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# What a Disgrace!



Fly tippers have been dumping their rubbish on a pathway which runs alongside the slip road that leads from the M25 to the A12. The sight of this rubbish is appalling and we are grateful to a local resident who uses this path for reporting it to us as not many pedestrians do utilise this pathway which is on the boundary between Havering Council and Brentwood. We have reported this matter to Streetcare and have asked them to

clear this mess up. Unfortunately fly tipping is a constant issue that we face in Havering like many boroughs and we are doing our best to catch these people. If you do see anything or any vehicles dumping rubbish, then please do contact us and we will pass the details on.

Cllr DARREN WISE

## The *Bulletin* is Now Online

We would like to tell you that the *Bulletin* is now online and can be found on our internet site at [www.hwhpra.org.uk](http://www.hwhpra.org.uk). If you have any newsworthy articles or stories about the local area then email us on the contact page or send an email to [hwhpra@btinternet.com](mailto:hwhpra@btinternet.com). We shall continue to develop this website over the coming months.

We also have a facebook page which we want people in the Harold Wood Ward area to join so that we can communicate information to you. Search for the Harold Wood Hill Park Residents' Association on Facebook or send an email to us and we can add you. Please when sending us an email to tell us your name and the road that you live in so that we can update our records.

Cllr DARREN WISE

## Mayor's Charity Run

The Mayor's Charity 4 mile run/walk is on Sunday 18th October. It is to take place in Harold Wood Park and the start time is 11.00am. The cost to enter is £8.00. There is also a children's circuit and the price of this is £2.00. All competitors will receive a medal. Please obtain your entry form from Nick Joseph on 01708 342348 or by email [nick@nicdee1.plus.com](mailto:nick@nicdee1.plus.com)

## Santa is Coming

We are planning to bring Santa to our local roads again in early December. We wish to raise cash again for the local Rainbow Children's Charity. The local children love to see Santa and it is a great start for the Christmas Season. We need your support. If you have a car with a tow bar and can volunteer for several evenings, please contact me. We also need volunteers for collecting and assisting the driver marshalling the float and the towing vehicle.

Please help us raise cash for such a worthwhile charity.

Get in touch with me on 01708 373 027 or email me on [eaglibri@talktalk.net](mailto:eaglibri@talktalk.net) Many thanks.

Cllr BRIAN EAGLING, Mayor of Havering

## Online Petitions



Social media has enabled us to support causes from the end of our road all the way to the other side of the planet. The rise of online petitions (or "clicktivism") has radically u-turned government policy and proved that people power does work. When

it comes to local government, sometimes it takes more than one voice to demonstrate to the Council that an idea has a lot of local support. Did you know you can start an ePetition to lobby Havering Council? Visit <http://epetition.havering.public-i.tv/> for more information on starting, signing, and sharing a petition online with your friends and neighbours to call for change in your area. If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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## Abandoned cable in Painsbrook Park

At the monthly litter-picking by the Friends of Painsbrook Park (every 1st Sunday of the month at 11am), we found a boot-load of abandoned cable wiring. After contacting Parks Protection, it was cleared the same day. Please keep an eye out for fly-tipping or any criminal activity in our parks. The Parks Protection Service can be contacted on 07904 805872 or parksprotection@haverling.gov.uk

Cllr ALEX DONALD

## Harold Park / Kings Park estate issues

If you need to report any issues and live in the Harold Park area or on the new Kings Park development, please phone me and leave a message. Alternatively

email me at alex.donald@haverling.gov.uk. I will always get back to you.

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, 13th OCTOBER - DOORS OPEN 11.30am.**

Following lunch, we are very much looking forward to hearing from our special 'after lunch' guest - PHIL WESTON. Phil is the minister at St. Michael's, Gidea Park and a friend of our own Associate Minister - Rob Hudson. St. Michael's is one of St. Peter's 'partners in mission' church fellowships, so it will be really wonderful to welcome Phil to Men's Lunch.

As always, to book your place on the 13th, or for more details, please phone St. Peter's Welcome Desk on **01708 342080**, or email: welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwo

od.org, or visit the website: www.stpetersharoldwood.org. We look forward to welcoming you.

Julian Harris, Rob Hudson and all the Men's Lunch Team.

## Adventure Island 2015

Hornchurch District Scouts (charity no.303699) are selling Adventure Island wristbands at discounted prices. Big Adventure bands (over 1.2m tall) are £14.50 each and Junior/Mini Adventure bands (under 1.2m tall) are £12 each. Also available, Southend Sea-life Adventure tickets Adult/Child £3 each. Wristbands expire November 2015 and are available to purchase, just call Debbie on 07805 612706.

## Waxing Lyrical

I'm not sure if this piece is meant to see the light of day. I'd already written a scintillating column and filed it to send to the Editor for

consideration. Since then, the folder marked *Bulletin* on my computer with all this year's output became corrupted and lost.

