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M25/A12 Junction



Highways England have announced their preferred option following a consultation on proposed improvements to the M25 junction 28. There were three proposed options and they have decided Option 5F as it is better able to reduce congestion and delays at the junction. This will include a two lane loop road, widening of a short section of the M25 and reconfiguration of the A12.

A second consultation will take place early in 2018, where members of the public will have another opportunity to give their views and influence the developments of the design. We'll let you know more about this nearer the time.

Details of the announcement can be found on our website at www.hwhpra.org.uk or please contact us for a hard copy.

Cllr DARREN WISE

Caring About Our Community

An advertisement board was erected on the corner of Whitelands Way opposite Tesco. Causing damage to the surrounding trees; we contacted Enforcement. Working with Planning, they investigated and found that the board did not have permission to be put up and we are happy to confirm a Community Protection Notice was issued to the companies mentioned on the board which has subsequently been removed.

Cllrs ALEX DONALD, BRIAN EAGLING

Harold Wood Station Update

We are providing you with the latest news in relation to Harold Wood Station works.

Crossrail have stated that they have been progressing well to modernise the ticket office but they have encountered some issues with the 100 year old structure which need to be resolved before they can continue. Engineers are working to assess and solve these issues and the aim was to complete the ticket office modernisation by the end of the year but the recent issues may require works to be re-programmed.

On the subject of lifts at Harold Wood, Crossrail are still awaiting details from UK Power Networks (UKPN) as to when they can install the new electrical substation which will be used to power the lifts. Crossrail have completed the construction of the sub-station base located adjacent to the car park and are waiting for UKPN to deliver, install and commission the new sub-station.

From our perspective, this is just another example of poor pre-planning by project managers and yet again we have delays that impact our residents and commuters. We will continue to keep the pressure on Crossrail to get the ticket hall and lifts operational as soon as possible.

Cllr DARREN WISE

Christmas Float – Help Wanted

Once again we are asking for volunteers to help collect with our Father Christmas float. I know some of you may still be thinking of Summer holidays but we have to plan ahead. We collect for the Rainbow Trust and it is such a rewarding thing to do even if you can only do one night. Please contact Cllr Brian Eagling on 01708 373027 or email eaglibri@talktalk.net.

Cllr BRIAN EAGLING

Dangerous Situation



There were several complaints from residents regarding the way the Council had finished off the new path

leading to the car park by the tennis courts in Harold Wood Park. The Council had left two large kerbstones at the end of the path making it a huge problem for wheelchair users and parents with pushchairs when leaving the path. I visited the park with an officer and he agreed with me of the potential danger of not removing these kerbstones. I am very pleased to inform that within 24 hours of my visit the error was rectified. By the time you receive this *Bulletin*, new white markings will direct you to the new path.

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Wednesbury/ Camborne Parking Permit Scheme

The council are currently reviewing the consultation responses to the proposed schemes in these areas with a report being written and presented to the Highways Committee in due course for final consideration and decision. We have raised with the Council about the fading of the white lines on pavement parking bays and they will look to repaint some of these bays as part of any changes required for the permit scheme though we are waiting for the final report to confirm this. In the meantime we stress to residents to only park within bays where you can visibly see the white lines and please ensure that any part of your vehicle does not overhang the white line as you could be liable for a Penalty Charge Notice ("PCN"). If you can't see the white line then it's likely the enforcement officer cannot see the white lines themselves and thus are likely to issue a PCN.

CLlr DARREN WISE

London & Essex Heritage Club Seek New Members

The club meet on Tuesday evenings (September through to March) at Langtons, Hornchurch, and host a variety of talks relating to London and the South East. New members are welcome, please contact Brian Taylor on 01708 607614.

Harold Wood Evening WI

Ladies: why not come along and find what your local WI has to offer? We meet on the first Wednesday of each month in the War Memorial Hall in Gubbins Lane, 7.30 for a 7.45 start. Our October speaker is Kayla Conley on the hidden meanings in dreams. November we have a craft evening where you can try your hand at making something or learning something new. We request a suggested donation of £2.50 towards running costs. Visitors warmly welcome. For further details call Joanne on 0787 5670419.

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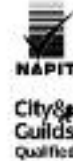
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Private Walkway



Residents have contacted me about a small walkway between Hoylake Gardens and Church Road. This is private land and belongs to

residents and the Council does not have any direct influence over the maintenance of the path.

Cllr ALEX DONALD

Calling All Men!

A warm welcome awaits you at our next 'Men's Lunch', held at St. Peter's Church, Harold Wood on Tuesday, 10th October with doors opening at 11.30am. Following lunch, we are very much looking forward to hearing from our special guest - REV'D. KIERAN BUSH. Kieran, from St. John's Church, Walthamstow vicar of a busy and growing parish church, but has a very moving and challenging story to tell. He will be in conversation with Jonnie Deja from St. Peter's and a good friend

of Kieran's. To book your place on the 10th, 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). We look forward to welcoming you.

