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LOOKING AFTER OUR COMMUNITY

March 2019

Budget Council Tax Setting

Unfortunately it's that time of year where all councils up and down the country have to set their council tax for the forthcoming year. This year due to Government's ongoing austerity cuts to budget's Havering has to make a significant amount of savings, which require hard and unpopular decisions to be made on services but ultimately a balanced budget has to be delivered by law. This year the proposed Council Tax increase is 4.26% for a Band D property. Of this increase in Council Tax, the Havering element is 1.25% increase in general expenditure with another 2% ring-fenced for adult social care. Within this 4.26% increase is the Mayor of London precept charge of around 8%.

Whilst the increase may not be welcome, the council are however looking to spend in various areas such as:

- more than 10 million a year to improve roads and pavements as part of a £30 million package over four years
- an extra £400,000 for street cleaning and frequency increased from once every three weeks to fortnightly
- £18.8 million for more school places
- £1.9 million to improve leisure facilities.
- £250,000 to improve community safety through better CCTV
- nearly £150 million as the next instalment of the councils ambitious regeneration plans to see more genuinely affordable housing built and in addition our weekly refuse collection will be retained

As Councillors we vote on the overall budget setting and whilst this year there has been reductions in Council tax support, there is help available by using the Council Tax discretionary relief fund to assist in cases of hardship.

St. Peter's Men's Lunch – OUR NEXT DATE..

..is **TUESDAY, 12th MARCH 2019**, from 11.30am in St. Peter's Church Centre, Harold Wood.

We are thrilled to welcome this month, our new Vicar and his wife – ROB & HEPSIE HUDSON - as our guests. Although the Hudsons have been serving at St. Peter's for several years now, Rob

was only appointed Vicar last November. It will be great to get to know them a little more as they chat to our esteemed Men's Lunch Team Leader Chris Knowles.

Members 'old and new' would be most welcome so we hope you can join us. To reserve your lunch place or to cancel, please telephone St. Peter's Welcome Desk on 01708 342080, or email: welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwood.org.

See you on the 12th March!

JULIAN HARRIS, CHRIS KNOWLES AND
THE MEN'S LUNCH TEAM



Volunteers required

If you can spare an hour or so a month to deliver 25-50 bulletins then please contact us as we need help in certain areas within our ward. We have to deliver over 6000 bulletins a month and this can take considerable time without help. Please contact Brian on 01708 373027 Darren on 01708 342369 or Martin on 01708 373645 if you can help.

Bowled Over

Gidea Park Bowling Club which is now in it's 107th year based at the Gallows Corner Sports Ground is actively welcoming new members interested in taking up the sport to Open Days being held in May 2019. The club, is keen to attract people interested in this very sociable game which can be played equally by both men and women, young and old. It doesn't depend on strength, speed or stamina and has the added benefit of being played outdoors in the summer months. Coaching can be given to inexperienced recruits.



For further information please contact Des Cole on 07941 674938 or Rob Glozier on 07814 234763 or by email at info@gideaparkbowling.co.uk

Redden Court MUGA Planning Application

Last month, we reported that the planning application was withdrawn for the Multi Use Games Area ("MUGA") for Redden Court School which is situated in the Emerson Park Ward. This was as a result of nearby

residents concerned about the impact of the installation of floodlighting and the feared nuisance during the hours of darkness. The housing surrounding the site is closer and more dense than at other locations where there is a MUGA. A meeting was held with the ward councillors for that school where residents attended and the application was withdrawn however, this may be resubmitted again with revisions to the plans. Once we hear anything we will pass on.

HWHPRA Website



Please visit our website for additional information and regular updates about the Local area.

Mead School, Amersham Road Pedestrian Improvements

The Council are currently consulting on making changes to traffic flow around by Mead School and are consulting on whether to:

- make Amersham Road a one-way street, starting at the junction with Harlesden Road/Amersham Walk northbound to Petersfield Avenue;
- building out the footway at various points along Amersham Road: south of junction with Petersfield Avenue
- Reinstating grass verges at the Amersham Road junction with Amersham Drive.
- Extending the footway across Amersham Road at its junction with Petersfield Avenue. This will give pedestrians right of way when crossing Amersham Road.

Whilst this consultation is taking place the council will be reconstructing footway in Amersham Road from Petersfield Avenue to Amersham Drive.

It is important for residents to have their say and we urge you all to respond to the consultation letter that you would have received. Here is a link to the consultation - www.havering.gov.uk/Consultations.

The consultation closes on 4th March.

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We received several complaints from residents regarding the problem with local animals, pests and birds that destroy the black bags that are left outside for the waste collection in search of food etc.



Waste collection times can vary and the dedicated team at Serco collect the rubbish sometimes very early in the morning and most residents put the rubbish bags outside before 7am. But a useful tip to possibly deter wildlife, animals and birds from destroying these sacks is to: Double wrap any food waste and also if residents are concerned about smells attracting, then try placing a bleached soaked piece of kitchen towel within the sack. However, please avoid putting substances like bleach or pepper on the outside or on top of the black bags as this could cause injury to the collection team.

CLLRS. EAGLING, GOODE & WISE

HMOs: Further warnings to criminal landlords

Over 200 formal warning letters have been sent out to those landlords found to be operating inadequate and dangerous living conditions in housing of multiple occupancy (HMOs) in the last month (January).

