LOOKING AFTER OUR COMMUNITY November 2018

Remembrance Day Services

War Memorial Will Be Ready

We are pleased to inform our Residents that the new war memorial outside the library in Station Road will be in place and ready for Remembrance Sunday. Please join us for the service so we can pay our respects to those who gave their lives for our freedom. If you wish to attend please arrange to be there for 10.45. After the service you are welcome to attend the British Legion in Athelstan Road or go to St Peter’s Church for a follow up service.

There will also be a special service on Remembrance Sunday at the Harold Wood War Memorial Hall, Gubbins Lane, in association with St Peters Church and the British Legion commencing at 10.50am.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, “We Will Remember Them.”

Santa Needs Help

Please could you volunteer for one evening to give up two hours of your time to assist collecting for the Rainbow Trust via our Father Christmas float. Please contact me on 01708 373027. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

CLLR. BRIAN EAGLING

Work Has Started

By the time you receive your next Bulletin, the area for the game of Boules should be completed in Harold Wood Park. We as Councillors fully supported this project via the Friends of Harold Wood Park and we are delighted that this has now been achieved. This is another activity in our park for us all to enjoy. We will give more information in our next edition of the Bulletin.

CLLRS. EAGLING, WISE, & GOODE

Keep Up to Date

For current news and articles of what’s going on in the Harold Wood Ward please visit our Website at www.hwhpra.org.uk or our Facebook page.

FLY TIPPING

After receiving concerns from local residents, explaining that despite them notifying Havering Council about a number of black sacks filled with rubbish that had been dumped just under the railway bridge at the end of Harold Court Road, the Council were not responding to their requests to remove this rubbish, saying that they were not actually responsible for that specific area where the rubbish had been dumped.

I contacted Senior Council officers to see what could be done and whilst they also explained to me that this particular area is not actually covered by Havering Council, I did manage to get them to arrange for the council’s street care department to collect and dispose of the rubbish (8 bags in total) on this occasion.

CLLR MARTIN GOODE

Harold Park Baptist Church

I was delighted to attend a 90th anniversary celebration service on Sunday 7th October. This special occasion to mark the building’s existence since 1928 was attended by over 120 Men, Women and Children, some of whom have been joining in with the congregation there every Sunday for more than 60 years. I was impressed as there were many people there who had started going to the Baptist church as young children and who now have children of their own who also attend regularly. Some having previously been members of either the boys’ or girls’ Brigades that were organised there by the British Legion in Athelstan Road or go to St Peter’s Church for a follow up service.

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DOBBIE OBE

It will be a particular privilege to welcome as our guest speaker – BRIGADIER IAN DOBBIE OBE. Ian has kindly agreed to give us a special presentation on his grandfather – Lt. Gen. Sir William Dobbie GCMG, KCB, DSO – who played a specific role in ending WWI; he was also famous as the Governor of Malta during WWII. Please make sure you book your place:

Phone St. Peter’s Welcome Desk on 01708 342080, or email: welcomedesk@stpetersharoldwood.org, or visit the website: www.stpetersharoldwood.org.

JULIAN HARRIS, CHRIS KNOWLES AND THE MEN’S LUNCH TEAM
friends and families joining in with this very special celebration and making everybody so welcome with refreshments and buffet lunch after the service.

CLLR MARTIN GOODE

Bus Services Review

Following a review of bus services in north east London and a public consultation, Transport for London (TfL) have announced that they will be introducing a brand new bus service operating between Harold Wood Station to Hilldene shopping centre (497) via St Clements Avenue (Kings Park development). TfL currently expect to introduce the new service when the second stage of the Elizabeth line opens and when the Kings Park development is further progressed. Further consideration will be given to the frequency of the service and an announcement made nearer the time.

However as this bus route does not serve the Folyclinic we will be trying to get this stopped going through the Kings Park Estate once we have further information on the details.

Friends of Harold Wood Parks update

We are sure you have enjoyed our lovely park over the summer. The Friends group continues to help maintain and improve our lovely green spaces in Harold Wood by being the voice of the community and helping to negotiate funding for new projects.

Hopefully, you are using the new path, enjoying the herb garden, using the new sign and having fun with the sun dial – these were all recent facilities that, we were or continue to be, involved with.

Our next projects include working with the Harold Wood running club to install running / walking trails around the Harold Wood Park, installation of a Boules / Petanque court near the pavilion, new benches and hopefully some solar lighting.

We also take an active interest for Painesbrook play area too and regular litter picks are undertaken by the group on the first Sunday of every month and we also have some flower projects scheduled for the next few months.

We are a voluntary group who meet every 6 weeks; we welcome any new members - so please contact me if you would like to join us. We are desperate for people who live around the Painesbrook playsite, as we would welcome your ideas and input with this green space and currently only have one committee member who lives near this play area.

Thank you for your continued support and please contact me with your ideas or if you would like to join us at our next meeting with a view of becoming a member.

NICKY SIMMONS (CHAIR)
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Crossrail – Harold Wood Station Update

I have requested another site visit of Harold Wood Station to view any progress on the ticket hall which to date appears to have very little work done. Recently, I had the opportunity to meet one of TFL’s senior Directors at one of their ‘meet the manager’ events at Liverpool Street Station and I raised the frustration and anger of Residents and Commuters with the ongoing delays to the opening of the ticket hall and lifts and I was told that he himself has visited the site and he confirmed that the void in the old ticket hall has been filled. The Director mentioned that TFL staff are also becoming frustrated with Crossrail, with the ongoing delays for the project to be completed though he was unable to commit when this may happen. We will be raising a motion at Council on this matter to see if the Council can also apply any pressure to get this whole mess sorted. As we all know from the news the whole Crossrail project has been delayed for another 9 months or so and is frustrating for all of us.

CLLR. DARREN WISE

An A to Z OF HAROLD WOOD (Part 2)

Gubbins Lane.
I remember when “gubbins” meant a “Gizmo”. Along with Redden Court, Gt. Gubbins, on the hospital site of The Grange, was one of the two manor houses that formed the new planned development of Harold Wood when the railway came.

Harold Wood.
Whether the developers named it after Harold Harefoot or the latter Harold Godwinson isn’t clear (I go for my possible ancestor). The information board in the park seems to mix them up. Both were Saxon kings, the latter defeated at The Battle of Hastings. An area near Halton Grange off Straight Rd. was known as Harold’s Wood, before the present suburb existed.

Ingrebourne River.
From Inga’s stream, When the telephone exchange was ingebourne, I felt it was local and there was an operator at the exchange!

Jacobs Ave. In the Romleigh Estate, The place names seem to be scientists. The only Jacobs I can find, was a co-inventor of DD1, not something to be proud of, in these eco-friendly days.

Library. Harold Wood Library is my haven. I’d call it my house of pleasure, but it might give the wrong impression.

DENNIS GOODWIN

Saturday 24 November 2018 – Christmas at Van Hage

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