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## Gubbins Lane Resurfacing



Hopefully by the time you receive this *Bulletin*, part of Gubbins Lane will have been resurfaced. This part of Gubbins Lane was in a bad state of repair and naturally we are pleased that this has now been rectified as we have been campaigning for this to be done over a long period. I do realise that there are parts of Harold Wood ward with pavements and roads that do need attention and you can rest assured that we are continually working on your behalf to have this dealt with.

Cllr BRIAN EAGLING

## Santa's on His Way

Hi Residents, the Christmas Float will start on 3rd December so please listen out for Santa. If there are any volunteers to help us please contact Brian on 01708 373027 or email on [eaglibri@talktalk.net](mailto:eaglibri@talktalk.net).



Cllr BRIAN EAGLING

## Royal British Legion

We were both pleased to be invited to attend the Royal British Legion Greater London District Annual Parade and Service at St Edward the Confessor Church in Romford. It was a nice and sunny day to march through Romford to support this organisation. After the service, there was a parade back to the Romford branch of the Royal British Legion. Our thoughts are with all servicemen this month whom have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom. Remembrance Sunday is on 13th November this year. Lest we forget.

Cllrs DARREN WISE & BRIAN EAGLING

## Firework Display

Friday 4 November at Harold Wood Primary School, Recreation Avenue, RM3 0TH. Professional firework display from 6.30-8.30pm, display starts at 7.30pm prompt. Wristband entry, bought in advance only. Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult. Live DJ playing, hot food/refreshments/glow sticks available to purchase. Wristbands will be available from the Tuck Shop Newsagents, Station Rd, Harold Wood. Adult £6, Child (4-16 yrs) £4 and 3's & under go free.

## Council Update - Rogue Landlords



The council agreed at its last meeting to reaffirm its position to bring in an effective licensing scheme of private landlords and where the council has concerns about the quality of the accommodation provided for in residential property

that it takes action under the Housing Act 2004. The officers will now go away and draft appropriate policy to put this scheme into practice in due course.

Cllr DARREN WISE

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## Watch Your Speed

The local Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams do undertake speed checks. They recently were in Nelmes Way Emerson Park. Please watch your speed when driving.

area are very impressive. I would also like to say that Gerry Byrne is a good supporter of our local community.

Cllr BRIAN EAGLING

## Habbit Factory

We are very pleased to announce that Bunny and Brian have been made Patrons of the Habbit Factory Theatre Company which is an organisation for children from 7 - 17 years and includes children with disabilities and other difficulties. If you are interested, please go along on a Wednesday evening to My Place from 5pm to 7pm to see for yourself. For more information go to [www.thehabbitfactory.org](http://www.thehabbitfactory.org).

## Public Space Protection Orders

At the last council meeting in September, a report was presented to the Council proposing introductions of PSPOs. The first phase will be a pilot of the PSPO for four primary schools which are not within the

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that the company carrying out the works did not give traders adequate notice to prepare and shockingly only handed out letters on the day! I raised this with officers who have issued the company with a fixed penalty notice (FPN) for this transgression. I can also advise that any parking tickets issued in error can be cancelled on request. Please follow the usual appeals process.

Cllr ALEX DONALD

## McDonalds Restaurant, Bryant Avenue



I was invited to the opening of McDonalds Restaurant after a complete refit. The franchise owner, Gerry Byrne, who started work

as a Manager with McDonalds 25 years ago this month is very keen on keeping the appearance of his restaurants up to date and I must say that the décor and the seating

## Company Fined for Roadworks Disruption



caused chaos with businesses and people wanting to park for their daily shopping. I soon found out

In mid-September, shops along Station Road were subject to a rude awakening when roadworks appeared out of the blue. This

## Electrical Repair Event

Havering's next 'Restart Party' will be held at Romford Baptist Church, Main Rd, Romford, RM1 3BL on Wednesday 16th November between 6.00pm and 9.00pm. So, gather up your lamps and laptops, smartphones and shredders, mixers and music centres and take them along to this free community event. You should arrive by 8.30pm if you've an item to fix with any power leads and batteries charged up. Back up any data if possible. They'll be free tea and coffee laid on but it's a good idea to take some

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biscuits along to share whilst you wait. If you'd like to help out or hold a Restart Party at your community group or social club, contact Robin on 01708 348277.

