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Budget Challenge Ahead



While a way of dealing with a large part of the £60m initial funding gap has been identified, further savings of some £7m will still need to be found over the next couple of years. Quite apart from unprecedented budget cuts passed down to us from central government, an increase of demand in areas such as social care, public health and environmental services means ever increasing budget pressures going forward. Some 74% of our net budget is spent on Children's and Adults' services. For example, the average annual cost of a high needs person in a Care Home is around £24,000, we have 700 at £16.8m; the cost of child placement is typically £210,000, we have five at £1m; add in the cost of disposing of our waste at £13m and a clear picture emerges. Again, it will mean taking difficult decisions to stay within our means, but it will also mean rethinking how the Council delivers its services. It is a challenge which affects us all and we would be more than happy to take on board any suggestions from readers on how we can, collectively, deal with that challenge while protecting our front line services.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT



Station Road Parking Meters

If you are not sure how the payment parking meters now work in Station Road, Harold Wood, I set out below details: To gain 30 minutes free, press large round green button twice and wait for your ticket. This must be displayed in your vehicle as normal. If after 30 minutes you require a longer stay then return and insert a £ coin to enable you to stay for up to 2 hours and place the ticket in your car in the normal way. I hope this information helps. There is also 10 minutes grace added onto any period free or paid parking.

Cllr BRIAN EAGLING

Car Parking Charges Reviewed

Further to last month's item on car parking charges and following the many concerns and comments received about the tariff, we have taken stock of the situation and amended the

charges accordingly. Just for clarity, it is up to 30 minutes - FREE, Up to 2 hours - £1.00, Up to 3 hours - £2.00. The pay and display machines are also set to allow a maximum of two free 30 minute periods in any given 24 hour period - one am and one pm. Please note that after any period of free or paid for parking there is a 10 minute grace period so that there is an element of leeway before any enforcement can take place. For example (30 minutes + 10 minutes grace, 2 hours plus 10 minutes grace, etc). We appreciate the signage led to much confusion and has since been improved and clarified for all users. Regardless of the lengthy consultation period and the severe budget constraints we face, it is right we listen to our residents and, where possible, be prepared to make changes for the better in response to those concerns.

Keep On Running

Harold Wood Running Club has grown up. Now with over 100 members and active 7 days a week it is a friendly, supportive running group catering for runners of all abilities and all ages. Our youngest member is 13 and our oldest is 74 (he is one of the fastest in the club too)! We welcome beginners and encourage a holistic approach including training programmes, dietary advice, injury management, shoe selection and goal achievement.

Our members participate regularly in races and events from local Park Runs to the 2015 London Marathon.

We meet at the Cricket Pavilion in Harold Wood Park, every evening, Monday to Friday at 6.30 pm. Saturdays we join in the local Park Runs and Sundays we have longer training runs by arrangement. Please visit <http://haroldwoodrc.co.uk/> and <https://www.facebook.com/HaroldWoodRunningClub> or contact us at bwiseman46@gmail.com or 07855 447 226.

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House in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) Update

Following the vote at the March Council meeting to request Cabinet to consider an Article 4 direction under the Town and Country planning act, the Council are working very hard to compile a report and are appealing for details of any Anti-Social Behaviour Complaints at HMOs within the Borough.

As part of their research the Community Safety Team have a list of properties, on which they are currently conducting analysis based upon information from Planning, Benefits, Housing, the Police and the Fire brigade. If you do have any reported complaints then please pass on to your local Councillor and we will ensure this is submitted to the right team. The Article 4 direction will in effect require planning permission be applied for when dealing with the change of use of a building from a dwelling house to a house of multiple occupation.

Cllr DARREN WISE

Summer Fayre

Harold Wood Primary School
Summer Fayre - Saturday 4 July
from 11.30-3.30pm. FREE entry.
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Cllr ALEX DONALD

FREE Family Fun Day !

The Parish of Hornchurch will be holding its 4th annual **Family Fun Day** in the grounds of St Andrew's Church, High Street, Hornchurch on **Sunday 14th June** after the 10.40 service finishes, and as in previous years, everyone is welcome to come along to the Celebration Service beforehand or just come along sometime after midday. We will be having a burger/hotdog barbecue and drinks will be available again, as well as lots of family friendly games to join in with like a tug of war competition,

beat the goalie, splat the rat, wet sponge throwing and an inflatable slide for the little ones.

