic profile. I have left a copy of this at Upminster Library for your perusal. It is well worth a read. If you cannot get to the library, please contact me on 07721 780 372 and I will get a copy to you.

CLlr RON OWER

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CLlr CLARENCE BARRETT

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Pink Lily

Just to let you know Pink Lily in Corbets Tey Road, Upminster raised £1,273.95 for Macmillan Cancer Support on our cake and coffee fundraiser, we beat last year's total. Thanks to the many Bakers who donated and those that purchased our lovely cakes.

Faye

Peter Pan

Occasional Dance Theatre School have been running theatre classes including dance, drama, singing and Lamda for the past 6 years in Upminster. Our next theatre production is Peter Pan; we are looking for talented new members age 5-18yrs who love going on stage to become part of our exciting adventure around Neverland!! Occasional Dance also run a variety of Adults classes including Tap, Zumba, Fitsteps and Clubbercise, why not come along some time and join the fun! For more information, contact Tina at info@occasionaldance.co.uk or 07985 555966 Or check out www.occasionaldance.co.uk

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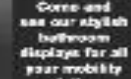
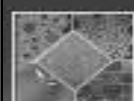
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- 9 Friday - **RSPB Havering Local Group** will hold their Christmas Social in Hornchurch Library at 7.30 pm for 7.45 pm start. A time for exchanging Christmas cards, chatting, a quiz, a raffle and of course the buffet supplied by all of our members. It's a fun evening and entrance is **FREE**. All meetings take place upstairs in the Meeting Room at Hornchurch Library, Hornchurch.
- 10 Saturday - **RSPB Havering Local Group** are holding a **Christmas Ramble at Rainham Marsh Reserve**. Come and join us for a gentle stroll around our local RSPB reserve to enjoy the views, fresh air and see some birds at the same time. Our local reserve with its modern visitor centre which has a café, gift shop and toilets. We meet in the reserve car-park, off New Tankhill Road, Purfleet at 10.00 am. For more information call Mike Hughes on 01708 250585 or email: mich@el-hughes.wanadoo.co.uk.
- 12 Monday - **Romford & District Historical Society** meet at myplace, 343 Dagnam Park Drive, Harold Hill, Romford, RM3 9EN. Access from 7.30 pm Meeting 8 pm to 9.30 pm, are holding their Christmas Social.

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- 13 Tuesday **NADFAS Havering** welcomes back Dr David Bostwick with a Christmas talk **'Deck the Hall - Yuletide Customs and Traditions'**. Coffee from 10.00 am. Lecture at 10.45 am. Visitors welcome at £8. Meetings held at The New Windmill Hall, St. Mary's Lane, Upminster, RM14 2QH. Further details of forthcoming lectures, speakers and visits can be found at www.haveringdfas.org.uk
- 13 Tuesday **Upminster Horticultural Society - Soft Fruit** a talk by Mike Abel. His talk will cover propagation and planting, pruning and training, disease control, etc. The talk will take place in the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster from 7.45 pm to 9.45 pm. Doors open at 7.15 pm. Entrance is Free to members, non-members are very welcome for a fee of £2.00. For further information on Upminster Horticultural Society see our website www.upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk or info@upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk
- 14 Wednesday - **Music Evenings** at Hornchurch Library - A Programme of Seasonal Music & Readings. As always, this evening's yuletide programme contains a diverse mix of seasonal items from this and other countries, a variety of

- music associated with Christmas, as well as readings of poetry and prose inspired by the festive season. All the team will join proceedings with their own personal contributions to the evening and there will be an extended interval, during which hot punch with mince pies will be consumed. The evening will be held in the 1st Floor Meeting Room, Hornchurch Library at 7.30pm finishing around 9.30pm. Admission is free of charge but a nominal contribution will cover the interval refreshments. For more details call Stephen on 01708 470670 or email sraindle@aol.com
- The spring 2017 programme will commence on Wednesday 18th January.
- 15 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.
- 16 Friday - **Havering Antique and Collectors Club** meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood, 7.30 pm for 8 pm start are holding their **Christmas Party**. (Members and their Guests Only). For further details please call our Chairman Mrs Jan Halsey on 01708 373574.
- 17 Saturday - **Havering Singers Event** holding a **Christmas Concert** joined by the **Choir of Suttons Primary School**. A

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3 Tuesday - **Oglethorpe Women's Institute** are holding a Social Evening with a Chinese Auction. Our meetings are held at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, RM14 1XL at 7.45 pm. Visitors are welcome.

4 Wednesday - **Harold Wood Evening W.I.** have a **Fun Games Evening** held at the War Memorial Hall in Gubbins Lane 7.30 for 7.45 pm start. Visitors are welcome entrance is £2.50, which includes refreshments. For more details please ring Joanne on 0787 5670419.

6 Friday - **Coffee & Conversation** morning re-opens at 10.30 - 12.30 pm at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, RM14 1XL. Entrance £2, this

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7 Saturday - **The Havering Branch of the East of London Family History Society** hold meetings first Saturday of every month at Trinity Church, Station Road, Upminster RM14 2SJ doors open at 1pm meeting starts at 2pm. The Computer Group meets at the same venue 11am - 1pm. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.

9 Monday - **Essex Wildlife Trust Havering Group** have an illustrated talk by Lindsey Jones from "the friends of West Ham Park" on her recordings of the wildlife of **West Ham Park**. Meetings are held on the 1st floor meeting room in Hornchurch Library at 8 pm to 9.45 pm. Donation of £2.50 to help cover hall hire, includes tea, coffee and biscuits. For more information please contact Joy Emerson on 01708 440297.

10 Tuesday **Upminster Horticultural Society - AGM and Langtons Gardens : History and Restoration** - Nigel Oxley. Following our AGM, Nigel, Historic Buildings and Landscapes Officer at Havering Council, will tell us about the history and recent restoration and development of Langtons Gardens in Hornchurch. The talk will take place in the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster from 7.45 pm to 9.45 pm. Doors open at 7.15 pm. Entrance is Free to members, non-members are very welcome for a fee of £2.00. For further information on Upminster Horticultural Society see our website www.upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk or info@upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk

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Harold Wood Remembers

Residents, Councillors, veterans wearing medals and local groups were out in force at the Harold Wood Memorial Hall on Remembrance Sunday when wreaths were laid in remembrance of those service personnel who lost their lives during conflicts of the World War. Wreaths were laid by the Royal British Legion, the Metropolitan Police, the Trustees of the Memorial Hall and the Harold Wood Residents Association and a short service was celebrated by local Vicar David Banting of St Peter's Church. Harold Wood ward Councillor



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