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Ardleigh Green Bridge – Response from Mayor



Following on from our article last month, the reply from the **Mayor of London** in response to our specific points lacked the substance we expected. In particular,

- It was confirmed that local residents and businesses will have to suffer another two years of disruption, pollution and huge inconvenience without a scrap of compensation.
- The initial cost of the scheme was estimated at £32m, the response provides no update as to the eventual cost or from where the overspend, which is likely to be several millions of pounds, will be met.
- It was suggested that the proposed Gallows Corner Improvement Scheme could be done at the same time as the

Ardleigh Green Bridge works in a way that minimises disruption, a claim that may seem a bridge too far for many!

I don't underestimate the complexity of the project, but overspends are generally a result of unexpected events or poor planning, and even with built-in contingency funds it is probable that tax payers will have to stump up the colossal cost of this scheme. The full response can be seen on our website at www.hwhpra.org.uk

Cllr DARREN WISE

Havering Local Plan – Consultation

Following on from last month's article, the Council approved a draft Local Plan (a strategic guidance document that covers all aspects of planning, housing, design, infrastructure and Green Belt over the next 15 years) which will now go out for a 6-week public consultation before being submitted to the Secretary of State for examination later this year. Of particular interest in the Plan are 78 applications from developers to remove land from the Green Belt for development, which we shall be steadfastly opposing, and the housing growth target which is 17,550 over the 15 years and not the 30,000 which has been quoted elsewhere. We shall keep residents updated on this important matter through the *Bulletin* and our website (ucra.co.uk) – please take time to have a look, your feedback to the consultation is important and very welcome.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

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

Police Open Meeting

Our local Harold Wood Police Team will be holding an Open Meeting on Friday 22nd September from 7pm to approx. 8.30pm at The Harold Wood Methodist Church, 73 Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood, RM30BH (at the junction with The Drive). This is your chance to gain advice and have your say about local policing issues and help make a difference to your neighbourhood.

Sadly Missed

I was so sorry to hear the sad news of the death of Bob Buckfield in July. He was one of our *Bulletin* deliverers and always helped every year with our Father Christmas float collecting for the Rainbow Trust. He was a good family man and I know he will be missed by Mary and all the family.

Cllr BRIAN EAGLING

New Action Team Member



Martin Goode

Martin is married with 3 children and 3 grandchildren and has lived in Harold Wood for the last 30 years. All of his children attended local schools. In the past, he was involved in the running of local football clubs, managing and coaching teams at all

levels of the game as well as being the club secretary. Martin enjoys watching most sports and is a very keen and active golfer. Martin is very interested in what goes on locally in the community and is a strong believer in the qualities and opportunities that Harold Wood brings to local residents, especially the attraction for young families.

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Science Challenge Days



Switched-on students from local secondary schools spent the day at Havering Sixth Form College, taking part in the regional North East London Science and Technology Challenge. The Year 8 and 9 pupils from 11 schools spent the day working together in mixed teams of four to complete practical challenges (Robotics, E-FIT, Vehicle, Medical) with the winning teams going on to represent the area in the Regional Finals which are held at Queen Mary University, London. Winners of the Thursday Challenge Day were William Talwar and Joshua George from Coopers Coborn in Upminster,

working with Sophie Kearney and Zyrrah Olise from Sacred Heart of Mary School, Upminster. They were presented with trophies by special guest, Deputy Lieutenant Colonel Mark Bryant. Winners of the Friday Challenge Day were a team of three: Daisy Gentry and Sarah Adeya from Brittons School in Rainham working with Morgan O'Sullivan from Brentwood School. They were presented with trophies by the Mayor of Havering, Cllr Linda Van den Hende, who told the students that engineering and technology is the future and that it was so encouraging to see them all sharing ideas and working as teams.

