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LOOKING AFTER OUR COMMUNITY SEPTEMBER 21

A Bridge too far!

We have been advised by the Forestry Commission that the Rainbow bridge connecting Harold Wood Park to Pages Wood is beyond repair and will be removed. The decision was taken following a structural inspection whereby safety concerns in respect of the bridge beams and abutments were identified. Discussions are taking place with the Forestry Commission and the Council to discuss a best way forward to maintain connectivity between the park and Pages Wood.



New members required

The St Joseph's Senior Citizens club that was previously held at the Holy Redeemer Church is looking for new members, they have also moved premises to the Harold Wood Memorial Hall on Mondays 1.30 to 3.30pm. If you are interested in coming along then please call Mrs Ince on 01708 704804.

New Operating Model – Streetcare

The council are looking to introduce a new operating model whereby waste & recycling collection, street cleansing, trunk road cleansing and weed control services are combined in one single integrated contract. Other options were considered but not deemed viable and as a result the Council will undertake a procurement exercise with potential service providers with an aim for the new contract to start in 2023.

Harold Wood Primary School Gardens

We are delighted to share these wonderful pictures on our website of the Harold Wood Primary School Fields where a Parent Volunteer has converted the field into a

wildlife Garden, Teaching Garden and Allotments with an Orchard and Sensory Garden still to come. This is great for our environment and we applaud what has been done here.



Please visit our website for some further photos and some background from our Volunteer.

<https://www.hwhpra.org.uk/2021/07/04/harold-wood-primary-school-gardens/>

Beware Motorbike and Moped riders

Residents have notified us of motorbikes and moped delivery drivers using the pathway between Redwood Ave and Elderberry Close and also going through the bollards at the end of Guildersome Road so that they can avoid the bus gate cameras in St Clements Ave. The actions of the riders is dangerous to families living nearby and to pedestrians. I have requested the local Police to undertake some patrols in this area and I have reported through to the Council to ask them to suggest what can be done to eradicate this. If you have any photos that show registration numbers of riders using these access points then email the photos to HaroldWood.snt@met.police.uk



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Sight Loss Friendly Services – St Peter's Church, Harold Wood

If you have a family member or friend who is Blind or Visually Impaired, we would love for you to join us in fellowship at

St Peter's Church on Sunday 17th October at 9am and 11am. Refreshments will be available after both services and hopefully you can make new friends and obtain new ways of discovering the Bible.

Damaged Pavements Melksham Green

I have reported three pavement defects in this area as they are dangerous for pedestrians. An urgent works order was issued by the Council and I can report that these have all now been repaired.



CLLR DARREN WISE

Tesco Planning Application

Following Weston homes submitting their application to build 87 homes, we have undertaken the following actions:



We have been busy printing and distributing 900 letters on the Romleights Estate, this is in addition to the other 900 letters that we distributed when Weston Homes undertook their initial consultation in March.

- We have helped to organise a meeting with residents and explained the various steps in the planning application process;
- We have supplied posters to residents to put up on their fences and windows to demonstrate to Tesco our opposition.
- Crucially and more importantly we have called in both planning applications (the proposal to



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build 87 homes and the access road for construction traffic) and demanded that the planning committee consider both applications.

- We are working with the Gallows Corner Tesco Facebook group whom are opposed to this application;

In due course a representative of the group and the 3 of us will be speaking and opposing the application at the planning committee meeting when it is scheduled.

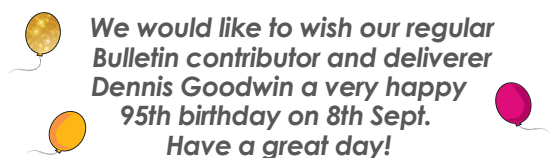
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Wildflower Meadow by Allotments in Archibald Road

A local resident who is a retired tree surgeon has organised the creation



of a wild flower meadow on the border between the allotment site and the unmade road. This has cheered up a previously scrappy border and has become a local point of interest. If you are in the area then please visit the site.



We would like to wish our regular Bulletin contributor and deliverer Dennis Goodwin a very happy 95th birthday on 8th Sept. Have a great day!

