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LOOKING AFTER OUR COMMUNITY

FEBRUARY 22

Bulb Planting in Harold Wood Park



Cllrs Brian Eagling and Darren Wise were only too pleased to get their hands dirty in helping to plant some bulbs in Harold Wood Park. We were there to help the Friends of Harold Wood Parks. The bulbs were planted in various locations around the park and although it was hard work, we hope that our efforts will blossom when these bulbs turn into flowers in the spring. Also in the picture is Nicky Simmons Chairperson of Friends of Harold Wood Parks and Di Hart who is one of the committee members by the memorial tree for her husband.

Haverling Antique Collectors Club & speaker

Friday 18th February 2022 7.30 for 8.00
- Ann Wilmore presents a Fun Quiz on
Antiques & Memorabilia - £5

Haverling Antique Collectors Club &
speaker Friday 18th March 7.30 for 8.00 -
Paul Atterbury - Eastern Dreams

Harold Wood Neighbourhood
Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold
Wood.

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

FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT
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Working With Our Community

After being contacted by a concerned

resident over the Christmas Holiday period regarding some dumped rubbish under the railway bridge in Harold Court Road, Cllr. Eagling and Cllr. Wise decided to remove it themselves to expedite the matter knowing it was a bank holiday and the Council would not be available to deal with this urgently and also because of staff shortages due to Covid.



CLLR. EAGLING AND CLLR. WISE

Discarded Parking Restriction Sign



After being notified that a road sign had been dumped on a grass verge near Belfinge Road. We notified the Council's Highways enforcement team who very quickly were able to identify where the sign was removed from and replaced the signpost.

CLLR'S EAGLING AND GOODE

Thanks for your help

I would like to pass my thanks on to Cllr Darren Wise for getting the overgrown Ivy cleared from the bus stop in Squirrels Heath Road and for getting the branches removed that was overhanging in my garden.

Thank you so much for your help with this. I like living in Haverling.

SHARON, ROSSLYN
AVENUE

Overgrown Shrubs and Trees

After receiving complaints from a resident, regarding an area along Bates Road, where the trees



and shrubs were so overgrown, they were now blocking and denying access to the public highway. We Notified the environmental enforcement team at Haverling Council, who very quickly arranged for the area to be cut back, cleared and made safe.

CLLR'S EAGLING AND GOODE

St. Peter's, Harold Wood: Men's Lunch

Men's Lunch



Our next lunch event is:

TUESDAY, 8th FEBRUARY 2022, from
11:30am,

in St. Peter's Church Centre, Harold Wood.

Our Guest Speaker is COSTAS ARGYROU who attends Grace Church Wanstead. Costas has a very interesting background and to find out his story he will be 'in conversation' with Men's Lunch Team Leader Chris Knowles. Do come and join us to hear Costas.

It will be good to finally welcome Costas as we, sadly, had to cancel his previous visit due to the pandemic.

As always, to reserve your lunch place or to cancel, please telephone St. Peter's Welcome Desk on 01708 342080, or email: welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwood.org.

We look forward to welcoming you on the 8th.

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Cleaned Up At Last

Finally after months of liaising with Havering Council. The unsightly Graffiti that appeared on residential fences along the A12 in Harold Wood, has been cleaned up.



CLLR MARTIN GOODE

Platinum Jubilee

This year, it is HRH Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee so if you intend to have a street party or celebrate some other way, may we suggest you start planning as soon as possible as time soon goes.



Phil Knight 28/03/34 - 30/11/21

It was sad to hear of the passing of Phil Knight who was one of Harold Wood's community heroes. Phil and Beryl owned the General Stores in Station Road for many years and Phil was well known in the Community for his services to both the Methodist Church and Scouting. He gave 60 years services to Scouting and was awarded the Silver Wolf for services of the most exceptional nature - the highest award one can receive. He was involved with Havering Talking Newspaper and also ran a walking club. He will be greatly missed.

Fly Tip in Willow Way

As soon as we were advised of this matter, we notified Havering Council, to see what could be done to have the rubbish removed.

The council visited the site very quickly, but having identified dangerous materials within the rubbish, the council had to appoint a specialist firm to arrange its removal. Thankfully the rubbish has now been cleared and Enforcement officers are now investigating this matter in order to try and establish who was responsible for this Fly tip.



