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## LOOKING AFTER OUR COMMUNITY

DECEMBER 21

## 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. 2021 like 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 2022 will be a happier year for us all and that we will all be able to move on with our lives and that COVID19 can move on as well.



### Remembrance Sunday 2021 – Lest we forget

More than 200 residents paid their respect to the fallen war heroes at our war memorial in Arundel Road, Harold Wood. Special guests attending were members of the Harold Wood

British Legion, Major Pervez Bhadrudin, Sgt Dave Treslove of the 4th Battalion Parachute Regiment, Staff Sgt Mark Flood, 1st Royal School of Military Engineers Regiment, local police, Harold Wood Women's Institute and Mrs Joseph who was 103 years old. We were so pleased that we had a bagpiper in attendance to play during the wreath laying ceremony and was also pleased that we were able to encourage our local businesses to buy a poppy wreath and this amounted to £440 for the poppy appeal. We would like to thank the many shops and businesses in Station Road, local schools including Harold Court Primary School and their PTA and Harold Wood Primary School, St Peter's Church and the sea cadets.

A special thank you goes to Tesco's Gallows Corner and the Co-op at Harold Wood for donating products for the buffet which took place at the Harold Wood British Legion after the service. We would like to thank Harold Wood Funeral Services and McDonalds restaurants Romford for their sponsorship of the day and also a big thanks to Cllr Brian Eagling who organises this service annually for Harold Wood with support from his colleagues Cllr Martin Goode and Cllr Darren Wise and thanks to John Taylor for the provision of the pa system this year.

### Thanks

Thanks to a local resident, Gary Williams, who contacted me after seeing the fly tipping in Harold Wood Park. I immediately contacted the appropriate Council Department and the rubbish was collected within a day. If you notice anyone fly tipping, if possible, take the make of the vehicle, the colour and registration number and report to us immediately.



CLLR. BRIAN EAGLING

### Harold Wood Park/Pages Wood Bridge

At the last Council Meeting in November, we handed in the petition to the Council which had over 725 signatures. Our motion to Council was also passed and we have now called upon the Council to effect a meeting with the forestry commission and relevant stakeholders, including the ward councillors, to discuss possible solutions for bringing back direct access from the park into Pages Wood. We will keep you informed of any progress. However, It was very disappointing to note that Councillors who are part of the HRA, did not support our motion for the bridge especially when this area is regularly used by residents in Upminster, Cranham and Hornchurch who they represent.



### Christmas & New Year Greetings

Here's a quick update from Men's Lunch at St. Peter's Harold Wood.

We are now looking forward to our

Christmas and New Year lunch events. Doors open for both events at 11:30am. Here's the dates for your diary:

TUESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER (1st Tues. in the month)

Do join us for a Christmas lunch, and then enjoy a carol 'sing-a-long' to get us in the festive mood.

TUESDAY, 11TH JANUARY

We look forward to a New Year lunch with a guest speaker from St. Peter's.

Booking has now opened for the Christmas lunch and places are likely to be popular, so please don't delay! Email [welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwood.org](mailto:welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwood.org) or telephone: 01708 342080.

Booking for the New Year lunch will open on 7th December.

We wish all readers of The Bulletin a very joyous Christmas and a healthy New Year.

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

### Harold Wood Wombles



Harold Wood Wombles would like to thank

Tesco's at Gallows Corner for donating refreshments which we have after our litter picking sessions and a thank you to Cllr Brian Eagling for arranging this for us.



### Flower and Craft Festival 2022

We are holding our community flower and craft festival on Bank Holiday Monday at St. Peter's Church, Harold Wood, on Monday 2nd May 2022. We would like to invite any residents who might be interested in participating by showcasing their skills and/or selling their crafts to contact us by email at [stpetersflowerandcraftfestival@gmail.com](mailto:stpetersflowerandcraftfestival@gmail.com).



com for further details. Thank you, The Flower and Craft team, St Peter's Church, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood, RM3 0QA

## Haverling Antique Collectors Club

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Haverling Antique Collectors Club &  
speaker Friday 17th December 7.30 for  
8.00 - Members Party Night with singer  
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Next meeting after Xmas is on Friday 21st  
January- 7.30pm for 8pm - speaker to be  
arranged

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## BT Utility Cover Fixed on Gubbins Lane

After five months on from my original  
enquiry with the Council, I contacted the  
Harold Wood Councillors and I was so  
pleased that you have arranged for this to  
be fixed within 2 weeks of my escalation  
to you of this matter. I am so very grateful  
and I'm sure other residents nearby will be  
equally as happy. We are already noticing  
the difference. Once again, many thanks.

