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## LOOKING AFTER OUR COMMUNITY

July 19

### Harold Wood Funeral Services Continues To Invest For Local Bereaved Families



Councillor Brian Eagling was invited last month by the directors of local family-run Harold Wood Funeral Services to celebrate the delivery of two brand new Mercedes (a hearse and a seven passenger limousine) which were both customised to order in Ireland.

The new vehicles represent a significant rolling investment, reflecting the company's continuing commitment to a first class service for bereaved families in our Harold Hill, Harold Park and Harold Wood wards, established in Station Road since 1967 and Chippenham Road since 1985.

Photographed here is Councillor Brian presenting vehicle keys to conductors Paul Lucas and Steve Terry, alongside driver Steven Lucas, who are familiar faces to many from recent years.

To mark the updating of its fleet, directors Muriel, Carol and Peter offer an additional upgrade for The Bulletin holders taking out any new funeral plans made this July and August, worth up to £355 of extra value. Please see their advertisement in this edition for contact details.

### Fun on August Bank Holiday

The Havering Show will be in Harrow Lodge Park Hornchurch over the August Bank holiday on the Sunday and

Monday. There is fun and entertainment for all the family.

For more information you can go on the council website.



### £75,000 Community Fund for grassroots organisations

London City Airport has launched a brand-new Community Fund that could benefit organisations in the area you represent.



Grants for the new fund will range from £300 to £3,000 and will be available to local charities and not-for-profit organisations enabling significant and positive change for our local communities.

If you would like to find out more about the fund, please visit <https://www.londoncityairport.com/corporate/responsible-growth/community-fund> and if you have any further questions please email the dedicated email address: [community.fund@londoncityairport.com](mailto:community.fund@londoncityairport.com)

### Fly Tipping

Whilst out on our regular ward inspections and walkabouts, we noticed several locations where rubbish had been dumped:

A carpet had been dumped at the corner of Ewan Road. A fridge freezer, had been dumped in Gooshays Drive and a large Mattress, together with some broken furniture & rubble, had been dumped in the lay-by near Tyler's Wood, on Warley Road.



We reported all of these cases to the appropriate department at Havering Council and we were pleased to see that in each case the items concerned were

removed within 24 hours of us reporting them.

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.

CLLR. BRIAN EAGLING

### McDonald's Romford

Just to let you know the Brewery site McDonald's has had a £600,000 refurbishment and will reopen on 16th July.

### Run and Raise!

Harold Wood Running Club are raising money for Harold Wood Junior School this year.

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## McDonald's Romford Nuclear Rush 12k Mud Run

Congratulations and well done to Fraser and Sally who took part in this amazing fun run on 19th May 2019. Both finished the course and they raised over £2500 for the Ronald McDonald House Charity.



## Watch Out

Please be aware there are callers pretending to be from the Water Board and asking can they enter your premises to check your water pressure. Our advice is DO NOT let any stranger into your property. Check with the water board what checks they are doing in your area. Also a good idea is to say that you are not letting anyone in your property without a family member or neighbour being there.

## BOMB SIGHT

Reading that this year is the 75th Anniversary of D-Day, brought home my own advancing years. Even though London received over 2000 V1s and 1300 V2s, locally the area got off lightly, Checking on Hornchurch, which included Harold Wood, I noticed it had more incidents than Romford, though considering the presence of the airfield and Fords perhaps it isn't surprising.



During the Blitz, German bombers, low on fuel, would jettison their load and head for home, which was unfortunate for Harold Wood being on their flight path. 30 or so H.E.s and innumerable incendiaries were reported, Avenue Rd. attracting at least 4 incidents.

The V1s and V2s were unmanned terror weapons; Hornchurch had 39 V1s to Romford's 22. Harold Wood got off relatively lightly; a V1 near the sanatorium off Harold Ct. Rd and one on the chapel in Hall Lane.

The sanatorium later attracted a V2, as did wheat fields near what is now Gooshays Drive. The 3rd V2 was in David Drive, Harold Park.

Records were lost and so these figures might be open to question. If anybody can shed light on any errors, I'd be interested. I spent my youth in Enfield, where I had my share of being a target

Moving to Harold Wood in 1953, I became interested in local bomb stories.

