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Reminder to Vote

Dear Resident

If you have received this Bulletin before local elections on May 3rd and you have not voted yet, please can we remind you to vote for all three of our candidates for the Harold Wood Ward - **Brian Eagling, Martin Goode** and **Darren Wise** who are now asking you to support them so that they can continue their work in the community and carry on delivering the Bulletin to you every month.

Last month you will have received the election special bulletin outlining what the team has done over the last 4yrs and beyond as well as their priorities for the next 4 yrs. You can view April's bulletin at www.hwhpra.org.uk

Please **VOTE** for them on May 3rd so that we can keep Harold Wood local and not allow National parties to take control.

If you have already voted and supported the team then we would like to thank you for your support. Results of the election will be in the Havering website and we will post them on our website and Facebook page as soon as we can and we will also publish them in the June Bulletin.

Many thanks for your kind support.

Your Harold Wood Action Team



Cllr BRIAN EAGLING



Cllr DARREN WISE



Martin Goode

Watch Out for Council Tax Fraudsters

With the 2018/19 Council Tax letters delivered to households across the area, fraudsters are busy targeting people in a cruel council tax scam that could cost residents their life savings. The fraudsters ring residents telling them that their house is in the wrong council tax band and they have paid too much council tax. The good news, they say, is that they can make a backdated to claim the cash 'for a small fee'. The tricksters then ask unwitting householders for their bank details, so they can have the refund paid into their account. Once armed with the details, the criminals can then raid bank accounts. The Government's Valuation Office Agency says that the scam has been targeting various areas of Britain since December. Should someone telephone you, or appear personally at your door, claiming to be able to reduce your council tax bill and offer a refund, decline the offer and certainly do not disclose your bank details.

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ward for your support over many
years. We now ask you to please
vote for us on May 3rd at the local
elections so that we can continue
to support and care for you.

Brian Eagling, Darren Wise and
Martin Goode.

Murder Mystery Evening

First Step are presenting a
comical 'Murder Mystery'
evening written and directed by
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Poetry in Motion

We would like to thank a
local resident member for the
below poem that was given to
us

Poetry in Motion - Local
Council Elections 2018

Eagling and Wise and Goode
Are standing in Harold Wood,
So give them your VOTES -
They are jolly good BLOKES
And they'll do everything that
they should!

Eagling and Goode and Wise
Are very reliable guys,
So it's really a MUST
That you give them your
TRUST
And don't fall for 'the other
lot's lies!

Goode and Wise and Eagling
Are coming to you and
appealing,
So pass on the WORD
For May the THIRD
So their votes will soar up to
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This May we are running #MovieMAYhem - asking people to host a movie night with their friends and family in their own home to raise money for our charity. When people sign up they get sent a FREE #MovieMAYhem Goody Pack which is filled with fun and useful things to get them started, including FREE popcorn! In addition, our popular Superhero Fun Run and Inflatables Day returns to Raphael Park for its second year. This year the event takes place on 8th July and our early bird booking price (£8) is available until May 4th. Price is £10 per person after this date. Under-5s go free. Registration fee includes a finisher's medal and goody bag for all runners, as well as an afternoon of inflatables fun for under-13s. For non-runners, inflatables wristbands will be available to buy on the day. For more information and to

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Spring Concert

The Havering Singers will be at St. Peter's Church, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood, RM3 0QA on Saturday 28th April, 7.30pm - 9.15pm. The concert programme for this show includes works from

the great masters of choral music. Haydn Te Deum, Schubert Mass in G and Mozart Mass in C minor. The evening will be conducted by Jonathan Rathbone and will be accompanied by an orchestra. Tickets for this concert will be £15, discounted to £13 if bought and paid for in advance (by Wednesday 25th April). Tickets for children and students aged 5 - 17 will be £5, email tickets@haveringsingers.org.uk for details.


Matrons' Charity Golf Day

This is taking place on 15 June at Stapleford Abbots Golf Club. Entry fee includes bacon roll and hot drink on arrival, round of golf and a carvery. There will be prizes for competition winners, a raffle and a disco in the evening. Funds raised will go towards providing a staff room at King George A&E. £45 per Golfer (Evening Party 7.30 pm to midnight £10 a ticket for non-golfers). Contact 01708 504335 for further information.