JANET BOWHAY

## Gardening Club

Welcome back Gardening  
friends. We will be restarting  
again on Tuesday 11th January  
2022 at 7.30pm at the Salvation  
Army, Petersfield Ave, Harold Hill. New  
members are welcome so come and join  
us for a very enjoyable and informative  
evening. First speaker will be Peter Railton  
giving gardening tips on growing salvias  
and taking cuttings.



## A Huge Thank-You

I just wanted to send you a huge thank  
you to Cllr Darren Wise for the new tree  
outside my neighbours house in Gooshays  
Drive, which was planted yesterday. We  
now call it Jan's tree in memory of the  
old lady that lived there, who loved her

garden and trees but sadly died 4 years  
ago. I will definitely look after this tree and  
make sure it's watered during the hot  
weather.

JANICE, GOOSHAYS DRIVE

## Grotto Thanks

Harold Wood School P.T.A. Would  
like to thank Councillor Brian  
Eagling for being our Special  
Guest in the Father Christmas  
grotto.



## THE GOOD OLD DAYS

I heard a young man  
on TV talking about  
"landing craft" at  
Dunkirk in World War 2.

(Dunkirk was an  
evacuation from  
France in 1940) It was  
hailed as a victory in  
saving the remnants of  
the British Expeditionary  
Force from certain  
capture, landing craft  
hadn't been invented.

He looked young  
enough to not have  
been born until after  
I'd retired, so had  
some excuse. It got  
me thinking that shortly  
there'll not be anyone  
alive to remember the  
war and argue over what was fake news.  
It won't seem important to the young, but  
for my generation, at least try and get the  
facts right when the subject of World War 2  
comes up.

I became a teenager the week the war  
started and my strongest memories today  
are of wartime events. It seems most of the  
facts were manipulated by propaganda  
to mislead the enemy, so the only things  
I can guarantee are true are those I  
witnessed, which limits the input I can  
make to the record. Take the following for  
example.

After forty odd consecutive nights of  
air raids we no longer scuttled down  
the Anderson garden shelter when  
the siren sounded, but waited till the  
local AA guns started. On this particular  
night, Mum gathered up vital  
things, the biscuit tin with  
the rent book in, blankets,  
pillows, matches, etc as red  
hot shrapnel whizzed down.  
Dad hustling Mum along  
by torchlight and Mum agitatedly  
complaining, "I can't find me teeth!"  
"B----r" yer teeth!" snapped Dad,"  
they're dropping b----y bombs, not  
cheese rolls!"



DENNIS GOODWIN

## Josie Smith R.I.P

We were so sad to hear of the awful  
fire that sadly took Josie's life. We  
wish to pass on our condolences and  
sympathies to Josie's much loved family  
that has its roots in Harold Wood. We  
would also like to sincerely thank Monica  
Puncheon for organising a vigil for  
local residents to pay their respects to  
remember Josie. Rest in Peace.

## Haverling Climate Change Action Plan

We were glad to see that the Council  
has finally drafted a Climate Change  
Action Plan and this was agreed upon  
at full council. The action plan is a live  
document and there will be annual updates  
to report on progress on the plan and will  
help deliver a culture change in decision  
making. Whilst this is a step in the right  
direction, we are mindful that action plans  
are there to be enhanced and developed.  
At the council meeting there was one  
other alternative offered which in effect  
was saying 'the plan was too bureaucratic  
and costly to be adopted at this time'.

Suffice to say this alternative  
was defeated. Further details  
on the Climate Change action  
plan can be found here -  
<https://www.haverling.gov.uk/climatechange>

## LGA READI Report

At the Council meeting in  
November, it was agreed by  
Council to adopt the high  
level action plan to implement  
improvements requested  
and identified through the  
independent LGA Race,  
Equality, Accessibility, Diversity  
and Inclusion (READI) review  
that was commissioned earlier  
this year. We were happy to  
support this as there is no place

for discrimination of any type in this day  
and age. The report can be read here -  
[https://www.haverling.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/5131/readi\\_review\\_feedback\\_report.pdf](https://www.haverling.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/5131/readi_review_feedback_report.pdf)

## Margaret Coyte R.I.P

It was so sad to hear of the passing of  
Margaret Coyte RIP who is one of the  
founding Directors of Harold Wood Funeral  
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pass on our condolences and sympathies  
to her daughter Carol and son Peter and  
their families at this very sad time.

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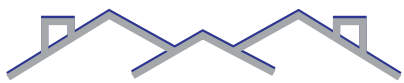
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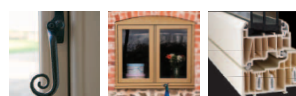
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