Just when I thought I had nothing to send, a neighbour pointed out to me that there seemed to be fewer crops growing on local allotments, but the sheds were proliferating and getting bigger and what were the Residents' Association going to do about it? I wasn't particularly interested in allotments, but thought it might provide copy for an article. I was then struck down with Cerumen. This sounds more impressive than saying I got wax in my ears. The subsequent deafness meant cycling round inspecting allotments was dangerous as I couldn't hear the traffic. Defying danger, I biked on. Sure enough there were quite a number of garden sheds looking more like chalets and some plots were beginning to resemble housing estates. Our precious open spaces must be preserved,

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as every empty plot and derelict factory site seems to be sprouting blocks of flats. With the coming of Crossrail, even more developers will pop up, eager to persuade anyone with a large garden to cash in and turn their blessed plot in to a goldfield. If, in the future I'm delivering *Bulletins* through letter boxes of ornate allotment sheds, there'll be no more horticultural hide-outs for henpecked husbands, they'll become bijou residences for first-time buyers.

In a woolly state of deafness I've made the deadline and there won't be an empty space in the *Bulletin!*

Dennis Goodwin

## Green Flag Parks

We are pleased to inform you that Harold Wood Park has retained its Green Flag status this year, confirming it is among the best in the country.

The award, handed out by Keep



Britain Tidy, recognises and rewards the best parks and green spaces across the country.

Cllr  
DARREN  
WISE

## Harold Wood Primary School Firework Display

Friday 6 November at Harold Wood Primary School, Recreation Avenue, RM3 0TH. Professional firework display.

6.30-8.30pm, display starts at 7.30pm prompt.

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## Hornchurch Cycle Club

Hornchurch Cycle Club recently completed a charity cycle ride from Hornchurch to Paris in three days. They raised £4867 for Look Essex, which provides support, advice, assistance and voluntary services for visually impaired children, their families and carers.

Hornchurch Cycle Club was founded in April 2014 by David Raven and Spencer Littlechild, and now has more than 90 members. The Club likes to encourage people to take up the sport and to enjoy the social aspects of being part of a club. The Club is open to all levels of road cyclists.

The Club is supporting two charities, St Francis Hospice and Look Essex.

The group meets in Mecca Bingo Car Park, High Street, Hornchurch, every weekend for cycle rides.

For more info. contact; memberships@hornchurchcc.com or see our website; hornchurchcc.com

Trevor Jefferyes, General Secretary

## 3 H Club

The Club a social club for adults with disabilities meet once a week at HOPWA House, Inskip Drive, Hornchurch on a Tuesday evening between 7-10 pm. Except on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

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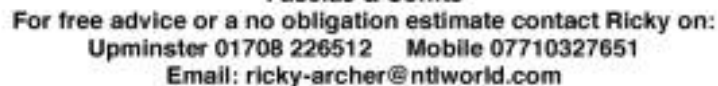
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## Bonfires a Bone of Contention?



It is interesting that the origins of the word 'bonfire' is believed to be derived from the Celtic custom of burning

the bones of the cattle which were slaughtered. In modern times, 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 [direct.gov.uk]. 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'. The Council have published further information at <https://www.havering.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Smoke-bonfire-problems.aspx>

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

## Havering Concert Orchestra

Havering Concert Orchestra, along with their leader, Jane-May



Cross (pictured) welcomes you to their concert on Saturday 21st November, 7.30pm Frances Bardsley Academy. Tickets £10

(on the door), £8 (advance). If you wish to become a member, a HCO Friend or attend a rehearsal/performance, find us on Facebook, follow us @hcoweb and see [www.hcoweb.co.uk](http://www.hcoweb.co.uk). Jane-May began learning the violin aged three, through the Suzuki method. She attended the Royal College of Music Junior Department (Leverhulme Trust Scholar) studying violin under Erica Dearing and piano with Jennifer Stern. During Jane-May's time at RCMJD, she led the String and Sinfonia Orchestras. Jane-May also received the Ian Stoutzker Memorial Prize for the highest marks for Grade 7 Violin and the Sheila Mossman

Memorial Prizes for the highest marks in Grade 6 and 7 Piano. Jane-May enjoys living in Upminster with her family. She works for Thomson Reuters as editor for Practical Law China, and is a qualified lawyer. On behalf the HCO, we invite you to our concert, along with the Mayor and Mayoress, who have kindly accepted our invitation. Great programme including the Nutcracker Suite - a perfect preparation for Christmas..