Come and join in the fun, even if it rains it won't stop us; last year we just moved into the church hall and carried on in there ! Please come and join us, everyone's welcome !

Contact the Parish Office for more details 01708 441571

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Harold Wood Neighbourhood Centre Bar

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Parking Restrictions

Residents of the following roads will soon receive an informal questionnaire on imposing parking restrictions. Church Road, Elgin Avenue, Haldon Rise, Harold Court Road, Thurso Close. It is important to fill this in your views which council officers will consider when drafting proposals.

Cllr ALEX DONALD

Summer Fayre/Fun Day

Join us for our annual Summer Fayre at Harold Court Primary School on the 27th June from 12.00 - 4.00pm. All welcome, the more the merrier. This year's theme is Harold Court Has Talent!

There will be a selection of stalls including various tombola's, grand prize raffle, trader stalls, talent show by some of the pupils, gunge the teacher, dance groups, various bouncy castles and inflatable's, ride on train, ponies, traditional games, beat the goalie, cake stall, beer and summer cocktail stall, barbeque stall, domino's pizza, and lots, lots more.

So come along and join us for a fun filled day. We look forward to seeing you all.

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Table Top Sale

The 8th Squirrels Heath Scout Group are holding a Table Top Sale on Saturday 6th June. The Sale will take place from 9am until 12pm. Refreshments will be available. The Scout Hall is situated at the rear of the Rainbow Trust Charity Shop in Station Road, Harold Wood.

Car Boot Sale

Sunday 14th June 9am til 1pm - Sellers from 8am. £8 per pitch-no pre booking required, £10 per van. Free entrance Food & refreshments available Redden Court School, Cotswold Road, Harold Wood, RM3 0TS. Contact: Kathleen 07868 737 836. Friends of Redden Court School Events Page. A further date is organised for 19th July.

Bathroom Refurbishments

Over the last month, there have been many residents contact me with regards to the bathroom refurbishments that are currently

being carried out by Contractors on behalf of the Council. Some of the delays are unacceptable and the quality of work has been poor. I would urge that you initially log a complaint on the council website at <http://www.havering.gov.uk/Pages/ServiceChild/The-Councils-complaints-procedure.aspx> or if you are unable to then phone the Council on 01708 434343 or go to your Rent Office and make a complaint. Be sure to get your reference number so that you can quote this to either me or one of my other colleagues so that we can chase up if the Council are not responding to you within the appropriate time scales.

Cllr DARREN WISE

Harold Wood Evening WI

Now that we have had our AGM we are looking forward to a new year and our speakers and events up to August are as follows:

Wednesday June 3rd
Pat Keeper on her life as a Guide Leader
Wednesday July 1st
Bag Beetle (Games Evening)

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Cllr DARREN WISE

Double Yellow Lines



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CLlr LINDA HAWTHORN

Thames Chase - Come celebrate

Come and celebrate 25 years of environmental improvements with Thames Chase Trust at the Forest Centre throughout June. Bring your memories along and record them in our Book of Memories of the Community

Forest.

Friday 12th June 3-5pm – celebratory cream tea with live music in the barn. £8 per person. Booking essential!

Saturday 13th June from 12 noon – family guided walk 'beating the bounds' of Broadfields. Enjoy the transformation of Broadfields Farm from a derelict farm to a thriving site now home to the Thames Chase Forest Centre. Free (donations welcome)

Sunday 14th June - celebration 10k Run and family Fun Run around Broadfields. For more information about Havering 90 Joggers 10k Run visit www.runnersworld.co.uk Details of the Family Fun Run and booking forms can be found on the website www.thameschase.org.uk or at the Forest Centre. Dust off your running shoes and join us as we enjoy a run in the country!

Saturday 20th June – The Forest at Play. A family afternoon of fun ending with a concert by Brentwood School Big Band on the meadow. Games for all the

family from 2pm. Bring your garden chairs and blankets and enjoy a picnic as you swing along to the Big Band from approximately 5pm. Admission free (donations welcome)

Sunday 21st June 10am -3pm – Bumper celebration Sunday Market on the meadow including produce stalls from Essex Farmers' Markets together with a wide range of craft stalls. Admission free.