Julian Harris and all the Men's Lunch Team

Fundraising Magic Show

Ilford Magic Society bring their unique performance to All Saints Church Ardleigh Green Road Hornchurch on Saturday 28th October, start 7pm. Tickets £20, table of 8 £150 includes a 3 course Ploughmans lunch. Proceeds to Hope4Havering organised by A-Z Fundraisers. Entry only by pre-booked ticket. Please call Brian Samuels 01708 640855

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Heaton Action Team



Chris Cooper who is one of our Heaton Ward action team members is married with 3 children and lives in the Heaton Ward. Chris has lived in Harold Hill

for most of his life and has been very active in Facebook campaigns and organising petitions especially around the increase of HMOs (Houses of Multiple Occupation) and the proposed Solar Farm in Dagnam Park. Chris is also Chairman of the Heaton Safer

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Neighbourhood Team panel as Policing is one of his passions and he is also runs the Friends of Keats Park and Open Space. Chris can also be found running the admin for some of the following Facebook pages Harold Hill Community Page, Harold Hill Residents' Association and Harold Hill Neighbourhood Watch Page. Please join us in welcoming Chris to the Harold Wood, Hill, Park Residents Association.



Isabelle Alexander is one of our Heaton Ward action team members and has lived locally for 13 years and previously worked in education for most of her career and has served as a school governor. Isabelle is also involved in the voluntary sector as a Gateway advisor for the Citizens Advice Bureau and as a helper at Havering museum. Isabelle helps to deliver the Bulletin and is acutely aware of the growing problem regarding litter and fly tipping in the Harold Hill area. We welcome Isabelle to the Residents' Association Heaton Ward Action Team.

Out Of The Loop

By nature, youth has to be different. Something happens in teenage to ensure it develops that way. They go for the outrageous in popular culture to shock their parents, but if inadvertently someone with genuine talent appears and the parents notice, they drop them. It was always so. Dad was a Bing Crosby fan. Naturally, I chose Sinatra, as Crosby wasn't "hot" (today that would be "cool"). In time, my culture became square and acceptable, so the new generation discovered "Rock and Roll". Today, that too is passé. At 90, representing less than 1% of the population, I feel isolated, which doesn't bother me, except writing on topical issues is more difficult. With crosswords and quizzes I am confronted with bewildering clues about Indian dishes, pop groups, texting and smart phones, subjects in which I'm not interested, but essential in solving such puzzles. I just renewed my driving licence until I'm 93. Each time I change it, my photo on it gets fainter, as I seem to be getting. I don't think I'll try and write for a younger age group. I'll stick with what I know and print it in larger type for my loyal readers!

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On **Saturday 28th October** the month ends with our popular annual Spooky Walks through the Forest. Are you brave enough to step into the night and take a spine tingling walk through the trees? Admission by ticket only. More information on website. www.thameschase.org.uk

Also at the Centre- **Sunday 1st October** from 10am- join the Forest Centre conservation group and help to manage the grounds of our busy Centre and the newly renovated community tree nursery.

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Friday 27th October - Guided Walk to Dagnam Park (The Manor) from 10am. Enjoy a walk in an historic part of Havering and learn about its history. Meet in the car park to Central Park, off Petersfield Avenue.

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Fly tipping

Together with our Residents' Councillors we have been reporting on a number of occasions where there has been fly tipping of lorry loads of waste around the area in the various country lanes. The Council are taking action.

We have also reported sadly that black bags etc are regularly being

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dumped in the shopping centre and we have continuously chased the Council to take action. With regards to the black

bags, the council are checking contents and investigating links to addresses which have resulted in a further prosecution.

Chris Wilkins

A Guide to Bonfires

Bonfires can be a bone of contention between residents as what is reasonable and what is excessive. The government have produced useful guidance on bonfires, safety and the law which provides helpful tips and seeks to clarify the legal position [<https://www.gov.uk/garden-bonfires-rules>]. However, there aren't any specific laws against having a bonfire nor at what time, but there are several laws that deal with the nuisance bonfires

can cause. It is an offence to get rid of domestic waste in a way likely to cause pollution or harm to human health, including burning it. Burning plastic, rubber or painted materials creates poisonous fumes and can have damaging health effects for people who have asthmatic or heart conditions. Most bonfires are relatively infrequent and cause little concern. However, for a bonfire to be considered a nuisance, it needs to be a regular occurrence and to seriously interfere with your well-being. If the bonfire is only occasional, eg a couple of times a year, it's unlikely to be considered a nuisance in law. If the Council considers a bonfire to be a nuisance, it can issue an 'abatement notice'.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Local Plan Thoughts

One of the important points of the proposed Havering Local Plan is surely how many of the new homes will be occupied by people on Havering's own

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John Tyler

Quids in

As from 15th October, the old £1 coin ceases to be legal tender, being replaced by the new 12-

sided version. However, most banks and Post Office counters will continue to accept them from customers. The new coin has a string of anti-counterfeiting details, including material inside the coin itself which can be detected when electronically scanned by coin-counting or payment machines. Other security measures include an image that works like a hologram and micro-sized lettering inside both rims. Approximately 1.5 billion new £1 coins have entered circulation - about 23 per person. Old £1 coins will be melted down to make new ones.

