

THE BULLETIN

Harold Wood, Hill Park Residents' Association



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Cllr Brian Eagling 01708 373027



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Cllr Darren Wise 01708 342369



NOVEMBER 2 LOOKING AFTER OUR COMMUNITY



Remembrance Sunday 14th November

All are welcome at the Memorial outside the library, Station Road. We are gathering at 10.40am and you are welcome to lay a wreath or flowers if you wish. We look forward to seeing you.

Harold Wood Park/ Pages Wood Bridge

We have had over 625 people sign our petition about this bridge which is a remarkable response. We will hand this petition over to the Council and we will be submitting a motion at the council meeting in November to get the council to engage with the Forestry Commission and MPs to come up with alternative solutions and funding to resolve this issue. The Forestry Commission has told us that they are pursuing options for the replacement of the Rainbow Bridge at Pages Wood, alongside alternative connection options.

The Rainbow bridge was condemned in June 2021 on safety grounds following a routine inspection which identified riverbank erosion, damage to bank seats by flooding, and fire damage to beams understood to be the result of anti-social behaviour. The Forestry Commission have told us that they are keen to pursue funding options to support this work but will continue to secure the many necessary permissions required to safely remove and replace the bridge. In the meantime, they have conducted ecological surveys and are obtaining the required permit from the environment agency to carry out work over a water course. In the meantime, if you have not signed our petition then please sign here:

https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/haroldwood-park-pages-wood-bridge

Kings Park Estate

We previously reported in our August Bulletin about the adoption of the remaining roads on the estate and we have now been advised that Countryside have appointed a contractor who will be carrying out works to the roadways and pavements following a meeting with Havering Council. These works are necessary to enable the road adoption to be completed otherwise the Council could incur a huge cost if they adopted this area whilst there are these issues. Works will involve installing dropped

kerbs, tactile paving, white lining and routine maintenance. Works are due to commence on 18th October for approximately 8 weeks.

'At the going down of the sun and in the morning.

"We Will Remember Them."

The November 'Men's Lunch' at St. Peter's Church, Harold Wood will take place on

Tuesday, 9th November from 11:30am, it will include a short 'Act of Remembrance'.

Any men around during the day would be most welcome to join us.

Our VIP guest speaker will be SGT. DANIEL GILDERSON, RAF. As a youngster, Daniel was a member of St. Peter's. He is now a serving RAF officer and as such, his duties may prevent him from joining us (we have a plan 'B'!). However, Daniel does hope to join us and is looking forward to sharing with us.

To book your lunch place, please phone St. Peter's Welcome Desk on 01708 342080, or email: welcomedesk@stpetersharoldwood. org, or visit the website:

www.stpetersharoldwood.org.

We do hope you can join us on the 9th.

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

Havering Antique Collectors Club & speaker

Friday 19th November 7.30 for 8.00 -Serhat Ahmet - Meissen. He will bring some pieces for discussion.

Harold Wood Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood.

New members welcome - Annual Membership £30, Guests £5.

Further details please contact Chairman Mrs Chris Lovett 07947 367 258

Drain Covers

Thank you to the resident who informed us of the removal or theft of two large iron drain covers which left a potentially dangerous situation. After investigation we contacted the appropriate Council Department who temporarily covered the

sites with large paving slabs. New replacement covers were provided within 48 hours.

We will be monitoring this situation. If you see someone removing these metal

covers would you please take the vehicle number and contact us urgently.

CLLR BRIAN EAGLING 07905 927636

CLLR MARTIN GOODE 07747 841493

Harold Wood Primary School – Upcoming events

Friday 5th November Harold Wood Primary School PTA Fireworks night 6.00-9.00pm tickets available in advance www.ptaevents.co.uk/hwpspa or on the gate Adults £7 Children £5 Family Ticket (2 adults 2 children) £20 Children 2 and under free

Hot food and drinks, rides, glow stall, live DJ and much much more.....

Saturday 20th November Harold Wood Primary School PTA Bicester Shopping Coach Trip join us for some pre-Christmas shopping £18 each including bucks fizz and pastries. Cash prize raffle www.pta-events. co.uk/hwpspa

Saturday 27th November 11.30-3.30 Harold Wood Primary School PTA Winter Wonderland Free entry games, gift stalls, hot food and drinks, bar, craft, face painting, Santa's grotto, live music and much much more.....