## The Murder Room

There's a very funny play coming to Harold Wood in November - it's called 'The Murder Room', by Jack Sharkey. Set in an English country house - which naturally is owned by a member of the landed gentry - the new gold-digging bride has much to hide. The delightfully dozy daughter has hooked an American Millionaire and not a lot gets past the faithful housekeeper. Chuck in a couple of policemen - one of whom bears a striking resemblance to the gentleman - and you have a recipe for an evening of sheer fun and entertainment.

Running from 9-12 November, at The Little Theatre, Methodist Church, The Drive, Harold Wood, RM3 0DU, performances are Wednesday to Saturday at 8pm nightly, Saturday matinee at 2.30pm. Tickets are amazingly good value at just £7, and can be ordered in advance from 01708 782118.

## Christmas Fayre

Harold Wood Primary School Christmas Fayre, Recreation Ave, Harold Wood, RM3 0TH will be held on Friday 25 November 3.30pm - 6.00pm. Free entry. Visit Father Christmas in his grotto. Games and stalls for everyone - including. Xmas tree game, hoopla, lucky dip, tombola, cake stall, face painting and more. Raffle top prize £150 cash. Refreshments available.

## What's in a Name?

On the dissolution of Hornchurch Priory in 1391, its possessions in Hornchurch were bought by William of Wykeham, Bishop of Winchester, as part of the endowments of New College, Oxford. The architect of Westminster Abbey, Henry Yevele was the most prolific and successful master mason active in late medieval England. Yevele's advice was often sought by Wykeham and Yevele Way commemorates the connection. During the Civil War, Nelmes Estate was sold to Thomas Witherings, Postmaster General to

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King Charles. A turning called The Witherings is presumably named after this owner. In the early twentieth Century Wm. Carter, a successful developer of Parkstone, Dorset began the building of Emerson Park Estate, naming it after his eldest son, Emerson. I presume he felt obliged to name other roads after the rest of his offspring. Thus Herbert Rd and Ernest Rd were named after his other sons and Isabel Rd after his daughter, it was later renamed Burntwood Rd. Berther Rd was named after Mr. Berther, the site foreman and Curtis Rd named after the site manager. Parkstone Ave. and Poole Rd. from the Dorset area known to William Carter, though Carter Rd, later became Maybush Rd. I'm sure the estate agents would have preferred their choice of desirable names!

Dennis Goodwin

## Shepherd and Dog Restaurant

The above restaurant, which has now been open for 4 years, has had a complete refurbishment so if you have not visited for a meal yet why not book yourself in. We are

pleased to see that the owner is keeping up the appearance of the 'Shepherd and Dog' both inside and out.

Cllr BRIAN EAGLING

## Havering RSPB

**11 November - Indoor Meeting -** Sociable Lapwings and Spoonbill Sandpipers  
Andrew Gouldstone, who is the Site Manager at RSPB Rainham Marshes will present tonight's illustrated talk, 'Working with Sociable Lapwings in Kazakhstan and Spoonbill Sandpipers in Thailand'. Upstairs Meeting Room at Hornchurch Library, 44 North Street, RM11 1TB. Telephone 01708 434903. Meeting starts at 7:45pm. Admission; £3.00 per person.

**26 November - Coach Outing -** RSPB Ouse Washes, Cambridgeshire  
There is a Visitor/ Information Centre with a separate toilet facility. No catering facilities. For more information or to book call Mike Hughes 01708 250585 or email: mich@el-hughes.wanadoo.co.uk. Seats cost £18.00 each. Last booking date: 18 November.

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CLlr DARREN WISE

## Become a Befriender

The Havering Association for

People with Disabilities (HAD) provide a range of services for people with physical and sensory disabilities and their carers living in Havering. We are seeking volunteers for our Befriending Service. If you can spare a few hours a week or month to have a chat or share a pastime with a disabled person so that they can spend quality time independently from their carer.

