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Rainbow Bridge, Harold Wood Park

We are expecting the Forestry Commission to remove the old bridge on 1st July. In the meantime the Forestry Commission are answering initial questions from the Environment Agency with regards to the application to replace the bridge and subsequently provide a permit. Once we get further news then we shall update you.

St. Peter's Flower and Craft Festival 2022

We are very pleased to announce that the community of Harold Wood and surrounds helped raise £1885.87 for Guide Dogs.

Thank you to everyone who supported us.

Thank you for your help



I would like to personally thank Cllr Darren Wise for his perseverance and time in helping me to get this crossover installed outside my property which had been going on for well over a year. Finally, after considerable back and forth with the Council it was completed last month and I am so pleased with the result. Thank you once again.

STUART LUCKY

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

Men's Lunch



They say – 'all good things come to an end' – but the good news for Men's Lunch is that it all begins again in SEPTEMBER – TUESDAY, 13TH to be precise. Yes, our 2021-22 season has now concluded, so we are having a little summer break in July & August.

It has been a real joy to have been able to offer a full season of lunches following the enforced COVID postponement between April 2020 and June 2021. The past season saw lots of highlights, with a wonderful outing to Brookland Motor & Aviation Museum in May (see picture below!!), and a lovely Summer Special to round things off in June. A big 'Thank You' to everyone who has helped us make these lunches so enjoyable, and to all those who support us.



To keep up to date with services & events at St. Peter's over the summer, visit the website: <https://www.stpetersharoldwood.org/> or telephone the Welcome Desk on 01708 342080, or email: welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwood.org.

More details about next season in August. Until then, from all the ML Team, have a great summer.

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

New Council Administration

As you may know that there has been a change of administration at the Council following the local elections. We will wait to see what policies and improvements are being made before we pass judgement but we will be monitoring and scrutinising to ensure that Harold Wood is not

left out and disadvantaged as a result of these changes.

It is surprising and hypocritical that the HRA were very critical of HW Councillors working closely over the last 4 years with the last administration to try and get the best outcomes for Harold Wood yet they have gone into coalition with Labour and have given 2 key Chair positions to Conservative Councillors. This is after them saying that they would not enter into a coalition with Labour. On top of this, the 15% Special Responsibilities Allowance cut that we proposed and got passed at the Budget in March has now been superseded and the Leader has in effect given himself a pay rise of a £1000. We note that a new committee structure has been introduced but this will somewhat reduce scrutiny of the administration however we do acknowledge that as a result of this that some further savings in allowances will be made.

As your elected councillors, we will always fight for the residents of our area and we hope that you can support us in the coming years as we see what benefits this new administration arrangement will bring to the borough.

Baby, it's cold outside

My Great-grand children enjoy a daily swim in a heated pool. Whilst sharing their excitement, I don't envy them. I was brought up in a Victorian terrace house with just one cold water tap in the scullery. Mum believed the excess use of cold water was better than namby-pamby hot water and my raw neck proved it. My only contact with immersing in warm water was in the River Lea where the electricity supply people diverted a stream to take the heat out of the cooling towers by running cold water over the pipes and returning it to the Lea. The now warm water was great and I swallowed gallons of it, though what it did to the cold water wild life I can't imagine.

The opening of Enfield cold water Lido in the 30's should have helped, but when the weather was hot, the queues snaked across the car park (few people had cars)

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patiently awaited the bell that signalled two hours was up and the pool emptied and they were nearer getting in. In normal weather, they allowed people in once the water temperature reached 16 degrees. These weren't normal people I'm certain.

My break with outdoor swimming in Britain came on a February Sunday in '44.

We of the Enfield Home Guard paraded as usual and marched to the Lido. The gates were unlocked and we were ordered to stand to attention at the waters edge. It appears what was considered as commando training was to jump in, rifles on ones back and splash out for the far bank, the non-swimmers holding their rifles in front of them and kicking out with as much dignity as one could muster! The shock of this ridiculous action was such that I've no memory of the rest of the parade. At 17, it didn't help with my development and I've avoided cold water swimming ever since!

DENNIS GOODWIN

Lifeline Projects

Lifeline Community Development Workers Ani and Kerry support communities to develop plans to respond to serious youth violence, its causes, and consequences.

Prevention begins by saying hello to a young person and getting to know each other. So, that's where we begin; Saying hello to each other. Communication is key to strengthen bonds across generations. We host meetups, workshops and training sessions open to everyone in the community. This is an opportunity for all residents to join in the conversation within your role as a mentor.

If this sounds like you, give us an email or call on:

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07548382940 -

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CDLS London Marathon

Husband and wife residents from Harold Wood, Hannah & Adrian Topps, are both running their first marathon on 2nd October 2022. They're running the London marathon on behalf of the CdLS foundation. A charity which is close to their hearts as their son Luke was diagnosed with Cornelia De Lange Syndrome (CdLS) when he was 2 years old.

Adrian and Hannah want to help raise awareness of CdLS and are seeking the support of the Harold Wood and surrounding communities.

If anyone would like to support them in reaching their target and ultimately



supporting the CdLS charity please visit their page at;

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<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/adrian-topps>

Great Community Spirit

Thank you to all the residents who were involved in organising Street Parties to celebrate Queen Elizabeth 2nd's Platinum Jubilee in many streets in the Harold Wood area and from the feedback we have received everyone had an enjoyable time,

CLLR BRIAN EAGLING

A big THANK YOU to the Wombles for helping to clear litter today



The Community Project is to improve the area around the station car park and the Wombles' efforts were greatly appreciated.

RACHEL GRIMWOOD

Re-lining for Residential Roads

After a long wait and continuous chasing, finally most of the roads re-linings for parking bays etc. have been repainted and completed. A lot of work was necessary following the resurfacing of various roads and especially where residents either had a dropped curb installed or extended their existing one. The Council have been reminded where minor works are still to be completed.

CLLR MARTIN GOODE

Abandoned Vehicle

A white van was abandoned in Avenue road and despite making the Council aware it remained there for quite some time. Thankfully the Van has now been removed.



CLLR MARTIN GOODE

Station Car Park Clean up



The work to improve the area around the station carpark continues. The ground has been cleared behind the recycling bins in an attempt to manage the rat issues. More soil has arrived near the entrance to the carpark in preparation of the wild flowers seeds that will be sown and planted by local children. Watch this space!

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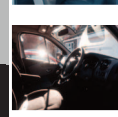
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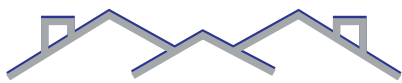


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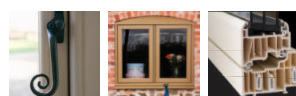
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