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Overhanging Trees and Bushes



We received requests from residents in respect of overhanging trees and bushes along the A12 Colchester Road and at Pages Wood in Shepherds Hill. These were reported to the Council and Forestry Commission and we are pleased to say these were cut back in a prompt manner. The council will only cut back if it affects the public highway and in some cases where the overhanging/overgrown bushes are from a private property, they may write to the

property owner requesting that this is cut back by the owners themselves otherwise the Council will undertake the work and invoice the owner to pay. We would urge homeowners to check themselves and undertake their own remedial work.

Cllrs DARREN WISE and BRIAN EAGLING

Meeting the Challenge

Despite a change in Prime Minister and a vote to leave the EU, funding for our Council has got no better and the financial challenges ahead will mean making tough decisions. For example;

- Havering grant reduces from £31m this year to £1.4m in 2019/20 (96% cut)
- Public Health budgets reduced
- New Homes Bonus cut from £7m to £4.3m
- Levy to dispose of waste set to increase from £13m
- Increasing pressures to deliver social care services to Children
- Escalating Housing Costs

As readers may recall, the government introduced a 2% levy on council tax to support Adult Social Care, but additional funding to meet the above mentioned pressures will have to be made through even further savings or an increase in rates. Our objective is, as ever, to put the interests of residents first and foremost and we shall do all we possibly can to maintain vital frontline services while pegging back Council Tax increases to an absolute minimum.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Alley Streetlight

I received a report from a resident that the streetlight in the alley between Aubrietia Close and Columbine Way was out. Having reported this, I can confirm it is due to be repaired this month.

Cllr ALEX DONALD

A12 Gubbins Lane/Gooshay's Junction

We have received mixed reviews from residents with regard to the newly installed right turn arrows at this junction and TFL are aware of residents' complaints. TFL are monitoring the junction and have stated that drivers are now getting used to the junction but they will still keep this area under review. We have requested that the arrows are re-painted with thicker white paint and TFL are considering this.

Cllr DARREN WISE

Tree Pruning



Following a walk around in Greenway and Ingreway, I noticed some of the trees had overgrown featherings. I contacted officers and can confirm the roads in question have been inspected and a works order has been included for pruning. If you are aware of a tree that needs its basal growth cutting back, please contact me and I will get it reported.

Cllr ALEX DONALD

Santa's on his way!

We will be collecting with our Father Christmas float once again this year for the Rainbow Trust Children's Charity, Station Road, Harold Wood. If you can spare 2 hours a night and wish to help please contact Cllr. Brian Eagling on 01708 373027 or email eaglibri@talktalk.net.

Cllr BRIAN EAGLING

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Out and about in Harold Wood

I have over the last month reported various issues to the council, in particular a rotten tree in Leyburn Crescent which the council will remove and a damaged utility cover and fly tipped rubbish all in the same area. I have also reported fly tipped rubbish in Camborne Ave. I have also received calls from residents complaining about neighbours inconsiderate parking in residential streets and whilst it is difficult to do anything if the person parked is legally parked, we would urge all our residents to be a good neighbour and ensure that you do not park across peoples' driveways or cause an obstruction.

Cllr DARREN WISE

Yoga Classes

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St Peter's Church Events

The autumn and new term are well under way at St Peter's:

- **Christianity Explored** has just started (on September 29) - a journey of discovery
- **Explorers** is the new after-school club on Tuesdays at 4.30pm for Primary age
- **HARVEST** is Sunday October 2 - gifts of non-perishables for the local Foodbank
- **to Church** Sunday is October 16 nationally - our doors are 'wide open in welcome'
- **Light Party** for kids is October

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31 at 5pm - better than what Hallowe'en has become. The open family of St Peter's meets every Sunday at 9.15am, 11am and 6.30pm, with details of all on Sundays and throughout the week on our website and 'term card' - something for all ages and stages. The parish church for Harold Wood www.stpetersharoldwood.org See you soon - David Banting, Vicar

Planning Application

I was pleased to represent a resident in Camborne Way at a recent planning meeting to stop a HMO (House of Multiple Occupancy) increasing in size by building 2 storeys at the rear of the property which in effect would have caused overshadowing and loss of sunlight for the neighbour. As a result of both the resident and myself speaking, the committee unanimously rejected the application on grounds of overdevelopment.