Some activities our befrienders enjoy including bowling, going to the cinema or museums. If you fancy something more relaxing you could play board games or simply share stories over a cuppa. HAD organise a DBS check, provide training and support. We also pay travelling expenses and reasonable out of pocket expenses. For more information about how you could transform someone's life and quite possibly your own please contact Clare Kelly 01708 476554 or [Clarekelly@hadhaverling.co.uk](mailto:Clarekelly@hadhaverling.co.uk)

## Thames Chase

Thames Chase Trust, after long negotiations, has secured a long

lease from Essex County Council on the majority of the Forest Centre in Pike Lane. However, a substantial amount needs to be raised to secure the working section of the Centre to retain offices for the Trust and the Forestry Commission with whom the Trust shares the Broadfields Farm site. Donations are always appreciated through the website [www.thameschase.org.uk](http://www.thameschase.org.uk) or at the Centre.

Upcoming events include:

**Friday 11th November** - Discovering Thames Chase coffee morning from 10.30am. Learn about the regeneration of the Community Forest and then enjoy a guided walk on **Friday 25th November**.

**Friday 18th November** - cream tea with live music 2.30-4.30pm (Booking essential)

**Saturday 19th / Sunday 20th November** - Pre- Christmas Fair. Find that unique gift or stock up on seasonal fayre from 10am-4pm each day.

**Sunday 27th November** - illustrative talk on British Light Music Classics by Brian Luck.

11am-1pm. including

refreshments.

**Sunday 11th December** - a celebration of Christmas traditions followed by carols with Upminster and Cranham Churches Together.

**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 live music. 10am-3pm.

More information on the website [www.thameschase.org.uk](http://www.thameschase.org.uk)

## Residents' Association Councillors

At the last local elections in 2014 a record number of Independent Residents' Association Councillors were elected onto Havering Council. In fact, with just a handful more votes in Emerson Park three more would have been elected.

We are hoping that even more will be elected in 2018.

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Cllr RON OWER

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Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

## Council Website to be Revamped

One of my responsibilities on the Council is to oversee IT applications, such as the Council website. Where once it was at the forefront of technology, the passage of time has brought about a compelling need to review and relaunch the website so that it is as user friendly as possible, visitors can find what they need with the minimum of clicks and transaction facilities are as simple as possible. A lot of work has been ongoing with the website and a new version will be launched over the next few months. Improvements will be added as it goes along until the whole site is completely refreshed, redesigned and fit for purpose. While access to council services is quicker and easier via the website, it is important to

## Free Wills & LPA Advice Seminar

Pinney Talfourd will be holding their next free Wills and Lasting Powers of Attorney information events on 11 and 12 November. Over half of the population in the UK do not have a Will and this unfortunately can lead to difficulties upon death. Ensure that your affairs are in order to minimise stress for your family before and after your death. Join one of our free events to hear a short presentation about the different types of Will and LPA, and get some free tailored advice from one of our solicitors over a coffee afterwards. Places are limited and these events are always popular so please book early to avoid disappointment. Choice of two dates: Friday 11th

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Having launched successfully last month, Upminster's newest group - University of the Third Age - will hold its first "proper" meeting on Tuesday 15 November 2016. If you didn't manage to sign up for membership in October, you can still join us at this (or any other monthly) meeting - just don't forget your chequebook! Meetings are held on the third Tuesday monthly (except in December). This month U3A members can enjoy a light-hearted talk about the hazards of the retail business, in particular charity shops, followed by tea & biscuits and conversation! Come along at 1.00

pm to the Methodist Church Hall, Hall Lane, Upminster. For further information please contact info@upminsteru3a.org.uk or check out our Facebook page - https://www.facebook.com/upminsteru3a/.

## HSBC Bank

Many locals will remember that the home of HSBC Bank at 21 Station Road was the home of the former Midland Bank. At the end of August HSBC wrote to customers informing them that they were closing the Upminster branch on Friday 18th November at 2.30pm and were transferring accounts to their branch at 173 High Street, Hornchurch, RM11 3YS. Also they have a branch at 9, Market Place, Romford RM1 3AF. Opening times are Monday to Friday 9.30am to 5pm - except Tuesdays 9.30am to 5 pm and on Saturdays 9am to 4pm. HSBC did point out that with an agreement with the Post Office at 28, Station Road, Upminster you can use any of their counters to pay in cash or cheques, withdraw money and check your balance for your personal account.

