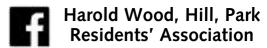




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Solar Parks Proposal

At the Council meeting in January, your local Residents' Association Councillors were delighted to hear that the proposal to put a solar farm on Dagnam Park has been reconsidered and will not go ahead in its present form. Having visited the site with the Friends of Dagnam Park, we were the first and only group of Councillors in the Administration to publicly raise concerns and objections to this in October.



Cllr BRIAN EAGLING



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Keeping up-to-date

If you are on the internet, please do visit our website at www.hwhpra.org.uk or join our Facebook page (Harold Wood Hill Park Residents Association) where we try to keep residents up to date on other news that is happening in your area.

Lorry Satnav Update

Last year we raised the issue of satnavs causing lorry drivers to turn into Court Avenue, David Drive and Geoffrey Avenue despite clear weight restriction signs. After extensive lobbying, we are very pleased the Local Government Authority (LGA) has taken up the cause. The LGA is calling on HGV drivers to be compelled to use commercial satnav models instead of cheaper versions intended for cars. It is also calling on the government to enable councils, like Havering, to take enforcement action where necessary. We are following developments closely and will continue to represent local residents on a problem affecting roads up and down the country.

Cllr ALEX DONALD

Harold Wood Cougars U13 Football team said a big thank you to the local Romford McDonalds for sponsoring their football team this season.



They had struggled to find a new sponsor for a couple of years and all kit was getting a bit old, that was until the owner of Romford McDonalds Gerry Byrne found out and kindly decided to help out.

Scott Eagling said the boys were over the moon with the new tracksuits from McDonalds, they look great and what a sponsor to have. I can't thank Gerry enough.

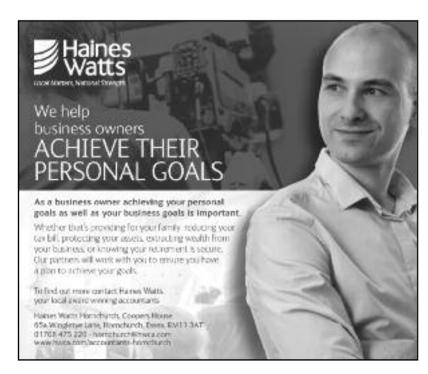
Gerry said "I am glad to be able to give something back to the local community and in particular grass roots

football." Harold Wood Cougars U13s (School year 8) who play in the Chelmsford league are having a good season and are looking for a good standard of players to strengthen their squad for next season. They train on Wednesday, Saturday and play Sunday. If you are interested, then please contact Scott Eagling on 07775934600 or Debz Dowling on 07940571180.

Gooshays Drive

As part of its accident reduction programme funding via TFL, the council is looking to replace the existing traffic island crossing point in Gooshays Drive close to the Petersfield junction with a humped zebra crossing due to there being a number of accidents/incidents in that particular area. A formal consultation on this will be issued by the council in due course.

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Council Tax Increase

As council budgets continue to decline we need to make sure that the money we do spend is done so wisely and in line with the priorities of the community. We have worked very hard to produce a balanced budget for next year that provides a decent and affordable service to our residents whilst ensuring our more vulnerable people get the care they deserve.

With central government grant reducing from £21m this year to £1.4m by 2019/20, coupled with greatly increased costs associated with Adult Social Care, Children's Services and Housing,

Children's Services and Housing, the 2017/18 budget will need to include an additional £5m to support these specific services. Also, a further £1.3m will need to be found to pay for our waste disposal.

Although £11m of savings have been found for next year, it includes some difficult choices. For example, to maintain the 30-minute free parking period,

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However, maintaining investment in our roads, schools and heritage are all incredibly important, for example we will see the Tithe Barn Roof repaired, improvements to libraries and allotments along with £2m set aside for Highway repairs and Street Lighting.

