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LOOKING AFTER OUR COMMUNITY

March 2023

NEWSFLASH!

Council tax is set to increase under the HRA/Labour Administration to 5.94%.

Parking charges Free 30 mins to remain but 1hr parking charge to increase to £2.10 and up to £5.10 for up to 3hrs.

Resident's Parking permits per annum. Charges, will now double in cost on all permits from April.

Example: 1st permit per household was £35 will increase to £70; 2nd permit per household was £60 will increase to £140.

The Statement after the election by the HRA/Labour administration was that Change is Coming - is this what they mean by change?

More on the budget in our next Bulletin.

War on the Motorist!

Is Havering becoming like an inner London Borough? We seem to be with all these initiatives that are aimed at the motorist and designed to penalise motorists if they fall foul of them. The reasons we seem to hear all the time is that it is to improve air quality or is it just a ploy to raise more revenue for the Council and TFL. These are just some of the issues that the motorist in Havering faces:

- Parking ticket machines not working
- School Streets Enforcement
- Bus lane camera enforcement;
- Right Turn Camera enforcement at certain turnings; and the
- Council now starting to enforce on yellow box junctions

And then we will have the ULEZ implemented by the Mayor of London

with the Council not stopping the camera's being installed on their land. Where will this all end, we may as well give up the car and walk!

And Labour say that ULEZ won't hurt the poorest very much but with all these other penalties on the motorist I think we beg to differ!

Be Aware - Think outside the box



Havering Council is reminding drivers not to get caught out in a yellow box junction. To help traffic flow more easily with less congestion, camera enforcement is increasing on traffic contraventions like banned turning movements, drivers ignoring one-way signs, driving in a bus lane and those who wait in a yellow box junction.

You may enter a yellow box junction when your exit is clear and there is enough space on the other side of the junction for your vehicle to clear the box completely without stopping. You can stop in a yellow box junction when turning right if you are prevented from turning by oncoming traffic, or by other vehicles waiting to turn right.

The locations that we are aware of are:
Main Road/Upper Brentwood Road
Havering Road/Collier Row Lane
Hornchurch Road/Abbs Cross Lane

Havering Talking Newspaper

Havering Talking Newspaper is a local charity that provides audio news and magazine content for vision impaired citizens of Havering free of charge. We are seeking volunteers to help in the preparation of our editions, if you are a budding journalist and can spare a few hours per week, we would love to hear from you, no experience is necessary.

If you would like to learn more please contact, Greg Brome, Chair of Havering Talking Newspaper, on 07958 314149.

Where does our car tax go

Following resident's enquiries about how DVLA Road fund licence is spent I have been advised of the following: All monies collected from vehicles registered in London goes into a

central fund to be spent by Highways England. None of the money is spent in London as London is managed by TFL which has a separate budget.

CLLR BRIAN EAGLING

We Never Gave Up

After making contact with the Forestry Commission back in September 2021 regarding the condition of the Rainbow bridge in Harold Wood Park it was found to be unsafe and had to be closed off and we were informed it would cost around £60,000 to replace.

The bridge was not the responsibility of the Council so we had to deal with the Forestry Commission and we spent many months of meetings, complaining and pushing for the replacement of the bridge but we felt we were getting nowhere. We then brought up a motion at Full Council Meeting and handed in a 725 signature petition to get the Council involved and we were successful in this and things started to move forward.

It has been a slow process but we are pleased to say that the new bridge has arrived and works have begun to fit and secure the bridge into place, in order for the residents of Harold Wood and neighbouring area to use and again explore Pages Wood.



Nearly there, not long to go
(photo 11/02/2023)

Congratulations

Harold Court Primary School are proud to share the exciting news following their two-day Ofsted Inspection in November. We are delighted to confirm that we have remained a 'Good' school under the new framework.



The inspectors found that the school had a warm and nurturing environment where each pupil feels valued. They were so impressed with the 'polite' and respectful pupils and observed what we see every day; that our children 'are proud to be part of the school'.