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CLlr CLARENCE BARRETT

The Good Intent

The smash-hit production, The Good Intent hits the wonderful Brookside Theatre stage in Romford this July. The play tells the story of American Spitfire pilot Raimund Sanders Draper who, battling to control his stricken plane sacrificed his life to save the children of the then Suttons School by steering away from the buildings during Battle of Britain Hornchurch. Original songs underscore this piece of powerful theatre that involves the local war-

time population of Hornchurch, Romford and Upminster. Tickets for the production, sponsored by the Brookside Theatre and Allen Ford cars, are now on sale and can be booked by contacting the Brookside Box Office Website or 0108 755775.

North Ockendon Handbell Ringers

Did you know that handbells originated as an alternative to tower bells? North Ockendon village was no exception, and had a set cast for the tower bell ringers. Unfortunately, we don't know exactly when this was, but the current team of handbell ringers was formed in 1981. As far as we're aware, we are the only team in Havering and have visited many groups where we play a selection of music and give a talk about handbell ringing. Our weekly practices are held in the hall attached to the Church of St Mary Magdalene, Church Lane, North Ockendon, RM14 3QH on Tuesdays, 7.30 - 9.30pm. If you would like to find out more, either to make a booking or to come along to our weekly practices to learn the art, please contact our Secretary, Ann Hails. (01708 459339)

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Wednesday Music Evenings

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Titanic Talks

All talks are £5 each or you can buy six for the price of 5 (£25). Thursday talks start at 7pm and Saturdays, 1pm. Wednesday times shown separately.

The Titanic Disaster - This fascinating talk starts with the building of the ship, the people, to the disaster and the public enquiry. Wednesday 16 May (7pm), and Saturday, 23 June.

Hunt for the Titanic - This amazing talk focuses on the search for the wreck and conspiracy theories behind its discovery. Thursday, 14 June and Wednesday, 22 August (1pm).

Titanic: Honour & Glory Exhibition & Titanic Films - An inspiring exploration of the exhibition, the local connections to the ship and Titanic films.

Thursday, 26 April and Saturday, 19 May

The Titanic: Survivors, Rescuers

and Artefacts - Stories from the survivors and rescuers and how Titanic artefacts have become today's valuable treasures Thursday, 31 May and Saturday, 21 July.

David Lawrence: My Titanic Collection -

David Lawrence, a Titanic artefacts Collector for over 25 years, shares his knowledge and discusses his Collection. Thursday, 10 May and Saturday, 30 June.

Titanic: The Aftermath -

Dr Ian Browne explores the immediate and long term implications of the Titanic disaster, individual stories, the political fall out and developments in marine archaeology. Saturday, 28 July **Marconi, Maritime Wireless and the Titanic Disaster** - This talk explores Marconi's success in getting wireless accepted in shipping and major maritime incidents of the period focusing on the sinking of the Titanic. Saturday, 9 June and Wednesday, 20 June (7pm)

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Contact Pam Shippen on 07811 344523 pam.shippen@gmail.com or Pam Rossi on 07803 170560 pam.rossi@ntlworld.com.

The Old Chapel Events

Weds 9 May, 10.30am - A Brief History of the Huguenots and their distinguished service in The Great War, Keith Finch. Join Keith for part three of his series of talks on the French Refugees, the Huguenots. Talks are £2 per person and include refreshments otherwise free for Friends of the Old Chapel. Booking is required.

Sunday 20 May, 2pm-5pm - Afternoon Quiz

Thinking caps at the ready for our afternoon quiz. We will be testing your knowledge on a variety of topics. £3 per person with teams of 6 or 8. Includes Nibbles. Booking is required. To book places please contact the Heritage Officer on 01708 642919 or email ccoombes@mary.havering.sch.uk

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Island Wristbands

Hornchurch District Scouts (charity no. 303699) are selling Adventure Island wristbands at discounted

prices. Blue Adventure bands (over 1.2m tall) are £16 each and Green/Red bands (under 1.2m tall) are £12.50 each. Also available, Southend Sea-life Adventure tickets Adult/Child just £5 each and Adventure Golf tickets £5 for 18 holes. Wristbands expire November 2018 and are available to purchase all year round for any day the park is open. To purchase call or text Debbie on 07805612706 or Louisa on 07498575296. Please allow up to 24 hours from ordering to collection.

Tax Windfall to Tackle Potholes?

Pot holes and defective pavements are a constant cause for concern among residents and councillors alike. Whilst the earlier cold snap is a contributory factor in creating potholes, the more significant reason is years of underfunding in our local roadwork. Rather than a continual cycle of pothole repairs, what is really needed is a long-term programme of whole road resurfacing. Of course, this cost a lot of money, which the Council doesn't have. However, it has emerged that the Treasury has benefitted from a tax windfall of £7.5bn as a result of better than expected tax receipts from January's self-assessment tax returns. Just a

portion of this unplanned windfall would go a very long way towards funding a sustainable, reliable and safe programme of road network resurfacing for councils across the land, and not least of all Havering! This is something we have now suggested to the government office. In the meantime, potholes can be reported to the Council at havering.gov.uk or call any of your councillors.