Cllr DARREN WISE

Britain in Bloom



Upland Court Road in Harold Wood have made the finals of Britain in Bloom - Judging took place on

Tuesday Aug 2nd where the judges took note and met all the residents who took part. So far Upland Court Road have won Havering in Bloom 4 times - been 2nd in London in Bloom 4 times and now for the first time have made the Finals of Britain in Bloom - Results are due out sometime in October.

90 Years Young

On behalf of all of us at The Residents' Association, I would like to wish one of our most active *Bulletin* deliverers an amazing birthday and many happy returns!

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Taken at his birthday bash with
Cllr Brian Eagling

Dennis Goodwin, who turned 90 last month, has been a dedicated supporter and deliverer, cycling door to door bringing to you your monthly Bulletin. Dennis is a prime example of how great our deliverers are and we would like to appeal to our readers to put yourself forward to follow in Dennis's cycle tracks. If you would like to help us out by spending about one hour per month bringing the Bulletin to a road convenient for you, please get in touch. If you would like to send Dennis belated birthday wishes, you can do so by getting in touch with us.

Cllr ALEX DONALD

Harold Wood Evening WI

Calling all Ladies. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month to hear a speaker, have a chat over a cuppa and make new friends. Visitors are always welcome. We request a suggested donation of £2.50 towards running costs and refreshments. October 5th we have a talk by specialist nurses on breast awareness. The evening will have a pink theme. On November 2nd our speaker Adam Clayden is taking us back in time with a talk on When the railway came to Harold Wood. For further details please call Joanne on 0787 5670419.

Old Age

Up until my mid-eighties, old age always seemed way ahead. Now, at the age of ninety, I've caught up. I can't think of many advantages of being old. It's comforting not having to prove oneself. There's no pressure to "Keep up with the Jones's" as I've outlived them. Of the few friends of my age surviving, most have difficulty in recalling the past, one or two look

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at me as if they aren't sure they know me. Perhaps I too am losing it and blanking people I've known for years! Remembering the answer isn't a problem, when one forgets the question too. With my yoga, though I don't improve physically, at least I'm holding my own. Climbing on to my bike is becoming a problem, perhaps I'll have to lower the saddle. I can't worry about my future as I haven't one. Obviously, I'm concerned about the world for my grandchildren, but they seem more mature than I was at their age and I came through a World War. I think it's time for a nap.

Dennis Goodwin

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.

The Murder Room

There's a very funny play presented by the Guildonians 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

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Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

A Huge Thank You



Many thanks to Clarence for the article in the August *Bulletin* and the many messages thanking me for the work put in as *The Bulletin*

Editor. I said I would do it for a year, but went on for 26 years! During that time we have gone from four pages to the current 24 pages, from 6,000 copies to over 19,500 copies. A recent survey showed we have over 40,000 readers - I am delighted and very proud that the *Bulletin* is widely regarded as The Voice of the Community. I am also very proud of the assistance *The Bulletin* has given to our community, highlighting many local problems and, of course, featuring many local organisations - a number of whom started up through *The Bulletin*.

I am delighted that Bruce Nicholls has come on board to edit *The Bulletin*. I am still involved assisting with advertising, so if you or someone you know wishes to advertise please get in touch. With Bruce in the editor's chair, this has freed up time for me to work on a number of projects as one of your Residents' Association Councillors. Havering Council is facing a number of challenges over the next few years, especially regarding its finance. My Cabinet colleague Clarence Barrett has written extensively on this. It has been a pleasure to have been the editor of *The Bulletin* and to serve the community.

