



THE BULLETIN

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LOOKING AFTER OUR COMMUNITY September 2018

Our New Look

We hope you like our 'New Look Bulletin'. If any of you have any local news, events or Stories of interest which you wish to be Publicised then contact me by email on eaglibri@talktalk.net on or before the 10th of each month.

CLLR. BRIAN EAGLING

Having Budget consultation

Having Council have launched their budget consultation with local residents. Funding for our Council budget comes from many sources such as Council Tax and grants from central government and each year the Council has to set a budget to decide how much to spend on services for Havering residents for the next financial year and how much income we need from government and Council Tax to fund this.

The Council is now looking at the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for the next 4 years as they are facing a dramatic reduction in the amount of Revenue Support Grant that it receives from Government. Havering's MTFS indicates that without remedial action the Council will have a budget gap of more than £37m over the next 4 years.

The Council must in law set a balanced budget for the next financial year (2019/20) by the middle of March 2019 and have a strategy in place for dealing with the gap over the next 3 yrs. The budget consultation dates will be at various venues and you can find further details on our website and on the council website. There will be a consultation event at Harold Wood Library on Wednesday 29 August at 6.30-8pm. Further details can be found here:

www.havering.gov.uk/news/article/411/have_your_say_-_budget_consultation_2019_-_2023



Green Flag Award for Harold Wood

Fourteen parks in Havering including Harold Wood are now recognised by the Green Flag Award Scheme in what has been the best year ever for the borough. The Green Flag awards are recognition of all the hard work put in by council staff as well as members and volunteers from the friends of parks groups. A Green Flag flying is a sign to residents and visitors that the park or open space is among some of the very best in the world, boasting the highest possible standards, is well maintained and has excellent facilities.

Scammers!

A resident recently contacted us to warn of a scam involving 2 very polite young Asian men, aged approximately 25 years old and driving a white van with Property Management on the side and

phone number 0745..... They asked if they could park outside his house whilst awaiting the arrival of a lorry. They told him that they had built his porch and that they noticed that a tile on the roof had lifted and they would repair this free of charge. The resident went inside to turn off a boiling kettle when he heard a loud thud above the flat roofing area. One of the men remarked that a ridge tile had come loose and the resident immediately presumed that his was because the tile had been kicked. They offered him a price to fix it but he told them that they broke it so they should fix it. The scammers left leaving the resident with a vandalised roof which will now cost him £60 to repair. Watch out for these Scammers.

Thursday 18 October 2018 – A Day Trip to Norwich.

We start at Cambridge for a morning coffee/tea & cake stop, included in the price. We then continue on to Norwich where you will have at least 4.5 hours to explore this historic town, There are two cathedrals, a castle, gardens, large market & a modern traffic free shopping centre.

Price is for return coach and morning coffee/tea. £25.00. To Book telephone Ardleigh House on 01708 440660.

See our website www.ardleighhouse.org for full details of all our trips groups & classes.

All Saints Players

Our September play is 'The Patient in 4b' a thriller by A. Frederick Daniels.

Performances are Thursday 20th, Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd September at All Saints Church Hall, Ardleigh Green Road, Hornchurch, RM11 2LU. Doors open at 7.30pm and the show starts at 8pm. Tickets are £5, contact Box Office on 01708 607855 or email: boxoffice@allsaintsplayers.org.uk

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In The Beginning

Harold Wood lay on the Great Eastern main line and in 1866, 300 acres of Gubbins farm was purchased by a group of developers, The Harold Wood Estate Co. who planned a new town there and contracted with the Great Eastern Railway for the building of a station in Gubbins Lane. Objections to the railway eased when owners realised the compensation they could expect. Lord Petre, a major landowner, got a total of £120,000 (£6m today) By February 1868, when the station was opened, the King Harold public house had been built, new roads laid out between the station and Colchester Road and the London Eastern District Land Co. had bought 40 acres of the estate, under covenant to build large villas worth not less than £1,000 each (£100,000 today) Initially, travellers wishing to stop at Harold Wood Halt had to request from Romford or Brentwood, giving two days notice, or if they were on the train, jump off at Romford and inform the guard to stop at the Halt! There was little local employment. Prosperous commuters, whom the developers had hoped initially to attract, could find similar suburbs nearer London like Wanstead or Woodford, while poor clerks could choose between the thousands of terrace houses of Stratford, Leyton, or Manor Park. The original development soon petered out.