Against this background the Council Tax increase from April is set to be 3.5%. However, it is notable that some councils are proposing council tax increases of up to 15%.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Polyclinic Bus

Wouldn't it be great if there was a bus that dropped you off directly outside the Kings Park Polyclinic? Transport for London (TfL) are drafting plans for a new 497 bus route between Harold Wood station and the Hilldene shops. The current proposals only have the bus stop NEAR the Polyclinic on St Clements Avenue. Instead your three Residents' Association Councillors propose the 497

should stop directly OUTSIDE the Polyclinic saving elderly and vulnerable residents from having to walk down the steep hill. This would cut down on traffic, reduce the already full car park, and most importantly enable residents across Harold Wood to access a vital health service safely and conveniently by public transport. I would love to hear your views on this

Cllr ALEX DONALD

Parking Schemes

At the Highways Committee in February, feedback from the initial consultation to introduce a residents parking permit scheme in Camborne/Melksham and Wednesbury areas were presented. There was overall a positive response to introduce some form of parking restrictions to help deter and prevent commuter parking. It was proposed that a permit scheme from Monday to Friday 10.30 to 11.30am should be formally consulted upon as per

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statutory requirements. Once the results of this are received then it will be brought back to Committee for final review to either adopt or reject. Please ensure that you respond to the formal consultation so that your views can be heard. Once the above scheme is dealt with we shall be raising again with the Highways Department issues around parking in Halesworth Road and Close and Amersham Close. Previously we were told that until these schemes are dealt with and the impact of any parking displacement considered they will not move forward.

Cllr DARREN WISE

Kings Park Meadow Planting

We have received further complaints by residents about the amount of rubbish been thrown into the meadow planting adjacent to the entrance to the Kings Park estate from The Drive. We had raised this previously with Countryside and have now raised this again to see if this can be cut

back and laid with lawn.
Unfortunately, it is all too easy for passers-by to throw rubbish in this area which is unacceptable. We are waiting the outcome of Countryside's response.

Cllr DARREN WISE

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We are tremendously grateful to Rod for sparing us his time in his

very busy schedule.

Members 'old and new' would be most welcome so we hope you can join us. Please reserve your lunch place by telephoning St. Peter's Welcome Desk on 01708 342080, or email:

welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwo od.org.

Chris Knowles, Julian Harris and the Men's Lunch Team.

Cemetery

We are disappointed that the Government has ruled in favour of a cemetery on Maylands Fields. Your local Residents' Association Councillors have campaigned and succeeded twice at the Council's Planning Committee to refuse permission. The developers then launched a legal appeal to the Planning Inspectorate to overturn the Council's ruling. We will be working with the developer and local residents to ensure public access is retained through the site so residents can continue to enjoy our area's green space.

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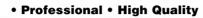
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Havering in 2017/18 to help fund council services to our residents. We have challenged the Mayor of London on this and secured cross party support through a Council motion in January. We shall keep you updated.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Local Elections 2018







John Stone: Left David Godwin: Above

Laurance Garrard:

At the last local elections in May 2014, Upminster and Cranham Wards again returned six Residents' Councillors who were joined by three Residents'

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Councillors for Harold Wood Ward: Alex Donald, Brian Eagling and Darren Wise. Sadly, we missed out having three Residents' Councillors elected for Emerson Park Ward by less than 100 votes. I am delighted to inform you that our Residents' team there:

Laurance Garrard, David Godwin and John Stone, who all live in the ward, are working hard on a number of local issues and that we will be contesting Emerson Park Ward in next year's local elections. Without any doubt, residents who have Residents' Councillors who actually live in the area they represent know the local problems and are working all year round, not just at election times. Laurance, David and John will be holding a meeting on Wednesday 29th March at 8pm at Nelmes URC Church, Nelmes Road, RM11 3JA.

They are looking forward to hearing your views on local issues. Local police will also be in attendance.

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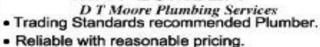


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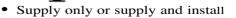
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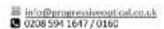
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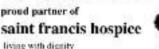
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Wingletye Lane Railway Bridge

Thank you for the numerous suggestions and comments, we have forwarded a report to the Council and hope this might pave the way for a solution. Some suggestions called for traffic light control allowing one way at a time, road humps to slow the traffic and even the provision of a crossing at each side with the narrow rather unsafe pavement being closed.