DENNIS GOODWIN

## Frustration – Harold Wood Station!!



With regard to the completion of Harold Wood station ticket office and surrounding area, we know it is very frustrating for residents and commuters alike. This is due to Network Rail and TFL. Please do not think that we do not care but we are constantly contacting network rail and TFL for a completion date. Our motion to council in November did get passed and we have

chased on this and have been told that the council has written to the Mayor of London about the unacceptable delays.

However since then, we have been advised that a price and programme for the outstanding works at Harold Wood has now been received from a prospective contractor for the ticket hall refit. This is going through Network Rail relevant internal governance processes, and once the agreement has been signed we will receive a firm target completion date expected to be no later than the end of the year.

In respect of the public realm works to the car park, this is dependent on having the new mini cab kiosk fully functional so that the old one can be removed, enabling the construction of the new ramp and plaza. This is waiting for telecoms to fit the kiosk out.

Deconstruction of the old kiosk, and installation of the new ramp, stairs and plaza is scheduled to begin towards the end of June. The council are to a large extent reliant on a number of different organisations and contractors to ensure that the kiosk is ready for occupancy. We do recognise that it looks like nothing is happening but there is a lot of work going on behind the scenes to ensure that the programme can proceed smoothly and allow for all the requirements for the kiosk to be met.

If you remain unhappy with the delays on this project then if we could ask you all to contact either your MP Julia Lopez (email: [julia.Lopez.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:julia.Lopez.mp@parliament.uk)) or your GLA member Keith Prince whose email address is [keith.prince@london.gov.uk](mailto:keith.prince@london.gov.uk) to put pressure on the London Mayor for him in turn to pressurise TFL and Network Rail as this work should now be a priority as we have all suffered enough over many years.

CLLRS. EAGLING, GOODE AND WISE

## Be Aware

It has been reported to us that in some major food stores some undesirable people have been watching Shoppers entering their credit card pin number into the machine. They also have been pick pocketing to steal the credit card. Here is some advice for you: always cover the card machine with your hand before entering your pin. You can take the machine out of its holder making it easier to enter your PIN number discreetly. Also please make sure that you retrieve your credit card from the machine and place it back safely and securely making it difficult to be removed by these thieves.

## Just to let you know

The damaged wooden railway sleepers around the Asian Garden by the pedestrian crossing in Gubbins Lane have been reported to the appropriate council department and should be replaced by the time you receive the next

bulletin. I will be monitoring this situation to ensure this repair work is carried out.

CLLR. BRIAN EAGLING

## Lock your doors



There has recently been a number of attempted burglaries in our area where intruders have been trying front door handles in the very early hours of the morning (between 2am & 3am).

Now that the summer nights are here and we are experiencing some hot & humid weather conditions, please ensure that you lock all your doors and windows securely, especially at night.

CLLRS EAGLING, GOODE AND WISE

## Double Yellow Lines

I have been asked by a resident to have junction protection double yellow lines at the corner of New Hall Drive and The Drive in Harold Wood. The Council's Highway department has confirmed that this location will be reviewed within the wider parking strategy review as it falls within a 1km boundary of the station.

CLLR. DARREN WISE

## Play Petanque



Please come along and take part in the game of Petanque at the newly created courts in Harold Wood Park, just by the Sport's Pavilion.

All the necessary equipment will be available to hire if required from the Sport's Pavilion. Everybody is welcome and It would be great to see all the family there, joining in especially at the weekends and playing this game which is very easy and most enjoyable.

Want to learn more about the game? Brian Parish, will be holding Petanque sessions every Tuesday night between 7:00pm and 8:30pm during the summer, so why not come along and have a go it's great fun. Balls are available and will be provided.



## New Post Office for Camborne Ave

Just to make you aware there is a new post office opening on 28 June in the Martin McColl Newsagents in Camborne Ave. Further details can be found at the following link.

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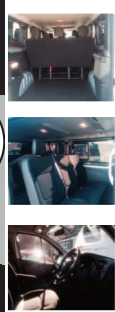
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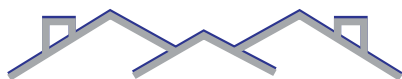
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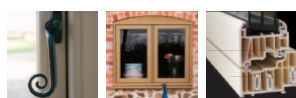
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