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LOOKING AFTER OUR COMMUNITY

May 2023

Coronation Day



On behalf of residents in Harold Wood, we would like to wish His Majesty King Charles III and his wife Camilla, who will become known as Queen, a very happy Coronation day.

If you are having a street party then we hope you have a wonderful time and that you enjoy this historical day and weekend of celebrations.

Array Parking Issues



The Harold Wood Police Team joined forces with the Council parking enforcement team and Cllrs Martin Goode & Darren Wise to carry out an operation in Shepherd's Hill and Phillida Road to tackle anti-social behaviour and parking issues around the pubs in the area. This followed on from complaints received from residents about parking infringements from customers with vehicles parking across residents' crossovers, double parking

and disturbances when patrons leave the premises. Results were 4 stop and searches and 1 arrest for vehicle interference and offence weapon.

Autism Strategy Launch

Harold Wood Councillors – Brian Eagling, Martin Goode and Darren Wise were pleased to attend the launch of the Havering All-age Autism Strategy during Autism Week last month. Cllr Wise has worked with other stakeholders to help produce the strategy which was started in 2018/19 but got delayed due to Covid. Cllr Wise who has first-hand experience of Autism said that it was 'great' to get this finally launched and that this is an 'ongoing' project which still requires workstream leads to continue developing and completing action plans. Details of the Autism Strategy can be found on our website - <https://www.hwhpra.org.uk/2023/03/25/havering-all-age-autism-strategy/>



Bible Exhibition at St Peters



including a Temple model, a Tabernacle model and a footprint Ark of the Covenant. It certainly was an interesting history lesson for us all.

We were pleased to be invited along with the Harold Wood Community including local schools, Scouts and Beavers groups to attend a 'Bible comes to Life' exhibition at St Peters Church which had on display a number of artefacts

Council Updates

At the council meeting in March the cabinet member confirmed that there will be no Low Traffic Neighbourhood Schemes within Havering. We asked the question as Motorists in Havering are being targeted from all angles with ULEZ, possible Pay per Mile, School Streets, Box Junction and increased parking enforcement. On top of that we asked the question around how much parking income came from issuing PCNs in Havering for the last 2 quarters of 2022. The answer was a total of 52,541 PCNs have been issued which have raised £ 2,075,799 in fines. The level of fines are likely to increase going forward. We also asked the question 'What's next for Havering Motorists' and the Cabinet Member was unable to answer. In the meantime, we will watch this space.....

Also, at the Council meeting a Climate Change Emergency was declared by the Council though what this means in practice we will have to wait and see.



ST. PETER'S CHURCH HAROLD WOOD - MEN'S LUNCH - SPRING SPECIAL

This year our annual outing is moved to June (more details next time), so May is our

'Spring Special' lunch:

TUESDAY, 9TH MAY 2023, FROM 11:30AM.

Just off the A128 at West Horndon (south of the Halfway House flyover), is 'Barnards Farm' part of the 'National Garden Scheme'. It has lots to see and do – including lakes & streams; sculptures; modal railway and a light aircraft grass landing strip! Its founder and owner – BERNARD HOLMES – is our special guest speaker. An occasion not to be missed!

We look forward to welcoming you. To reserve your lunch place, check if you're on the list, or to cancel, please telephone St. Peter's Welcome Desk on 01708 342080, or email: welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwood.org. See you on the 9th May!

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

Derek Harrison R.I.P

It's with great sadness to say that Derek Harrison passed away on 12th March, 2023 aged 90. Derek had lived in Harold Wood and the same house in Little Aston Road since 1969 and was well known as a train driver to/from Stratford/Liverpool Street in the 1970s. He is now at peace with his lovely wife Marge who passed away 4 years ago so R.I.P. together my dear friends. I miss you both.

YVONNE PRICE

Thank You



Well done and a massive thank you to the local Scouts, Beavers and Elizabeth Line Community team who showed up last month in the rain, to litter pick the wild flower area at the Station. An amazing commitment to serving our Community and thanks to Rachel Grimwood for organising this.

CLLR DARREN WISE

Coronation Cream Tea

Haircraft in Oak Road are holding a Coronation Cream Tea on Monday 15th May 2023, between 10.30am and 4.00pm. As usual all proceeds go to St Francis Hospice. Please come along and join us.



