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LOOKING AFTER OUR COMMUNITY

DECEMBER 20

Merry Xmas and Happy New Year

We would like to wish all our supporters, deliverers, advertisers, readers and members a very Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

2020 has been a mentally tough and exhausting year for many but especially our NHS workers and other key workers and we owe you huge debt of gratitude to your service for our communities. We hope 2021



will be a happier year for us all and that we will all be able to move on after this COVID 19 virus goes away. Whatever you are doing over the festive period please be mindful of restrictions and stay safe, wear a mask and keep your distance. Also we must not forget those people who lost their lives over this virus which at the moment is still a threat on our society.



On behalf of us all

A big thank you to all who donated so we could have Christmas lights again this year so residents to show our appreciation please support all the local shops and businesses where possible.

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Remembrance Sunday

For this year's service which was restricted and limited on numbers due to COVID-19, Cllrs Brian Eagling, Darren Wise, Martin Goode laid wreaths on behalf of the Mayor & London Borough of Havering and on behalf of the Ward Councillors and Residents of Harold Wood. Bunny Eagling laid a wreath on behalf of the Harold Wood, Hill Park Residents' Association and Mrs Joanne Leonard-Saby laid a wreath on behalf of the Harold Wood W.I. Branch. Rev'd Andrew Bellis, Curate of St Peter's Church officiated at the service.

Special thanks also go out to the representative of the Royal British Legion (Harold Wood branch) who attended the memorial earlier that morning to lay a Wreath on their behalf.

Fund Raising for London Air Ambulance

We were delighted to join Teddy and

his parents along with the parents and friends of Harvey Tyrell at an event at Harold Wood park where Teddy undertook a sponsored run in memory of Harvey. Teddy has raised over £3,000 for the London Air Ambulance. The Residents' Association donated £100 to this cause and Teddy ran a mile around Harold Wood Park to meet his target. Teddy started and finished at Harvey's bench and balloons were released in memory of Harvey and he was clapped all the way whilst doing his run. Well done Teddy.



Poppy Appeal

Well done and Congratulations go to Clover, from Tesco Stores Gallows Corner, who organised a Poppy Appeal and raised over £5,000.



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Community Christmas Fayre



Harold Wood Primary School Community Christmas Fayre Saturday 12th December 11.30-3.30 throughout Harold Wood (see the map on our Facebook event) <https://fb.me/e/aK8Spn9KL>

Socially distanced games and stalls. Supported by lots of local businesses The Hub, St Peters Church, Co-op, Dominos and many more come a long and spread some Christmas cheer.

Xmas and New Year Parking Restrictions

We wish to remind people to be aware of parking restrictions over the Xmas period and to be careful where you park especially if in a Controlled Parking Zone as you could still be liable for a Penalty Charge Notice.

Waste Collection Dates

Collections will run as normal up to and including 24th December

Normal collection date	Revised collection date	Normal collection date	Revised collection date
Fri 25 Dec	Tues 29 Dec	Wed 6 Jan	Fri 8 Jan
Mon 28 Dec	Wed 30 Dec	Thurs 7 Jan	Sat 9 Jan
Tues 29 Dec	Thurs 31 Dec	Fri 8 Jan	Mon 11 Jan
Wed 30 Dec	Sat 2 Jan	Mon 11 Jan	Tues 12 Jan
Thurs 31 Dec	Mon 4 Jan	Tues 12 Jan	Wed 13 Jan
Fri 1 Jan	Tues 5 Jan	Wed 13 Jan	Thurs 14 Jan
Mon 4 Jan	Wed 6 Jan	Thurs 14 Jan	Fri 15 Jan
Tues 5 Jan	Thurs 7 Jan	Fri 15 Jan	Sat 16 Jan

Normal collections resume Monday 18 January 2021

This also applies to the Clinical Waste Service

If you need additional orange sacks for your recycling waste these will remain available to be picked up from libraries.

Light in the darkness: Celebrate Christmas at St Peter's



This Christmas will be strange for all of us. For many, it will not be the Christmas we're used to or hoped for. For some, it will be a time of immense sadness and grief.

