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LOOKING AFTER OUR COMMUNITY NOVEMBER 20

COVID 19 HAS CANCELLED OUR MEMORIAL SERVICE

We are sorry to inform you all that our Memorial Service on the 8th November at 11.00am outside the Library has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus regulations and guidelines.



Remembrance Day Memories

We were delighted when local artist Adrian Henderson offered to paint a picture of our Remembrance Service of 2019. The picture will be on display in the window of Harold Wood Funeral Services Station Road this year during Armistice week and every year after so residents do go along to see the painting. We would like to thank Adrian on behalf of our Community for his skill, time and effort in painting this picture which will always be a memory for us all.



Picture Presented to the Funeral Directors of Harold Wood Funeral Services by Adrian Henderson

Knowing your rights

If you have faulty goods still within warranty and you have your receipt, under the Consumer Rights Act of 2015 section 9 it states that goods must be of satisfactory quality, (including durability) and section 23 states your right for goods to be repaired or replaced. For more information www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2015/15/contents.

Kings Park Bus Gate

Following a request we were asked to find out how many PCNs have been issued since the Bus gate was installed and went live on 3rd August. We can confirm that 466 PCNs have been issued and 460 Warning notices have been issued. This acts as a reminder to residents and drivers not to use this bus gate at all otherwise you could end up with a hefty charge to pay

PLEASE KEEP SAFE

**Wear a mask.
Keep socially distancing,
Keep washing your hands..**

November Update from the Men's Lunch Team at St. Peter's Church, Harold Wood.

Rob Hudson our Vicar, gave us a 'thought for the month' in September and we have reproduced this for the Bulletin:

"I really miss having lunch with you all each month. It's frustrating not being able to meet together, and not knowing when that might change. The pandemic has forced us to acknowledge once again that we really aren't in control of this life. Despite all the great advances of science and technology, a virus can throw everything into uncertainty. Just

before lockdown started, I shared with the church Psalm 18:2, which says this: 'The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge'.

The truth is, we've never been in control of our lives. We're not designed to be. Acknowledging that is a good thing, because it encourages us to put our trust in the Lord, the God who made us and who is the only completely solid, dependable refuge that exists. And if we know Him as our own - 'my God, my rock' - we can face our uncertain future with a peace that is available nowhere else. Rob".

We will continue to keep everyone updated as details become clearer.

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

For information: St. Peter's continues to livestream a Sunday service at 11am on its YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/c/StPetersChurchHaroldWood/videos>

JULIAN HARRIS, CHRIS KNOWLES AND ALL THE MEN'S LUNCH TEAM.

Fly Tipping

A resident notified us that a fridge freezer had been dumped on the walkway in Shepherds Hill. We notified the Council, who immediately arranged for its removal as this was potentially very dangerous where it had been left.



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Speedy Result

Following a request from a partially sighted resident living in our area to get the Council to move a post that was causing her problems whilst they were out walking, we were delighted that following our intervention the Council treated this matter as urgent and re-sited the post within 24hrs.

YOUR COUNCILLORS DO CARE ABOUT OUR RESIDENTS AND WE WILL TRY AND DO WHAT WE CAN TO HELP.

Council Park Byelaws

The Council have been given the authority to consult residents on a range of new park byelaws which they will be consulting with residents on over the course of the next year. The byelaws were last updated in 1983 and over time the nature of park usage has altered and the expectations of park users have also changed. The updated byelaws reflect the way in which the Borough's parks and open spaces are used today and the reasonable expectations of users. The byelaws aim to ensure that everyone is reasonably able to use the spaces without unreasonably inconveniencing other users.