Cllr BRIAN EAGLING

Ward Inspection

Following a Harold Wood ward road inspection accompanied by a council officer we found the following defects which have now been reported for repairs and work to be carried out:
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Kingsbridge Road - Adjacent to 12

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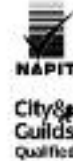
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- paving cracked Lancing Road - O/s 31 - b/top footway uneven
- Bennison Drive - o/s 22 - b/top f/way uneven

Maylands Way - Opp. 3 - cracked paving
Ingreway - O/S 52 - uneven paving
Shepherds Hill - O/S 4/6 - damage on b/top vehicle crossing
Rosslyn Avenue - O/S 52 - uneven paving
The following have been passed to Environmental maintenance:
Ewan Road - Opp. Bennison Drive alleyway overgrown with vegetation
Blackeborough Drive - Adj. 11 - alleyway overgrown with vegetation
Cane Hill - Vegetation overhanging/obstructing carriageway
The following have been passed to the tree team:
Ingreway - Feathering of trees required
Court Avenue - Near junction of A12 - tree requires feathering

Shepherds Hill - Junction Phillida Road - Tree laying on grass verge
The following has been passed to street Cleaning:
Rosslyn Avenue - O/S 22 Loose chippings on carriageway
The following are going to be investigated and funding sourced:
Melksham Green - O/S 1 request to install bollards
Athenstan Road - Junction of Oak Avenue - request to remove concrete obstruction from footway outside old garage site

Cllr BRIAN EAGLING

St. Peter's Men's Lunch

Our new season begins at St. Peter's Church, Harold Wood on Tuesday, 12th September at 11.30am when we look forward to welcoming as our special 'after lunch' guest - ALAN HOBBS from Belhus Park Chapel and Marketing Director for a large tea producer. Any men around during the day would be most welcome to join us. To book your place on the 12th, please phone St. Peter's

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Woodhall Crescent Bridge, Hornchurch

Following receiving concerns over
loose bricks on the bridge over the
push and pull rail line between
Upminster via Emerson Park to
Romford we have taken this up
with the Council. Please note the
following reply to Residents' Councillor Ron Ower who is
assisting the team:

"Dear Councillor Ower,
Thank you for your email. I have
been informed by Highways
Engineer Officer that the structure
was until recently maintained by
Network Rail, but has recently
been handed over to The London

Borough of Havering. It was
inspected a few months ago when
a number of minor defects were
recorded, including some missing
bricks and cracking to the parapet
walls. However, it was not
considered to be an emergency
and will be attended to during the
current financial year subject to
other priorities. Meanwhile, the
structure will be revisited and any
loose bricks that may be identified
will be removed or made safe."

Scouts Fun Day

The 3rd Squirrels Heath Sea Scout
Group based at Scott Lodge,
behind Dothan House, almost
opposite Royal Liberty School, in
Upper Brentwood Road are
holding another Fun in the Field.
It is scheduled for Sunday the 17th
September and will have fun races
for a mixture of age groups as well
as lots of stalls where you can do
things like smash crockery, play
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Potholes

We have been chasing the Council
to repair a large number of
potholes in the area. Beltinge Road
in particular was very bad.
If you see a pothole that has not
been marked with orange paint
by the Council let us know.
Contact details on page 22

Horses

We have had several complaints
regarding horse manure in our
streets, which in the past our keen
gardeners were keen to scoop up
for their roses but recently it would
appear that either residents are
paying for it or no longer growing

roses.
There are some footpaths where
horses should not go such as the
alley connecting Wingletye Lane
with the Platford Green area and
we have had reports of manure
being dropped there.
Whilst we enjoy living in a semi-
rural area we need to accept that
horses have been walking our
streets before our cars were here.

David Godwin

Off Road Motor Cycle Problems

Some of you in the Wingletye Lane
area may be aware of the regular
noise disturbance from youngsters
using their unregistered
motorcycles on the footpaths and
farm land.

We are contacting the farmer to get
his confirmation that he has not
given permission and we hope to
be able to erect signs confirming
that motorcycles are not allowed.
The police have been notified of
the disturbance caused to
residents who use the footpaths on
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without the menace of these
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John Stone

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Dartford Crossing Taking its Toll

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Fri 15th September - Cream Teas enjoy the traditional Cream Tea at the Forest Centre with the sounds of live classical music to enhance the enjoyment of scones

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Sat 16th September - Songs from the American Songbook if you enjoy the jazz standards made famous by singers such as Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Peggy Lee and Michael Bublé then this is an opportunity to join our group of friendly jazz musicians and perform the song you have always wanted to do with the Thames Chase Players. Booking is essential as places are limited. To Book (Ask for Jill's contact details to discuss songs etc.). 1-5:30pm, £18 per participant, £6 for audience.