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We're running a popular DVD based course for 5 Monday evenings, starting 7th November, 7.45-9.30pm at Gaynes School, Brackendale Gardens, Upminster, RM14 3UX. It's for parents of all local secondary school students. There's video clips, discussion groups, fresh coffee & delicious cakes. £5 for the whole course. Info and bookings: 01708 251265 or [office.kcu@gmail.com](mailto:office.kcu@gmail.com). This is a partnership project between Gaynes School and King's Church, and open to the whole community. Paul Thompson Leader of King's Church, Upminster.

## Old Chapel Events

Wednesday 9 November, 10.30am, Tea and Talk - The Decline of Bees

John Robinson discusses the plight and importance of our bee population.

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## NCT

The next Nearly New Sale will be on Saturday 19th November at Marshalls Park School in Romford. Entry is from 10:15 (NCT card entry at 10am) and costs £1. There is free parking on site. Sellers visit our Facebook page or website for online seller registration [Facebook/haveringnct](https://www.facebook.com/haveringnct) [www.nct.org.uk/havering](http://www.nct.org.uk/havering) All the profits go to the NCT, to help with the amazing work they do supporting new parents.

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- Preparing an information pack for businesses to help them reduce their impact on air quality.
- Commissioning a video to raise awareness of air pollution and the part we can all play to improve the quality of the air we breathe.
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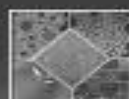
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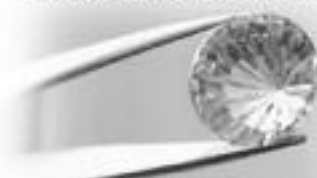
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**Wednesday 16th November at 7.30pm The Countryside and Wide Outdoors** presented by Alan Tomlin. An evening that will dispel any mid-November gloom with a mix of rural rhapsodies and pastoral pieces together with some bucolic bits & pieces courtesy of Beethoven, Bizet, Borodin, Canteloube, Delius, Smetana, Strauss and Vaughan Williams together with a few melodies from the popular music catalogue.

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8 Tuesday - **Upminster & District Horticultural Society** have Mike Sullivan - Starting with Alpines. Mike is a member of the Alpine Garden Society, he will tell us about the conditions needed to successfully grow these group of plants. 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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- 23 Wednesday - **Upminster Park Townswomen's Guild** are a friendly group of Ladies enjoying a chat over tea/biscuits, listening to a good speaker or entertainer, going on outings/ theatre trips and promoting friendship. We meet at Derham Hall, St Lawrence's Church, Upminster on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1.45 pm - 4 pm. For more information contact Deborah Pryor 01708 226127 or Ann Monk 01708 226305 or simply come along.
- 26 Saturday - **Hornchurch and Upminster Sugar Craft** demonstration on "Fun Modelling and Santas Grotto" by Linda Garnham. 12 noon - 3.30 pm at Gwillcoo, Brookdale Avenue, Upminster. Entry £12 by ticket only from Joy Rasbash on 01708 767145, includes a Christmas Lunch.
- 26 Saturday - **Hornchurch Festive Craft & Gift Fair.** In aid of the Essex Air Ambulance (over £1500 raised last year). 10am-4pm at the Hornchurch Sports Centre. Admission £1 adults, children free.
- 28 Monday - **Romford & District Historical Society** will have Guest Speaker on 'History of Rainham Marshes - Rife Range to RSPB'. Venue is at myplace, 343 Dagnam Park Drive, Harold Hill, Romford, RM3 9EN. Access from 7.30 pm Meeting 8 pm to 9.30 pm.
- 28 Monday **Little Haven Quiz Night** at The Crumpled Horn, Corbets Tey Road, Upminster, 7.30 pm for 8 pm start. Tables of 8 max at a cost of £6 each and to include a superior Ploughmans supper. Raising cash for Little Havens Hospice For any further enquiries and bookings ring Bob Blunden on 01708 226154.
- 28 Monday - **Breathe Easy - Havering** is a

support group for people suffering from breathing difficulties, COPD, Asthma. Etc. We meet on the last Monday of the month at St. Andrews Church Hall, 1.30 - 3.00 pm. This month we have a **Christmas Gathering with Councillor John Mylod.** Light refreshments are served. New members, family and carers are always welcome; a voluntary donation of £3 is appreciated. Please contact Joyce 01708 226696 or Elaine 01708 509127 for more details.

