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

Although it's still the summer hols., Men's Lunch is now preparing for our new Autumn Season which begins on TUESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER. Full details will be published soon, but here's the lunch dates for your diary:

13th September – launch of new season, with a special Guest Speaker;

11th October – with a special Guest Speaker;

8th November – with a Remembrance Theme;

6th December (1st Tues. of month) – Christmas Special (with carols).

To keep up to date with services & events at St. Peter's over the summer, visit the website:

<https://www.stpetersharoldwood.org/>

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

Havering in Bloom

If you enjoy gardening and have a garden to be proud of then why not enter the 2022 Havering in Bloom competition which has opened and will close on 2 September 2022.

These are the categories:

- Best Front Garden
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- Best Hanging Basket
- Tallest Sunflower
- Best School Display

Visit the following link for more information
<https://www.havering.gov.uk/inbloom>



Rainbow Bridge, Harold Wood Park

Forestry England's application for the replacement bridge was duly made on the 15th June and the fee paid. The Environment Agency have stated that feedback will be provided within two months.

We are pleased that the removal of the existing bridge was started on time and has now been completely removed. A temporary barrier has now been installed at the end of the path until the new bridge is installed.



Harold Wood Station Tannoy Announcements

Over the last few months we have received complaints from residents about the Tannoy system at Harold Wood Station being too loud and the frequency of these.

I have been in contact with our GLA member to take the matter up with TFL and TFL undertook site visits in May to test the sound, which uncovered a volume issue and the volume was subsequently lowered. The number of announcements playing at Harold Wood was also reduced. TFL have amended the timings of the security public announcement so it starts later and finishes earlier.

Hopefully this has helped local residents living in the vicinity of the station.

CLLR DARREN WISE



ULEZ Extension of the Zone

TFL are consulting on proposals to expand the Ultra Low Emission Zone London-wide on 29 August 2023. They want to hear your views on the proposals. These proposals are part of the commitment by the Mayor of London and TfL to help improve air quality and public health, tackle the climate emergency and reduce traffic congestion across Greater London.

This will affect and impact Havering residents and it is important that you

give your feedback to the Mayor. The consultation closes on 29 July 2022 at 23:59.

<https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/ultra-low-emission-zone>


This initiative is not something that we fully support at this time as there is a cost implication for our residents and unless there is a generous scrappage scheme in place we do feel that any implementation should be delayed until other alternatives other than charging motorists is considered. Whilst traffic congestion and air quality in central London is more noticeable, outer London Boroughs such as Havering are not as impacted by this so is this just another money making scheme by the London Mayor.

Shepherd's Hill/Phillida Road

Following feedback from residents, we have formally handed in a petition to the council to consult on implementing parking restrictions in Shepherds Hill (either side of the Array) and Phillida Road. This will take some time to consult and implement if indeed the Council approves the restrictions in the first place.

Happy Retirement

For a great number of years at Harold Wood Methodist Church Renee Francis has led a group mainly for older people, called Women's Own. During their afternoon meetings members have enjoyed a variety of speakers and many different activities, such as card-making and flower-arranging, all sourced and led by Renee, as well as an enjoyable social afternoon enjoying each other's company and a cuppa and a chat before leaving for home. During her time as leader Renee has also organized trips out to seaside towns and garden centres, which have been much-appreciated by those who would have been unable to access such places for themselves. The meetings always included a devotional aspect, with a prayer and a hymn.

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In addition Renee has always had the care of her members at heart, sending cards at birthdays and keeping in contact by phone or letter if a member was unwell. She did this faithfully right through the pandemic when the group was unable to meet.

Advancing years have led Renee to take the decision to hang up her hat and, sadly, the group will cease to meet at the end of July. Everyone who knows Renee will be very grateful for her love and concern throughout the years and wish her a long and happy retirement.

Regular Flooding in Harold View



After consistently chasing the Council up and reporting the regular Flooding problem, I was pleased to receive a report confirming that an inspection was carried out and a number of surface water manholes in the area were found to be blocked.

Following this inspection, Thames water have been instructed to jet & clear out a number of the neighbouring sewers and drains that are causing this repeated Flooding issue, especially after the heavy downpour of rain.

CLLR MARTIN GOODE

Supporting our schools

We were very pleased to help out at the summer fetes for the Harold Wood Primary School and Harold Court Primary School. Both events were very well attended and these were successful events for both schools. Well done to the PTA of both schools for their dedication and hard work in organising these events as they take a great deal of hard work.