Cllr RON OWER

Thames Chase

Having secured a long term lease on the majority of the Forest Centre, the Thames Chase Trust is now seeking caterers to provide catering for the on-site cafe and the many activities and events held at the Centre throughout the year. For more information,

please visit our website www.thameschase.org.uk The autumn is a very busy time for the Forest Centre with our events throughout October including our annual Apple Weekend and Spooky Walks.

Friday 7th October -

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Sunday 9th October - apple gathering at Broadfields from 11am. Bring your own basket.

Friday 14th October - cream tea with an apple theme 2.30-4.30pm (Booking essential)

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Monday 24th October - Grand opening of the new Tree Nursery.

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UCRA Coach Outing News

Saturday 12th November
KINGSTON UPON THAMES
First recorded in a document in
838, the medieval market town of
Kingston is easy to navigate as
much of it is pedestrianised. It
has a main high street, a
picturesque ancient market
square, and a 'shopping mall' all
connected by small streets packed

with cafes and small
independents. The Thames Path
provides stunning views of the
river and is perfect for a leisurely
stroll before sampling some real
ale in one of Kingston's homely
pubs.
Please see "Coach Outings" on
page 22 for booking details.

Towers Cinema Hornchurch

Laurance Garrard from our
Emerson Park Residents Team
reported in the August *Bulletin*,
that the former Mecca Bingo Hall
in Hornchurch which had been
purchased by Lidl's supermarket
chain, had submitted a planning
application to demolish it, and
build a new store there. We were
concerned as the Hall, originally
the Towers Cinema, is an iconic
building in Hornchurch, and
although not rare nationally, it is
in this area, with its art deco
design, and is held with affection
by many people locally. Lidl's
were asked to come back to the
planning committee, with actual
plans for their new store, and to
see if the façade of the building

could be saved by incorporating it
in with the plans.

Unfortunately, when they
returned the plans were the same
- just to demolish the old
building, and it did not appear
that much consideration had
been put into our request -
despite this, the committee
agreed to let the building be
demolished, I was the only
member who thought that Lidl's
should be asked to consider our
original request.

I am grateful to Hornchurch
Residents Councillor John Mylod
who also came along and spoke
up for the saving of the old
building.

And so we lose another iconic
building in Havering, nothing
against supermarkets, but we
must also consider our heritage

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

Tackling the Scourge of Fly- Tipping

Fly-tipping continues to blight our
environment with industrial scale

fly-tippers whose criminal motives
are driven by quick profit while
despoiling our countryside. Things
could be greatly enhanced if
penalties were more meaningful
and a joined up approach
adopted. For example, newly
established fixed penalties of up to
£400 are not nearly enough. For
the industrial type of fly-tips, it is
chicken feed to how much the
criminals can make. A minimum
£1,500 fixed penalty and
confiscation of vehicle would be a
more meaningful deterrent. If
anyone offers to clear your waste
at knock down prices, make sure
you see an authentic Waste
Carrier's Licence, otherwise it is
likely to end up in a country lane
or field rather than being disposed
of legitimately. Fly-tipping, small
or large, can be reported at
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Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Wantz Bridge

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clearly very high attempt to get under the bridge. Back in early August one such vehicle got stuck and lost its load, luckily no one was injured and the bridge was examined. The lorry blocked St. Mary's Lane and therefore it was impossible for traffic from Cranham to go through to Upminster and vice versa under the bridge, causing traffic chaos. The warning sign on the bridge has been renewed.

Plastic Bag Bonus

An 85 per cent reduction in the use of plastic bags since the introduction of the 5p charge six months ago is great news for the environment. An added bonus is that good causes are set to benefit from the £29 million so far raised through the charge. However, this could be further improved by making the 5p charge non-vatable, thereby releasing an additional £11 million annually to worthy charitable causes, and ending the exemption for outlets (eg card shops) who issue bags with no handles.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Ashvale Gardens Allotments

Ashvale Gardens Allotments, at the side of Oglethorpe school, have a few spare plots if anyone is interested in growing their own fruit & veg and at the same time keeping fit. We are a small friendly bunch and new members are very welcome. Contact Mike Willcocks on 01708 501505.