## DECEMBER

- 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. This month the talk is 'Barking Abbey and its connection with Ingatstone Hall with Margaret Mills. The Internet & Technology Group meet at the same venue 11am - 1pm where John Reynolds will tell you all "Don't Panic". Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.
- 6 Tuesday - **Oglethorpe Women's Institute** have their Christmas Celebration. **MEMBERS ONLY.** Our meetings are held at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, RM14 1XL at 7.45 pm.
- 7 Wednesday - **Harold Wood Evening W.I** Christmas Social, tickets will apply. We meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Visitors are always welcome. We request a suggested donation of £2.50 towards running costs and refreshments. For further details please call Jeanne on 0787 5670419. We meet at the War Memorial Hall in Gubbins Lane, 7.30 pm for 7.45 pm.

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## Men's Lunch

The next St. Peter's Church 'Men's Lunch' is on 8th November (Remembrance). The speaker will be General, The Lord Dannatt. GCB, CBE, MC, DL President of the SASRA and Former Head of the Army. We warmly invite any men around on this day to join us here in Harold Wood for a home cooked meal and an interesting talk/presentation starting at 11:30 for just £4.

To book your place or for more details, please phone 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).

## St. Peter's Church

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Remembering

- Saturday November 12th - Concert by Havering Singers 'Music to stir the memory'
- Remembrance Sunday November 13th 10.50am at Harold Wood Memorial Hall 'Do not forget' 11.30am St. Peter's Church 'Remember' 6.30pm St. Peter's Church 'Thank you for those we have loved'
- Saturday November 26th Lunch and Christian Talk for Mandarin speakers 'Remember the stranger in your midst'
- Advent Sunday November 27th 9.15 & 11.00am 'Toy' Services 'Remember the children' 6.30pm 'Remember the Christ is coming'
- Friday December 2nd 6.00pm COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS 'Remember Christmas is coming'

Memories are made of this - fill your 'forgetories' with good memories!

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www.stpetersharoldwood.org  
'Shop-window' on Sundays at 9.15 & 11.0am and 6.30pm  
David Banting (Vicar)  
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## Cycling on Pavements

I attended a Safer Neighbourhood

Team ward panel meeting where I learnt of near misses involving pedestrians and adults cycling on the pavement. Please note, it is illegal to cycle on a pavement with no marked cycle route. The maximum court fine is £500, and the police can issue a £50 fixed penalty notice. With so many cars in our borough (the most per household in London!), cycling is a great and sustainable way to get around and I would encourage everyone who can to get on their bikes! However, everyone - motorists, pedestrians and cyclists - must be responsible and aware of each other when getting around.

Cllr ALEX DONALD

## Ashflower Drive Petition

I have received a petition from residents in Ashflower Drive for speed humps to deter speeding motorists. I can confirm that Countryside - the developer currently responsible for the site - has been notified. I can also confirm that I will formally present this petition at Full Council where officers will consider this proposal. Submitting petitions is an effective way of demonstrating a

local demand for a particular issue.

Cllr ALEX DONALD

## Newlyn Avenue

Following our report the damaged street sign on the corner of this road with Sylvan Avenue will be replaced.

## Trees in Domestic Gardens

Following a number of enquiries. Kindly note the following information we received from the Council on trees in domestic gardens.

"There are no legal limits on heights or types of trees that can be grown in gardens. There is legislation (Part 8 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003) that allows owners or occupiers of residential properties to make complaints to the Council in cases where the person(s) concerned are being adversely affected by evergreen hedges over 2m in height and where they have been unable to resolve the problems caused by the hedge with the hedge owner. Full information can be found on the Council website at

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<https://www.havering.gov.uk/Pages/Services/High-hedges-and-hedgerows.aspx>." Hope this helps.

Cllr RON OWER

## Haircraft Festive Tea

On Thursday 1st December Haircraft Hairdressers in Oak Rd, Harold Wood will be holding Festive Cream tea from 10 am to 5 pm in aid of St. Francis Hospice. All welcome. Caroline.

## St Ethelburga Court Christmas Fair

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