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LOOKING AFTER OUR COMMUNITY

December 22

Merry Xmas and Happy New Year

We would like to wish all our supporters, deliverers, advertisers, readers, and members a very Merry Christmas and happy New Year.
We hope 2023 will be a happy year for us all and that we take time to remember our loved ones, friends, and relatives that we lost during 2022.

Santa Surprise!

Your local Councillors were pleased to attend and support the local Christmas Fayres held at the Harold Court Primary School and Harold Wood Primary School.



Xmas Lights

Once again we have to thank the many organisations, businesses, schools and shops for donating towards the xmas lights in Station Road. We have a great community spirit in Harold Wood and it is because of your support. Please support our local shops over the festive period and into the New Year.

Council Budget Consultation Have Your Say!

Havering Council has issued its budget consultation and you are invited to have your say on local services such as refuse collection, parking charges and Housing. This survey is open until 30 December 2022 so please give your comments at:

<https://consultation.havering.gov.uk/corporate/budget-2023>

It would be helpful also if you can give the Harold Wood Councillors your thoughts on what is important to you in the Budget Consultation by dropping us an email to hwhpra@btinternet.com or visit our website and add your comments: <https://www.hwhpra.org.uk/2022/10/22/havering-council-budget-consultation-2023-2024/>

Remembrance Day

We would like to thank all those residents that turned up to pay their respects on Remembrance Sunday at the War Memorial outside Harold Wood Library. This event outside the library continues to go from strength to strength each year and we would also like to thank our sponsors Harold Wood Funeral Services and McDonalds Romford along with St Peter's Church and the representatives of our Armed Forces, Police, WI and our local schools for attending the event. Special thanks, also goes out to John Taylor who kindly provided the PA system



on the day and for playing those most popular wartime songs for us all to enjoy.

We also like to thank the many other organisations and shops that donated and bought a poppy wreath for laying at the memorial.

Havering Antique Collectors Club & speaker

Speaker Ann Wilmore - Quiz guessing the use of Antique Objects - 20th January 2023

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



HAPPY CHRISTMAS (& NEW YEAR) FROM ST. PETER'S MEN'S LUNCH

Here's a quick update from the Men's Lunch Team.

We are now looking forward to our Christmas and New Year lunch events. Doors open for both events at 11:30am. Here's the dates for your diary:

TUESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER (1st Tues. of the month)

Join us for a Christmas lunch, and then enjoy carol singing from our good friends - HAROLD COURT SCHOOL CHOIR. This is the first time since 2019 (thanks to COVID) that the school have been able to join us, so do come and welcome them back!

TUESDAY, 10TH JANUARY 2023

We look forward to a New Year lunch with guest speaker - RICHARD CAPLIN (a Men's Lunch member).

Booking has now opened for the Christmas lunch and places are likely to be popular, so please don't delay!

Email: welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwood.org or telephone: 01708 342080.

Booking for the New Year lunch will open on 6th December.

We wish all readers of The Bulletin a very joyous Christmas and a happy New Year.

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

Planning Enforcement

Harold Wood Councillors were astonished to hear that the Council has reduced its Planning Enforcement staff by up to 60% due to its cost cutting measures. This will allow unscrupulous developers and some householders to try and circumvent planning requirements and there will be planning breaches all over the borough. This will cause existing employees to suffer fatigue, burnout and stress. This is a big mistake of the Council administration and they seem to be making plenty of them at the moment. You can read more about this in the Romford Recorder at the following link - <https://www.hwhpra.org.uk/2022/11/05/planning-enforcement-officers-cut/>

CLLR DARREN WISE

Rainbow Bridge Update

We have been informed that Forestry England have completed the tender process and intend to award the contract to install the new bridge this week.

The bridge will be built and delivered in approximately 12 weeks so we are looking at the end of November for this to be completed. Installation will then take place early to mid-December, subject to environmental conditions.

ONCE A CONFIRMED START DATE IS KNOWN, WE SHALL LET YOU KNOW.

Harold Wood Primary School Events



Join us at Harold Wood Primary School for our Christmas shopping evening on Friday 9th December 7.00-10.00pm free entry lots of local businesses selling beautiful gifts plus festive food & drink and a raffle

Annual Xmas Fayre



8th Squirrels Heath Scout Group are holding their Annual Xmas Fayre on Saturday 17th December between 10am and 1pm.

The Scout Hall is opposite the entrance to Harold Wood Station Car Park, Station Road, Harold Wood.

Visit Santa, Chocolate Tombola, Xmas gifts much more.