Friends of Upminster Mini Golf Quiz Night

The 'Friends of Upminster Mini Golf' will be holding a Quiz Night on Monday 10th October (7pm for 7.30pm start) at the Crumpled Horn, Upminster. The Group are raising funds to refurbish the hut and crazy golf, so why not come along and have a fun evening! There will be a raffle and bar, just bring your own snacks. Tables of 4, 6 or 8. £5 per person. Contact: Bernice Scott Phone: 01708 640167 or Email: upminigolf@virginmedia.com.

Adventure Island Wristbands

Hornchurch District Scouts (charity no.303699) are selling Adventure Island wristbands at discounted prices. Big Adventure bands (over 1.2m tall) are £15 each and Junior/Mini Adventure bands (under 1.2m tall) are £12 each. Also available, Southend Sea-life Adventure tickets Adult/Child £3 each and new for 2016, Adventure Island Golf tickets just £3 each, for 18 holes. Wristbands expire November 2016 and are available to purchase now, for any day the park is open. To purchase, just call/ text Debbie on 07805612706 or Louisa on 07498575296. Please allow up to 24 hours from ordering to collection.

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Events

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Wed 12 Oct, 10.30am - **Weather and Its Sayings.** Join Alan Paul to find out more about our favourite

weather related sayings.

To book a place on any of the above talks or events please call Gemma Smith on 01708 642919 or email gsmith@mary.havering.sch.uk

Jazz Evening

The Rotary club of Hornchurch and Upminster will be holding its annual jazz evening on Saturday October the 22nd from 8pm at the Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens, Upminster, RM14 1SR. An evening of traditional jazz will be provided by the six-piece group the Downhome Jazz Band. Tickets are £15, which include a fish/chicken and chips supper, can be obtained from Jim Haines telephone 226717 or Brian Taffs telephone 250855. Please bring your own drinks.

Green Waste Bags

The old plastic sack service provided residents with a way of getting rid of garden waste, but was not sustainable. The use of plastic sacks meant that the

garden waste collected couldn't be composted without being taken out of the sacks. This, coupled with the fact that properties weren't recorded, meant that collections couldn't be scheduled because we didn't know where the sacks would be presented from. The new scheme uses compostable sacks that break down into compost at the composting site and residents have to subscribe so we can schedule properties on to a collection round. Residents can subscribe to the service by completing the Green waste online forms on the council website <https://www.havering.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Garden-waste-collection-services.aspx>. If you choose a bin, the contract will expire on 31 March the following year. If you choose the sack (a roll of 50), it is a rolling contract and the service will run for a year from the date that you subscribe to the service (regardless of the time of year). The charge is £35 per year for either service. The charge is not so much for the bags but the cost of the overall service (i.e. picking up, disposal, bags and

administration). Renewal arrangements for 2017 will be much improved over last year.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Shirley Ward Tours

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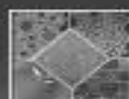
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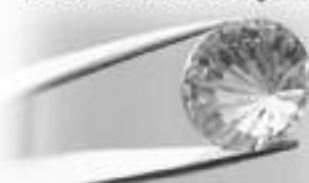
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Solar Farm

Just as last month's *Bulletins* went to press, work started in St Mary's Lane on a Solar Farm, situated between Cranham Golf Club and the M25 Motorway comprising of 11,700 solar panels mounted on steel frames. When it went to the Planning Committee, Council Officers reported that the development would have a life of 25 years. Readers may remember that Havering Council refused Planning Permission as the site is in the Green Belt, however, the applicants appealed to the Government's Planning

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Inspectorate and following written public inquiry, planning permission was given by The Planning Inspector. Ironically, a similar application in Clay Tye Road was refused at a similar inquiry.

