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Ho, Ho, Ho!



We would like to thank all our helpers, Father Christmas and the residents in our area for the tremendous support they showed to us when we toured the area with our Father Christmas float collecting on behalf of the Rainbow Children's Trust Charity in the area.. It was very pleasing to see the young children meet Santa Claus when he was out doing his rounds whilst he was getting ready for his big day on the 25th!

Our apologies if you missed us and if we did not get into your road as sometimes we have

access problems and cannot get around every road.

Wishing you a Happy New Year.

Cllrs BRIAN EAGLING, DARREN WISE, ALEX DONALD

Well done Dylan



Cllrs Alex Donald, Darren Wise and
Brian Eagling with Dylan

One of our young residents, 12yr old Dylan Smith of Shepherds Hill spent the October half term collecting signatures on a petition for extra crossings and speed cameras in Shepherds Hill after seeing an elderly person nearly knocked over. Dylan has managed to get nearly everyone to sign this petition and at the November Council meeting, I was delighted to introduce him to the Council chamber and the Mayor invited him to present her with the petition. This petition will go to the Highways Department for review and consideration in due course and your local Residents' Association Councillors will be fully supporting this petition. As I said at the meeting democracy starts at a very young age, so well done Dylan.

Cllr DARREN WISE

Parking Update

A formal consultation to create a controlled parking zone within Camborne Ave/Way, Melksham and Wednesbury Road areas has been issued. The proposal for a residents permit parking scheme follows on from an informal consultation earlier in the year due to commuter parking taking up parking spaces for local residents. Your feedback is valuable so please respond to the council with your views.

Cllr DARREN WISE

Cllr ALEX DONALD

**Wishing you all a
Happy New Year!**

Autumn Statement Leaves a Chill for Social Care

It is of real concern that the recent Autumn Statement offered no respite for local councils in meeting the escalating cost of social care. We have a growing elderly population who deserve dignified care and support, such as help getting dressed or getting out and about, which is crucial to their independence, wellbeing and quality of life. When forming budgets, we often have to balance the needs of the few against the wants of the many. But councils can only afford to provide decent social care services by cutting back on other areas, trying to generate additional income or reducing the standard of care - the latter being the least desirable option. The Chancellor said that social care is a problem for the next parliament, but the crisis is now and needs to be urgently addressed.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

HGV Lorries

Following concerns of lorries and HGVs missing the weight restriction signs and entering roads connecting the A12, the biggest reason for this is that satnavs don't give drivers the correct advice to avoid these roads. I have submitted local information to Ordnance Survey who are developing a database to include height and weight restrictions, which if taken up by satnav companies will assist them to route lorries and HGVs more effectively.



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Denise Speight from The Veterans of War Charity at the Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey.
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Services to listen to residents problems and seek solutions to create a greater harmony with local residents.

David Godwin

Leaves

At the end of November beginning of December we were pleased to see the Council's Environment Services were clearing the huge amount of leaves in our areas. Thanks to our Residents Councillors for chasing this up.

Reg Cooper

Restart Party Success

We had a successful night at Romford Baptist Church with 18 people bringing 20 items to fix. All but 3 were fixable in some way so most went away happy. To our surprise, a dozen students - from the University of Westminster Electrical Engineering Society - turned up to see what a Restart Party looked like. They were very young, very keen, from all over the world.

Havering Sixth Form College

The students from the college at the bottom of Wingletye Lane have on occasion caused problems to local residents from littering, antisocial behaviour and inconsiderate car parking. We have attended meetings with the College recently and have been impressed with the willingness of Mr Budge, the Leader of Student

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contacting Father Christmas at his very busy time! Happy New Year!

I Haven't Got The Energy!

Feeling the cold more, I'm feeling the heating bills more. The newspapers regularly print the usual magic solutions for saving money on fuel bills. Most of them involve capital outlay on a modern boiler, triple glazing and/or cavity wall insulation, wherein one breaks even financially, in about ten years. As a nonagenarian, I take the realistic short term view rather than the optimistic long term one! Solar panels are fine but we lack a south facing roof. If I mounted a wind turbine on the roof, someone windwards could put up a bigger one and literally take the wind out of my sails. A heat pump in the River Ingrebourne might do the trick, but the problems with pumping the heat 100 yards uphill to here, suggests it's not on, even if I don't tell the River Authority! Once global warming is official I'll be fine, until then I'll put on a second sweater, wear my flat cap and hope the boiler sees me out.

Dennis Goodwin

Harold Wood Primary School

Harold Wood Primary School Parents Association would like to thank the parents, staff and families of all the children who either helped or came along and spent some money at their Christmas Fayre on 25 November which was a great success! Also, special thanks to Brian Eagling, our Residents Councillor for

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- Natural Environments Photography;
- Oils and Pastel Art Course;
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- Introduction to the Birds and other Wildlife of the Ingrebourne Valley;
- A Walk through the past of Hornchurch Country Park.

To find out details of the above and book your place, please call into the centre, call 01708 520364 or email ingrebourne@essexwt.org.uk.

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Wednesday Music Evening

Wednesday 18th January - Andre Rieu and his Johann Strauss Orchestra - presented by Jim Uffindell.

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Wednesday 1st February - 80 Years of Television Music - presented by Stephen Raindle. Celebrating the 80th anniversary of the commencement of regular television broadcasting in Britain we shall be hearing music that in some cases is as well remembered as the programmes themselves.

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more and to see if you have any unclaimed prizes, visit <http://www.nsandi.com/do-i-have-any-unclaimed-prizes> or call for free on 08085 007007.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Charity Fundraising Concert

Havering Group Diabetes UK is holding a Charity Fundraising Concert by the Brentwood School Big Band on Saturday 18th March 2017 at St. Peter's Church, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood, Romford RM3 0QA. Monies raised will be going to Diabetes UK for Research. The Concert starts at 7.30 pm. and tickets priced at £10 per adult and £5 for under 16s, can be obtained from Debbie Broom on 01708-473314 and debbie.broom@tesco.net or David Squibb on 07713-069309 and david@squibb.eclipse.co.uk.

