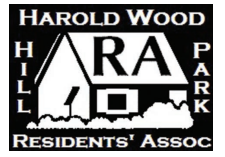




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Harold Wood, Hill, Park Residents' Association



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## LOOKING AFTER OUR COMMUNITY

MARCH 20

### BUDGET NEWSFLASH

Great News, following months of negotiation and discussion that we have had, as your local Councillors with the Council Administration, we are absolutely delighted to report that the following matters were confirmed and agreed by the administration at the Budget meeting in February.

- **Harold Wood Library will remain open and further discussions will be taking place in due course, to consider extending its current opening hours.**
- **30 mins free parking remains in Harold Wood and Harold Hill and returns to on-street parking bays throughout the borough, including Hornchurch, Romford, and Upminster.**
- **No parking charges will be applicable on a Sunday, across the borough.**
- **20% Discount on Parking charges for local residents who will use the new Havering Car Parking Phone App, which is due to be launched in May**

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### Council Motions Update

As reported in our February Bulletin, the 2 motions that we proposed at the January council meeting were both passed and approved by Councillors. Details as follows:

**Motion 1** – The first motion was about Fireworks and the impact this has on Animals especially around Guy Fawkes Night and New Year Celebrations. The motion requires the Council:

- To encourage all public firework displays within Havering to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people
- To actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including what can be done to mitigate the risks
- To encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock 'quieter' fireworks for public display

**Motion 2** – This motion was to call upon the Mayor of London to commit more Police Resources to Havering with a particular emphasis on Harold Wood.

The Council will now review these motions and in due course start to implement them.

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### VE Day 75th Anniversary



If you want to host a street party over the 8/9/10 May bank holiday weekend to celebrate the 75th Anniversary then contact the council for further details - see flyer.

### Refuge and Green Bin collections

Local residents notified us to complain about their scheduled collections being missed or delayed. We immediately chased up both the Council's Streetcare and Environment Services, to get these matters addressed urgently. Thankfully all missed collections were dealt with within 24 hours following our involvement, but have caused disruption for many residents.

The main cause for the delays were due to the collection services vehicles, not being able to gain complete access to certain roads, due to vehicles being parked on both sides of our narrow roads. A number of measures are currently being considered for implementation that will hopefully help to resolve these issues.

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### Harold Wood Station

A few updates for residents:

- the lifts are now operational within the station and can be used.
- the Car Park Public Realm is progressing reasonably well, though there will be some further delays as work had stalled. TFL need to remove

the temporary ticket offices in the car park before any further work can be completed.

- in respect of safety outside of the station with commuters crossing the road outside the entrance and potentially being a danger to other road users, we have asked the council if railings can be installed. These were taken out a few years ago to reduce street clutter and was done in conjunction with TFL.

### Havering Antique & Collectors Club

March 20th - Judith Miller 'Art Deco'

Harold Wood Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood

We are a friendly club, meeting 3rd Friday of every month 7.30 for 8pm

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### St. Peter's Men's Lunch



Next date is TUESDAY, 10th MARCH 2020, from 11.30am in St. Peter's Church Centre, Harold Wood. Special Guest Speaker is our very own ANTHONY NICOLLE. Anthony has been a member of the St. Peter's fellowship for many years, and is also a long standing attendee at Men's Lunch, but we believe this is the first time he has kindly spoken for us. His intriguing talk title is: 'Following in my \_\_\_'s footsteps!' Do come and join us to find out more. 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](mailto:welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwood.org).

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## Trodden down leaves and overgrown hedges

The public footway along Colchester road near the bus stop by the subway was becoming very dangerous.



After continually chasing up the Council, the Streetcare team, finally carried out a full clean-up of the area. Clearing all of the leaves and cutting back the hedges that were overgrown.

CLLRS, GOODE AND WISE

## Abandoned Vehicle

We were informed of a Vehicle that had suddenly appeared outside a residential house over the Xmas period. On investigation the vehicle's road tax had expired and was due for renewal at the beginning of 2020. Whilst the council were aware of this situation, they advised us that they could not arrange for the vehicle to be removed, until at least 2 months after the road tax had expired. However, further to our persistence on this matter the vehicle was removed within two weeks of our initial involvement.

