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LOOKING AFTER OUR COMMUNITY

April 2019

NEWS FLASH

After the original proposals by the Council's administration to abolish all free parking in shopping areas across Havering from April 2019, your three local councillors have fought hard and managed to retain the 30 minutes free parking in Harold Wood, Harold Hill and also in other small local shopping areas.

Budget /Council Tax Setting 2019/20

At the Council Tax meeting in February, it was agreed to increase Band D council tax by 4.26%. The council will retain 1.25% for its general expenditure and 2% which is ringfenced for adult social care. The remaining amount will be for the Mayor of London to spend on his programme for London.

No other group offered an alternative proposal to reduce or increase this % of council tax increase overall.

There was however, an alternative proposal to keep the 30mins free parking in Upminster and Hornchurch, though this was to the detriment of reducing spending on the council's resurfacing plan for our roads and pavements and cancelling key civic events such as the Remembrance Day services, Holocaust Memorial Day, St George's Day, Xmas lights, Christmas Festivities in Romford Market Place and 2 Day August Bank Holiday festival in Harrow Lodge Park. Also proposed redundancies in the Town Hall. We felt we could not support this alternative budget.

We care about our community and have listened to our residents.

We have told the administration:

- that **we want** more money spent on roads and pavements;
- that **we want** Controlled Parking Zones (with Residents support) such as Residents Parking permit schemes in place to prevent commuter parking;
- that **we want** more parking spaces and grass verge conversions to hard standing to allow this;
- that **we want** money to be set aside for youth provision to tackle some of the anti-social behaviour that is occurring;
- and that **we want** a free school for our special needs pupils;

Our **primary interest** and focus is on our area of Harold Wood, Hill and Park and the

residents and businesses within it and as with any budget we have to vote on the overall package. There will always be winners and losers and you can't please everyone but it is a budget that has to be balanced by law. Therefore if you give from one element of the budget then you have to take from elsewhere which is no easy task when the Council is required to make savings from central government. We will be monitoring this council administration to ensure that Harold Wood, Harold Hill and Harold Park has it's fair share of any money.

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RIP Jodie

Our heartfelt condolences and sympathies go out to the family and friends of Jodie Chesney who was fatally stabbed in Harold Hill. This is a tragic incident and we hope the perpetrators will be subject to a long custodial sentence.

This incident along with others across the country shows that there is an epidemic of knife crime and we need more Police on our streets and if needed the Army to support them. We handed in a petition to the Mayor of London via the Council towards the end of 2017 for more police officers in Harold Hill and Harold Wood and whilst we managed to get an additional officer for Harold Wood, this officer was then taken away to another area some 9 months later. We hear from senior police officers that they need more money to recruit more police and we plead to the Government and the Mayor of London to hear this and support our Police force so that incidents such as this can become non-existent in our society.

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Bowled Over

Gidea Park Bowling Club based at the Gallows Corner Sports Ground is actively welcoming new members interested in taking up the sport to Open Days being held on Sunday 5th and Saturday 11th May. Coaching can be given to inexperienced recruits. Bowls can also be provided.

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



Join the Sea Cadets

Hornchurch and Upminster Sea Cadet Unit is the only Sea Cadet Unit in Havering. We believe that through recreational water sports with a Royal Navy ethos young people can thrive and are better equipped to cope with life and modern society.

As a Charity, any fund raising is reinvested, for cadets to train, participate in activities and for the general running of our unit.

We are fund raising for a new minibus, this enables our cadets to attend competitions, activities and support community events.

Please visit our Just Giving page to show your support for our unit:

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hornandupseacadets

We are always on the look out for new cadets or adult volunteers; further information can be found at www.sea-cadets.org

McDonald's Romford Nuclear Rush 12k Mud Run

On the 19th of May we will be running, sliding, falling and occasionally swimming over 12k through mud and water, attempting 90+ obstacles along the way, in aid of RMHC. Our team's current fitness levels range from ok to non-existent and none of us have ever completed anything like this before. We would really appreciate your kind donations to this fantastic charity, which will make all the blood, sweat, mud and tears worth it in the end!

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FRASER SIMPSON

Leaning on a Lamp Post

A resident contacted us to explain that they had reported a damaged street light column in Church Road, but were still awaiting the council to come and attend to the repair. The street column was in fact quite dangerous having been damaged by a vehicle.

We reported the matter immediately and the council came and dealt with it within the hour. The street column was of the old 'cast iron' variety. Therefore, the column itself was cut down and removed. A replacement has been ordered.

