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# Please Vote For Us - Keep Harold Wood local!

Over the last 4 yrs and beyond, your Residents' Councillors have worked tirelessly within the community of Harold Wood, Harold Park and Harold Hill on a number of issues and have always put residents concerns first. They have undertaken significant case work and are always a phone call or email away. We have also kept you up-to-date on issues that are beyond our control such as the Harold Wood Station upgrade and the A127 Ardleigh Green Bridge Replacement works and they have raised over £20,000 for the Rainbow Trust shop in Station Road by spending their Christmas evenings walking the streets with other volunteers collecting on behalf of the charity.

This is a local election and it is important that there are Councillors that live local and are part of the community responding to residents requests and concerns as and when required. This is not about national politics, it is about delivering services locally for the best value for the residents living in our borough. Your Councillors have done all they can and fought the council on issues that matter most and they have supported and represented you. The action team of **Brian Eagling, Martin Goode and Darren Wise** 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. **Please VOTE for them on May 3rd so that we can keep Harold Wood local and not allow National parties to take control.**

## Harold Wood Station

Crossrail have written to us to explain the further delays to the ticket hall following our site visit in November 2017. As you will be aware, we discovered issues with the building's ticket office floor last year which have caused some delay in our ability to re-open the ticket hall at the end of 2017. We originally believed that we would be able to design a viable solution in time to begin work this spring. Unfortunately, the solution is more complex than we first thought and has therefore caused some delay to the programme we proposed in November. We are currently assessing the available options, but we anticipate opening the station at the end of 2018.

We appreciate that this will be disappointing news for the community and we apologise for the inconvenience this will cause passengers. Please be assured that we are keen to resolve this as quickly as possible but it is important that we ensure any final solution is suitable for the long term. Our project team will also continue to work closely with Havering to enable the Urban Realm works to commence in spring/ summer this year.


We will continue to work with Crossrail and Transport for London to determine the best approach to rectifying these historic structural issues.

Cllr DARREN WISE  
Cllr BRIAN EAGLING  
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An Autism enlightenment event will be held at the Parish Hall of the Most Holy Redeemer Catholic church, Petersfield Avenue, Harold Hill, Essex, RM3 9PB on 7th April from 2pm to 4pm. The event, which is being organised by a parishioner, is to provide practical, up-to-date and relevant information for families managing children and people with Autism in Havering.



## Great News

We were so pleased to hear the great news that the Rainbow Trust shop in Station Road, Harold

Wood have reached their target of One Million on their 25th anniversary of the shop opening. The Residents' Association are so pleased that we were able to help the Rainbow Trust by collecting with our Father Christmas float. Please keep up the good work all the loyal, wonderful volunteers, some who have been there from the start. Well done Pauline Obee MBE for all your hard work and dedication.

Cllr BRIAN EAGLING

## Harold Wood Evening WI

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## Please Remember Faringdon Ave To Vote

Thank you to the residents and our volunteers of Harold Wood 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.

Following some reported concerns to us by Parents of pupils at Broadford School with regards dangerous driving by the Zebra crossing in Faringdon Ave, we have been in touch with the local Police requesting they undertake spot checks and we have also arranged for a petition to be organised to convert this crossing to a Pelican crossing. We are looking to present this petition at the March meeting.

Cllr DARREN WISE

## Abandoned Car Removal

Following calls from some local residents, we were informed about an abandoned car on Hall Terrace alongside the A12. Within 48 hrs of reporting this to the Council I was pleased to see that the car was removed from the grass verge. The vehicle had been untaxed for some time and therefore should not be on the public highway.

Cllr DARREN WISE

## Vote for Our Residents' Candidates

Please do not let us lose our Residents' Councillors as over the last 4 years they have supported us every month litter picking in Painesbrook Park, Church Road. They really care about our community so vote for Brian Eagling, Martin Goode, and Darren Wise.

Brian Parish, Resident of Harold Wood

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Cllr BRIAN EAGLING

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realistic and sustainable level with proper infrastructure in place. It is also important that we maintain the green and open spaces that give our neighbourhood the character, appeal and attractiveness that we all value and appreciate.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

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## Hornchurch Football Club

Our local team have had a terrific season so far. They are at home this month at the Stadium, Bridge Avenue on Saturday 7th against Heybridge Swifts, kick off at 3pm. On Friday 20th to Aveley kick off at 7.45 pm. Go along and support the Urchins.