This behaviour is an absolute disgrace and the offenders should be prosecuted if sufficient evidence can be obtained.

Fly -Tipping is a serious criminal offence and offenders could receive a very hefty penalty fine or a prison sentence.

Harold Wood Cougars and Harold Wood Athletic committees - Open Letter to Residents

We have received an email from the club secretary of Harold Wood Cougars Youth Football (Brian Elwis). They have stated that there has been an ongoing situation for a few years now where a group of men are ruining the local park with absolutely no consideration of local users. In recent

weeks the Committees are aware that residents have been complaining on social media, and they have heard comments in the park that the clubs are to blame for the misuse that goes on. The Harold Wood Cougars and Harold Wood Athletic committees would like to set the record straight by publishing an open letter to residents to explain that we do all we can to protect the park, and that this large group with no affiliation to us is showing complete disregard to Harold Wood Park.

The letter can be found on our website - <https://www.hwhpra.org.uk/2021/12/14/harold-wood-cougars-and-harold-wood-athletic-committees-open-letter-to-residents/>

IN ONE YEAR AND OUT THE OTHER



My daughter suggested I write a piece celebrating the excitement of a New Year and the joy it brings. My cynical response being, I'd never known a New Year that lived up to its promise. I suppose my excess pessimism is on a par with her boundless optimism.

At the end of 1940, at the age of 14, I felt the year hadn't really been trying to live up to its potential and had in fact been close to disastrous. It wasn't until 1945 and peace, that we eventually got a year that was memorable. The years of austerity that followed, reverted to form, in that they could be just as depressing as wartime and it wasn't until the late Fifties did it seem the optimists got a look in. The New Years after seem to have merged into one long unfulfilled toast. Nevertheless, I still raise a glass at the start of the New Year, vainly wishing for my dreams to come true, only to conveniently forget by the end of the year what I'd wished for.

Crawling out of this slough of despond, I accept something must have gone right, as my wife and I are still here at 95 after 73 years of marriage. So, looking at yet another New Year, I'll be optimistic and sincerely wish everyone A Happy New Year, convinced all your wishes will come true.

DENNIS GOODWIN

Harold Wood Xmas Event

We would like to thank Rachel Grimwood and Kim Dopson of St Peter's Church for organising the Xmas event that was held in December. This was a very successful event and it was good to see so many involved in this event. This was the first one held and we hope there will be many more to come.

Harold Wood Park - Bridge Update

Following our Council motion and petition towards the end of last year, a meeting was arranged between ward councillors, forestry commission, council officers, a representative for the MP and the Chair of the Friends of the Harold Wood Parks.

To summarise the below are key actions that need to take place.

- Old rainbow bridge has been condemned and needs to be removed and the Environment agency has to provide permission to do this. The Forestry commission Budget appears to have been sanctioned for this removal.
- Rainbow Bridge to be replaced

cost is around 60k to 70k and Forestry commission are gaining designs, costings etc. The Environment agency will need to confirm details of design etc and confirmation that a second bridge can be constructed.

- Temporary access via the concrete bridge to be made safer and the work has commenced. We as your councillors will be attending the site with council officers to discuss further improvements and potential issues.

It was conveyed at the meeting that the temporary access will not be able to be used by a very large proportion of our community including disabled, blind, elderly and those with a young family.

All those attending the meeting were in favour of the reinstatement of the Rainbow bridge, however much will be determined by the decisions of the Environmental Agency.

CLLRS BRIAN EAGLING, MARTIN GOODE AND DARREN WISE

Tannoy Noise at Harold Wood Station

Following complaints from residents living near to the station about the loud announcements from the tannoy, we have taken this matter up with TFL and had a site visit to put local residents views forward. TFL have agreed to reduce the volume on some of the speakers which we hope will be acceptable going forward.

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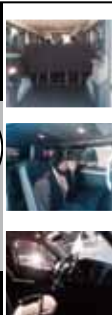
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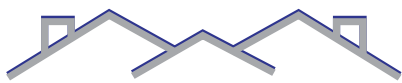
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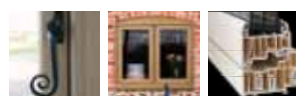
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