"ULEZ won't hurt the poorest very much" -

Councillor Jane Keane

13th July 2022

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What
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Where
Kingsland Hall, Station Road, RM3 0BP
Opposite the entrance to HW Station Car Park

Contact
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March Of Time

The recent loss of my wife brought home to me what a friendly and caring place Harold Wood is and the presence of neighbours has been invaluable.

We came to Harold Wood 70 years ago in Coronation year and with the next Coronation this year it seems an appropriate time to recap.

In 1953 I was earning £500pa, the new houses being built here in Athelstan Road were £1,800 and for another £120 you could have one with a garage. I couldn't afford a car and sadly £1,800 was all I could stretch to, it meant a quarter of my salary was repayments, but it turned out to be a wonderful investment, giving me and my family a home in a delightful area and accumulating so many friends who have turned up trumps in my hour of need.

I don't want to be morbid so I'm just celebrating 70 years of good times, which is what I'd wish for any young couple starting out.

Thank you Harold Wood.

DENNIS GOODWIN

Harold Wood Hill Park Residents Association would like to pass on our deepest condolences and sympathies to Dennis and his family on their recent sad loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this sad time.

Well Done!

Well done and a big congratulations to Brett Cooley who has been running 10 miles every day in December in fancy dress for St Francis Hospice in memory of his dear dad. Brett has raised an amazing £5,717 and is an incredible achievement. The monies will be most welcomed by the Hospice.



Brass Band Concert

of popular music in aid of
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MEN'S LUNCH

Men's Lunch



TUESDAY, 14TH MARCH 2023,
from 11:30am in St. Peter's
Church Centre, Harold
Wood.

This month we welcome (back) –
REV'D. CANON DAVID BANTING - as
our special guest speaker. David is a
former St. Peter's Vicar who retired in
2018. He and his family have recently
returned to this area and now live
in Harold Hill. We look forward to
hearing David's latest news since his
retirement.

Members 'old and new' would be
most welcome so we hope you can
join us. To reserve your lunch place,
please telephone St. Peter's Welcome
Desk on 01708 342080, or email:
welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwood.org.

May we also gently remind you to
make sure you let us know asap. if, for
any reason, you need to cancel. This
will greatly assist a wonderful catering
team – thank you!

See you on the 14th March!

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

Havering Singers Spring Concert

on Saturday 1st April 2023 at 7.30pm -
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Venue: St Peter's Church, Gubbins
Lane, Harold Wood, RM3 0QA

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under 17 are free and available at
www.haveringsingers.org.uk, ticket
hotline: 07342 883 211

Havering Antique Collectors Club & speaker

Speaker - Ann Wilmore
- Quiz on Antique
Memorabilia

Date: March 17th

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

Condolences to Nick and Doris Joseph whose mother Mary Joseph passed away in January at the age of 104. Our thoughts are with you and your family at this sad time.

ENTERTAINMENT

Harold Wood Bar Club, Neighbourhood
Centre, Gubbins Lane

Sat 18th March - Double or Nothing

Sat 25th March - The Fab 60s

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Sat 1st April - Handle with Care Band

Sat 8th April - The Delta Grooves Band

Sat 15th - Rant & Rave



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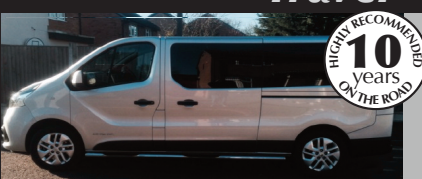


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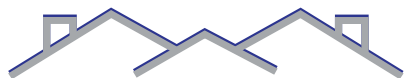
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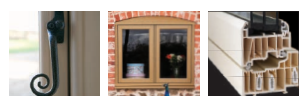
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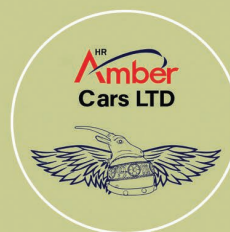
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