## National Park City

About this time next year, London is set to become the world's first city to become a National Park. When one views the urban sprawl of London and compare it to the other National Parks there is simply no comparison but London has many fine large parks and green spaces. In Havering alone we have over 100 and the aim is to get people, especially youngsters, involved with the wildlife around them. Encouraging them to enjoy, learn and play outdoors and connect with the wildlife while learning about the heritage culture too. In this age of social media, it can only be welcomed.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

## Wednesday Music Evenings

Wed 11th April - Anniversaries presented by Stephen Raindle. A bumper crop of composers, artists and performers celebrate important anniversaries this

year and will include Leonard Bernstein (b. 1918), Debussy (d. 1918) plus Rossini, Gounod and Tchaikovsky.  
**Wed 25th April** - From Russia With Melody presented by George Saddington.  
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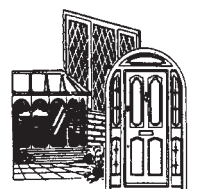
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## Guided Wildflower Walks

Belhus Woods Country Park near Aveley is full of different plants. Mary leads walks through the spring and summer, helping people to recognise plant families and hence to plant names. We meet on a Wednesday by the Visitor Centre at 1:30pm and return at 4:30pm. You will need tough and/or old clothing, especially trousers and strong shoes or boots, as we visit rough and/or prickly and/or muddy areas. Some folk bring a camera or a smartphone, and/or a notebook and pencil, and/or a wild flower book, but none of these are essential. I lend out 10x lenses (one each) for 3 hours, or you can buy your own. You need to be fit enough to be on your feet for 3 hours, but we walk slowly. Some scarce plants we do not pick, so to see them you need to be able to get down to ground level, and

up again, without assistance. The Country Park charges for one session for one person (£5 last year), and there are 5 sessions this year, in April, May, June, July and August. Car parking costs are £3.50 per car, so come in twos or threes if you can. Please leave your dog at home or with a friend for the afternoon. Dates for 2018 are: 4th April; 2nd May; 6th June; 4th July; 8th August. Call Mary on 01708 228921 or m.smith33gpr@gmail.com

## James Oglethorpe School

James Oglethorpe School is delighted to share the news of its recent OFSTED report. Not only was the school recognised as continuing to be a good school in all areas but the report also highlighted that under the new leadership there have been 'considerable changes, which have had a positive impact on pupils' achievement'. It also identified that 'pupils in the school are making strong progress in reading, writing and mathematics. The inspector commented on the exemplary behaviour of our students and the overwhelming positive support the leadership team has from

both staff and parents. Parents reported to OFSTED 'there is an air of excitement' and the 'school is going places!'. We couldn't agree more! Due to our recent expansion we still have limited spaces in some year groups across the school, please contact the office at office@jamesoglethorpe.havering.sch.uk if you would like to arrange a tour.

## Rotary Big Band Night

Once again Hornchurch & Upminster Rotary Club are holding their popular annual St. Georges Day Big Band Concert at the Windmill Hall in Upminster, this time on Saturday April 21st. 2018. Featuring the popular Ken Turner 17-piece Big Band with singer/compere Mark Stratford, the theme will include music from the Glen Miller and Count Basie era. Tickets will be £20 per person, including a Fish or Chicken & Chips supper. The charity FIRST STEP of Hornchurch will be the main beneficiaries from funds raised from this event, with support also going to other Rotary activities in the local area. For ticket reservations please phone either. Brian Taffs (01708 250855)

or Jim Haines (01708 226717).

## The Old Chapel Events

**Weds 11 April**, 10.30am - Bows, Billhooks, Pikes and Muskets, Geoff Hartnell. Learn about the changes in weapons and warfare during the Tudor and Stuart Period. Talks are £2 per person and include refreshments otherwise free for Friends of the Old Chapel. Booking is required. To book a place please contact the Heritage Officer on 01708 642919  
**Sunday 15 April**, 2pm-5pm - Open Day. The Old Chapel will be open for you to come and learn about the history of the building and Upminster. Free entry.  
**Friday 20th April**, 7.30pm - Changing Styles in fans from the Mid 18th to the Mid 19th Centuries, Mary Kitson. Just as ladies' fashions developed and changed so did fans which were essential costume accessories throughout this period, both as status symbols and as practical cooling devices. Join Mary Kitson, consultant to the Fan Museum in Greenwich as she will focus this talk on various ways in which fans could be used, relative to the different demands in play during this hundred year span. Free

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## Hospice Day is Every Day

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simply collect your little ones when they're done." Find out more at [www.smashcamps.co.uk/birthday-parties](http://www.smashcamps.co.uk/birthday-parties)

## Discounted Adventure Island Tickets

Engayne Primary School are selling Adventure Island, Southend, tickets at half the normal entry price. Blue Adventure Bands (over 1.2m) £16 and Green Adventure Bands (1m to 1.2m) £13. New addition, Sealife tickets now selling at £8 each!! All tickets valid until 31 December 2018. Please contact Lisa on 07895 024179 or Penny on 07703 676989 (both Upminster based).

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### Events in April

Photography Exhibition - Friday 30th  
**March - Monday 2nd** April 'Thames Chase in Winter'  
Easter Holiday programme - 'What can you see and hear at Thames

Chase'. £3.00 donation for each session.

**Tuesday 3rd / Wednesday 4th April** 10.30am-12.30pm - drop in activities include planting sunflower seeds, making musical instruments and birds and a colouring trail.

**Thursday 5th April** 10.30-12noon - 'What can you do with a stick?' Listen to stories and make objects using sticks and natural materials.