Naturally there were arguments either way and whilst we do not wish to add to local congestion we are concerned for the safety of local residents at this dangerous part of the road.

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Council to repair the damage to the road surface, something that seems to come back every year leaving a patch-work of tarmac rather than the proper resurfacing that we have been asking for. The message that most people were giving was for the motorists to just slow down and bear in mind the safety of other road users and pedestrians alike.

John Stone

Maylands Way/ **A12 Junction**

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Cllr DARREN WISE

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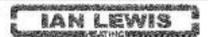
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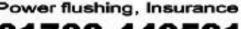






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Romford Market

It is with sadness that I have to report that the application for the new building in the middle of Romford Market has been passed. The market, over 750 years old, is dying and urgent positive action is needed to keep it alive - sadly the only idea to date is a large building, called a market house, which is to be placed right in front of the church house, built 15th century and the grade two listed church, St Edwards - their views destroyed forever. The building is for an upper class restaurant, most of whose trade will be evening, when the market is not there - over 900 people objected, on grounds of heritage, conservation area, and lack of need - put anywhere else, the building would not have looked so obstructive, Despite all of this, only myself, my Harold Wood colleague Alex Donald, and a UKIP Councillor listened to the residents, used our common sense and rejected the application.

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Readers may remember the dreadful wet weather we had in June last year, this led to flooding in several parts of the borough including a home in Hacton Lane where the River Ingrebourne burst its banks. North of this beside the Windmill Pub in St Mary's Lane we have reported and have had cleared the build-up of broken tree branches etc.

The Government's Environment Agency has published a report on the incident giving full details of the flooding and how residents were assisted.

I did not see much on the prevention of how to stop this happening again.

Personally, I feel there are two main options to stop this in the future one is to build up the banks the other is to dredge them

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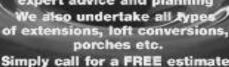
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Ray Coomer

Raymond Coomer was a man greatly invested in the community. He was heavily involved in the local residents associations, even running for local council on 2 occasions. He was also involved with the safer

neighbourhood team and was chairman for the IAG (independent advisory group). Ray was a great believer in helping to make the local area a better place to live in, particularly in Ardleigh Green, where he lived with his wife and son for many years. Ray would help support All Saints Church on Ardleigh Green road where possible and because of his great love of flowers would donate to their annual flower day, and because of this his wife Jackie donated the flowers from Ray's funeral to them so the parish could enjoy the beauty that Ray himself would have appreciated so much.

He was a great heating engineer and helped many residents with boiler problems over the 30 years that he was gas safe registered. Sadly on the 14th of January at the age of 59 Ray lost his nearly 3 year battle with bowel cancer. He remained strong and positive till the end, which was very much his

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Upminster Parking Update

Consultation on further parking restrictions in Upminster Ward have been extensive, with several residents meetings with council officers and meetings between councillors and officers over many months. Residents have responded to the consultation letters in large numbers and submitted petitions. In respect of the proposal for residents parking permits in roads north of St. Mary's Lane, where residents had expressed concern about commuter parking, we have, following reviewing the figures from the consultation, concluded that a clear majority of residents do not want permits. We have always said we would abide by the majority view, therefore permits in this area will not go ahead. In terms of the consultation results for the Tree roads and South View Drive, where there are currently no parking restrictions, again a mixed response from residents. The

proposal was to restrict parking between 8am and 9.30am Monday to Friday. We are still in discussion with officers on this before deciding whether to put a report to the Highways Advisory Committee in March. We will keep you updated on this.

Saturday Talks

The History of Tea. The speaker is John Neal on Saturday March 11th at 2.15pm. (Doors open 1.45pm) Venue Roope Hall, United Reform Church, Station Road, Upminster. Cost £4.00 including tea and biscuits. Contact Mrs Blake 01708 227512 or Mrs Bland 01689 858701 for further information.

