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LOOKING AFTER OUR COMMUNITY February 2023

Wombles Reach 2 Years



I would like to congratulate my fabulous Womble Team on reaching our 2 year Anniversary. We have litterpicked Harold Wood Park every week for two years and our only time off was Christmas and adverse weather conditions. I would like to say a huge thank you to Barbara, Stuart, Yvonne W, Janet, John, Sheila, Yvonne, Jim, Eddie, Premila and Jean also to Brian who not only litter picks but makes us all a welcome cup of tea when we have finished. I would also like to thank the Wombles who litterpick their own roads and other various roads around Harold Wood and Harold Park helping to keep these areas a clean and tidy place to live.

CHIEF WOMBLE BUNNY EAGLING



Elderly Persons Crossing Sign

Following requests from our elderly residents for warning signs to be installed by Cockabourne Court and Beehive Court, we are pleased to say that following repeated escalation of this to the relevant officers that these have now been installed on relevant lamp columns within the vicinity.



New Dog Waste Bin

It has taken nearly 18 months since we requested that a new dog waste bin be replaced in Cornflower Way due to the corrosion of the previous bin. Finally after many emails and requests and even getting senior council officers to approve, we finally have a new bin in place.

CLLR DARREN WISE

The Array – Premises Licence Review and Pending Appeal

After spending 2 very long days in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall at the beginning of December, the Council's Licencing Sub-committee finally heard and reviewed the Premises License for the Array. All sides were able to present their own personal statements and also reveal their own personal experiences of the current situation.

After long deliberation and reviewing all of the written and oral statements that were made by the Array's legal representative's, Council officers, the local residents and councillors, the Council's Licencing Sub - Committee agreed upon and decided to reduce the closing times for these premises from 12 midnight to 11:00pm during the week (Monday to Thursday) and from 1:00am to midnight at the weekend (Friday to Sunday). In addition to this decision, the Committee also placed 16 further conditions to the Arrays current operation functions, in order to promote the prevention of crime and disorder, Prevention of public nuisance and public safety licencing objectives going forward.

However, although it came as no surprise to us the owners of the Array lodged an appeal on the 23rd December, against the Council's decision. Therefore, we will now have to wait upon another hearing to be conducted at the Local Magistrates Court and await their decision.

Haverling Antique Collectors Club & speaker

Speaker - Geoff Bowden
- The Life and Music of Ivor Novello - 17th February 2023

Harold Wood Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood.

New members welcome - Annual Membership for the Haverling Antique Collectors Club is £35, Guests £5.

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So Will The HRA/Labour Joint administration call for a stop to ULEZ?

The expansion of London's Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) to 99 per cent of the capital's roads in order to tackle congestion and pollution could backfire if a disagreement breaks out between Transport for London (TfL) and Outer London boroughs opposed to the measure.

Although TfL is the city's public transport authority, it only owns around five per cent of London's road network. The majority of the capital's roads are owned by each of the 32 borough councils and the City of London, who have the ultimate say on what appears on each of them. In order for TfL's ULEZ expansion plans to work, it intends to put 2750 extra ANPR cameras around the expanded ULEZ boundary, but as so many of the roads the cameras are planned to go on are actually run by borough councils, it relies on their permission and goodwill to install them. Many of the outer London Boroughs have already issued statement opposing the expansion plan.

So what will Haverling Council do?

The new Joint administration are certainly in the driving seat, but actually voted against a motion that was presented at Full council to oppose the introduction of the ULEZ expansion by all means within its power. But surely this can still be achieved through a strong objection to TFL and the London Mayor.

St. Peter's Men's Lunch

As this is the first edition of 2023, a belated

Men's Lunch



'Happy New Year' to all Bulletin readers from the Men's Lunch Team.

Our 2023 season is now well underway, and the next lunch event will be held on TUESDAY, 14th FEBRUARY 2023, from 11:30am in St. Peter's Church Centre, Harold Wood.

Our February special guest speaker is JOFF TRINDER. Joff works for the local charity 'Christian Hope International' (CHI) based in Church Road, Harold Wood, and he will be giving us a talk/presentation on CHI projects – in particular a recent trip to Rwanda. Oh, and by way, Joff is also Chris Knowles's son-in-law!

To reserve your lunch place; check if you're on the list, or cancel,

please telephone St. Peter's Welcome Desk on 01708 342080, or email: welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwood.org.

We look forward to welcoming you on the 14th February.

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

WAVING THE FLAG



Reading that Harold Wood Park has received another green flag pleases me. In many ways the park is our biggest asset. I came here in 1953 with two children, no car and a massive mortgage and the park frequently provided a haven of peace. Three generations of our family have played there, enjoyed the amenities and fresh air. When even the park seems crowded, on the edge is the solitude of the Common.

My daily walk round the park may be shrinking to one through the park, but it gives me a break from "Caring". I never miss a day and cannot visualise doing so, as it keeps me sane. At the moment the park is looked after immaculately and I hope any economies from the council spare the budget of the park maintenance.

Today was a cold November day yet the tennis courts, three football pitches and the children's amenities were all in use. There is little sign of vandalism other than parking on the grass as the car park was overflowing, reflecting the popularity of the venue. I think I'd better stop going on about the pleasures of the place, as it might make it sound too attractive and we get more visitors than we can cope with. I don't wish to promote the place, just ensure we keep the facilities we have for those who enjoy them.

DENNIS GOODWIN

Pot Holes and Road Defects

A very concerned resident informed us about a very bad pot hole in Church road that was potentially dangerous. We immediately notified the Council, who quickly arranged for a temporary repair. We regularly report Pot holes, damaged roads and defects, to the Council's



neighbourhood team, and request for an immediate inspection and repair, as soon as we have identified these potholes on our ward walkabouts or if they are reported to us by residents. Most of our requests we make are dealt with in a reasonable timeframe, but recently due to staff shortages at the Council some repairs and replacements are now taking a lot longer than before to be actioned and resolved.

Rainbow Bridge Update



At the time of going to print, we have been advised that Forestry England have taken delivery of the new bridge. Installation is planned to take place and should be completed by end of January.



Collapsed Traffic Control Sign

A concerned Local resident advised me that a traffic sign and post had been knocked down and was lying

on the roadway which was now causing a danger to the public. Although this matter had been reported, I immediately visited the site and saw that it was potentially very dangerous and needed urgent attention. Therefore, I immediately notified the Council and explained that there were live cables protruding from the bottom of the post therefore, this matter was very urgent and could they arrange for its safe removal. The Council attended the location very quickly and made the post and area Safe.

CLLR MARTIN GOODE

New Waste Contract

Havering Council has signed a new integrated public realm contract with Urbaser Ltd, which means that Havering's current in-house street cleansing contract will be outsourced to a private contractor along with waste collection and weed control services.

The contract starts from 30th July 2023 and there will be more recycling of plastic pots, tubs and glass bottles and jars. Existing staff from the LBH cleansing and waste collection teams will transfer over to the private contractor under TUPE rules.

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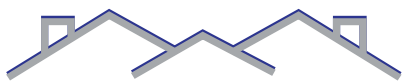
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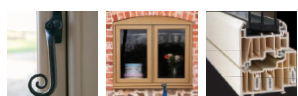
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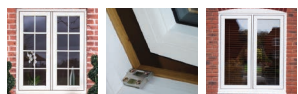


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