Romford Model Railway

Please note weather permitting the Romford Model Railway will be open again on 8th October from 2pm to 4 pm. At Ardleigh House Community Centre, Ardleigh Green Road, Hornchurch RM11 2LL. Go and enjoy rides on their Steam and Electric Trains. The Railway is in a really nice setting.

Upminster Wine & Social Club

Upminster Wine and Social Club are holding their Christmas Dance on Saturday 26th November at The New Windmill Hall, Upminster. A Special Christmas Buffet will be served at 8.00 o'clock followed by dancing to the music of RD. Tickets are £15 available from Vic Bramwell on 01708 470465.

Exhibition of Paintings

There will be an exhibition of portfolio paintings and drawings by June Preston at Upminster Library on 26th September until 8th October. Come and see.

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Exhibition of Paintings

Janet and Terry Doyle will be holding an exhibition and sale of

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- 4 Tuesday - **Oglethorpe Women's Institute** have Guest Speaker Bob Begley who will give a talk on **"The Great Storm"**. Our meetings are held at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, RM14 1XL at 7.45 pm. Visitors are welcome.
- 5 Wednesday - **Harold Wood Evening W.I** 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. This month there will be a talk by specialist nurses on breast awareness. The evening will have a pink theme. 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.
- 5 Wednesday - **Music Evening** at Hornchurch Library. **Musical Portraits and Biographies** presented by George Saddington. A potpourri of entertaining music that will please a wide variety of musical tastes. Meetings held in the 1st Floor Main Meeting Room and admission is FREE but we do ask for a nominal Donation to cover interval refreshments. No need to book in advance - just turn up in good time on the night. Start 7.30 pm and end at 9.30 pm. For more details call Stephen on 01708 470670 or email sraindle@aol.com
- 8 Saturday - **Quiz Night** in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association at 7 pm for 7.30 pm start, in the Main Hall at St. Laurence Church, Corbets Tey Road, Upminster, RM14 2BB. £6 per person - tables of 8. Bring your own nibbles and drinks. Tickets available from 01708 250786.
- 10 Monday - **Havering Essex Wildlife Trust** have a talk by Charlotte Bradley on **Abberton Reservoir**: a Reserve near Colchester, it is a wetland site of International importance for wildfowl, up to 40,000 ducks, swans and geese visit each year. Meetings are held on the 1st floor meeting room in Hornchurch Library 8 pm to 9.45 pm. Donation of £2.50 to help cover hall hire, includes tea, coffee and biscuits. Contact Secretary Joy Emerson on 01708 440297.
- 11 Tuesday - **NADFAS (Havering)** welcomes Mr Tim Schroder with a talk on **'English Church Silver - 500 years of change'**. Meetings are held at The New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster, RM14 2QH. Coffee from 10.00 am. Lectures 10.45 am. Visitors welcome at £8. For further information on the Society, future lectures and visits can be found at www.haveringdfas.org.uk.
- 11 Tuesday - **Upminster & District Horticultural Society have Essex Wildlife Trust - Ingrebourne Valley Visitor Centre - One Year On** by Becky Gibson. The talk will take place in the Ingrebourne Valley Visitor Centre from 7.45 pm to 9.45 pm. Doors open at 7.15 pm. Entrance is £3.00 for members and non-members as it is our Charity Evening.
- 14 Friday - **Coffee & Conversation** meet at Cranham Social Hall, Front Lane at 10.30 am, welcome back Singer Kevin James followed by Fish & Chips Lunch. Members £8 (visitors £9.50). Tickets from Gina on 01708 221429.
- 15 Saturday - **Coffee Morning**. Children's craft activity, home made cakes, hand made cards, mystery tombola, raffle, bargain corner, refreshments and more! Please join us from 10.30 am, until 12.30 pm in the Main Hall at St. Laurence Church, Corbets Tey Road, Upminster, RM14 2BB. Raising funds in aid of Healthcare in Tanzania.
- 18 Tuesday - **Cranham Engayne W.I.** welcomes new members and visitors. Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2 pm until 4 pm at the Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens, Cranham, RM14 1SR. Why not come along and join in the fun.
- 19 Wednesday - **Music Evening** at Hornchurch Library. Shakespeare on Record presented by Stephen Raindle. As part of the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Bard's death, the programme will show how Shakespeare's writings have been represented in music. Expect a wide variety of music ranging