In 1877 the estate was bought by John Compton, who built the Grange (now part of the hospital development) as his own residence, and played the part of the local squire, while promoting further building, mainly to the south of the railway.

Among his tenants was one of the original developers, W. R. Preston, who in 1868 had built the mansion of Harold Court, on the Upminster side of the parish boundary, and later had become the sewage farmer of Brentwood town. The last enterprise ended in Preston's bankruptcy and flight in 1881. Local farmers objected to the polluting of the Ingrebourne by the sewage farm. Harold Wood grew much more slowly than intended, however, and until the First World War remained hardly more than a village.

DENNIS GOODWIN

MEN! A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

St. Peter's Church 'Men's Lunch' 2018/19 season begins on Tuesday 11th September at 11.30am. We warmly invite any men around on this day to join us here in Harold Wood for a home cooked meal and an interesting talk/presentation by PETER TIBBOTT who was one of St. Peter's youth apprentices back in 2013/14.

To book your place please phone St. Peter's Welcome Desk on 01708 342080, email: welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwood.org, or visit: www.stpetersharoldwood.org

Police Speed Operation

Successful day working with Traffic Officers at the beginning of July to prevent speeding in and around the ward. There were over 40 vehicles stopped and 12 tickets for offences given including Speeding, No Insurance, Bald Tyres, and driving on a provisional license. The roads that we attended included; Squirrels Heath Road and Recreation Avenue. There will be further operations in the very near future. Please drive safely and responsibly.

Be Prepared

I hope you have had a good summer but just to remind you that winter and the dark evenings are not too far away. Please be prepared to protect your homes by purchasing a time switch so that when you are out a light is on when you arrive home. The local police do have a few time switches available so if you drop in to the police office in Station Road on Friday 14th September between 6 – 7pm you should be able to obtain one. Also please make sure that you have a door chain and remember never open your front door if you are not sure who is knocking.

CLLR. BRIAN EAGLING

Christmas is not far away

I am now starting to plan the Father Christmas float which collects money to donate to the Rainbow Trust in Station Road. If you can help with our door

to door collection, which will only be for a couple of hours each evening, I would be glad to hear from you. If you are able to tow our float for one or two evenings or know anyone who can help I would be very grateful. I can be contacted on 01708 373027 or by email: eaglibri@talktalk.net.

New Football Season

If you wish to visit Harold Wood Park to watch Harold Wood Athletic FC Seniors on a Saturday afternoon or Cougars FC Juniors on a Sunday morning I am sure you will be fully entertained and I hope to see you there.

CLLR. BRIAN EAGLING

Police Surgery Dates

If you wish to make a visit to the Police Base in Station Road, Harold Wood you can do so on Monday 3rd September between 1pm to 3pm, Friday 14th September between 6.00pm – 7.00pm or Thursday 20th September between 1.00pm – 2.00pm.

No appointment required just attend.

Havering Antique Collectors Club

WHERE: Harold Wood neighbourhood centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood, RM3 21st Sept. Enrolment plus Gordon Bailey 'Jewellery from the Iron Age up to 18th Century.' - Guests £4

CONTACT: Christine Lovett on 07947 367258.

Can you Assist?

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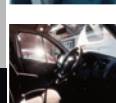
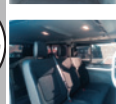
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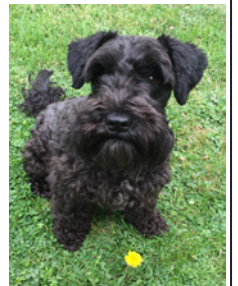
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