CLLRS EAGLING, GOODE

## New Railings

Regeneration plans for Cockabourne Court, meant that new railings were to be erected on the boundary line of the property. However, when work started in early January, I was informed of a potential issue that would endanger motorists, as the position of the new railings were actually obscuring the vision from oncoming traffic for motorists who were exiting Archibald road and turning right into Squirrels Heath Road.

I immediately contacted the Council's Projects surveyor and arranged a site visit in order to discuss this problem. All works have now been halted until further notice, in order for the Council to revisit their original design and consider the possibility of taking the line for the Railings further back from the properties boundary line, so that visibility to oncoming motorists could be more safer.

I am hoping to receive an update as soon as a decision has been made.

CLLR MARTIN GOODE

## Pot Holes

I was notified by a resident that a large pothole had appeared in Court Avenue, that was quite dangerous, as when vehicles were driving over it, large stones were being kicked up from the pothole which was a potential danger to both the public and the local property windows.



I reported this to the council and the pothole in question was repaired very quickly.

CLLR MARTIN GOODE

## Seeking New Members!

Upminster and District Probus Club (for men) has over 70 members and meets for lunch once a month. The Club provides an opportunity for retired or semi-retired gentlemen to meet, socialise and make new friends and acquaintances.

For more information visit their website is [www.upminsterprobus.com](http://www.upminsterprobus.com)

## Join the Army



Cllr Eagling and Cllr Wise, recently attended an Army Engagement event where the Army were looking to recruit young people and adults into the Armed Forces. It is a very interesting career path where some tremendous skills are learnt whilst proving protection for our country and its citizens. If you are keen to join the army or the army cadets then contact them. Details below:

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## Scam (from a resident)

Heads up **\*\*WARNING\*\*** I've just had a SCAM phone call telling me that £39.99 is being taken from my bank account for Amazon Prime? It said to cancel this transaction press "ONE" I know I don't have Amazon Prime so put the phone down and phoned Amazon who confirmed it is a SCAM.

One person who did press "ONE" gave bank details and had £25,000 attempted to be taken from their bank account but! Luckily the bank stopped it to ask the owner if they had authorised it...

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## WORD PROCESSING

I've always had a fascination with our language and by avid reading I suppose I've extended my vocabulary, even though I'm a bit wary on pronunciation.

In my working life, such words were rarely used, but with retirement they have helped with crosswords and I still discover words new to me. I'm often amazed to discover a word for something particularly obscure and wonder why somebody bothered to introduce a word for it, unless it was just to confuse crossword fans.

I'm now at the age when it seems half the words I did know have been erased from my memory. Recently I gave up on a crossword clue and the solution turned out to be AMBISINISTER. I did find it in Chambers and it means "clumsy with both hands". I've occasionally been guilty of such a charge but I was merely called "cack-handed" so I got the message. Perhaps if the accuser had used the obscure word it wouldn't have been so bad! Only last week I came across "verso" and "philtrum" but I haven't been able to work them into conversation!

Equally, I'm lost with the social media speak of the young. Blogging, vlogging and geotagging all sound a bit violent, not euphonious like my examples, so I shan't use them. I was going to include "Dunandunate" which apparently means "overuse of a word that one has recently discovered", but the OED has rejected it as a non-word and "rejection" itself is a non-word for prospective writers!

DENNIS GOODWIN

## Fallen Tree



Storm Ciara arrived with force in Sussex Avenue, on a Sunday morning. A big thank you goes out to all the neighbours who very quickly gave a hand to help remove the Tree and clear the debris that was blocking the road. Things got back to normal within 30 Minutes, so well done to all concerned.

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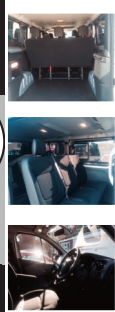
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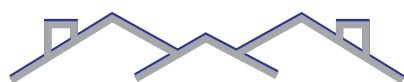
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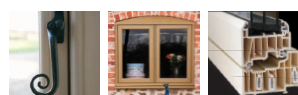
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