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LOOKING AFTER OUR COMMUNITY SEPTEMBER 22

Speeding along Warley Road, Hall Lane and Nags Head Lane Junction

We are very disappointed with the Council for not taking the matter of speeding along this section of the road seriously as we have raised this matter on various occasions in 2020, 2021 and 2022 and yet nothing has been done. The reason given that this will need to go onto a schemes programme list and will be dependent on whether funding is available. We believe this is unacceptable and we shall be raising this with the cabinet member demanding that action be taken to introduce traffic calming measures to reduce speeding and ensure safety is paramount bearing in mind that there have been a number of accidents in this vicinity over the last few years and beyond.

Haverling Antique Collectors Club & speaker

Friday 16th September - Charlie Haylock on the "The Dig" - entertaining look behind-the-scenes of the Netflix film. 7.30pm for 7.45pm

Harold Wood Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood.

New members welcome - Annual Membership £35, Guests £5. Further details contact Chairman Mrs Chris Lovett 07947 367 258

Tesco Planning Appeal Decision

Great News was received last month with the decision made by the Planning inspectorate to uphold the Council's decision to reject the planning application by Weston Homes to build 87 dwellings in the lower part of the Tesco car park. This was especially welcomed by the Harold Wood Councillors and local campaigners who actively fought to get this ridiculous application rejected. It was great to see that people power won the day! Further details of the planning inspectorate rejection letter can be found on our website - <https://www.hwhpra.org.uk/2022/07/30/tesco-planning-appeal-decision/>

Condolences

We would like to offer our condolences to the family of the motorcyclist that was involved in a fatal accident in Shepherds Hill during August. Our thoughts are with the family

Date for your Diary

Remembrance Sunday -

13th November 2022

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.



TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2022 at 11:30AM A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

St. Peter's Church 'Men's Lunch' 2022/23 season begins as above. We warmly invite any men around on this day to join us here in Harold Wood for a home cooked meal and an interesting talk/presentation.

The new autumn programme was published on the 1st August, and is now available from St. Peter's.

To get the new season going, our September 'after lunch' special guest speaker is:

CHRIS BATES

Chris is a long-standing member of St. Peter's, and we look forward to welcoming him.

As this is our first lunch of the new season, **EVERYONE NEEDS TO BOOK IN PLEASE.** To book your place or for more details, please phone St. Peter's Welcome Desk on 01708 342080, or email: welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwood.org or visit the website:

www.stpetersharoldwood.org. (type 'Men's Lunch' into the search box).

We look forward to welcoming new and existing members - all are very welcome.

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

At Long Last!

After about a year of requesting TFL to replace the safety rails along the A12 and adjacent to the BT telephone Exchange, finally these have been repaired. This will now provide better safety for pedestrians using this pathway.

CLLR DARREN WISE

BEFORE



AFTER



Happy to Recommend

I had some building work and PVC windows installed by a local company called Hands On Homes.

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A LOCAL RESIDENT

THE DAYS DWINDLE DOWN, TO A PRECIOUS FEW

At a recent club meeting I received a generous round of applause on reaching 96. I couldn't really see why, it wasn't deliberate; I've just lasted all those years. I hadn't made a particular effort; it just seemed natural to keep on living.

Looking at the news, I do wonder if it's worth it! I've been through crises before, but this one keeps going on and on.

I thought of talking it over with fellow nonagenarians, but I couldn't find any old men able to stay awake long enough to remember the good old days and the senior women were too busy doing things to discuss the side-valve Morris 8, Fred Perry or the Yo-Yo. I thought of contacting the Queen as we are the same age and we might reminisce about families for instance, but on reflection she might feel uncomfortable with her bunch.

I suppose I've been lucky in getting the right genes. I don't go around feeling grateful, as one is always aware of the ageing process, as bits wear out and fall off. Whenever someone asks me how I am and I start to tell them, they come up with their condition, which is always decidedly worse, so I don't try to compete and keep quiet.

Each day, getting up needs a bigger effort. I walk round Harold Wood Park and inexplicably there now seems to be uphill slopes on all 4 sides! I make it home, looking forward to the evening, convincing myself it was worth it, until I glance at the TV programmes. I'm aware of frequent memory lapses but I'm sure TV was a lot more entertaining in the olden days! We're the age group that watch TV, yet the programmes certainly aren't aimed at us. I was going to explain further, but I see you've dropped off so I'll leave you to your nap.

DENNIS GOODWIN

Fallen Tree



A resident informed me of a large tree that had fallen and blocked the walkway in Painsbrook Park. I immediately notified the Council's emergency out of hour's service to report the matter and arrange its removal. I chased the Council up again on the Monday morning and the tree plus all the debris, were eventually cleared.

CLLR MARTIN GOODE

XMAS CELEBRATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

It's never too early to think about Christmas! Following the success of last year, there will be a second Community Christmas Event in Harold Wood Station Carpark on Saturday 26th November from 3pm to 7pm. The event aims to bring everyone together celebrating the tradition of Christmas with a live Nativity, music, cake competition and activities



for all the family. Please save the date in your diaries with further information to follow.

RACHEL GRIMWOOD

Congratulations



We would like to send our congratulations and best wishes to Mary Joseph who is 104yrs of age seen here with her Granddaughter Nicola and Great Granddaughters Amy & Milly. What a remarkable age and we wish her the very best for her special day.

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See link for more information - https://www.royalmail.com/sites/royalmail.com/files/2022-07/Stamp_swap_out_form_over_200_pounds_v1.6.pdf



Harold Wood Wombles



Whilst out litterpicking today in Harold Wood Park we found evidence of two fires being started in the children's play area which could be potentially dangerous given the current weather conditions.



Help us by acting if you should see anyone lighting fires by either collecting evidence and letting us know or reporting to the police. Also, there is a lot of dog poo in the park which means that inconsiderate dog owners are not picking up and binning it. Come on! You are not being fair to other dog owners and people who use the park on a regular basis.

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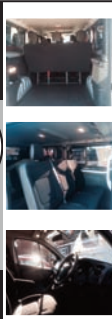
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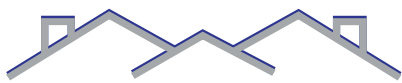
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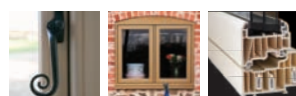
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