Thank-you Councillor

I cannot thank you enough (Cllr Darren Wise) for liaising with the Council to help my mother-in law sort out an issue with Council owned trees that were touching the roof of her property. My mother-in-law who lives in Buttercup Close is so happy so big thank you.

Kind regards KATE JACOBS



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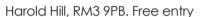
I am pleased to say that following a complaint from a resident in Gooshays Drive, the Council cut back the overgrown foliage on the pathway to the bus stop on the A12 as it did have brambles with thorns that were dangerous and one of them had caught the elderly resident in her eye.

CLLR DARREN WISE

Charity Christmas Market

Come along to the Christmas Market on Sunday 28th

November 12-3 at The Most Holy Redeemer Church Hall. Petersfield Ave,



Harold Wood Running Club

From Left to right: Paul Newland, Louise Marshall, Lauren Archer, Lynsey Mann, Tony Gawler, & Tony Rawson



Harold Wood Running Club (HWRC) had 18 members running the London Marathon,

Tony Rawson raised £4,231.48 for VICTA supporting Visually Impaired Children

Tony Gawler raised £414 for Help for Heroes Mike Westmore raised £2810 for Macmillan Cancer Support

Louise Marshall & Paul Newland raised £2450 for Teenage Cancer Trust

London Runners were Tony Rawson, Lauren Archer, Tony Gawler, Paul Newland, Louise Marshall, Mick Brown, Scott Brown, Lynsey Mann and Mike Westmore.

Virtual Runners were Paul Depree, Martin Hawker, Craig Brown, Ilona Alaburda, Francesca Bertolina, Leanne Michell, Clive Burrow, Louise Pollock and Louise Hawker.

Congratulations. Well done.

Anyone interested in joining HWRC can find out more at https://haroldwoodrunning.club/

Harold Court Primary School PTA presents....

Bicester Village Christmas Shopping

Sunday 5 December 2021

£15 per person (adults only) and will include a return coach trip, one drink (alcohol or

soft drink) and nibbles on the outbound journey.

Cash Raffle onboard!

Whole community welcome, not just for school parents!

The coach will depart Harold Court Primary School, Church Road at 8.30am.

Coach leaves Bicester Village at 4.30pm and returns to Harold Court School.

Festive wear is optional!

Buy your tickets from: http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hcps

Saturday Night Out

At the Harold Wood Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane

BAR CLUE

Non members £2 admission

Forthcoming events

Sat 6th Nov - Blue Mantis

Sat 11th Nov - T.B.A

Sat 20th Nov - Annie's Prize Bingo

Sat 27th Nov - Time Bomb Allstars

Sat 4th Dec - Free Juke Box Sat 11th Dec - Rant & Rave

SPELLBOUND

For nearly 70 years I've lived here and occasionally wondered how many times I've had to spell out the name of my road. The vagaries of the English language are especially tough when starting school and it doesn't help when you live in Athelstan Rd. One wonders who came up with such beauties as Beltinge Rd, Fuchsia Close, Siviter Way, Yevele Way, Pegelm Gds. and Vignoles Rd. All of them on the Havering map.

It's not just the spelling. When we bought, all we cared for was the price of the property. Equally, some towns have form. For example who decided on the names Steeple Bumpstead, Cockfosters, Piddletrenthide and Bachelors Bump.

An army pal of mine "Chas" Kirby came from Pratts Bottom. I think he moved there to divert attention from his given name, Cyril. At least naming ones kids gives one choice in the handle they are lumbered with. My Grandmother lived in the pleasant sounding village of Freezywater near Enfield Wash, yet inflicted the name Horace on my Dad. From the next day he was inexplicably called Kiff for the rest of his life. At least he could spell that.



My maternal Grandmother came from Ugley near Saffron Walden. My Dad always insisted she'd been a member of the

Ugley Women's Institute but I'm sure no such outfit existed!

DENNIS GOODWIN

IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Working very closely with community partners. We are pleased to announce that a Christmas celebration for all the family will take place at Harold Wood Station Plaza on the 4th December.

There will be many stalls available outside the shops in Station Road. So please come alona.

Officially Starts from 4pm till 8pm.



A Quick Trim

A local resident who is disabled and uses a Mobility Scooter, complained to us about the overgrown shrubs & Brambles along Bryant Avenue which made it both awkward and very dangerous to pass. As this was a very urgent matter Councillor Brian



Eagling together with Councillor Martin Goode undertook the task themselves and cut back the offending brambles to make the walkway more accessible and safe.

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