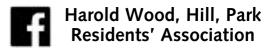




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# **Gubbins Lane Pedestrian Improvements**

Transport for London has awarded the Council with funding for pedestrian improvements on Gubbins Lane. The project aims to add benefit to the Crossrail project currently being delivered at Harold Wood station and to promote safer walking to and from the station.

The following is proposed: - At Chelsworth Drive, The Drive, Oak Road, Saxon Close and Rosslyn Avenue Providing flat top humps at the side roads immediately at the junctions with Gubbins Lane (similar to that at Arundel Road), Reducing the size of the kerbed radii to 4 metres and Providing tactile paving.

- At the Telephone Exchange, The Ingrebourne Centre Car Park and 13-17 Gubbins Lane: Continuing the footway across the accesses and removing the radius kerbs (similar to the accesses at St Peter's Church).

- At The Ridgeway, it is planned to alter the layout of the junctions, allowing exit only from the northern junction and entry only at the southern junction. At this stage, views are being sought on the proposals which will be finalised and formally consulted on early next year. It is likely that flat top humps at both junctions immediately at Gubbins Lane will also be provided.

All of these proposals are designed to ensure that drivers proceed slowly into and out of the side roads and to provide level crossing points for the comfort of pedestrians.

A plan showing the proposals is available to view on the Council's web site at the following address; https://www.havering.gov.uk/Consultations



Cllr BRIAN EAGLING



Cllr DARREN WISE

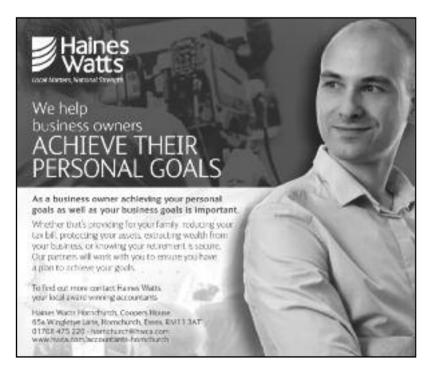


Cllr ALEX DONALD

### All Praise be to Harold Wood Residents' Association!

This year we have Christmas Lights in Station Road collected for and acquired by the Residents' Association. Councillor Brian Eagling built a sleigh for Father Christmas on the Rainbow Trust trailer. Three Councillors walked the streets every night for ten nights knocking on doors with the words we are the local "Residents' Association collecting on behalf of the Rainbow Trust Children's Charity." On Saturday December 17th those same three Councillors came to the Rainbow Trust shop in Harold Wood to say thank you to the residents that had joined them for the nightly collections. They then presented a cheque for the money collected which was the huge amount of £3.000. To Residents that say you only see local Councillors at election time the Residents Association certainly proved them wrong. It has become a feature of the Harold Wood Christmas and seems to be appreciated by all. The children certainly love it as they appear at windows and doors to see Father Christmas and we thank people for their generosity. Whilst we were delighting local families our thoughts were with the families who are not going to know such happiness during the Christmas period due to a terminal or life threatening illness. Thank you, Residents' Association, for helping us to assist the families that need us. Our service is available 365 days a year. One thing is certain - we couldn't have raised this money without you!

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### **Our Father Christmas float** raised £3,000

Thank you to all our residents who gave generously when we called on you with our Father Christmas float to raise money for The Rainbow Trust Children's charity in Station Road. We would also like to thank our helpers, drivers, 'Father Christmas', and our sponsors The Chippy, McDonalds Restaurant, The Shepherd and Dog, and Harold Wood Funeral Services as without you all this would not have been possible. Thank you all once again and we would like to wish you a Happy New Year

Cllrs BRIAN EAGLING, DARREN WISE and ALEX DONALD

### **Telephone Box** Removal

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Shepherds Hill as it has not been used at all over the last 12 months. In addition, there are 28 other locations in Havering that BT are considering removing as well. Unless there are compelling reasons to object and there may be limited grounds to do so it is likely these will be removed. If anyone has any comments, then please let us know.