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Upminster Windmill

Sat 12th and Sun 13th May, 1pm-4pm - Open Weekend
Upminster Windmill will be taking part in National Mills Weekend. Although our Mill is closed we will be opening the Visitor Centre

where you can learn about the current restoration project as well as the history of the site. For this weekend we will also have free craft activities in the garden for families. Free Entry.

Thames Chase

Thames Chase Community Forest The 'Land of the Fanns' project aimed at enabling local people to discover, restore and enjoy what's special about the local landscape that surrounds us, is launching a community grants scheme whereby local groups can bid for grants of up to £5,000 to support their cause. Groups can apply for projects that take place within/ surrounding the Land of the Fanns Landscape Partnership Scheme Project area and deliver the objectives of the Landscape Conservation Action Plan:

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Friday 18th May - 2.30-4.30pm. Enjoy a cream tea with a Chelsea Flower Show theme. £9 per person.

Sunday 20th May - 10am-2pm.
Sunday Market with fresh produce and handmade crafts.

Friday 25th May - from 10am.
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Tuesday -Thursday 29th/30th/31st May - Children's half term holiday programme including making kites, a compass trail, planting vegetables

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Sunday 10th June -10am and 11.45am
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disease. The shave evening is at the British Legion, 120 Collier Row Lane, Romford RM5 3DT starts at 7pm. The shave will be at 8pm. Lee has a donation site <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lee-bennett1952>

Spring Concert

Thurrock and Havering Male Voice Choir will be holding its annual spring concert at 7.30pm on Saturday 12th May in St John's Church, Victoria Avenue, Grays RM16 2RP. Guest Artiste, Phillip Simpson (tenor). The choir will perform a variety of songs, old and new. Refreshments will be available. Tickets £10 from 01375 643482 or on the door.

Diabetes UK

Diabetes UK- Havering Group Meetings are held at North Street Halls, 24 North Street, Hornchurch - Opposite Iceland, RM11 1QX normally on the third Monday of each month (except for August and January) at 8pm. Everyone is welcome to our group. If you are a diabetes sufferer it is well worth coming to our meetings, we can provide the support you need. Our group has been established for 37 years. We have a speaker every month, on a medical subject, you can really get some good advice. Contact our secretary, Ann on 01708 -935779, for more details, Ann will be more than happy to assist

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<http://havering.diabetesukgroup.org>

Queen's Theatre

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Murder Mystery The Wesley Players

The next production for the Wesley Players is W.I. Blues, a light comedy, by John Peel. Grace is hosting an unofficial W. I. meeting at her home. She has called a few friends round to discuss, prior to the forthcoming AGM, the threat to the organisation by the "wrong sort of people" in the village. Will the evening go as smoothly as she expects? £7 for Adults, £5.50 for Concessions and £3.50 for Children (under 16). As usual, Senior Citizens are admitted free to the Thursday & Friday evening shows. Tickets will be available on the door or may be booked in advance via the Box Office (text or phone) 07708 214742 or email tickets@wesley-players.co.uk. Performances are at 8.00pm on Thursday, 17th, Friday, 18th and

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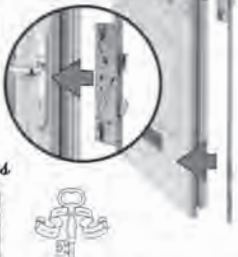
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8 Tuesday - **NADFAS** (Havering) welcomes

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9 Wednesday - **The Front Lane Community Association Tea Dance** at Cranham Social Hall, Front Lane, Cranham, RM14 1XN on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Doors open 2.15 p.m. Come along and make new friends, whilst dancing to music by 'John'. £3.50 inc refreshments. Pay on the door. Further details contact Val on 01708 224166.

9 Wednesday - **Nelmes Women's Institute** meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month and welcome new members of all ages. Meetings are held at Nelmes United Reformed Church Hall (corner of Nelmes 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.

9 Wednesday - **Havering U3A** Anne Stott on "The Golden Age of Venice". Havering U3A meets at 2:30pm on the second Wednesday of the month at St Michael's Church Hall, Main Road, Gidea Park, Romford. www.u3asites.org.uk/havering

10 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.