School Streets Consultation Harold Wood Primary School/Redden Court

As you may know the council will be launching its School Streets initiative locally (for Harold Wood Primary School and Redden Court School) and across other schools in Havering from September. This was following the sending out of 654 consultation letters to residents locally. The scheme is part of the Mayor of London TfL's Sustainable Travel: Active, Responsible, Safe (STARS) scheme; which has been developed for London schools and nurseries and is intended to inspire young people to travel to school sustainably, actively, responsibly and safely by championing walking, scooting and cycling.

Furthermore the council has issued letters to residents detailing the exemptions to the scheme which can be applied for by residents living in the following roads from 25th July 2022 – Cotswold Road, Upland Court Road, Recreation Ave, Beltinge Road, Coombe Road and Ravensbourne Crescent. The scheme will run in term

time only Monday to Friday 8.15am to 9am and 2.30pm to 3.30pm. The trial will run for 18 months and the first 6 months will be used as a consultation period for any feedback. A copy of the letter can be found on our website.

<https://www.hwhpra.org.uk/2022/06/25/school-streets-consultation-2/>

We are aware of some residents who are unhappy about the scheme and we ask that any feedback is provided to the council during the 6 month consultation period as that will help to determine the future direction of the scheme.

SIMPLE INTEREST

Like most people, my life has been simplified by lockdown. I don't make unnecessary journeys and tend to keep at home, apart from my daily walk round the park. I'm sure it's been the same for most of my generation, at least. Perhaps I should have slowed down anyway being in my nineties, but I just carried on until lockdown seemed to mark a turning point and I began to feel 90. I'd seen others of my age sitting in their armchairs in care homes staring into space and didn't feel any affinity, now I can almost imagine myself sitting there dribbling. Mentally, I feel the same and feel sure if I just made the effort I could get on my bike again or do the garden, but once I get out of the chair, it all seems too much effort!

I miss conversation. If I do meet someone of my age, I often find they haven't got many interests, let alone similar interests. Most insist on describing their frailties, where I'm only interested in my ailments! The other night I saw an old programme on BBC of a Perry Como concert, which I enjoyed. I met an acquaintance and told him I'd seen Perry Como and how good the broadcast had been. He looked a bit vacant and dismissed it saying they were all the same and it was ridiculous with a defending attorney who never lost a case, confusing Perry Como with Perry Mason!

I get the generations mixed up. I was discussing the Jubilee parties with a woman with teenage kids and innocently asked her if she remembered going to any Coronation street parties. She quietly but firmly pointed out it was 70 years ago and she hadn't been born! I can recall a street party just before we moved here August '53. I even remember George VI Coronation party in May 1937, tho' a bit vague on the George V Silver Jubilee in 1935! The trouble is one can't choose what to remember. Only today my daughter was talking about the chap who does the MOTs on our cars. She named him. I knew who she meant, but cannot recall what he looked like! How is it I recite the firing order of a V-8 engine but struggle over my postcode digits. Not only must one aim to remember only interesting things, but they have to be interesting to the person you're with. Let's hope I meet someone in the park knowing something of interest to provide content to fill this space for the next issue.



DENNIS GOODWIN

Planning application: King Harold Public house

We are pleased to advise that the planning application to demolish the existing Pub and redevelopment for 25 residential units has been refused by Havering Council. There were many objections made to this application, but we as your local Councillors objected strongly to the impact this overdevelopment would have on the neighbouring residents and specifically requested for a further review on the decision making process. We were pleased to see that the majority of our comments were included in the list of issues that were identified as reasons for refusal.

Actor Nick Joseph led the Queens Baton Relay in Maldon Essex

The baton had been to Southend that morning (July 8th) then travelled on to Maldon. Over 70,000 people attended to watch the Queens Baton Relay and it is now on its way to Birmingham for the opening of the Commonwealth Games



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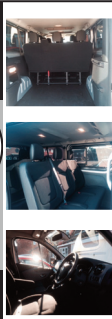
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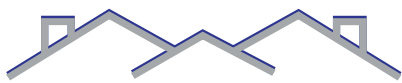
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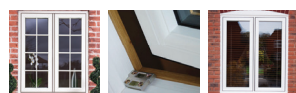
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