Cllr DARREN WISE

### February at St. Peter's

(the parish church of Harold Wood)

The Bishop of Chelmsford has called all local churches in 2017 to be "schools for disciples". So, I call anyone who professes to be a Christian and does not belong to another church somewhere else to join in at St. Peter's. We want to take that call seriously for ourselves and for others. How about it for you? Two Highlights in February: Celebrate Marriage Week (February 12th-19th) SUPER SATURDAY, February

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A Christmas Card (from SE Anglia Mail Centre) was delivered on December 9th to 15 Athelstan Road, Harold Wood, RM3 0O3 (the postcode is not a correct postcode, but it was delivered here as RM3 0QB). Nobody of that name has lived here since 1955, and initial enquiries have not recognised the name. The card is from 'Gwen' and expresses a possible shared interest in dogs (greyhounds)

Any suggestions - please contact david.banting@stpetersharoldwo od.org. I would love to see the card delivered!

David Banting, Vicar, St. Peter's Church, Harold Wood

### **New Bus Through Kings Park**

We have learned that Transport for London (TfL) are proposing a new bus - the 497 - to run from Harold Wood station, through Kings Park, Nightingale Crescent, Lister Avenue and Whitelands Way, towards the Hilldene shops. You will be notified when the consultation begins where we will have the opportunity to submit our views.

Cllr ALEX DONALD

### Wednesday Yoga

Group Yoga at Kingsland Hall -1.00 - 2.00pm begins from Wed February 1st 2017.

We would be more than happy to welcome new members, experienced, or especially those who just want to come along to try it out. The sessions are adapted to suit all levels of ability - so please don't feel you have to be "flexible" or fit to begin with. Those are just 2 of the "side effects" of regular Yoga practice.

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### **Harold Wood Evening WI**

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### Flower and Craft **Festival**

We are holding a community flower and craft festival on Bank Holiday Monday at St Peter's Church on the 1st May. We would like to invite any residents who might be interested in participating by showcasing their skills and/or selling their crafts to contact us by email flowerandcraft@stpetersharoldw

ood.org for further details. Thank you, The flower and craft team, St Peter's Church, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood, 01708 342080

### **Romford Market**

Possibly readers will have seen the local press, and the plans for Romford Market - sadly the market needs upgrading - quite a considerable sum of money was found for its regeneration, and plans have been submitted which involve the building of a new restaurant, just outside the listed St Edwards Church - this has caused much concern with stall holders, residents and other shop keepers in Romford. Concerns have been raised asking why it is in that position, blocking the heritages view, is another restaurant needed and, if so, why not use the empty shops here, like the Bitter End, another listed building in need of restoration. We are taking on all these views, and will consider them, and any other raised at the planning meeting where the item will be heard.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

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### **Highways Update**

We have been advised by TFL that they shall be implementing a "yellow box junction" markings on the A12 at the junction of Whitelands Way in order that traffic from the A12 does not block the exit. This was an issue that the Residents' Association flagged to TFL before the Bridge replacement works on the A127 had started. This may help slightly in the interim but drivers do need to take notice and stay behind the Stop line when the lights are red and should only move forward if the road is clear ahead.

The Council is looking to put junction protection in place at the junction of Lancing Road and Kettering Road as well as the junctions of Leyburn Road/ Kingsbridge Road that meet Kingsbridge Circus. This is to make it easier for Council services and **Emergency Services to access** those areas without having vehicles parked in awkward positions. This is likely to mean

"At Any Time" waiting restrictions put in place (E.g Double Yellow Lines).

Cllr DARREN WISE

### Burntwood **Avenue** Convent

As we went to print last month we received notice that a further application had been made to increase the proposed development on the Convent site to 5 properties.

You may recall that we successfully objected to the original proposal for 4 dwellings when it was first submitted but lost to the developers on appeal. We have raised a further objection on the grounds of overcrowding, inappropriate to the local environment and a major issue with the access for emergency and municipal vehicles.

Thank you to all the local residents who responded to our leaflet and joined our objection, we will let you know further developments as we hear.