## Autumn in the Forest

It's that time of year when Thames Chase Community Forest is full of fruitfulness and when we celebrate regional diversity using apples as the symbol. Our annual celebration, Apple Weekend, is on 17th and 18th October 10am-4pm each day when the Forest Centre is full of the smell of ripening locally sourced English apples that are for tasting and for sale. There will also be local produce and country crafts as well as

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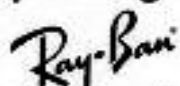
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## Fly Tippers Caught

We have been having liaising with the Council's StreetCare Department regarding a number of locations experiencing fly tipping. Whilst it is an on going problem, I am delighted to inform you that several local fly tippers have been identified and prosecuted. Also there has been one individual who was taken to court for dumping a sofa and a television in Bramble Lane. This episode cost him just under three thousand pounds. Havering Council will and does prosecute offenders. Let's keep Havering clean!

Cllr RON OWER

## Abigail's column

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**Sunday 4 October, 1pm-5pm 1930s Prohibition Party.**

The dance team Swing Patrol return for our end of season finale! Enjoy a cuppa and have a dance!

Free for Friends of the Old Chapel, otherwise £2 per person.

**Weds 7 October, 3pm - 5.30pm**

**Creative Craft Sessions:** - Help us decorate for Harvest Festival

**Wednesday 14 October, 10.30am**

**Tea and Talk - The Garden Behind The Wall**

Lois Amos will be giving a short illustrated history of an important Georgian Walled Garden in

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The talk is free for Friends of The Old Chapel, otherwise £2 per person. Booking is required - call 01708 222660 or email

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**Tuesday 27 October, 10am - 2pm, Christmas Pottery Painting Café.**

Come and create a special gift or decoration. Entry on a first come, first served basis.

**Wednesday 28 October, 7pm - 9.30pm Watercolour Painting Demonstration.**

**Weds 4 November, 3pm - 5.30pm - Make bonfire and fireworks pictures**

**£3 per child, no need to book.**

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## Wesley Guild

The Wesley Guild inform us that Rainham Hall is the only National Trust property in Havering. The Hall has been closed to the public for major building work but will reopen on Wednesday 7 October. They have the following speakers further into October.

**Thursday 15 October** - "The work of Christians Against Poverty" - Miles Ticknell

**Thursday 29 October** - "Frank Sinatra - the man and his music" - John Whitehead (Frank Sinatra

was born in 1915)

Guild meetings are held in the Minor Hall, Upminster Methodist Church, Hall Lane starting at 2pm although light refreshments will be available from 1.30pm. The meeting fee is £2 per head (including refreshments). All are welcome.

Full details of the programme for the year can be found on the Methodist Church website - [www.upminstermethodistchurch.org](http://www.upminstermethodistchurch.org) and follow the links to the Guild. All enquiries about the Guild should be addressed to the Guild Secretary - Ian Leadley (tel: 229550 or email: [ileadley07@btinternet.com](mailto:ileadley07@btinternet.com))

## Identity Fraud

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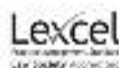
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*May I also suggest that if you are going away, get a friend or neighbour to empty your box.*

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## Saturday Talks Club

"The Mafia: the Truth about Cosa Nostra", speaker Alex Dunitz,

begins the Saturday Talks season on Saturday October 10th, 2.15pm (doors open 1.45pm) at Roope Hall, United Reform Church, Upminster. The cost is £4 with tea and biscuits included. The season of talks continues on the second Saturday of each month with the last talk on March 12th 2016. We look forward to welcoming you to these interesting talks. Contact Mrs Bland: 01689 858701 or Mrs Blake: 01708 227512.

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**Wednesday 7th October - 40th Anniversary Programme**  
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**Wednesday 21st October - Those Dance Band Years**  
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**Wildlife at Stow  
 Maries  
 Aerodrome**

RSPB Havering Local Group will meet in Hornchurch Library on Friday October 9th at 7.30pm when they will present an illustrated talk by Russell Savory on the Wildlife at Stow Maries Aerodrome. The wonderful photography of the owls and other wildlife have featured on several BBC wildlife programmes. Meeting fee £3. More information from Janet Silver on 01708 452171

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**Cranham Art  
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The Society have an Exhibition at Hornchurch Library from Monday 26th October to Saturday 7th November. Some paintings will be for sale. Please contact Sue Bailey on 01708 642 114 for further information.

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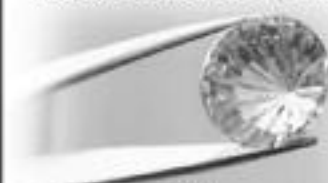
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## MNDA Quiz

A Quiz Night in support of the Motor Neurone Disease Association is being held on Saturday 17th October at St Laurence Church Hall, Corbets Tey Road, Upminster. Doors open at 7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start. Tables of 8 - please bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets £6. Please ring 01708 250 786 to book places.