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 Wednesday - Nelmes Women's Institute
- meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month and welcome new members of all ages. Meetings are held at Nelmes United Reformed Church Hall (corner of Nelmes Road and Burntwood Avenue, Nelmes Road and Burntwood Avenue, Hornchurch, RM11 3JA). Meetings start at 2 pm promptly. After conducting our business and a cup of tea, our speaker is Norman McDonald and his talk is entitled "The Honey Bee". Please contact Ruth McDougall on 01708 448431 or Ruth wellwisher@gmail.com. for further Ruth.wellwisher@gmail.com for further
- details.
 Thursday **Upminster and Cranham W.I.** are looking for new members. We meet in the St. Laurence Hall (next to the Thursday in the month. Doors open at 1.30 pm for a 2 pm start till 4 pm. We have talks on a wide range of subjects. We have lunches, afternoon teas, Outings and more. Why not come along and give us a try and meet new friends. For more information please contact President Margaret Reynolds on 01708 471977.
- 10 Friday Live music with the Old Street **Rockers** in the Golden Crane, Avon Road, Cranham. Free admission.
- Fundraising for the Brain Tumour Charity.
 Monday Havering Branch Essex
 Wildlife Trust have an illustrated talk by
 Mary Smith on Orchids of Britain and Europe. Meetings are held in the 1st floor meeting room in Hornchurch Library from 8.00 pm to 9.45 pm. Donation of £2.50 to help cover hall hire, this includes tea, coffee and biscuits. For more information contact the Secretary Joy Emerson

- on 01708 440297. Tuesday NADFAS (Havering) Annual General Meeting followed by Mr Julian Halsby with a talk on 'The Extraordinary Life of Misa Sert Queen of Paris 1872-Life of Misa Sert - Queen of Paris 1872-1950'. Coffee from 10 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
 Tuesday - Upminster Horticultural
 Society have Guest Speaker Ken
 Crowther on Control of Pets and
 Diseases with and without Chemicals.
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- 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 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 Thursday **Upminster Wine and Social Club** meet on the third Thursday of the month at 8 pm in the Cranham Social Hall, Front Lane, Cranham. We hold meetings every month with a variety of speakers and wine tasting. For more information contact Maureen Jasper on 01708 223956, or simply come along on the night. You will be most welcome.
- Friday Havering Antique and Collectors Club meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood. Guest Speaker Mark Lewis on 'Hester Bateman and Women Silversmiths of the 18th Century 7.30 pm for 8 pm start. Guests £4. For further details please call our Chairman Mrs Chris Lovett 07947 367258.
- Saturday **Pussycat Lodge Trust Quiz** at North St Hall, Hornchurch, RM11 1QX. 7pm for 7:30 start, price £6, tables 8-10. Bring your own drinks & nibbles. Raffle,

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27 Monday - Breathe Easy - Havering meet at St Andrews Church, Hornchurch, in aid of the British Lung Foundation on the last Monday of the month. We are a

last Monday of the month. We are a support group for people with COPD, Asthma of other Breathing Difficulties

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- members and £2.50 to for visitors. Wednesday **Upminster and District Probus Club** meet at The Cranleigh, 84 Station Road, Hornchurch, RM12 6LX, generally on the last Wednesday of each month. We also have outings, which are run jointly with Deyncourt (Upminster) Ladies' Probus. If you think you would be interested in joining our club please contact our Secretary, Barry on 01708 703783 and leave a message or send an email to: email to:
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Saturday - 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 1 pm meeting starts at 2 pm. The Internet & Technology Group meet at the same venue 11 am - 1 pm. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both. Saturday - British Sugar Craft have a demonstration on "Gift Box Cake" by Sadia Iqubal; at 1.30 pm -3.30 pm at Fairkytes Art Centre, Billet Lane, Hornchurch, Entry Price is £6 includes Tea and Cake.

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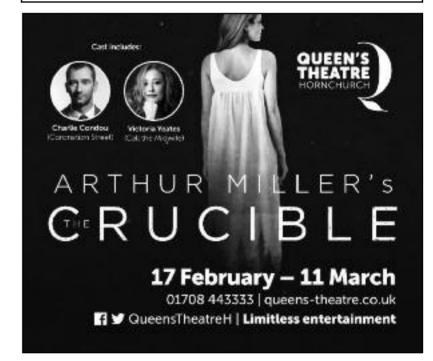
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