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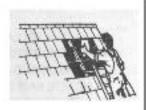
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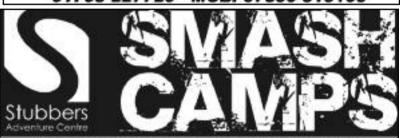
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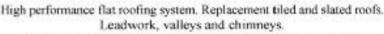
General Meeting later this month, but if you or any group you are connected with would like to receive the presentation, please call me on 07863 116029.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

### **Thames Chase Community Forest**

We start 2017 with a good news story - £1.3 million to help improve landscape on the borders of east London and south-west Essex. The 'Land of the Fanns' Landscape Partnership Scheme has been granted £1.3 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). The 'Fanns' landscape, which encompasses Thames Chase Community Forest, and extends from the River Rom in the west towards Basildon in the east and from Brentwood in the north to the River Thames. Beginning in April 2017, the scheme will offer exciting opportunities for local people to get involved in a variety of events and activities aimed at understanding and restoring local heritage. Activities will range from travelling archaeology

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exhibitions to opportunities to learn new skills in natural, built and archaeological heritage. There will also be a community action fund to support local community projects and an arts festival celebrating the

landscape.

Thames Chase events in February: Children's half term holiday programme - Activities will be available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 14th, 15th and 16th February between 10.30am and 12.30pm at the Forest Centre and will focus on exploring the green environment including a range of craft and planting activities. Friday 17th February 2.30-4.30pm - Valentines cream tea with live music. £9 (booking essential)

Sunday 19th February 10am-3pm - monthly Sunday market Friday 24th February from 10am guided walk through Hornchurch Country park to learn about its history and environmental improvements. Meet at the EWT visitor centre. Sunday 26th February 2.30-4.30pm - music concert 'Classics in the Forest' as part of our monthly Sunday concerts. Book at the Visitor Centre. Adults £10, 14-18yrs £5.

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https://petition.parliament.uk/pe titions/175672

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETTT

### Wingletye Railway Bridge

Thanks to the numerous responses to our request for your views on seeking a solution to the problems with the narrow bridge over the railway. Suggestions include restricting pedestrian access with the provision of two crossings to aid and protect pedestrians which would also slow down traffic. We notice that the buses tend to wait until it is safe to cross and we might suggest signs to encourage wide vehicles to adopt the same practice. Please continue to let us have your views so we can compile a report for the Council.

John Stone

## Wingletye Lane - Speeding

We have received numerous comments regarding the vehicles speeding along Wingletye Lane, especially as it seems to be used as a cut through whilst the A127 roadworks are underway. This is a matter we will be bringing up with our local Safer Neighbourhood Team to see if we might be able to introduce portable speed guns or warnings to speeding motorists. Currently the use of speed humps to control vehicles has proven to be unpopular and hopefully improved signage and warnings might slow drivers down as they pass through our area.

David Godwin

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Pinney Talfourd once again teamed up with Queen's Theatre Hornchurch to host 'Christmas at the Queen's' - a lively free singalong event for the whole community. Our fantastic local choir Dawn Chorus joined us to lead the crowd for a series of upbeat Christmas songs before enjoying tea and mince pies with the Mayor of Havering. This was a free event but the charity raffle and generous donations raised £2,061 in aid of the Queen's Theatre charitable trust and Pinney Talfourd's own charity of the year 'MNDA (South Essex branch)'. Funds raised are divided equally between the two charities. Many clients with transport difficulties were taken as guests by Pinney Talfourd, ensuring that Christmas is not a lonely time after all. Thank you to the Queen's Theatre Club volunteers who helped to serve refreshments.

If you would like to find out more about the Queen's Theatre Club or enquire about any performances, please contact the Box Office on 01708 443333. If you would like to find out more about this event or Pinney Talfourd's services, please contact 01708 229444.