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Dancing for Charity

The Pinney Talfourd Charity Committee are organising a truly unique fundraising event for their charity of the year SNAP (Special Needs and Parents). A group of family lawyers have pledged to dance for a full 24 hours starting at 12 noon on Saturday 21st October and finishing at 12 noon on Sunday 22nd October at their Upminster office - not taking shifts or nap breaks. Members of staff,

friends and family have also pledged to join them for a boogie throughout the day, afternoon, evening, twilight and dawn hours. The whole 24 hour event will be streamed live via Facebook. If you would like to get involved why not add your favourite song to their playlist? For just £5 you are invited to choose a song for the dancers to groove along to. Simply donate via the link on PinneyTalfourd.co.uk (and name your song). You can also make a text donation to 70070. Simply type the unique code SNAP78 and then the amount in pounds (e.g. SNAP78 £5). Actual song requests can be tweeted to @PinneyTalfourd using #PTdanceathon.

Working Together in the Local Community

The Upminster Camera Club accepted an invitation from the Upminster group of Essex Boot Camps to join them at one of their sessions in Upminster Park, on a Sunday morning, to capture the action and illustrate the

commitment and effort of the squad. Essex Boot Camps run regular outdoor training sessions and have hundreds of dedicated followers who keep themselves fit and healthy in body and mind, using tried and tested exercise routines based on military origins.

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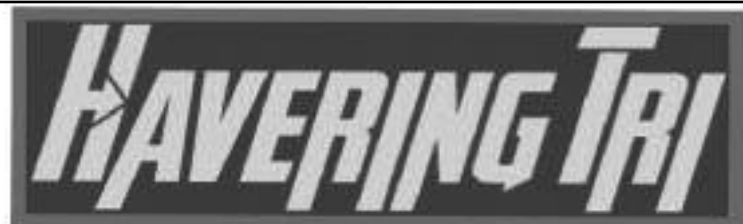
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10th Oct - Horticulture at Corbets Tey School - Sarah Young and Daffodils - Reg Harris. This is our charity evening the entrance fee is £3.
14th Nov - Say it with Poison - Russell Bowes
12th Dec - Growing organic vegetables - Brian Carline
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- 8 Sunday - **OASIS - A 'disability-friendly'** meeting for adults at Cranham Baptist Church, Severn Drive. A traditional Sunday Service is not for everyone! Oasis meetings are accessible, friendly and informal. We will be having a Meal followed by a Harvest Service to thank God for all His blessings. If you are interested in coming please contact the Oasis Team on: 01708 223551 or 07714 853545.
- 8 Sunday - **Indoor Table Top Sale** - Coopers' Company & Coborn School, St Mary's Lane, Upminster, RM14 3HS. Buyer doors open 9am 50p entrance for adults until 10:30. Sellers call 07508135449 to books or email bootsales@cooperscoborn.co.uk
- 9 Monday - **Havering Branch Essex Wildlife Trust** Meetings are held in the 1st floor meeting room in Hornchurch Library from 8.00 pm to 9.45 pm. Robert Adam a landscape gardener on "The Importance of Wildlife in our gardens". 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.
- 10 Tuesday - **Upminster and District Horticultural Society** - Are you interested in gardening? Whether you are a new or not so new gardener why not come along to the lectures run by The Upminster and District Horticultural Society at the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster. Lectures are from 7.45pm until 9.45pm. Horticulture at Corbets Tey School - Sarah Young and Daffodils - Reg Harris This is our charity evening the entrance fee is £3. Admission is normally free to members and £2 to non-members.
- 10 Tuesday - **NADFAS (Havering)** welcomes Ms Lydia Bauman with a talk entitled 'Painting the Modern Garden - Monet to Matisse'. Lecture