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Date for Your Diary



Brass Band Concert

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St Francis Hospice

Collier Row Community Centre (NRCC)

(Clockhouse Lane, Collier Row, RM5 3QJ)

Sunday April 23rd 2023

2.30 for 3pm till 5pm

Green Flag Award for Harold Wood Park

It was good to hear that once again Harold Wood Park has had a green flag award and we thank the Friends of Harold Wood Parks for their continuing efforts alongside other volunteers whom also help out in our parks. Well done all!

Overgrown shrubs

I was contacted by a resident asking for the overgrown front garden to be cut back as this property in Cornflower Way was a PSL Council property that was vacant.



Following a number of weeks chasing the council, I was finally pleased to see it being cut back and cleared.

If you have an overgrown garden please can you cut back especially if it overhangs the public highway as this sometimes causes obstacles for a number of our residents especially some that may have disabilities and/or maybe partially sighted. Let's think of others in our community especially as we are coming into the new season of goodwill.

CLLR DARREN WISE

Caring for the Community

After chasing Havering Council's Ground maintenance and streetcare teams several times, finally the privet hedges along the Colchester Road between the junctions of Avenue Road and Gubbins lane, were cut back. Access along the walkway towards the Bus stop was becoming very dangerous to the public to pass-by without being very close to the A12 carriageway and this was causing problems for young

mothers with pushchairs, mobility scooter users and partially sighted residents.

CLLR MARTIN GOODE

A special thank you to our local resident Stuart, who informed us that some rubbish had been left in Hamilton drive by the waste collection service, and also some rubbish that had been dumped in the alleyway. We immediately notified the Council who arranged for its clearance.

CLLR'S BRIAN EAGLING AND MARTIN GOODE



What a Hero

Dennis Goodwin at the age of 96 years old has retired from delivering The Bulletin and handed over to a younger resident. Dennis has supported and been involved with the Resident's Association for over 25 years

and we cannot thank him enough for his dedication to us. Dennis used to say why pay to go to the Gym when you can get your exercise delivering the bulletin especially the bending up and down pushing it through the letterboxes. We are thankful that Dennis will still be doing his interesting articles for The Bulletin as we would be lost without him.

DENNIS YOU TRULY ARE OUR HERO AND WE THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT OVER SO MANY YEARS.

CLLR. BRIAN EAGLING, CLLR. MARTIN GOODE, CLLR. DARREN WISE

XMAS ANNUAL

Come December, it seems inevitable that someone reviews the past year. Having looked back on 2022, I don't feel I can oblige, as my piece is supposed to be light weight and what with Putin, Covid, the economy and a Royal Death, it doesn't qualify. A coronation in the coming year might be cause for celebration, especially if it covers a slap-up meal for all old age pensioners!



A daily walk round the park and a weekly trip to Tesco hardly provide memorable prose, so I have to keep going to collect material for these articles

Trying to think optimistically for the New Year, apart from the coronation, there is always something on at St. Peter's Church. The Men's Club and Good Companion's who meet regularly, break up the week and are worth visiting for the food, talks and companionship.

At my age, one can only hope for

pain-free days, just enough rain to water the garden and the company of interesting people to take one's mind of the daily news.

Happy New Year!

DENNIS GOODWIN



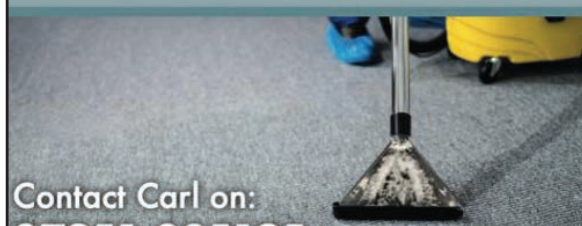
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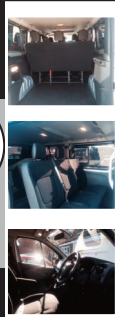
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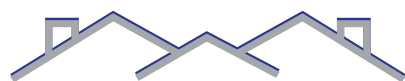


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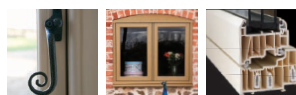
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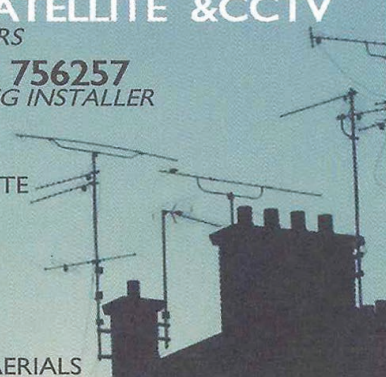
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