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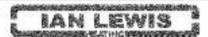
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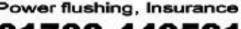






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### **Saturday Talks** Club

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### Charity **Fundraising** Concert

Havering Group Diabetes UK is holding a Charity Fundraising Concert by the Brentwood School Big Band on Saturday 18th March 2017 at St. Peter's Church, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood, Romford RM3 0QA. Monies raised will be going to Diabetes UK for Research. The Concert starts at 7.30 pm. and tickets priced at £10 per adult and £5 for under 16s, can be obtained from Debbie Broom on 01708-473314 and debbie.broom@tesco.net or David Squibb on 07713-069309 and david@squibb.eclipse.co.uk.

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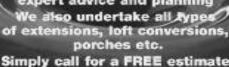
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### Havering Antique Collectors Club

Our next meeting is February 17th 7.30 for 8.00 with Guest Speaker Eric Knowles from BBC Antiques Road Show on "Art Nouveau & Art Deco Sculpture". This will be followed by free refreshments and friendly discussion of the topic. New guests always welcome - £7 for this lecture held at Harold Wood Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane. Buses 256 and 294 stop outside. For further details please call our Chairman Mrs Chris Lovett on 0794 7367 258.

# Bus route to the Queen's Hospital

Readers will know that I have been fighting for this for quite a considerable time - after a very long consultation period, it has been decided that this is not feasible by Transport for London Buses - please note that it is not the hospital's or the Council's decision. They say that "It appears



that 62 patients on average, travel daily to the hospital, from a RM14 post code, and 102 members of staff live in a RM14 code of the staff,

on average 80 percent work each day - this equates to about 100 people per day."

The estimated additional time per journey to divert the 248 is between 2 - 6 minutes - which they do not consider viable. No account has been taken of visitors, or the fact that the parking situation is appalling due to the closure of the former ice rink car park. I am very disappointed with this, but will check the situation regularly to see if anything else could be achieved.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

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Stewart Avenue Allotments are holding their Spring Quiz Evening on Saturday 25th March at Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens, 7pm for 7.30pm start. £6 per person, bring your own drinks and nibbles. Light refreshments will be available to purchase in the interval. Tables of up to 10 can be booked with Jackie on 01708 641624 or StewardSAAllotments@outlook.com.

All proceeds go towards the upkeep of the allotments. **Cranham Park Friends of** Guiding are holding a Quiz

Evening on Saturday, 25th February 2017, 7.15pm for 7.30

start at Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens. Tickets £6.00 from Barbara Levis Tel: 01708 250941 or Doris Harding Tel:01708 226725 Tables up to 10 people. Bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles.

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 Tev Road on Monday the 20th Feb. 19:30 for 20:00 start with tables up to a maximum of eight people. £6 each person which includes a ploughman's bottle of wine each for winning team. Bookings and any further info can be made by calling 01708 226154.



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- Saturday 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 1 pm meeting starts at 2 pm. This month the talk is "Can you hear me at the back" (History of Old Time Music Halls) with Jean Fullerton. The Internet & Technology Group meet at the same venue 11 am - 1 pm where a Q&A session is followed by 'A Workshop' (bring your queries). Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.
- Tuesday Oglethorpe Women's Institute have a Guest Speaker from the National Trust who will talk about Rainham Hall. Our meetings are held at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, RM14 1XL at 7.45 pm. Visitors welcome
- Wednesday Nelmes Women's Institute meet on the second 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 2pm promptly.

After conducting our business and a cup of tea we have speakers on various topics. Our speaker is Mrs Margaret Rogers and her talk is entitled "My wife and I are one and I am he." Please contact Ruth McDougall on 01708 448431 or Ruth.wellwisher@gmail.com. for further details.

- 13 Monday Essex Wildlife Trust Havering Group Local Group AGM followed with a talk by Tony Gunton on surveys of the Ingrebourne and Rom catchments. Meetings are held on the 1st floor meeting room in Hornchurch Library at 8 pm to 9.45 pm. Donation of £2.50 to help cover hall hire, includes tea, coffee and biscuits. For more information please contact Joy Emerson on 01708 440297.
- 14 Tuesday NADFAS Havering welcome Mr Toby Faber with a talk on 'The Imperial Easter Eggs of Carl Faberge -After the Revolution'. Coffee from 10 am, Lecture at 10.45 am. Visitors welcome at £8. Meetings held at The New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster, RM14 2QH. Further details of forthcoming lectures, speakers and visits can be found at www.haveringdfas.org.uk
- 16 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

