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LOOKING AFTER OUR COMMUNITY

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We will be unable to deliver the Bulletin to our local residents for a few months due to COVID 19. If you can forward this on to anyone who is self-isolating or within your network as we want to provide the latest news to them in any way we can. If they want us to email them direct then please either pass on their email address or get them to email us. Thank You

Congratulations

To all residents who took part in the VE Day celebrations and for making it a great day despite being restricted by the Coronavirus. Well done Harold Wood, Hill, Park for making our Ward feel very special!



Thank You

To the local shops that are able to open during this horrible Coronavirus outbreak and for keeping our residents supplied with groceries etc. Could we say a special thank you to the Manager of the Co-op. in Station Road. Some of our local shops have now re-opened which is great news for our community.

Pleased to Help

Over the last few weeks residents have contacted us regarding their refuse black sacks and green garden waste bins not being collected or emptied so we contacted the appropriate department to have these issues resolved. We were pleased to help our residents.

Cllrs. EAGLING, GOODE & WISE



Well Done Riley



Riley a 7 year old local boy, wanted to do something to show support for all the wonderful NHS workers who are working so hard to help us through this difficult time. Riley lost a dear family member to Covid 19 so along with his dad they decided between them to run and bike ride 30 miles to raise money for the NHS which they achieved. The three local councillors were only too pleased to donate £100 to Riley and his dad for this wonderful cause.


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Council Updates

Council meetings will start to resume in June as we find that the lockdown is starting to ease in our society. As the council chamber and meeting rooms are not large enough to hold all meeting within the social distancing guidelines many of the meetings will be undertaken in a virtual form with Councillors and Officers logging in from home. This will be a new concept for many Councillors and will take time to familiarise themselves with this way of working which will for the time being continue until September. We have been having regular conference calls with the Leader and Chief Executive to ensure that any decisions are made in the best interests of our residents and we have continued to raise residents' concerns directly with Officers to get resolution on matters that have been brought to our attention.