## Muscular Dystrophy UK

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## Havering Autism Hub

A new autism hub will be opened in Havering on 2nd October by the Mayor and is aimed at Autistic Adults. The hub will be open for 24 hrs a week (10 am to 4 pm Weds - Fri and 9 am to 12 noon

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## British Sugarcraft Guild

Please note the next demonstration by the Guild: Saturday 31st October "Christmas Cake Tops" by Ruby Buffong. Ladies, take a break from the shopping, you will be welcome. Hornchurch Library, at 1.30pm - 3.30pm, admission £6 (includes tea and cake) pay at the door. Further information from Brenda Kenyon on 01277 810 498.

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CLlr DARREN WISE

## LOCAL FUTURE EVENTS OCTOBER

- 3 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 'Weavers, Higgles & Moze Makers, occupations in 17th & 18th C.' with Michael Holland. The Computer Group meets at the same venue 11am - 1pm where a Q&A session is followed by a workshop. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.
- 3 Saturday - **Tithe Barn Open Day** 10.30 am - 4.00 pm. Free Entry.
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- 13 Tuesday - **Upminster Horticultural Society** Lecture on **Willow in the Landscape** by Deborah Hart. Deborah has worked for twenty-five years in horticulture and is currently teaching at Writtle College. Her talk will cover the history and uses of willow and other plants in garden sculptures, weaving and useful growing plants. She will give us a demonstration of how to propagate and cut the willow. The talk will take place in the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster from 7.45 pm to 9.45 pm doors open at 7.15 pm. Entrance is free to members, non-members very

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- 15 Friday - **Havering Antique and Collectors Club** meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood, 7.30 pm for 8 pm start. Guest Speaker is Stefan Dickers from Bishopsgate Institute - 'The Treasurers of Bishopsgate Library' (can be followed up with Guided Tour).
  - 17 Saturday **Hornchurch & Upminster Rotary Club's** annual **Jazz Evening** at 8 pm in the Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens, Upminster. Tickets £15 which includes fish & chips supper, contact Jim Haines on 01708 226717.
  - 26 Monday - **Romford & District Historical Society** meet at myplace, 343 Dagnam Park Drive, Harold Hill, Romford, RM3 9EN. Access from 7.30 pm - Meeting 8.00 pm to 9.30 pm. Talk on London Cemeteries and Crematoria by Dr Ian Browne.
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Issued by Havering Fabian Society (01708-377382)

## The Guildonians

### Award Winning Theatre in Harold Wood!

As well as entertaining audiences this summer, the Guildonian Players' production of Oscar Wilde's The Importance of Being Earnest was entered in Havering's Festival of Full Length Plays. The production had a host of nominations including two for Best Actor, Best Supporting Actor, Best Performance in a Minor Role,

Artistic Endeavour, and it won the awards for Best Stage Presentation, Best Actor, Best Director and yes – it won the festival! Adjudicator Louise Manders said 'this company of players put their own creative stamp on this production ...it was an inspiring interpretation of Wilde's perennially appealing play ...'

**Don't miss their next show! (October 28-31: The Exorcism), the Little Theatre, RM3 0DU** Just the ticket for Halloween – Guildonians present a horror/ghost story!

**The Exorcism** (Don Taylor) was screened on BBC TV in 1972 and for many years regarded as one of the scariest hours in British television history. But not to be confused with the film The Exorcist - there are no spinning heads in this show!

This very English ghost story is set in a 17th century country cottage: four friends celebrate the festive season with a wonderful meal ...whether or not they live to tell the tale remains to be seen ... The Little Theatre, The Drive, Harold Wood, RM3 0DU October 28-31 at 8pm plus 2.30pm Saturday matinee Tickets £7 - 01708 341442

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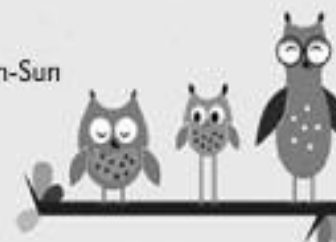
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## NOVEMBER

- 3 Tuesday - **Oglethorpe Women's Institute** have guest speaker Hannah Lewis from the National Trust talk on **Rainham Hall**. Our meetings are held at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, RM14 1XL at 7.45 pm. Visitors are welcome.
- 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 Branch AGM is followed by **'Irish Immigration into East London'** with Hamilton Hay. The Computer Group meets at the same venue 11am - 1pm where Election of Officers is followed by Gedcom explained by Charlie Mead. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.

- 10 Tuesday - **Upminster Horticultural Society** Lecture on **The Garden Behind the Wall** by Lois Amos. The talk will take place in the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster from 7.45 pm to 9.45 pm doors open at 7.15 pm. Entrance is free to members, non-members very welcome for a fee of £2.00. For further information on Upminster Horticultural Society see our website www.upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk or info@upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk.

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