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Regrettably, an increase in cost will be necessary therefore the price per ticket for 2017 will be £15.00.

A12/M25 Junction Improvements

The source of dreadful congestion and delays for many years, Highways England are proposing changes to the interchange at junction 28 of the M25 with the A12 (Brook Street Roundabout).

The proposal seeks to reduce traffic using the Brook Street Roundabout by creating a dedicated slip road to take cars travelling northbound on the M25 and heading east into Essex. The work, expecting to cost somewhere between £60m and £80m, is not expected to start until April 2020 by which time the hugely disruptive works on the A13 and the Ardleigh Green Bridge (A127) should be long completed. A full consultation on the proposed route will be undertaken later in 2017.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Parking Enforcement



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Cllr RON OWER

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Gemma Smith

Readers might not be familiar with the name, but any who have attended the events at the Old Chapel in St. Marys Lane it was Gemma who organised them. When the Chapel was restored, Gemma took up the post to promote and advertise the building, starting from scratch,

she has done a fantastic job, the post was on a temporary basis, Gemma needed a permanent job. However, the post was on a temporary basis and Gemma needed a permanent post in London, but at the same time saddened that she was leaving us. The chapel owes her a big debt, for all her hard work and we wish her the very best of luck. I am pleased to say that she has agreed to keep in touch with us. The building is a fantastic asset to our community.

Clr LINDA HAWTHORN

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Wingletye Railway Bridge

Following my article in last month's *Bulletin* we have received numerous suggestions and will be compiling a report for the Council and the railway operator with our suggestions for a solution to the ongoing problem in the near future. We will have a special report next month and will keep you informed.

Laurance Garrard

Please Slow Down

We are appealing to drivers using Wingletye Lane to slow down as we are seeing too many incidents caused by speeding motorists especially following the road works on the A127 rendering our area into more of a cut through than usual – we may be suggesting to the Council the possible provision of traffic calming measures to improve the safety for our residents on this busy road.

John Stone

Lands End to John O'Groats



A firefighter from Hornchurch has raised more than £4,500 for Haven House Children's Hospice cycling over 971 miles from Lands End to John O'Groats. Dave Cappeart began his challenge in September

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and cycled with a group of London firefighters as part of his challenge. Charlotte Terry, Head of Community Engagement at Haven House, said: "We are so grateful to Dave for raising an incredible amount for our hospice. "Cycling from Lands End to John O'Groats is a challenge that requires a huge amount of training and motivation. Find out how you can take part in one of our challenge events by

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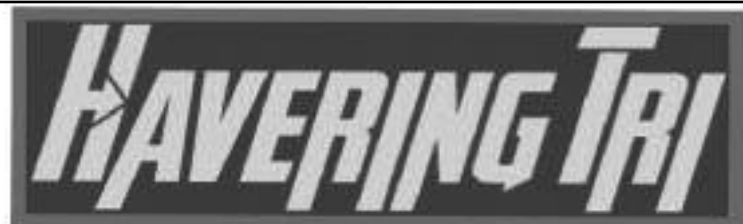
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David Godwin

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Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

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Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

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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. This month the talk is 'Hope of My Eyes' (large funerary mausoleums for children) with Matt Pridham. The Internet & Technology Group meets at the same venue 11am - 1pm, where a Q&A session is followed by 'Victorian Medical Record Online' with Matt Pridham. 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 **NADFAS Havering** welcome Ms Vivienne Lawes with a talk on 'Shabby Chic - Juxtaposing works of art from Antiquity to the Present Day'. 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
- 10 Tuesday - **Upminster & District Horticultural Society** are holding their AGM followed by Guest Speaker Nigel Oxley on **Langtons Gardens: History and Restoration**. We meet at 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 very welcome for a fee of £2.00.
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- 13 Friday - **RSPB Havering Local Group - The RSPB's Natural Secrets** by Peter Holden will present an illustrated talk. All meetings are held on the second Friday of the month in the upstairs meeting room at Hornchurch Library, Doors open 7.30 pm meeting commences at 7.45 pm. Admission £3.00 per person.
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- 20 Friday - **Haverling Antique and Collectors Club** meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood. Guest Speaker Paul Atterbury on 'The Great Exhibition'. 7.30 pm for 8 pm start. For further details please call our Chairman Mrs Chris Lovett 07947 367258. Guests £7.00.
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- 25 Wednesday - **Upminster Townswomen's Guild** meet at 1.45 pm in Derham Hall, St Lawrence's Church, Upminster. For more details phone Deborah Pryor on 01708 226127 or Ann Monk on 01708 226305.
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- 30 Monday - **Romford Historical Society** meet at myplace, 343 Dagnam Park Drive, Harold Hill, Romford, RM3 9EN. Access is from 7.30 pm and the meeting commences at 8 pm. This month we have a Speaker Eleanor Bloom with a talk on "History of Old Time Music Hall".

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- 4 Saturday - **The Haverling Branch of the East of London Family History Society** Saturday of every month at Trinity Church, Station Road, Upminster RM14 2SJ doors open at 1pm meeting starts at 2pm. This month the talk is 'My life in the RAF, in the North Pacific in WW11' with Bernard Smith. The Internet & Technology Group meets at the same venue 11am - 1pm. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.
- 7 Tuesday - **Oglethorpe Women's Institute** have a Speaker from the National Trust talking about Rainham Hall. Our meetings are held at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, RM14 1XL at 7.45 pm. Visitors are welcome.
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