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  Knowles from the BBC Road Show on
  'Art Nouveau & Art Deco Sculpture'. 7.30
  pm for 8 pm start. Guests £7. For further
  details please call our Chairman Mrs
  Chris Lovett 07947 367258.
- 21 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
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- 22 Wednesday **Upminster Towns**Womens Guild meet on the fourth
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- 22 Wednesday **Upminster and District Probus** meet at Cranleigh Estaurant,
  Hornchurch at 11:30 for luncheon
  meeting entitled "Essex Sumgglers" by
  Brian Billins. Contact Secretary, Barry
  Walsh secretary@upminsterprobus.com,
  or call 01708 703783.
- 27 Monday Breathe Easy Havering meet at St Andrews Church, Hornchurch, in aid of the British Lung Foundation on the last Monday of the month. We are a support group for people with COPD, Asthma of other Breathing Difficulties. For details please ring Joyce on 01708 226696 or Elaine on 01708 509127.

27 Monday - Romford Historical Society
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#### **MARCH**

- Wednesday **Harold Wood Evening W.I.**Held at the War Memorial Hall iN
  Gubbins Lane 7.30 pm for 7.45 pm start.
  Visitors welcome entrance is £2.50, which includes refreshments. For more details please ring Marion on 01708 349038.
- 4 Saturday 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 1 pm meeting starts at 2 pm. This month 'Chasing your Tail' (How to start Family History, with demo) is the talk by Peter Layzell. The Internet & Technology Group meet at the same venue 11 am 1 pm where a Q&A session is followed by French Ancestry and Websites with Liz Goyaerts. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.
- 7 Tuesday **Oglethorpe Women's**Institute have a return visit by Sharon
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The Belvoir family insist it's BEEVER, the Wemyss say WEEMS and the Cholmondely's call it CHUMLY. The exotically name Buddy Featherstonehaugh or FANSHAW, was a British jazz musician in the 50's. I don't recall



hearing it as FANSHAW on the wireless, no wonder I could never find his records! In those days the Queen Mum was associated with Glamis Castle. If I had been invited, I wouldn't have found it, as it's known as GLARMS. I know the university towns live in a closed world, but MAUDLIN for Magdalene and KEYS for Caius are unworldly. You may recall Earl Spencer's family seat is Althorpe, but why should they call it ALLTRUP? Could it be to catch the proles out, with its daft pronunciation?

Place names can confuse too. Alnwick, in the North East is ANNICK and in Scotland, Hawick is HOICK. Down South, Norfolk's Stiffkey is mysteriously STOOKEY and Happisburg, confusingly, HAYSBOROUGH. Cornwall's Mousehole rejoices as MOUSLE, with Fowey called FOY whilst Frome, in Somerset, is FROOM. In the Midlands, Leominster comes out as LEMSTER and similarly Towcester gets domestic as TOASTER. None of this is important until you have to ask directions.

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### Men's Lunch

This will be held on TUESDAY, 14th FEBRUARY 2017, from 11.30am in St. Peter's Church Centre, Harold Wood.

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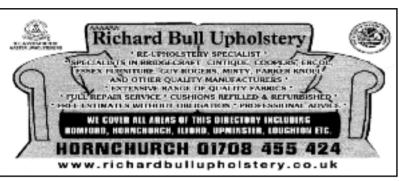
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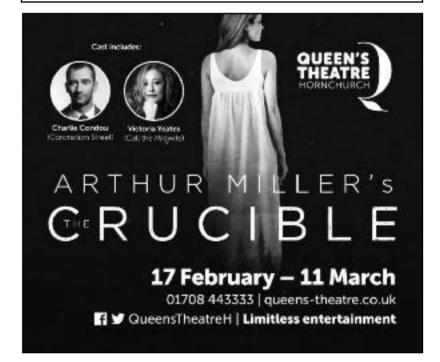
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