Havering Council's Landlord Licensing scheme which requires private landlords of HMOs to apply for a licence, is continuing its enforcement action to tackle poor management of private rented homes, overcrowding and anti-social behaviour.

From January 2018 to January 2019, action has included:

- 173,346 licensing fees collected
- 175 final licences issued
- 312,000 penalty notice value.

Don't be one of them and apply for a licence, details can be found at www.havering.gov.uk/info/20060/information_for_landlords/336/landlord_licensing_for_houses_in_multiple_occupation_hmo

Cakes to go..

The Guilty Pleasure – Cakes & Co. is a home business based in Harold Wood Romford. Sara, Owner and Cake Designer, learnt at an early age to make traditional Neapolitan pastries; her love for baking led her to train at Le Cordon Bleu. With her flair for creativity and passion, Sara has created her bakery using quality ingredients, attention to detail and many skills. Everything is homemade with a pinch of Neapolitan verve.

Sara offers you a wide range of products such as cakes, cookies, cake pops, cupcakes and pastries. She specializes in buttercream cakes.

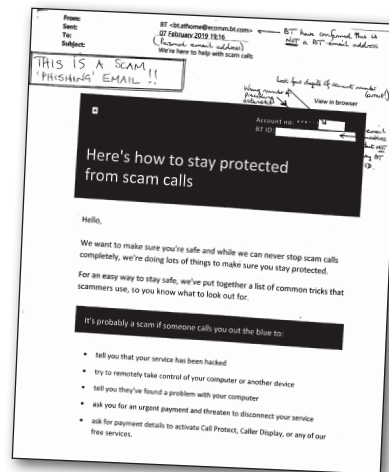
Please see Sara's advert below: why not place an order now.

How to Stay Protected from Scam Calls

A resident has alerted us to a BT Phishing Email scam and if you receive the below email then please be wary. Some guidance is given as to what to look out for but you may find various phone numbers calling you asking to press various buttons on your telephone keypad.

Please do not press those buttons!

For an easy way to stay safe, BT has put together a list of common tricks that scammers use, so you know what to look out for.



It's probably a scam if someone calls you out of the blue to:

- tell you that your service has been hacked
- try to remotely take control of your computer or another device
- tell you they've found a problem with your computer
- ask you for an urgent payment and threaten to disconnect your service
- ask for payment details to activate Call Protect, Caller Display, or any of BT's free services.

If something doesn't seem right, you can still stay in control. Make sure not to give out any personal details, hang up the phone, and report it on: bt.com/scams

If you want to report a scam or learn more about the free products BT has made to help avoid them, you'll find information on bt.com/scams

These are numbers that have telephoned in Jan and Feb 19 with messages that BT line and/or IT connection has been compromised or hacked and they would be discontinued within 24 hours.

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At Long Last

We received many complaints from residents regarding the unsightly rubbish that had been left and/or accumulated in the shrubbery area and walkways, directly above the subway underpass in Colchester Road and stretching

right along the pedestrian Walkway from the junction of Harold Court Road straight through to the corner of David Drive.

After us making many calls and informing Environment services at the Council, the rubbish and litter was eventually cleared where possible by the Council's Street Care Department.

CLLRS. EAGLING, GOODE AND WISE

LOST and FOUND

I was an only child, as was my brother. I'll explain.

My parents were 43 when my brother appeared. I was 17 when Mum started mummung all over again. It wasn't till my son delved into the family history a few years ago, we discovered I wasn't the elder brother. We knew Dad had been a widower when he married Mum in 1925. Further searching revealed that in 1921 he'd married an Ada B Richardson who tragically died that year giving birth to a son Ronald who lived until 1958. My brother was amused, I was no longer the dominant brother.

My son has recently re-established me as Big Brother, discovering that at Edmonton Registry Office in 1921, my father H Goodwin married Ada B Richardson who died that year, leaving no issue, i.e. she was not pregnant. Coincidentally, on the same page, another Ada B Richardson married a T Goodwin, no relation and it was she who died the same year in childbirth having produced a son Ronald and so last week I had an elder brother and now I haven't.

DENNIS GOODWIN

Fly Tipping

The layby and ditches near Tyler's Wood at the top of Warley Road, still seems to be a popular spot for uncaring individuals who selfishly decide to leave their rubbish or unwanted household appliances!



Following us informing Environment Services at the council, all of this rubbish was cleared. Please be aware that disposing of litter and rubbish as well as unwanted appliances in the incorrect manner is classified as fly tipping and you could receive a penalty fine.

CLLRS. EAGLING GOODE AND WISE

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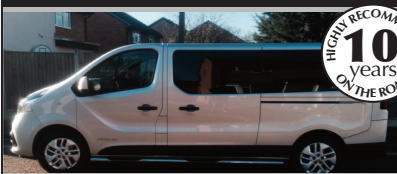
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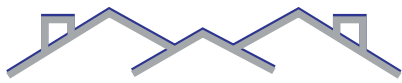


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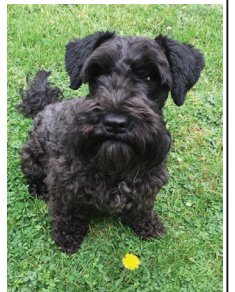
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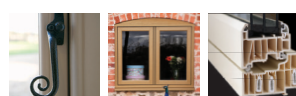
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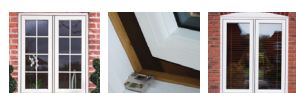


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