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<p>Helping our Residents Following a call from a resident about a garden overgrown with bushes, weeds and foliage next to their property which is rented from the council, I contacted the Council and within about a week the council came down and tidied up the garden so that it now looks presentable. Thank- You</p> <p>Cllr DARREN WISE</p> <p>Telephone Mast Planning Application</p> <p>We are aware of a proposed Telephone mast planning application by the Mobile Network 3</p> <p>This mast is proposed to be sited by Gooshays Green which is in our neighbouring Gooshays ward. The details of the planning application can be found here - https://development.havering.gov.uk/OcellaWeb/planningSearch</p> <p>The planning number is M0003.20.</p> <p>For Your attention If you have trees, bushes or shrubs that are overhanging from your front garden on to the public highway would you please be kind enough to cut them back as this could impede our residents and be potentially dangerous to disabled people, elderly and children especially in pushchairs. If items get reported to the local authority then they must take up the complaint and they then check the offending property. The Council will give a time limit for the offending overhanging foliage to be cut by the house-owner and if this is not carried out they will notify the residents that they will deal with the situation and the house-owner will be charged.</p> <p>Cllrs. EAGLING, GOODE & WISE</p> <p>Potholes We have reported 2 potholes that have appeared in Court Avenue. The council have acknowledged our request for these to be repaired.</p> <p>Cllrs. EAGLING, GOODE & WISE</p>	<p>St. Peter’s Church, Harold Wood, MEN’S LUNCH</p> <p>Tuesday, 9th June was to have been our end of season Summer Special – but of course, our 2019-20 season actually finished abruptly in March!</p> <p>We were very much looking forward to hearing from Alan Gray (a member of St. Peter’s) about the new community facility in Harold Wood ‘<i>The Hub</i>’ (the former Ingrebourne Centre on the corner of Gubbins Lane & Squirrels Heath Road). This like almost everything else at the moment, is on hold, but we look forward to <i>The Hub</i> fully opening in the not too distant future.</p> <p>In the meantime, have a look at <i>The Hub’s</i> website to read about their background & vision – link: https://www.thehubharoldwood.co.uk/</p> <p>You may also like to have another read of the April Bulletin item about <i>The Hub</i> by Cllrs Eagling & Wise – link here: https://www.hwhpra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Harold_Wood_April_2020_Final.pdf</p> <p>Although our buildings are closed, St. Peter’s staff members are very much available if you need to contact them - 01708 342080 or email: welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwood.org.</p> <p>We will try and update everyone with our future plans as and when we can.</p> <p>Keep well & safe.</p> <p><i>Julian Harris, Chris Knowles and the Men’s Lunch Team</i></p> <p>Avoid the queue Gerpins Lane Reuse and Recycling Centre in Upminster, run by the East London Waste Authority is back in operation. It has been heavily used, and queues had have exceeded two hours at times.</p> <p>Please consider whether your trip to the tip is absolutely necessary. If you do go, follow the advice issued by ELWA to keep you and other visitors safe.</p>	<p>Condolences</p> <p>To the family, friends and church members following the news that Fr. Dr Bijir Marlowe Chirathilattu who died after testing positive for the Coronavirus. He was the past priest at St Thomas’s Church in Taunton Road, Harold Hill and he served the Community well.</p> <p>Spotting signs</p> <p>If you have noticed a loss of, or change in, your smell or taste then this may be a sign that you have coronavirus.</p> <p>These symptoms are added to those previously identified of a new continuous cough or a fever.</p> <p>Anyone experiencing any of these coronavirus red flags, including health and social care workers, should now self-isolate for seven days to reduce the risk of spreading the infection.</p> <p>The household of anyone with these symptoms should also self-isolate for 14 days.</p> <p>If the symptomatic person lives with others, they should stay at home for seven days, while all other household members should stay home for 14 days even if they do not have symptoms.</p> <p>Not everyone has the same symptoms of coronavirus. Some people may lose their sense of smell or taste with or without having a fever and cough as other symptoms of COVID-19.</p> <p>Everyone who is showing coronavirus symptoms is now eligible to book a swab test to find out if they have the virus. More details on the government's website.</p> <p>St. Peters Church Service</p> <p>St. Peter's continues to offer a weekly Sunday service (plus one or two other events) on its YouTube channel, and everyone is most welcome to log into this:</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfENka2vNLlil30ljaGYPXg</p>
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<p>Use sensibly, if necessary</p> <p>In line with government advice, everyone who can work from home should continue to do so.</p> <p>Public transport should be avoided, wherever possible, to free up the limited space available to those who have no alternative way to travel.</p> <p>If you must travel, please plan ahead and travel outside of the busiest times, particularly first thing in the morning.</p> <p>The busiest times on the network are 5.45 to 8.15 in the morning, and 4 to 5.30 in the afternoon. Transport for London (TfL) are asking Londoners to travel outside these times if they possibly can.</p> <p>TfL has produced a list of the busiest times and places on their tube and rail network. This list and the busiest times might change over time.</p> <p>TfL has also updated its digital tools such as journey planner, and the real-time data they provide to third party apps.</p> <p>Please maintain social distancing of two metres wherever possible if using the transport network, wear a face covering and respect the space of fellow passengers to help maintain this distance.</p> <p>Do not travel if you have any symptoms of COVID-19.</p>	<p>Back up and running</p> <p>As a result of additional funding provided by Havering Council, the local Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) is able to provide staff and volunteers with equipment to enable them to work from home and re-start the telephone advice service for residents.</p> <p>CAB hope the telephone advice service will enable local people to get the information and advice they need in these difficult times.</p> <p>If you need free, confidential, independent, impartial advice Citizens Advice Havering can support you.</p> <p>Call 01708 629902 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 10am and 12.30pm, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 1 and 3.30pm.</p> <p>Happy Anniversary</p>  <p>To the Entertainers who celebrated their 28th Anniversary in May. The group was started by Paul Freedman MBE who sadly died 2 years ago but an original member Kenny Hall is still with the group. We entertain at over 60 clubs but mainly at residential and nursing homes and over the years have raised a huge amount for various charities. It is good to raise money for charity but for us it is the pleasure of bringing a bit of joy to people who can't get out i.e residents in homes and patients In St Francis hospice.</p> <p>Bunny Eagling</p>	<p>Be aware</p> <p>Don't forget that if you are planning on travelling into central London that the Congestion Charge has now been reintroduced.</p> <p>The £11.50 a day charge is now applied between 7am and 10pm, seven days a week, instead of just weekdays. This charge will rise to £15 from 22 June.</p> <p>The ultra-low emission zone which costs £12.50 for most vehicles that don't meet the emissions threshold, has also been reintroduced.</p> <p>Travellers</p> <p>After contacting Cllr. Brian Eagling to inform him that there were 6 travellers' caravans parked up on the grass verge in Bryant Avenue, he told me that he would contact the appropriate department immediately to get them removed and I was impressed when 4 hours later they were gone.</p> <p>A satisfied resident of Harold Wood</p> <p>Missed Rubbish Collection</p> <p>We received a complaint from residents of Beltinge Road, Harold Wood saying that their weekly collection of both the Black sacks and Orange bags had been missed, and were very concerned as it was now a bank holiday weekend. They asked if we could assist them by getting this matter reported and resolved. We contacted officers at the Council and all rubbish bags were collected later that day. The Serco team who attended, also cleared up all the resulting rubbish and mess.</p> <p>Cllrs Eagling, Goode and Wise</p>
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<p>The Runaway Milk Float</p> 	<p>I received a call from a resident, who lives in Arlington Gardens explaining that over the weekend a Milk Float had been abandoned having crashed into a lamp column and was causing him concern, as the lamp column was badly damaged.</p> <p>I immediately reported this incident to both the Council and the local Neighbourhood Safety Team. When I visited Arlington Gardens later that morning the Milk Float had been removed and an engineer was actually there in attendance removing the lamp column.</p> <p>Cllr MARTIN GOODE</p>
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Our Community Hero