Wild Thoughts Whilst Walking

Since lockdown, my daily routine involves a walk round Harold Wood Park. The novelty is wearing off a bit now, though the changing seasons are a pleasure to witness. I enjoy conversation, but dedicated walkers are wrapped up in their mileage. A dog walker is always open to chatting as long as it involves dogs. I daren't chat to children these days, however innocent my motive. Anyone under 40 is engaged in smart phone activity, probably checking up as to where they are. A surprising number of couples are not talking English, probably because they see me approaching intent on chatting with them. The sand pit near the pavilion is very occasionally used for petanque, which I thought was boules, local dogs use it for other purposes. As I approach 95, mysteriously the stretch of park from the swings to the entrance near the school has developed a slope. It doesn't matter if I do the clockwise or the anti-clockwise stroll, the incline is against me, as are most things these days!

The climax of my daily routine is passing the Old School Nursery and Pre School at the corner of Gubbins Lane. My granddaughter works there and I'd occasionally peer in to see if she was about. Realising this might be misconstrued; I left it until her daughter, my great-grand daughter started there. Passing the school then gave me the pleasure of being waved at. I don't know what yarn she concocted, but I'm

now greeted by the entire class waving furiously, shouting through the glass at the celebrity, Poppy's great-grand dad, who graciously returns their gesticulating. It isn't conversation, but it makes my day. Breaking up, I guess there will be a new intake in the window next term. I wonder if that's the end of my celebrity status and I'll just be known as the old moaner who writes in the Bulletin.

DENNIS GOODWIN

Entertainers

We are the Entertainers Charity Concert Party and we are looking to recruit new members so if you like to sing or maybe dance a little why don't you come and join us. We rehearse on Tuesday mornings from 10.00am to 1.00 pm at Fairkytes in Billet Lane, Hornchurch and perform shows to Residential/nursing homes and Social Clubs mainly in afternoons around Havering and surrounding areas. Why don't you come along to one of our rehearsals to see if it's something you might like to do. We have fun whilst raising money for charity.

For more details contact Bunny Eagling 01708 373027 / email eaglibri@talktalk.net.

Or Jean Finn 07802 888481 / email missjeanfinn@aol.com

Ward Walkabout updates

- 1) The willow tree that was overhanging the bus stop and pavement on the bridge in Shepherds Hill has been cut back.
- 2) A large pothole in Squirrels Heath Road opposite Archibald Road has been reported for repair to the Council's Highway Team.
- 3) It was good to see that the foliage has been cut back between the pavement and the road on the land that the Council has adopted on the Kings Park Estate.

River clear

Just to inform you that after complaining to the Parks Department for many weeks about removing the large tree branches and wooden boards that were causing a damn effect in the river by the damaged bridge in Harold Wood Park this has now been cleared and the river is flowing freely once more.

CLLR BRIAN EAGLING

REOPENING!

Men's Lunch SEPTEMBER UPDATE from the Men's Lunch Team at St. Peter's Church, Harold Wood

We are very pleased to announce that the team have been given the go-ahead to recommence Men's Lunches very soon!

With the easing of the COVID-19 'rules', all groups at St. Peter's are now free to re-start when they are ready – this includes 'Men's Lunch'.

At the time of writing (beginning of August), we are awaiting final guidance from the St. Peter's Leadership as to how

we carefully and cautiously re-launch. Once we have this, we will be able to set a firm date. This may be September, but we might have to delay until October. A letter will be sent to all members on our database with full details shortly.

In the meantime, please keep an eye on the St. Peter's website for updates:

www.stpetersharoldwood.org

Specifically for Men's Lunch, key 'mens lunch' into the search box.

For all details/questions about St. Peter's, please do get in touch - contact us via email:

welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwood.org

or telephone: 01708 342080. The St. Peter's staff team are picking up any answerphone messages fairly frequently.

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

Havering Antique Collectors Club



Enrolment evening, welcoming new members & speaker - Friday 17th September 7.30 for 8.00.

Harold Wood Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood.

Annual Membership remains at £30. Further details contact Chairman Mrs Chris Lovett 07947 367 258

ULEZ Zone expansion

The central London Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) is expanding to create a single, larger zone up to (but not including) the North Circular Road (A406) and South Circular Road (A205) from 25 October this year.

Many cars already meet the ULEZ emissions standards but you can check your vehicle at the following link - <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/ultra-low-emission-zone/ulez-expansion>

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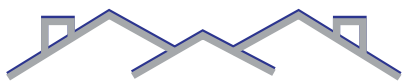
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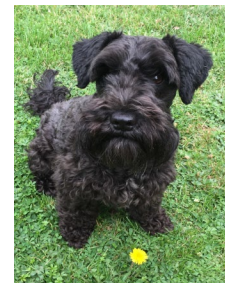
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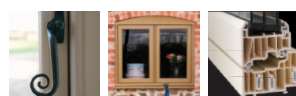
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