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14 Monday - **Havering Branch Essex Wildlife Trust** Illustrated talk- ESTUARIES John and Margaret Rostrom discuss how many estuaries are a prominent feature of the Essex coastline, as well as many other places in Britain.. Meetings are held in the 1st floor meeting room in Hornchurch Library from 8.00 pm to 9.45 pm. 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.

15 Tuesday - **Upminster U3A** Libby Rome, "Canine Partners". 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.

15 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.

17 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

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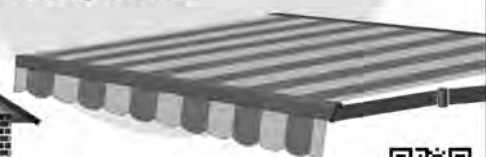
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18 Friday - **Haverling Antique and Collectors Club** meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood on the third Friday of the month. Starting at 7.30 pm. Guests £4. For further details please call our Chairman Mrs Chris Lovett 07947 367258.

19,20 Saturday/Sunday - **Upminster Tithe Barn**. Open 10:30am - 4pm. Free entry.

21 Monday - **Breathe Easy** - Haverling 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.

23 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.

30 Wednesday - **Upminster and District Probus Club** meet at The Cranleigh, 84 Station Road, Hornchurch, RM12 6LX. Encore Harmony Singers. Contact Barry on 01708 703783 and leave a message or send an email secretary@upminsterprobus.com.

30 Tuesday - **Upminster Camera Club** Member's evening, with George Kaim "How to improve your photography skills". Cranham Community Association, 115a Marlborough Gardens, Upminster, RM14 1SR. 7.45pm. www.upminstercameraclub.org.uk

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2,3 Saturday/Sunday - **Upminster Tithe Barn**. Open 10:30am - 4pm. Free entry.

2 Saturday - **RSPB Haverling Local Group** Coach Outing - RSPB Minsmere NR, Suffolk. Minsmere is the RSPB's flagship reserve. Contact Michael Hughes for more info or to book your ticket by 25 May £18. 01708 250585 E-mail: mikeboy15@gmail.com

2 Saturday - **Sugar Craft** - Venue, Fairkites Art Centre, Billet Lane Hornchurch, Time 1.30 - 3.30pm, Entry Price now £7, includes Tea and Cake.

2 Saturday - **The Haverling 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 "Assignations at the Astoria Hotel, Brussels in 1914 and other secret meetings in the First World War" with Dr Vivien Newman. The Internet & Technology Group meet 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.

5 Tuesday - **Oglethorpe Women's Institute**. We look forward to a return visit by Kay Ball who will talk about Skin Care.. 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.

6 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. Visit from our local Police. Visitors welcome entrance is £4.50, which includes refreshments. For more details please ring Joanne on 0787 5670419.

7 Monday - **Haverling Branch Essex Wildlife Trust** - Bird Walk At Cranham Marsh. Meet at the end of Park Drive, Upminster at 08.00am. Donation of £5 followed by light refreshments.



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Chris Knowles, Julian Harris
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Harold Wood Library, Arundel Road, Romford, Essex, RM3 0RX
www.havering.gov.uk/libraries

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Artwork For Charity

A Havering teenager is hoping to sell several pieces of stunning artwork with all proceeds going to Haven House Children's Hospice. Harry Luxton, 18, from Harold

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Recalling my fanciful royal connection, I went back to 1066 and approach the problem from that end. Our present Queen Elizabeth II is

a direct descendant of Harold Godwinson's daughter) but the Goodwin bit didn't carry on. Interest was rekindled when we moved here and the name pops up again at Hare Hall, now part of the Royal Liberty School, which replaced a farmhouse called Goodwins, said to be named after Godwin of Doe, Keeper of Havering Park in 1217, Harold Wood itself was recorded in about 1237 as Horalls Wood where the land known as Harold's Wood or Romford Common i.e. Harold Wood + Gidea Park located around Heaton Grange area.

Not a lot happened for 600 years until 1866 when The Harold Wood Estate Co. was formed to build a new town round a station in Gubbins Lane and shifted Harold Wood to its present location. It'd be nice if Godwin Terrace on the hospital site is a nod to me.

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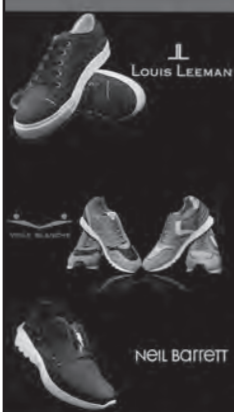
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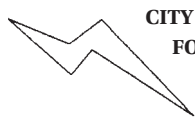
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