- 10.45am Coffee from 10.00am. Visitors welcome at £8. Meetings are held at The New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster RM14 2QH. Further details of forthcoming lectures and events can be found at www.haveringdfas.org.uk
- 11 Wednesday - **Nelmes Women's Institute** meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month and welcome new members of all ages. Meetings are held at Nelves United Reformed Church Hall (corner of Nelves Road and Burntwood Avenue, Hornchurch, RM11 3JA). Meetings start at 2 pm promptly. Please contact Ruth McDougall on 01708 448431 or Ruth.wellwisher@gmail.com for further details.
- 12 Thursday - **Upminster and Cranham W.I.** are looking for new members. We meet in the St. Laurence Hall (next to the Library) in Upminster on the second 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.
- 13 Friday - **RSPB Havering Local Group** Indoor Meeting - British Wildlife, Near and Far British Wildlife, Near and Far, an illustrated talk presented by Liz Cutting. Featuring, a mix of local wildlife and wildlife from regions of Scotland and elsewhere in the UK. Doors open at 7.30pm, meeting commences at 7.45pm and ends at 9.45pm Admission: £3.00 per person. All meetings take place upstairs in the Meeting Room at Hornchurch Library, Hornchurch.
- 17 Tuesday - **Upminster Camera Club** - TOM MASON "Owls of Serbia + Seals & Bears". Cranham Community Association, 115a Marlborough Gardens, Upminster, RM14 1SR. 7.45pm. www.upminstercameraclub.org.uk
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- 17 Tuesday - **Cranham Engayne W.I.** welcomes new members and visitors. Meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2 pm to 4 pm at the Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens.
- 18 Wednesday - **Hornchurch Harmonies W.I.**, meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month (except August) between 7.30pm - 9.45pm at Havering Indoor Bowls Club RM11 1JU. Visitors fee £3.50 includes tea and cake.
- 19 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.
- 20 Friday - **Havering Antique and Collectors Club** meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood. Mr Chris White - Art of WW1 and WW2. Starting at 7.30 pm for 8 pm start. Guests £4. For further details please call our Chairman Mrs Chris Lovett 07947 367258.
- 25 Wednesday - **Upminster Park Towns Womens Guild** meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 2 pm to 4 pm in Derham Hall (behind Upminster Library), Upminster. Afternoon tea, talks and outings amongst a friendly group of ladies, all most welcome. For more information contact Deborah Pryor on 01708 226127 or Ann Monk on 01708 226305 or simply come along.
- 25 Wednesday - **Upminster and District Probud Club** meet at The Cranleigh, 84 Station Road, Hornchurch, RM12 6LX. Leonard Taphouse "Oh What Fun it is to be a Lecturer". Contact Barry on 01708 703783 and leave a message or send an email secretary@upminsterprobud.com.
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NOVEMBER

- 7 Tuesday - **Oglethorpe Women's Institute** join us for a couple of hours to relax. Bring some colouring pencils if you have them, or we can supply some. Our meetings are held at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, RM14 1XL on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.45 pm. Contact Secretary Mrs. E. Bell on 01708 251161 or just come along on the evening.
- 4 Wednesday - **Harold Wood Evening W.I.** meet on the 1st Wednesday on the month at the War Memorial Hall in Gubbins Lane 7.30 pm for 7.45 pm start. Our September speaker is Author Ruth Dugdall. Visitors welcome entrance is £2.50, which includes refreshments. For more details please ring Joanne on 0787 5670419.
- 7 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 the talk is 'Essex a Diocese, Chelmsford a Cathedral. How on Earth!' (A fascinating story of how it did happen) with Tony Tuckwell. The Internet & Technology Group meet at the same venue 11am - 1pm. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.

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Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Facebook

When reading Facebook often comments are put in by people talking about a criminal matter and it is not too clear if it has been reported to the police. The Police are unable to action crime which is just reported on Facebook, and need the person who witnessed it to contact them and give details, descriptions etc. By all means make others aware, but the correct authorities need to know as well.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

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Spooky Craft day Mon 23rd Oct - 10.30am-11.30am, 12.00pm - 1.00pm, 2.30pm- 3.30pm Come along and make some creepy craft to take home ready for Halloween. Suitable for ages 3+ **Booking essential, £6 in advance per child**
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Given the ongoing challenges associated with the tri-borough policing scheme, these proposals will undoubtedly stretch police presence even more. The proposed closures signify a fundamental change to policing strategy and will surely undermine the safety of our residents. Your Harold Wood Councillors would urge residents to respond to the consultation, either on-line or in writing to lodge your concerns.

The consultation can be viewed at
<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/mopac-consultations/share-your-views-accessing-met-or-by-email-to-Consultation@mopac.london.gov.uk>. The consultation concludes on October 6th.

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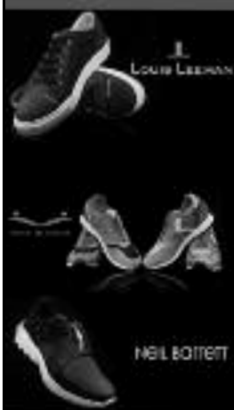
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