

# THE BULLETIN



# Harold Wood, Hill Park Residents' Association Est 2009. Representing the Interests of Harold Wood Ward

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## LOOKING AFTER OUR COMMUNITY November 22

### **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.



### Havering Antique Collectors Club & speaker

Friday 18 November – Peter Cockburn on Silver Spoons & Hallmarks 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

### Remembering our Queen



We would like to thank Rachel Grimwood for organising a book of condolence to be signed by local residents at Harold Wood Station after the recent passing of our late Queen Elizabeth II. Many residents came to sign the book and lay some flowers. We also laid some flowers on behalf of the Harold Wood Councillors and Residents' Association. Cllr Goode and Cllr Wise also attended a remembrance service for the Queen at St Peter's Church and this was a lovely moving tribute to Her Majesty.

### 'We Will Remember Them!'

As part of St. Peter's November Men's Lunch (ML), we will once again be including a short 'Act of Remembrance'. The lunch date is:-



Men's Lunch Autumn 2022

After lunch this year, we look forward to watching a short video on 'The History of the Cenotaph', produced to coinside with the 100 anniversay of its unveiling on Whitehall in 2020. Chris Knowles, our ML Team Leader, will also offer us a 'Rememberance Thought'.

To book your lunch place, to cancel (please let us know asap), or to check if you're on the list, please phone St. Peter's Welcome Desk on 01708 342080, or email: welcome.desk@ stpetersharoldwood.org, or visit the website:

www.stpetersharoldwood.org. (key men's lunch into the search box).

We look forward to seeing you on the 8th.

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

### Parks Strategy and Survey

Havering council have launched a parks strategy survey and park users are encouraged to complete this. This is especially important due to a recent decision by the local authority not to close the park gates at night-time which runs the risk of anti-social behaviour in our parks and effectively keeps them open 24/7. We think this is unacceptable and do not agree with the decision that has been made.



Please complete by 11 November https://consultation.havering.gov.uk/environment/parks-strategy-survey

## Free 1 hr Parking - GONE

Unfortunately, as reported in our last Bulletin, the new HRA and Labour Council administration have decided to

scrap the free 1hr on street parking and this will now cost us £1.50 for an hour to park and they have also

scrapped the 20% discount for using the RingGo App when paying.

We still urge residents to support our local shops in Harold Wood and Harold Hill as we need them in our local shopping areas and they are vital to our community.

This was disappointing as we had free parking even before Covid and now they are using this as an excuse to scrap the free 1hr parking as they have stated that they wanted to go back to what was been charged pre-covid. Let's hope the ticket machines get fixed and stop being out of use.

## **Annual Xmas Fayre**

8th Squirrels Heath Scout
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Xmas Fayre on Saturday 17th
December between 10am and 1pm.

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# Best Wishes to Bunny Eagling

We would like to send our best wishes to Brian's wife Bunny who is recovering from an operation that she had done recently. We are pleased to say that she is recuperating and is on the mend with plenty of Physio. Suffice to say that she is keeping Brian busy whilst he is supporting her needs.

GET WELL SOON.

## Harold Wood Primary School



I'm very pleased and excited to be the new Head Teacher at Harold Wood Primary School. The children, parents, staff and the Harold Wood community have been incredibly welcoming. We look forward to opening our gates to the community on Friday 4th November for our Firework Show and hope to get involved in lots of community events in the coming months."

MR. STUART FRYD HEAD TEACHER

### **Christmas Market**

Harold Court Primary School PTA are hosting it's Christmas Market on Friday 25 November at 3.30pm - 7pm at Harold Court Primary School, Church Road, Harold Wood, RM3 0SH

PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT US!



# Christmas in the Community Event 2022

Why not come along to this event in the Station car park on Saturday 26th November from 3pm to 7pm as last year's event was a great success. There will be a cake competition, a charity Christmas market and live music and fun for all the family. Hope to see you there.

### **Christmas Market**

Come along to the Christmas Market on Sunday 27th November 12 - 3pm at The Most Holy Redeemer Church Hall. Petersfield Avenue, Harold Hill, RM3 9PB. Free entry



### **MINORITY REPORT**

Amongst the many facts spouted on TV over the life of the Queen, I heard that 92% of the population had only known the one monarch. It got me thinking that we, the minority who had been subjects of earlier Royalty, were now so few. In fact I can even remember a street party for the Silver Jubilee of George V in 1935, though I haven't found anybody else to reminisce with about the event.

It's all so long ago and with only 8% of us left, why should they care? According to statistics, Havering has the oldest population of the London Boroughs yet has only 700 males over 90, giving me around a 1 in 300 chance of meeting another oldie with whom to put the world to rights.

TV isn't aimed at us either. I feel quite the 8% outsider with most TV programmes Freeview provides, and have no desire to get involved in them. Even if I paid for Sky or Virgin it'd be more of the same and I'm not attracted. It's logical for the provider to

for the provider to concentrate on the younger 92%, as they are the ones with the spending money, not the tight-fisted 8% of us oldies.

When the TV does show old programmes, my enthusiasm quickly wanes when I find them ponderous and dated, like I've become!

If a programme tries to go back in time they frequently make a mistake which has me wishing there was somebody around with whom I can share a laugh at their howler. I heard a supposed wartime character recently who spoke of "landing craft at Dunkirk", a phrase that is meaningless!

It's about as relevant as me criticising pre-war radio programmes, I'd be relying on early memories and it'd hardly be accurate. At least there's nobody alive from that generation to get upset and write about my ignorance. I think I'll stick to my writing!

DENNIS GOODWIN









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