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Sat 24th September - Guitar Workshop Thames Chase Players

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May I thank all those who sponsored me for the recent London 10k run, I am pleased to say that I managed to finish

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cursory look at the consequences undertaken by the Residents' Association revealed that such a proposition would require an Act of Parliament as well as a loss of 49,000 Freedom Passes, London Weighting, Met Police, London Fire Brigade and numerous other services. While not all is perfect with the GLA, it was pointed out that the £280 precept we pay in our Council Tax only forms a small part of the Mayor of London's £12 billion budget (7%), with the rest coming from fares, fees and charges (53%) along with government grant and business rates (40%). Some readers may be reminded of the 1949 comedy film 'Passport to Pimlico', what we don't want is a sequel entitled 'Passport to Havering'. The motion was rejected by 27 votes to 10.

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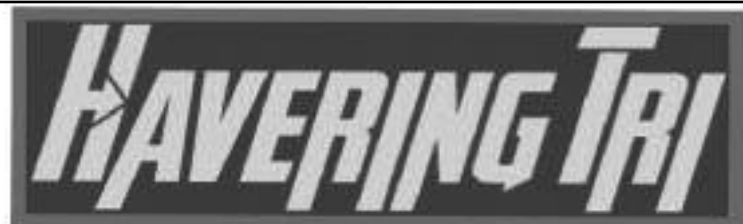
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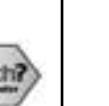
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Multiple Birth Group

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Home-Start Havering is also looking for new volunteers to join our organisation and help us support families. If you (or anyone you know) have a spare 2-3 hours a week and are interested in using their life skills to help others please call the office for more information (full training provided) 01708 455551.

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Quiz Nights

A Quiz organised by the Upminster & Hornchurch Fundraising Group in aid of the **Little Havens Children's Hospice** in Thundersley will be held at the Crumpled Horn in Corbets Tey Road on **Monday the 11th Sep.** 19:30 for 20:00 start with tables up to a maximum of eight people. £6 each person which includes a ploughman's at the interval break. The members of the winning table receive a prize of a bottle of wine each. Bookings and any further info can be made by calling 01708 226154. A Quiz night is being held at St

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The Friends of Upminster Mini Golf are hosting a Quiz Night to raise funds, so why not come along and have a fun evening! **Monday 16 October 2017** - 7pm for a 7.30pm start at The Crumpled Horn, 33-37 Corbets Tey Road, Upminster, RM14 2AJ. Tickets £5 per person with tables of between 4 - 8 people, bring your own nibbles. A bottle of wine for each member of the winning team. Raffle prize draw and bar. Contact: Bernice Scott Phone: 01708 640167 Email: upminigolf@virginmedia.com

Harold Wood Charity Run

A 5 mile Charity run through the beautiful parks in Harold Wood is being organised by the Harold Wood Running Club. The race will take place on 1st October. The course is on gravel paths beginning and ending in Harold Wood Park. Last year's race was a big success and this year we are aiming to raise money for two

local charities: Rainbow Trust & Romford Drum & Trumpet Corps. <http://haroldwoodrunning.club/charity-run-2017/>

Havering Antique Collectors Club

This popular and friendly monthly club starts the new season on Friday 15th September. Among the guest speakers we have Chris White - WW1 & WW2 Art, Charlie Haylock - History of Surnames, along with BBC Road Show guest speakers - Paul Atterbury in November - The Great Exhibition and Judith Miller in March - Treasure or Trash. Annual Membership is £25. Guests £4 and £7 for BBC Road Show speakers. Meeting are held 3rd Friday in the month 7.30 for 8.00 at The Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood. Buses 256 & 294 stop outside. For further details contact Chairman Mrs Chris Lovett on 0794 7367 258.

