



THE BULLETIN

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LOOKING AFTER OUR COMMUNITY

August 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

Permit parking renewals

From Monday, 13 July, parking enforcement was brought back by the Council for business and resident bays in Havering. Current permit holders will receive a three-month extension from this date.

If you have a resident or business parking permit these are the revised renewal dates:

Your original renewal date

23 March to 31 March 2020

1 April to 30 April 2020

1 May to 31 May 2020

1 June to 30 June 2020

1 July to 31 July 2020

1 August to 31 August 2020

1 September to 30 September 2020

1 October to 31 October 2020

1 November to 30 November 2020

1 December to 31 December 2020

1 January to 31 January 2021

1 February to 28 February 2021

1 March to 31 March 2021

When you should now renew

8 July to 30 July 2020

8 July to 30 July 2020

1 August to 31 August 2020

1 September to 31 September

1 October to 31 October 2020

1 November to 30 November

1 December to 31 December

1 January to 31 January 2021

1 February to 28 February 2021

1 March to 30 March 2021

1 April to 30 April 2021

1 May to 31 May 2021

1 June to 31 June 2021

The Council has advised that normally applying for and renewing Parking Permits is an online only process whilst those customers without access to a PC and family / friends to assist are directed to the Public Advice & Service Centre in Romford where online assistance is available. Unfortunately owing to the PASC being closed this face to face online assistance is currently unavailable, however if customers telephone the council main switchboard on 01708 – 434343, selecting option 9 to speak to one of our advisors they will then be routed to a specialist advisor to assist with their online parking permit renewal.

In addition there is a paper application, which can be printed off to complete and return with their relevant supporting documentation. Paper applications will be distributed to libraries, should customers wish to collect an application from there. You can also get a paper application form from our website -

<https://www.hwhpra.org.uk/2020/07/24/parking-permit-renewals/>

Or renew online here:

https://www.havering.gov.uk/info/20005/parking_permits

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Do Not Be Complacent



Some of our residents will have seen the large yellow signs on lamp columns in Station Road to remind us all to keep our distance due to Coronavirus and of course we must not be complacent at all times. As a reminder masks must be worn in shops, supermarkets, shopping centres, banks, building societies, post offices, train and bus stations and airports. Failure to wear a mask could result in a £100 fine. Keep well and keep safe.

Good News for McDonald's

McDonald's Romford are pleased to announce that all our restaurants are welcoming back customers to eat in our dining areas on the 22nd of July with the exception of the restaurant in the Brewery which we are planning to reopen for the week of the 3rd August.

Clean Sweep

We are so pleased to see our road sweeper back in certain roads in Harold Wood so if you see Lee give him a nice welcome with a friendly hello.

Libraries have re-opened

| Branch | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|------------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Harold Hill and Harold Wood bubble | | | | | | |
| Harold Hill (from 17 July) | 2pm - 7pm | 10am - 3pm | Closed | Closed | 10am - 3pm | 10am - 3pm |
| Harold Wood (from 22 July) | Closed | Closed | 10am - 3pm | 2pm - 7pm | Closed | Closed |

Havering's libraries have re-opened as the borough's coronavirus recovery plan continues.

Libraries will have revised opening hours as some library staff will not be able to return to work due to health conditions or caring responsibilities.

Returning safely to libraries will mean some changes in how libraries operate.

That will mean libraries look a little different with the measures we have put in place for the safety of staff and customers, following Government guidance.

Social distancing will be in place and library staff have been provided with personal protective equipment to ensure their safety.

Library users will be asked for their contact details to support NHS Test and Trace and will need to try to keep 2m apart for social distancing, follow the one-way systems in place, to use hand sanitisers which are in every library.

Library users are also asked to wear face coverings in line with government advice.

Because a large number of books were borrowed in the run-up to libraries closing, residents are asked to be patient and be prepared to queue as the service may become busy if many people return all their books at once and libraries will be operating on reduced capacities.

Residents are asked to use the library closest to their home rather than travel further to a library that may be open earlier.

Books that are returned will be quarantined before being returned to shelves.

No study space will be available in libraries until we can be sure it is safe to do so.

[Orange recycling sacks](#) will be available to pick up in all libraries.

Fines for late return of books remain suspended and no cash will be taken at libraries which means printing and photocopying services will remain suspended.

There will be reduced access to public computers with limited time and staff support. Unfortunately library activities such as knit and natter and baby bounce will not be able to take place in libraries until further notice.