The theme for our Christmas services at St Peter's this year is 'Light in the Darkness'. Around this time of year, Christmas lights start going up everywhere - on trees at home, on our houses and on the Station Road lampposts. When it gets dark, we want light.

The announcement of the very first Christmas 2,000 years ago came to people in darkness. People afraid of what the future might hold. People looking for hope. The Christian message is that Jesus Christ, born that first Christmas, brings light into a dark world. In the Bible, a man called Zechariah rejoiced that Jesus

came at Christmas "to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace". (Luke 1:79).

We'd love you to join us to celebrate this Christmas for:

Carols by Candlelight

A traditional service of readings and carols

Christmas Family Celebration

A lively service for all the family

We will hold services in-person in our Covid-secure church building if the regulations allow, but we're making plans for them to be available online if not. For the latest details, go to

When it gets dark, we want light. Please join us to celebrate this Christmas.

1,000 daffodils planted



To brighten up the piece of grass area by McDonalds in Bryant Avenue your three Councillors planted 1,000 daffodil bulbs before lockdown and we will give you an update next Spring on how successful we were with the planting.

Heavy Downpour



At the end of October, due to a very heavy downpour of rain, a part of Avenue Road suffered from temporary flooding overnight. A resident raised concerns to us as the flood water outside her property was not clearing away. We notified the Council's Highways Service Unit, who immediately arranged for their team to attend the location and clear the drains that were actually blocked by fallen leaves. The rain water very quickly started to flush away and the area was cleared.

Harold Wood WI

We are currently in lockdown 2.0 and we at Harold Wood WI (Women's Institute) are doing all we can to keep our connections strong and supporting each other in what ever ways we can. Whether that be friendly voice on the phone or our regular zoom meetings. We have helped members who were not able to get out for a period of time & also taken food to them. Not only have we thought of ways to keep mentally stimulated but we are also thinking of exercise too. We have set up a Walking Buddies club so our members always have someone to go for a walk with in the

local park or outdoor space. This is all in addition to the 1st Wednesday of the month meeting, currently held on Zoom. November we had an interesting talk on Royal Weddings from etiquetteto cakes to carriages. Sound interesting to you please contact Jo for more information 07875 670419 & visit our web page www.haroldwoodwi.co.uk

TECHNICAL HITCH

Leaving technical school at 16, I naively thought I was prepared for the white heat of modern technology. I never even got warm. Though the college was funded by the inventor of the light bulb, typically, it was lit by gas and the curriculum too was of that era. At 17 in the Home Guard, we defended Britain with 1914 rifles (without ammo.) At 18 in the Army, I was taught to drive on obsolete vehicles I never came across again.

On demob, in the business world of the mechanised office, the equipment I was to maintain had been around since the twenties and finally when I was trained it had been replaced by electronic calculators. Returning to technical college in the 60s in an attempt to catch up with progress, nothing had changed and they still taught thermionic valve theory which had been superseded by transistors since the 50s.

After 7 years evening classes I found I was ready for solid state equipment, but technology was in a state of flux and I never caught up with it, as the computers were now fixing themselves and I was redundant. In retirement, by the time I'd sussed Windows 98 on the home computer it had long been superseded, my latest digital phone decides who it'll let me talk to and my smart TV is smarter than I am. It goes on about "catch up" but I never seem to.

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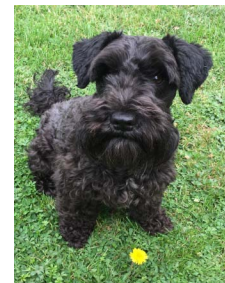
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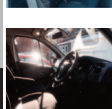
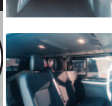
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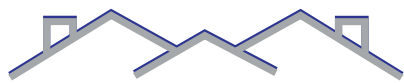
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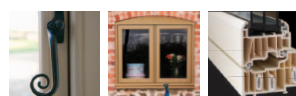
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