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annual event. Over 160 people attended raising in excess of £1000. This year the band hope to increase this figure while the Hospice are organising a corporate sponsor who will double the amount the band raises. Photos of the band and the audience from last year are attached. Tickets are only £4 each and are available from Glinette on 01708 345 887 glinettewoods@btinternet.com

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- 11 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. Joan Pinch - an illustrated talk about the History and Wildlife of Tiptree Heath which is the largest heathland in Essex, it is common land first recorded in 1401. Donation of £2.50 to help cover hall hire, this includes tea, coffee and biscuits. Contact the Secretary Joy Emerson on 01708 440297.
- 12 Tuesday - **NADFAS (Havering)** welcomes Ms Deborah Lambert with a talk on 'The Remarkable Collection of Isaac and Moise de Camondo'. 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
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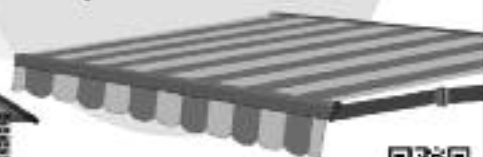
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- 14 Thursday - **Upminster and Cranham W.I.** are looking for new members. We meet in the St. Laurence Hall (next to the Library) in Upminster on the second Thursday in the month. Doors open at 1.30 pm for a 2 pm start till 4 pm. We have talks on 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.
- 15 Friday - **Havering Antique and Collectors Club** meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood, Ann Wilmore - Antiques Quiz with items to identify. Starting at 7.30 pm for 8 pm start. Guests £4. For further details please call our Chairman Mrs Chris Lovett 07947 367258.
- 19 Tuesday - **Upminster U3A** Isla Johns, Senior Innovation Manager, Save the Children. "The Work of Save the Children in the U.K." University of the Third Age - meets at 1pm on the third Tuesday monthly in the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster. Doors open at 12.30pm. For further information about membership and current interest groups, come along to a meeting for free or check out our website www.u3asites.org.uk/upminster.
- 19 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.
- 20 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.
- 21 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.
- 25 Monday - **Breathe Easy - Havering** meet at St Andrews Church, Hornchurch, in aid of the British Lung Foundation on the last Monday of the month. The meetings run from 1.30 - 3pm, £3 donation is appreciated. We are a support group for people with COPD, Asthma or other Breathing Difficulties. For details please ring Joyce on 01708 226696 or Elaine on 01708 509127.
- 27 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.

27 Wednesday - **Upminster and District Probus 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@upminsterprobus.com.

30 Saturday - **RSPB Havering Local Group Coach Outing** - SWT Rye Harbour NR, An interesting area with varied habitats; sea, sand, shingle, pits and grasslands. Possible sightings at this time of year are autumn migrants and an array of wildfowl, water-rail, bitterns, etc. To book contact Mike Hughes 01708 250585 E-mail: mikeboy15@gmail.com. Seats £18.00 each. Please book before: 22 September

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- 3 Tuesday - **Upminster Camera Club** - Malcolm Imhoff FRPS FACI(M) "An Audio Visual Journey". Cranham Community Association, 115a Marlborough Gardens, Upminster, RM14 1SR. 7.45pm. www.upminstercameraclub.org.uk
- 3 Tuesday - **Ogthorpe Women's Institute** The subject this evening will be "How to use Essential Oils in everyday Life" and the guest speaker will be Joanne Hunt. Our meetings are held at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, RM14 1XL on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.45 pm. Visitors are always welcome.
- 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 Duggall. 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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A Local Lottery Fortnight?

While lottery funding has undoubtedly helped many organisations, athletes and cultural projects, there are still many other good causes all battling for much needed funds. Of the £7.6 billion raised last year through ticket sales, a whopping £911 million went into Government coffers as 12 per cent duty is applied. Perhaps we could have a tax waiver for one fortnight a year, equating to £35 million, where local good causes could be nominated and voted for by local people?

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Afternoon Tea

I was so pleased to join an Afternoon Tea with residents at Harold Park Baptist church. The event was a huge success with a large turnout. I would like to thank the organisers and all the volunteers. It was great to catch up with residents and I look forward to returning soon.

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