**Tuesday 10th / Wednesday 11th April** 10.30am-12.30pm - Willow modelling, planting runner beans and discovery walk.

**Thursday 12th April** 10.30am and 11.30am (two sessions) - 'Dawn Chorus' music workshop for children over 4yrs. Must be booked.

**Friday 13th April** - Easter Cream Tea with live music from local musicians. £9.00 per person. Booking essential.

**Sunday 15th April** 10am-2pm - Sunday Market

**Sunday 15th April** 3-5.50pm - 'Classics in Spring'. Players from Havering Music School will entertain with well known light classic and popular music. Tickets £8.00 (£4.00 for und 18s) including refreshments.

**Friday 27th April** from 10am - guided walk through Dagnam Park to enjoy the bluebells. Meet at Central Park car park in Petersfield Ave., Harold Hill. More information on [www.thameschase.org.uk](http://www.thameschase.org.uk) or telephone 01708 642970.

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## Murder Mystery Evening

First Step, Tangmere Crescent, Hornchurch, Essex RM12 5PP (was to be on Saturday 24th March) has now been rescheduled to Saturday 12th May, 7.30pm. Marking First Step's 30th anniversary year to raise monies to support its services. Please call 01708 556355 for further details.

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## Little Havens Quiz

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## 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](mailto:tickets@wesley-players.co.uk). Performances are at 8.00pm on Thursday, 17th, Friday, 18th and

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- Tuesday - **Oglethorpe Women's Institute** Our 63rd Birthday Celebration - Mystery evening. Next month will be the Annual Meeting - if you would like a fish/chicken chips supper for that evening, please order it at this meeting. Visitors and new members are always welcome to join us. 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.
- 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. April we have comedy Psychic Mystic Mick coming to entertain us. May is our A.G.M. Visitors welcome entrance is £4.50, which includes refreshments. For more details please ring Joanne on 0787 5670419.
- 7,8 Saturday/Sunday - **Upminster Tithe Barn.** Open 10:30am - 4pm. Free entry.

- Sunday - **OASIS** - A 'disability-friendly' meeting for adults at Cranham Baptist Church, Severn Drive. A traditional Sunday Service is not for everyone. Oasis meetings are accessible, friendly and informal. If you are interested in coming please contact the Oasis Team on: 01708 223551 or 07714 853545. 3.00 to 4.30 pm.
- Monday - **Havering Branch Essex Wildlife Trust** illustrated talk- CLOUDS with Ian Currie, Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society, Let Ian be your guide to cloud watching. 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.
- Tuesday - **Upminster and District Horticultural Society**, presents 28 - 360 acres: the delights and possibilities of RHS Garden Hyde Hall with Robert Brett. The lectures are held in the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster from at 7.45pm until 9.45pm. Admission is free to members and £2 to non-members. For more information visit www.upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk
- Tuesday - **NADFAS** (Havering) welcomes Mr Rupert Willoughby with a talk on 'Basingstoke and its Contribution to World Culture'. 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
- 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 12.15 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.
- 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.

- Wednesday - **Havering U3A** Brad Ashton on 'A Job of a Laughtime'. 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
- 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.
- Friday - **RSPB Havering Local Group** Indoor Meeting - A Journey Through the Seasons of My Local Patch. Tonight we welcome Simon Ginnaw who is presenting his illustrated talk about the wildlife of his local patch which is Mote Park in Maidstone, Kent. 7:30pm - 9:45pm. All meetings take place upstairs in the Meeting Room at Hornchurch Library, Hornchurch. Entrance is £3.
- Tuesday - **Upminster Camera Club** Members Evening. Cranham Community Association, 115a Marlborough Gardens, Upminster, RM14 1SR. 7.45pm. www.upminstercameraclub.org.uk
- Tuesday - **Upminster U3A** Mark and Pam Bathurst, "The Medway Queen Paddle Steamer". 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.

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19 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.

20 Friday - **Havering 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.

21,22 Saturday/Sunday - **Upminster Tithe Barn.** Open 10:30am - 4pm. Free entry.

25 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.

25 Wednesday - **Upminster and District Probus Club** meet at The Cranleigh, 84 Station Road, Hornchurch, RM12 6LX. Brian D'arcy - Living with the Ghosts of the Tower of London. Contact Barry on 01708 703783 and leave a message or send an email secretary@upminsterprobus.com.

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1 Tuesday - **Oglethorpe Women's Institute.** Annual Meeting and when we discuss Resolutions. We will have our usual fish/chicken chip supper if it has been ordered. 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.

2 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. A.G.M. Visitors welcome entrance is £4.50, which includes refreshments. For more details please ring Joanne on 0787 5670419.

5 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 'Western Front in the Great War' with Paul Weaver. The Internet & Technology Group meet at the same venue 11am - 1pm where a Q&A session is followed by 'Getting the most from S.O.G Data online' with Else Churchill. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.

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

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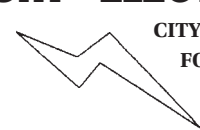
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