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Following on from previous items on the planned expansion and changes to flight paths over Havering, it has been announced that Boris Johnson, London's Mayor, has told Newham Council to refuse the planned expansion of the site. His decision, following on from our Motion to Havering Council, is based on his concerns regarding the unacceptable increase in noise levels which the expansion would have generated. This follows the cavalier attitude shown by the Airport operators to the consultation process which was conducted in a very minimalist way despite requests by Havering Council and other east London Boroughs for an extension to the time scales.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

Old Chapel June Events

General Open Days: 6, 7 and 20, 21 - 2pm-5pm. Free entry.

Sunday 7 June 12pm-5pm
Traditional Tea Room, free entry. Visit the Old Chapel and enjoy a traditional afternoon tea. Harpist Hilary Barkwith will be playing throughout the afternoon and Upminster Art Society will be displaying their work.

Wednesday 10 June 10.30am Tea and Talk - Essex Coast Walk
The author Peter Caton describes his walk along the entire Essex coast - the longest coastline of any English county. Talks are free for Friends of the Old Chapel, otherwise £2. Refreshments are included, please book: call 01708 222660 or email

gsmith@mary.havering.sch.uk

Saturday 20 June 10.30am - 1.00pm Musical Concert and Workshop - Finding and Expressing Your Voice
The concert will show how both the Renaissance composer John Dowland, and 20th Century Blues Singers expressed emotions in their songs. In the Workshop you will be able to explore ways of freeing your voice and expressing your feelings vocally. It is not necessary to be a singer or having singing experience. Booking required: call 01708 222660 or

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Sunday 21 June 2.00pm - 5.00pm
- The Winds of Change: Images of Upminster Windmill
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Gemma Smith, Heritage Officer, The Old Chapel, Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School, St Mary's Lane, Upminster, RM14 2QR.
Telephone: 01708 222660
Email:
gsmith@mary.havering.sch.uk
www.theoldchapelupminster.co.uk

Essex Wildlife Trust

The Havering Group invite you to enjoy some summer activities. Enjoy an evening walk in Bedfords Park to look at wildlife and flowers on Monday 8th June. Meet at the entrance in Lower

Bedfords Road at 7pm. Requested donation £2.
Open Gardens on Sunday 19th July. Gardens will be open at 26 Courtenay Gardens, Upminster, RM14 1DD and 8 Frank's Cottages, St Mary's Lane, Upminster, RM14 3NU from noon until 6pm. Plants and refreshments will be on sale. Entrance fee £2.50 for one garden and 50p for other.

Education Plan Consultation

As Strategic Commissioner of Education Provision, Havering Council is seeking your views on their Commissioning Plan for Education Provision in Havering for 2015-2019. It takes into consideration all types and phases of education from nursery through to secondary. The borough has to monitor the supply and demand for places and ensure there is sufficient capacity to meet the demand. As a borough, we are experiencing an increase in the early years and school age population alongside legislative constraints and

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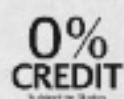
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financial challenges, making this an area of debate and controversy. If you would like to

have sight of the proposed plan and would like to comment on the consultation which ends on 22nd June 2015, you can find the Draft Commissioning Plan for Education Provision; 2015/16-2019/20 and a link to the consultation, on the Council Website: <http://www.havering.gov.uk/Page/Services/School-organisation-place-planning.aspx>

Cllr GILLIAN FORD

Havering Arts Festival 2015

Havering Arts Festival continues in June with events in the next

few weeks including:

Upminster Arts Society exhibition at Queen's Theatre from 8th to 21st June;

Guildonian Players: The Importance of Being Earnest at Methodist Church, The Drive, Harold Wood, from 10th to 13th June;

Romford Summer Theatre: Love's Labours Lost in Raphael Park, Romford (open air) from 18th to 27th June;

The Winds of Change, and exhibition about Upminster Windmill at Upminster Old Chapel on 21st June;

Cappella Singers: Summer Concert of Early Music at Trinity United Reform Church, Upminster on 21st June; and Havering Concert Orchestra: Summer Promenade Concert at Frances Bardsley School, Brentwood Rd, Romford on 27th June.

Full details of these, and all other, Havering Arts Festival events, available at

www.haveringartscouncil.org.uk

Look out for the brochure in local branch libraries.