Library meeting space will be out of use and no bookings will be taken.

Caring for the Community



We continue to have problems with getting the privet hedges and shrubs that are along the Colchester road, between the junctions of Avenue Road and Gubbins lane, cut back.

TFL are actually responsible for the maintenance of this particular area, but because the access along the walkway towards the Bus stop was again becoming very dangerous to pass-by, we continued to complain to the Council, insisting that they escalate our concerns to TFL and address this issue. However, no progress was made but thankfully, because of the danger these overgrown shrubs were causing the Council organised their own maintenance team to get these overgrown shrub cut back.

A big thank you goes out to the ground maintenance team at Havering Council, who carried out this work.

Cllrs. Eagling, Goode and Wise.

Good News

On Sunday 14th July, Romford market opened on Sundays for a trial period of 2 months so why don't you give it a visit.

Keep our Community clean and today.

You may see some litter outside your property that has either blown there or it has been dropped by some litterbug. It takes no time at all to pick it up and put it in your bin and If we all did this we could work together to keep our area tidy. Please do not put your black and orange sacks out too early as it encourages foxes, birds and vermin.

From the Men's Lunch Team at St. Peter's Church, Harold Wood.

July and August are holiday months for Men's Lunch, but of course we have actually been on enforced holiday since April! As nationally things continue to open up gradually, churches also are considering how to re-open in a safe and secure way. The Church of England guidance will apply to each church fellowship differently, so St. Peter's is understandably moving cautiously.

As I write this, we do not yet know how or when our midweek groups will be allowed to re-open again. It seems likely that these groups – such as 'Men's Lunch' – will not be able to begin for a while. However, it is a fast changing situation, so as we know more we will try to update all members and post updates on the website. So, please do keep checking in to the Men's Lunch page here: -

https://www.stpetersharoldwood.org/Groups/193615/St_Peters_Church/Ministry_Group_Bookings/Mens_Ministry/Mens_Lunch/Mens_Lunch.aspx

St. Peter's staff members are still very much available if you need to contact them - 01708 342080 or email: welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwood.org.

Don't forget, St. Peter's has a YouTube channel where we are offering a Sunday service at 10:30am (now live streamed from the St. Peter's building) and a few other things – do have a visit here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfENka2vNLlI30IjaGYPXg>

Keep safe & well.

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

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WATER FEATURE

It's quite nice when someone acknowledges the bits one writes. A lady recently enquired if I was the Dennis Goodwin, the local historian? I owned up to being a Dennis Goodwin, but not really a historian. She wondered if I might know wartime Harold Wood, remembering a static water tank at the junction of Oak Rd and Gubbins Lane at the foot of the railway bridge. As I didn't move here until 1953, I had nothing to go on and wondered if there was anybody left with recollections of 80 years ago! I can understand arguments over the route of the Roman road through the district, but one would think such recent history would be remembered. Checking with Simon at Romford Library, it seems there are no surviving Hornchurch Council records of Civil defence features such as Emergency Water Supplies. A 1939 Ordnance survey map doesn't show the current block of 4 shops and flats, only a few shops facing Langley's Care Home, then a chemist. There is a rectangular shape in the suggested area, but most static water tanks were circular or square and they wouldn't have featured on a pre-war map. They tended to spring up once the Blitz had started on bomb sites, thus saving on available space, contesting site ownership and there being a plentiful supply of free bricks. We haven't got that much history and it'd be satisfying if even this little bit of relatively recent past might be verified. Can anyone help?

Dennis Goodwin



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A Great Idea

Due to the Coronavirus the care/residential homes in Havering and beyond have not been able to have their weekly/monthly entertainment so the Directors of Harold Wood Funeral Services came up with an idea to make an entertainment video and send it to the homes. They contacted a local entertainment group who were only too pleased to participate. The video took many hours to film and produce especially due to social distancing so a big thank you to Harold Wood Funeral Directors and the performers involved for bringing a bit of happiness to the homes at this difficult time.

Petition for Educational Review for Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

A local resident is inviting friends and acquaintances in the UK to join him me in signing this petition to the government. He appeals to everyone to support in spreading this news to all. <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/331572>

We have 6 months to make a difference in the way children with special and additional needs are educated by obtaining 10,000 - 100,000 signatures.

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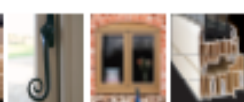
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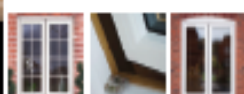
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