Harold Wood Women's Institute (WI)

In true form we at the WI have and are continuing to take action throughout these unusual times. We have with the changing rules, kept in contact by phone, letters and Zoom. When able to meeting in a larger group meet for a chat in the sunshine in our own gorgeous local Harold Wood Park. In small groups use the Hub in Harold Wood for a drink and a get together. Now the daylight hours are reducing we are working even harder on keeping our connections together strong as ever. Our sub groups are organising their own meeting on zoom or in small clusters, even starting up a new Film Club. Sound interesting to you, ladies, then contact us and join in with one of our monthly meetings, 1st Wednesday of the month. Contact Jo for more information 07875 670419& visit our web page www.haroldwoodwi.co.uk

Beware of Scam

A man called Matthew rang and said he was phoning regarding insulation in my loft that needed to be re- assessed. He said an appointment had been made to visit my property this afternoon. I said I wasn't going to let them in my house as I didn't know what he was talking about, at which point he put the phone down.

Delayed Rubbish Collection

We received complaints from residents in Ethelburga Court, stating that their rubbish bins hadn't been cleared for a couple of weeks. We contacted the

Council, who investigated the matter and during a site visit it was discovered that the large domestic bins that they used were actually damaged and could not be wheeled out to the normal collection point. This matter was quickly resolved and all rubbish collections were resumed.

Welcome back Steve



It's been well over two and a half years now since Steve, our Road Sweeper was moved away to another area within Havering. But finally we have got him back. We are sure that everyone is delighted that Steve, is now back with us in the Harold Wood Ward. Steve's dedication to his work is a great asset for us all. Lets hope that he can stay and look after us for a long time.

YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS

FORTY YEARS AGO

Trying to understand the youth of today and their problems, I can only compare them to mine at the age of 13.

Sep 1st 1939 Germany invaded Poland and Dad went off to stop them. On the 2nd, most of my friends went off to the country as evacuees and on the 3rd. we declared war.

At 11am Mum and I were en route for Nans when the siren went, a wild-eyed Air raid warden appeared, blowing a whistle between declaring "It's a raid, the bombers are coming- Take cover!" We turned back, Mum fearful as she'd seen Zeppelin raids in WW1, I was more concerned my dog didn't have a gas mask!

There was now a void, known as the Phoney War. Although there were no raids, the Government insisted there'd be no cinema, theatre, football matches. We'd never seen TV, but they closed it down anyway. BBC radio spewed out propaganda and morale boosting programmes, but on the plus side- no school. It just didn't reopen, as the staff had gone with the evacuees or to war and we just went feral. By the winter, the novelty wore off. The black-out meant no street light and it was a record cold winter. There was a shortage of coal, food was severely rationed, in fact the only plentiful thing was queues. You saw a queue and joined it, as everything was in short supply, even torch batteries.

By spring 1940 the authorities came up from their bunkers and appealed for people to hold classes in their spare rooms. Mum needed the money and I would be able to swot for my Technical school entrance exam. 6 of us had a couple of sessions a week in our parlour, which did the job and I started the Tech in the summer, which coincided with the Blitz, the college was blown up and I was footloose again.

DENNIS GOODWIN

Encampment found

Whilst litter picking at the end of September in Painesbrook Park we came across an encampment in the wooded area. We contacted the Council and we are pleased to say it was removed within 48 hours. Thanks to our team of litter pickers we removed 5 bags of litter and we also removed items from the river.



Overgrown Weeds

A resident, contacted us to complain about a neighbouring property which had let the front of the property deteriorate. Not only were there overgrown weeds but general rubbish has started to build up and was attracting vermin.

We contacted the Council, who notified the owner of the property and within a short period of time the area was cleaned up.

Watch Your Speed

**REDUCE
SPEED
NOW**

Following issues with speeding vehicles, we have made requests to the Highways Team to install 20mph signs in Rosslyn Avenue to help prevent rat runs through this road and also 30mph signs in Warley Road as there have been quite a few accidents in this area of late.

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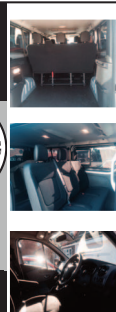
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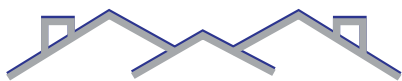
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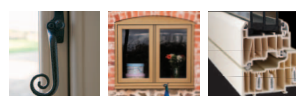
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