Tap Room

The application for a tap room, ie a micro pub, at 1b Sunnyside Gardens has received licensing permission to sell alcohol from 11 am to 11 pm.

Despite objections from residents and your ward councillors, on the grounds of safety, noise and protection of children, these were ignored. It was agreed by a committee of three Councillors who do not live locally.

The applicants put a very rosy picture forward, saying that its aim is to encourage conversation and net-working, except it is not a club and there will be no membership.

There will only be 60 people allowed in at a time, but who will count and who will tell those trying to enter that the place is full. There are only 3 members of staff envisaged.

They say they only expect 30 will attend at any one time and it will peak at lunch times; no food for sale. They say they want to encourage children so they can see responsible drinking. The applicants said there is lots of parking in Upminster. Would you tell us where?

We disagree: this end of Sunnyside

Gardens and St Mary's Lane is always full of cars.

As we go to press, we are waiting for the decision of the Planning Committee as the pub applicants have applied for a change of use. We will keep you informed on this.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

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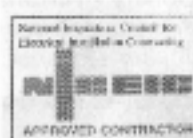
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Summer wild flower walks

Mary Smith, local botanist, will be leading more interactive wild flower walks this year at Belhus Woods Country Park, which lies between Upminster and Aveley. 1:30 pm outside the Visitor Centre until 4:30 pm. Wednesday afternoons on 24 June and 19 August. Parking £2.20 for the day. The Park charge £4 per person per walk.

Please wear old tough clothing, with old trousers and stout shoes or boots (to cope with mud, nettles, brambles etc). Bring a wildflower guide, a pencil and notebook, and a camera, and a sunhat and anti-insect spray, if you want. A small x10 hand lens is essential, but I have ones for loan if you don't have your own. You do need to be able to stand still and walk gently for 3 hours, and kneel on the ground to study a rare flower, and get up again

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Wednesday 19th August: Margate, 9.00am Coach Depart. Beaches/Dreamland Reopening 2015: Free Art Gallery on sea front. Adults £24, Oap £23, family prices on request.

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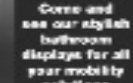
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Music Evening

Wednesday 3rd June - Sea, Ships & Sailors - presented by Alan Tomlin.

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On the 25th July at the Harold Hill Community Centre, Harold Hill, RM3 9LB. 10 am to 4 pm. 18 actors will be appearing from Star Wars - Dr Who - Harry Potter - actors like Dr Who No 6 Colin Baker with his assistant Nicola Bryant (Peri Brown) - Nev Fountain scriptwriter from Dr Who - Femi Taylor from Star Wars as Oola in Return of the Jedi - Simon Fisher-Becker as the Blue Man in Dr Who - Jon Davey & Barry Noble both Syber Men; (Barry Noble was a Famous Pop Artist in the late 60s and early 70s) - Terry English who made all the Armoury for every Harry Potter Movie and Paul Warren who is



Daniel Radcliffe's stunt double. The selected charity is the Essex-based Little Haven's Children's Hospice.

Moon Walk

As we go to press, Upminster Accountants from Hunter & Co were training hard to do the moon walk, 26 miles through London on 16th May. Donations are greatly appreciated at the office at 195 St Mary's Lane or at www.wtwalk.org/moonwalklondon2015/esin Further details next month.

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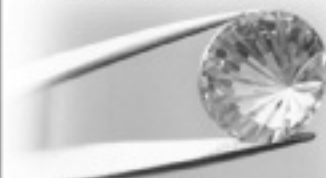
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Rotary Fete

The Rotary Club of Hornchurch & Upminster will be holding a fete on the Queen's Theatre Green, Billet Lane, Hornchurch on Saturday 4th July, from 1pm until 5pm. There will be plenty to interest all ages, including a range of children's amusements, many different stalls, with some selling craft items and jewellery and others serving refreshments. Visitors will be entertained with live music. Admission is free of charge.

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BBQ

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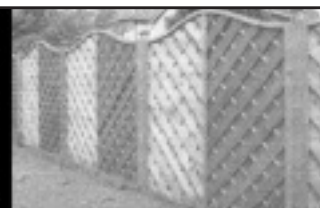
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sides, teams on Sunday and have womens, girls, boys and a disabled teams - So no matter your age, sex or ability you will get a game.