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19 Wednesday - **Upminster Floral Art Society.** Iris Shaw with a demonstration called 'Facets of My Life Raffle, Tea and Coffee and Sales Table. Doors open at 7pm at the New Windmill Hall, Upminster. All enquiries to Margaret on 1708 481977.

20 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.

21 Friday - **Haverling Antique Collectors Club** meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood. Speaker Judith Miller (Road Show) on 'Costume Jewellery'. 7.30 pm for 8 pm start. £7 guests. Contact Chairman Mrs Chris Lovett on 01708 221851 for further information.

26 Wednesday - **Upminster Townswomen's Guild** Come along and join us at 1.45 pm in St Laurence Church, Derham Hall, Upminster. For more details phone Shirley on 01708 224219 or Bertha on 01708 224210.

29 Saturday - **Hornchurch and Upminster Sugar Craft** now meet at Fairkytes Art Centre, Billet Lane, Hornchurch. There will be a demonstration on 'Christmas Theme' by Sarah Murrel. Entry £6 includes Tea and Cake. 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm.

31 Monday - **Breathe Easy - Haverling** is a

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31 Monday - **Romford & District Historical Society** have Guest Speaker Dr Ian Browne on 'Tales from the Scaffold'. 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.

NOVEMBER

1 Tuesday - **Oglethorpe Women's Institute** have a Members Evening where you tell us your stories! Our meetings are held at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, RM14 1XL at 7.45 pm. Visitors are welcome.

2 Wednesday - **Harold Wood Evening W.I** 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.

5 Saturday - **The Haverling 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 Election of Branch Officers is followed by 'Brickmakers' with David Cufley. The Internet & Technology Group meet at the same venue 11am - 1pm where Election of Officers is followed by a talk to be arranged by Robert Parker. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.

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Michaelmas Term (ISBN: 9781784651640) is a new debut book by Harold Wood based author Nicholas Barrett, who is living the dream, and does not take mind-altering substances. Honest. Copies of Michaelmas Term can be purchased direct from the publisher by visiting www.pegasuspublishers.com or any good local bookshop.



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RSPB Havering

The Secret Lives of Garden Birds on the 14th October - An illustrated talk presented by Mike

Logan-Wood. Hornchurch Library (upstairs), 44 North Street, Hornchurch RM11 1TB.

Telephone 01708 434903. Doors open at 7:30pm, meeting commences at 7:45pm and ends at 9:45pm Admission; £3.00 per person.

Coach Outing - RSPB Titchwell Marsh NR, North Norfolk on the 29th October.

A walk from the visitor centre down to the sandy beach takes you past reed beds and shallow lagoons which are often full of birds. You can sit on benches or watch from spacious, wheelchair-accessible hides. For more information or to book a seat call Mike Hughes 01708 250585 or email: mich@el-hughes.wanadoo.co.uk. Seats cost £18.00 each. Last booking date: 21 October.

Men's Lunch

St. Peter's Church 'Men's Lunch' new season has begun and the next lunch is on the 11th October. 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.

We have some very special guest speakers to look forward to this session. The October speaker is

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To book your place on the 11th, 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). Bishop Peter has been our 'area' Bishop since 2014 and is a regular visitor to St. Peter's, but this is the first time he has been able to join us for Men's Lunch, so it will be really wonderful to put that right and hear from him.

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