We were overwhelmed to hear about a young lad, Cameron Symons, aged 10 years, from Shepherds Hill who goes litter picking every other day at Pages Wood. Whilst going to Pages Wood he noticed that some people left litter behind so he asked his mum if he could go litter picking - what a great example to old and young alike. Well done Cameron and thank you for your community spirit.

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National Autistic School Chigwell

I was saddened to hear that the National Autistic Society have decided to close the Andersen School in Chigwell which supported over 50 families with 6 of them coming from Havering. I have written to the NAS Chief Executive and expressing my concerns over the closure as it acts as a vital resource for individuals with Autism and this will leave a gap for many families across the borough and elsewhere. The Chief Executive has told me that “the school has struggled to reach and maintain standards since it opened and, despite hard work by staff at the school with support from our charity, we have not managed to turn the school around”. This has been confirmed by the NAS own reviews into the school and by recent Ofsted inspections.

I have also been in touch with the Havering SEN department over this and of the 6 children that remain at the school 2 were already planning to leave this summer, and of the 4 remaining, the Council are working closely with the families to discuss what educational provision can be offered from September. There is a campaign locally to try and get the NAS Trustees to reverse this decision and there is a petition on Change.org which I would urge you all to sign. This can be found here - https://www.change.org/p/ofsted-keep-the-anderson-school-chigwell-open-to-give-one-last-chance?use_react=false

Cllr DARREN WISE

Reopening business - government charter for working during COVID-19

On 10 May the government has announced their Recovery Strategy for bringing the country out of lockdown from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The government has produced a Charter, in partnership with the Home Building Federation, for safer working practices whilst COVID-19 remains prevalent.

1: Carry out a COVID-19 risk assessment

Before restarting work you should ensure the safety of the workplace by:

- carrying out a risk assessment in line with the [HSE guidance](#)
- consulting with your workers or trade unions
- sharing the results of the risk assessment with your workforce and on your website

2: Develop cleaning, handwashing and hygiene procedures

You should increase the frequency of handwashing and surface cleaning by:

- encouraging people to follow the [guidance on hand washing and hygiene](#)
- providing hand sanitiser around the workplace, in addition to washrooms
- frequently cleaning and disinfecting objects and surfaces that are touched regularly
- enhancing cleaning for busy areas
- setting clear use and cleaning guidance for toilets
- providing hand drying facilities – either paper towels or electrical dryers

3: Help people to work from home

You should take all reasonable steps to help people work from home by:

- discussing home working arrangements
- ensuring they have the right equipment, for example remote access to work systems

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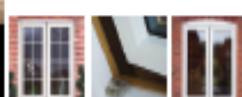
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