If you would like more details about Harold Wood Cricket Club then please contact HWCC Tom Clarke (tpc1981@hotmail.com or 07763607076) or go to www.haroldwoodcc.com Follow HWCC on Twitter @HaroldWoodcc Like HWCC on Facebook.com/Haroldwoodccs

Men's Lunch

Tuesday, 9th June is St. Peter's Church, Harold Wood, Men's Lunch Summer Special - doors open 11.30am. As hinted at last time, to bring our 2014-15 season to a exiting end we are thrilled that the Very Rev'd. Dr. David Ison, Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral London has agreed to join us as our VIP guest. Dean David was born and brought up in Brentwood, and attended St. Peter's Harold Wood in the late 60s early 70s. He was a member of the youth fellowship and also sang in the choir. He began his ministry as a curate



in Deptford, spent 3 years as a tutor with the Church Army and then became a vicar in the Coventry area. Following time at Exeter Cathedral, he was appointed Dean of Bradford Cathedral in 2005. David was installed as Dean of St. Paul's in May 2012. David is married to Hilary and they have two married daughters and two sons, and share life at St. Paul's with three grandchildren and a kit-car! It will be wonderful to welcome Dean David back to his roots and hear about his journey from St. Peter's to St. Paul's! Please reserve your lunch place by telephoning St. Peter's Welcome Desk on 01708 342080, or email: welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwood.org.

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If you want to know more about Neighbourhood Watch, including how to start a new group, call in for a cuppa and a chat.

There will also be stands from our partner agencies for you to browse and find out more about their community safety work.

Crime down in March

Police crime figures for Harold Wood for March 2015 show falls in key areas compared to the previous year.

There were: three fewer burglaries - only five in the month; five fewer motor vehicle crimes - only four in the month.

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Councillor Radio Show

Please tune in to my monthly local community radio show 'Lunchtime with Cllr Alex' where I invite residents to get in touch about local issues. The next two shows are at 12-1pm on Saturday 6th June and Saturday 4th July. Please let me know if there are any issues you would like to talk about. You can tune in to Radio Harold Hill by downloading the

app at www.radioharoldhill.co.uk. This volunteer-led community radio station provides local young people opportunities to learn about radio, and is also crowdfunding to raise funds for a community radio licence. To donate, please visit www.gofundme.com/radiohhlicence.

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- 19 Friday - **Havering Antique and Collectors Club** meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood have Guest Speaker Marion Maule on "Mother of Pearl" 7.30 pm for 8 pm start. For further details please call our Chairman Mrs Jan Halsey on 01708 373574.
- 20 Saturday - **Garden Party** at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Church Rd, North Ockendon, RM14 3QH, 12 midday to 3.00pm: admission free, refreshments, barbecue, children's crafts, games and stalls. Church open for viewing during the afternoon.
- 20 Saturday - **Tithe Barn Open Day** 10.30 am - 4.00 pm. Free Entry
- 20 Saturday - **Upminster Windmill Open Day**, 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm.
- 21 Sunday - **Tithe Barn Open Day** 10.30 am

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- 27 Saturday - The South East of England Band Contest Committee are raising money for their annual area contest for various marching bands by holding a **Quiz Night** at 7 pm for 7.30 pm start. Venue is St Laurence Church Hall, Corbets Tey Road, Upminster. Cost is £5 per person - tables of 8-10 people. Please bring your own drinks, glasses and food. For further details contact Carol on 01708 223634.
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- 4 Saturday - **The Havering Branch of the East of London Family History Society** hold meetings on the first Saturday of every month at Trinity Church, Station Road, Upminster RM14 2SJ doors open at 1pm meeting starts at 2pm. This month

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- 5 Sunday - **Upminster Windmill Open Day & Classic Cars Display** 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm.
- 5 Sunday - **Tithe Barn, Hall Lane Open Day** 10.30 am - 4.00 pm. Free Entry.
- 7 Tuesday - **Oglethorpe Women's Institute** have Guest Speaker Lois Amos on Upminster 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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- 3 Wednesday **Upminster Ward Meeting** at St. Joseph's Social Centre at 8.00 pm
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JULY

1 Wednesday **Upminster Ward Meeting** at St. Joseph's Social Centre at 8.00 pm

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