

THE BULLETIN



Harold Wood, Hill, Park Residents' Association









Cllr Martin Goode 01708 373645



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LOOKING AFTER OUR COMMUNITY

MAY 2020

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

Helping a local Charity

I was delighted to present a cheque for £700 to Mark Reeves on behalf of myself, ClIr Brian Eagling, ClIr Martin Goode and the Residents' Association to the Harold Hill Foodbank as they so desperately need support for local families. Mark who is the project manager for the Harold Hill Foodbank provides a valuable service to local residents whom are so in need of food and even more so now with the current Covid 19 crisis that the country is going though. This cheque can go some way to help purchase foods that they need. If you want to find out more about the Foodbank, then go to their web page - https://haroldhill.foodbank.org.uk/



Cllr Darren Wise

Mark Reeves

Garden waste collection resumes

Garden waste collections has restarted across Havering and will continue for as long as resources are available.

For most of us in
Harold Wood our
collection dates normally fall in
week 2 of the collection cycle.
Therefore, please check your
calendar notification schedule for
the specific collection dates that
will apply to your street.

The service was suspended last month as the Council and its contractor SERCO had to take the difficult decision to prioritise the kerbside waste and recycling collections due to staff shortages caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Fortunately staff sickness levels have now decreased and the

Council have confirmed that for those residents who had already renewed their subscription for 2020/2021 they will receive a refund for the two garden waste collections that were missed.

VE Day 75 Celebrations



As our street parties have been cancelled due to Coronavirus you can still celebrate by having a picnic on your drive or front garden, putting up flags and bunting, dressing up, playing music etc., but you must remember to keep your social distancing. The highlight of the day will be at 3.00pm when the nation will raise a glass to honour our heroes of World War 2. There will be broadcasts and music playing on the radio all day.

Wishing you all a happy day.

Cllrs Eagling, Goode, and Wise.



St. Peter's Church, Harold Wood, Men's Lunch

Usually there is no Lunch event in May as it's our annual outing month. This year there's no lunch AND no outing! Sadly everything is of course cancelled because of 'you know what!'

By way of small compensation, we thought you may like to see a few photos from last year's outing to The City of Ely. Follow or copy this link to the website....

https://www.stpetersharoldwood. org/Groups/193615/St Peters Ch urch/Ministry Group Bookings/M ens Ministry/Mens Lunch/Mens L unch.aspx

....and about half way down the page you'll see a photo collage – click on the small dots to move through the pictures. Whilst there, do have a listen to some of the recorded talks listed. If you would like to get in touch, please use the 'Contact Us' section at the bottom of the page. Also, although our building are closed, St. Peter's staff members are very much available if you need to contact them - 01708 342080 or use the website general 'How To Contact Us' under the 'Who We Are' tap at the top.

We will try and update everyone with our future plans as and when we can.

Keep well & safe.

Julian Harris, Chris Knowles and the Men's Lunch Team

Dumped Rubbish

Following notification from a resident about dumped rubbish in the Ingrebourne river between Paines Brook Way and Amersham Road, I contacted the council and the council quickly removed the rubbish within a week of me reporting it. Also a fridge freezer that was left in a residential street was also removed quickly by the Council following a report that I made.

CIIr DARREN WISE

Harold Wood Evening WI



Our monthly meetings and clubs are currently on hold until government advice allows however this hasn't stopped us meeting up on Zoom and also keeping in touch with all of our ladies on a regular basis. The committee is still working hard on ideas and plans to keep us connected, busy and amused during lockdown. We currently have a 'Sunflower-Off' competition. We have 21 seedlings picked randomly all named for their WI owners, there is a prize for the sunflower which grows the highest. One of our members is in charge of nurturing and repotting (so anything could happen!)

We continue to run our Book club on Zoom and we have an event every Sunday, so far we have had a quiz, disco, bingo and a wine and cheese quiz with obligatory wine and cheese. Various members have been doing their bit as well for the community by volunteering at Harold Hill Foodbank and making mask straps, masks and sewing scrubs for NHS/Emergency Services. Ladies if you would like to find out more about joining our WI please contact Jo on 07875 670419

A Big Thank-you

Thank you to our Refuse Collectors We were pleased to hear that the local children in Sussex Avenue did their own poster to place on the rubbish sacks to thank our refuse collectors and this was encouraged by Cllr. Martin Goode.



Anyone needing to speak to a specific department or service should telephone:

- Adult Social Services: 01708 432000
- Children's Social Services / Safeguarding Team: 01708 433222
- Council Tax: 01708 433997
- Environment /

Streetcare: **01708 432563**

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 - 434600
- Main switchboard: 01708 434343

Dog Walkers

Please be reminded that when walking your dog along



residential streets, public walkways or in the parks. Please ensure you clear up properly after your dog and place any dog mess in an appropriate bag and dispose of it correctly.

If your dog fouls the pavement or grass verges in a residential street, then please bag it and either take it home with you to dispose of or, use the specific Dog litter bin's that are available in our parks and greens.

Please refrain from using any private resident's bin, bushes or hedgerows to dispose of it, or leave the bag on the grass verge.

Cllr's Eagling, Goode and Wise

Household Waste Collection Service

Can residents please be reminded that all rubbish bags must be left outside of their property on the morning before 7am on the due date for the Serco waste collection team.



Beware of scams

At times like these please be aware of people still doing scams. Do not give your

Bank details to anyone over the phone or let strangers into your home and be careful about people telling you there is a defect on your roof. If you are worried about anything and can't contact family members or neighbours please do not hesitate to contact Cllr. Brian Eagling on 01708 373027

Orange Recycling Sacks



The council are delivering the orange recycling sacks at present and were

approximately half way through the 10 week delivery cycle at the end of April. They are also starting the next delivery cycle now in reverse order so that all residents should receive a double delivery of recycling sacks at some point in the next few weeks.

Thank You

To our NHS, A **Big Thank you** to our hard working Doctors, Nurses and other Health Professionals from your local Councillors and residents of Harold Wood, Harold Hill and Harold Park.





A Big Thank-You

We would like to give thanks for the valuable work that the Harold Wood Primary School Parent Teachers Association have been doing collecting donations and contributions from local residents and giving this to the Harold Hill Foodbank. This is a tremendous community effort and will help those people so desperately in need of food.

Waste Collection Service

I was so pleased to see that residents had placed notices on their black rubbish sacks to say a Big Thank You to our refuse Collectors.



Cllr. Brian Eagling

Our other waste services

The council are having to adapt and make decisions on services on a day to day basis and priority will always be given to the waste and recycling collections. This could mean that some collections may be slightly delayed if we face further resourcing issues.

Bulky waste collections remain suspended at the current time.

Support our Local Businesses

Whilst our community is going through a tough time, then so are our businesses that support us and we would ask you to support them when they re-open for business and are able to trade.

This is a worrying time for small and large businesses, the selfemployed, full and part-time workers. There is some generous support packages out there from the Government and the Council.

A reminder to us all!



Business Updates

For our businesses in Havering, these are struggling times and the Government has a business support website at –

www.gov.uk/coronavirus/business support

The council are also issuing biweekly Business Briefings which we publish to our facebook page and the latest information can be found here:

www.havering.gov.uk/info/20191/c oronavirus covid 19/761/coronavi rus - support for businesses

Council Updates

Council meetings are currently on hold whilst they are dealing with the pandemic. We are however having regular conference calls with the Leader and Chief Executive to ensure that any decisions are made in the best interests of our residents. We also continue to raise residents' concerns directly with Officers to get resolution on matters that have been brought to our attention.



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