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Litter Pickers

Every 1st Sunday of the month at 11am volunteers from the Friends of the Park go litter picking in Painsbrook Park, Church Road. They would love your help in joining them to keep our park clean & tidy so why not join them. It normally only takes an hour and the fresh air is good for all of us so please come and join in.

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LOST and FOUND

10 years ago I had a company pension and then didn't as the firm went belly up. Protracted litigation by expensive lawyers eventually resulted in a successful claim on the assets of defunct company and a recent share out of our award has given some recompense for loss of annual increases to we remaining ripped-off pensioners. All is not lost!

DENNIS GOODWIN

A BIG THANK YOU

We were able to negotiate with Harold Wood Funeral Services for us to purchase on their behalf, 2 sets of Petanque Balls which are



metal balls the size of tennis balls. These balls will enable residents to play Petanque which is played in many parts of France. During the week please bring your own balls but over the weekend balls are available by leaving a

small deposit at the pavilion club house. The two Petanque lanes were made possible by the Harold Wood Friends of the Park which we thank them for. This now gives us another facility in Harold Wood Park for us all to enjoy.

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Havering Antique Collectors Club

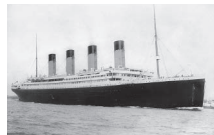
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Looking out for our Community

We are pleased to announce that a new bench has been put in place at the war memorial outside the library.

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Spring clean for the War Memorial

Although, our new War Memorial was only erected in November, the bad weather we had at the beginning of the year started to take its toll and residents noted that the memorial was beginning to show signs of algae. Therefore, we arranged for a spring clean and we are pleased to say that the Memorial is looking great.



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Helping our Residents

We are pleased to inform that a Keep Clear sign requested by local residents has been arranged to be installed in Squirrels Heath Road at the junction with Cotswold Road. Hopefully this will have been installed by the time you receive this bulletin. We were pleased to assist in this matter.

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Volunteers required

If you can spare an hour or so to deliver 25-50 bulletins a month 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 373 027 Darren on 01708 342 369 or Martin on 01708 373 645 if you can assist.

EE Phone Mast

We have been advised of a proposal to install a mobile phone mast for the EE Mobile phone network. It is proposed to install this in the Station Road location just by the bus stop and the Harold Wood Station Ticket Hall building. Other sites were considered but were discounted for a variety of reasons. As this is quite close to the Station ticket hall, this should not be to the detriment of residents. If however you have any concerns then please drop us an email to hwhpra@btinternet.com

For full details please visit our website: www.hwhpra.org.uk

Concerns for the Vulnerable

We received a call for help from a Harold Hill resident who was complaining that she had had no heating or Hot water for the last two months, and although she had reported this to the council, she was still waiting for her Gas boiler to be fixed. Also, she could no longer afford the cost of having to pay for the extra cost of electricity.

Although, she was not from our Ward, we immediately telephoned the Housing support team at Havering council to explain the urgency, who in response arranged for the tenancy officers to chase up her complaint. Following their enquiries and intervention a new Boiler was installed within a couple of days.

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Calling All 'Football Crazy' Men!



The next St. Peter's Men's Lunch date is -

TUESDAY, 9TH APRIL 2019, from 11.30am in St. Peter's Church Centre, Harold Wood.

Our VIP guest speaker this month is former professional footballer, LINVOY PRIMUS MBE. Over an 18 year period, beginning in 1990, Linvoy was a senior player at Charlton, Barnet, Reading and finally at Portsmouth. He is now actively involved with the Christian Charity 'Faith and Football'. Even if football isn't your thing, do come and hear Linvoy's inspirational story.

To reserve your lunch place or if you need to cancel, please telephone St. Peter's Welcome Desk on 01708 342080 or email: welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwood.org.

ADVANCE NOTICE: There is no lunch in May as it's our annual outing. For further details on this, please contact St. Peter's Welcome Desk (above).

See you on the 9th April!

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

Keep our Community Tidy

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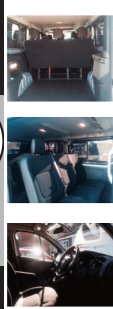
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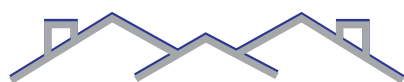
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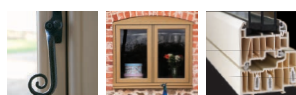
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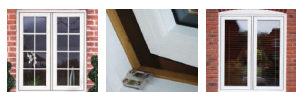
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