CORONATION MUG

At the age of nine, my first recollection of royalty was the female adoration of the Prince of Wales, until his tying up with a divorcee. We then chanted the verse, "Hark, the Herald Angels sing, Mrs. Simpson's got our King"

Deprived of a street party, I awaited George VI's "do", only to miss it, as we were away at our annual spell of holiday near where my father was in camp, him being in the TA (Territorial Army). Sometime later I got my first glimpse of his majesty and was intrigued by his bronze colouring. He looked like a penny, copper coloured and so smooth of feature. My persistent questions about his make-up were pointedly ignored.

The week of Elizabeth's Coronation in 1953, I missed the street party as we were moving here to Harold Wood where there was no sign of celebration, Athelstan Rd. didn't seem as loyal as King Edward's Rd. Enfield, even though they were both Kings of England. I await my honour and recognition of services to Literature in King Charles list when I might finally get a medal and celebrate our monarch.



DENNIS GOODWIN

New Social Club

A new and exciting Social Club called The Bridge of Friends was launched last month, Mondays 10.30am – 12.30pm, at the Salvation Army, Petersfield Avenue, Harold Hill, RM3 9PP. The Bridge of Friends is a club for vulnerable adults, those on the Autistic spectrum, Aspergers as well as physical disabilities who would like to meet new friends – all are welcome.

The club is for over 18's and offers many activities and free refreshments!

The first 2 weeks are free entry and then there will be a £3 entry free thereafter (carers are free of charge). There is street parking available and good bus route links to the Salvation Army – Harold Hill.

FOR MORE DETAILS RING 01708 379458

Good Companions

The Good Companions are a friendship group for people of retirement age. We enjoy meeting together to have lunch and some entertainment and of course having good chats. We meet every Wednesday (except during school holidays) in St Peter's Church Centre between 12:00 midday and 3:00 p.m.

Do get in touch if you would like to find out more about us. Phone the Church Centre Welcome Desk on 01708 342080 to leave your name and phone number. Someone will then get in touch with you to give you more details.

PLEASE SUPPORT

Ron Lockhart who is 88 years old and is doing a Sky Dive in aid of the Lennox Children's Cancer Charity on the 5th August 2023 at 12.30 pm at Sibson Airfield Peterborough.

To donate go to Just Giving page on your computer, then go in to search, type in Ron Lockhart then click onto Ronald page.

Don't Get A Parking Fine

The new Havering Council Administration, H.R.A. and Labour's new policy is to get more money from parking fines. Here are a few tips to ensure you don't get a fine.



- Make sure you park properly within the parking bays.
- If the Pay and Display machines are not working we have been informed that you will only get 30 minutes to return to your vehicle - the wardens are watching you. Or use Ringo if you are connected or try the telephone number on the machine.
- Place your Pay and Display ticket on your dashboard or windscreen clearly displayed - when you leave the vehicle check that your ticket is correctly placed.
- Do not park your car wheels on the pavement unless it is properly marked in white lines.
- The HRA/Labour Administration have increased parking wardens from 33 to 63 to ensure they get more parking tickets and the wardens have been warned they must be more proactive.

ENTERTAINMENT

Harold Wood Bar Club, Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane



UP and Coming Events

Saturday 6th May

(Coronation Day)

3pm – Rob and Mandy

8.30pm – Johnny & The Timebombs

Sat 13th May – Alana

Sat 20th May – Mind the Gap Band

Sat 27th May – TBA

Sat 3rd June – Easy Tiger Band

Sat 10th June – The Groove Train (Duo)

Sat 17th June – Sarah O'Shea (Singer)

Sat 24th June – Blue Mantis Band

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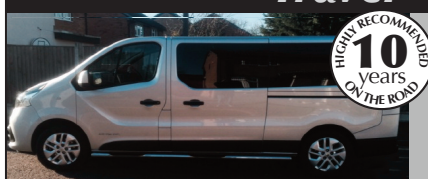


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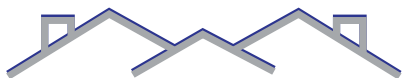
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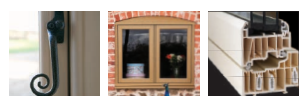
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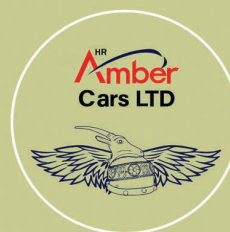
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