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Harold Wood Primary School Summer Fayre



Parents of pupils and local residents were out in force at last month's summer Fayre at Harold Wood primary school as the PTA raised £9000 for the school. This amount of money will really help the school and the pupils and we are sure is much needed by the school. It was great to see it so well supported and we have seen this year on year and is a credit to the Chair of the PTA and the many helpers that help organise this annual event. Unfortunately this event was also the last time that Michelle Gubbings will be organising this which she has done so for the last 10 years and whom puts so much hard work into the event alongside her PTA colleagues. We would like to thank Michelle for her hard work, dedication and devotion to her role during this period and I am sure the whole school community has a lot to thank her for.

We were also pleased to be asked to support the event and helping to run one of the stalls like we have done over the last few years.

HAROLD WOOD COUNCILLORS

E-Scooter rules

A reminder that private e-scooters can only be legally used on private land and not on our public roads, cycle lanes or pavements in the borough.

This also includes not using them in our parks and open spaces.

It is only legal on a public road or cycle lane, if the scooter is part of a rental scheme, provided you have the correct licence and follow road traffic regulations and you would need to show evidence of such a scheme.

There is currently no rental schemes running in Havering.

Those breaching the law could find themselves with a fine of around £300 and points on their licence.

A big thank you

To the Cubs from the 8th Squirrels Heath Scout Group, who arranged litter picking at Painsbrook Park on Thursday 6th July. Well done to all



Phillida Road

We are delighted that following a request from residents living in this road, double yellow lines in Phillida Road have finally been implemented. This will help with the parking situation which has progressively got worse over the last few years with customers of the Array parking their vehicles in this road. We are still waiting for the council to draw up a scheme for Shepherds Hill, but we will inform you once we hear.



Parking Issues

A local resident alerted us to this issue which happened about 3 weeks ago. The resident was trying to pay for parking at Harold Wood and they dialled the phone number displayed on the machine and they followed the instructions on the machine with a few hiccups but the biggest flaw is being asked to enter the 4 digit code on the machine. The code on the machine is 5 digits which was not accepted.

There was a parking enforcement officer nearby at the time and when the resident told him the problem he said the

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council were aware of this and carried on issuing tickets to other drivers that may have met the same problem.

This is totally unacceptable, and we shall be raising this matter with Council officers. It seems this administration will do anything to get money and they are targeting motorists as it is all too easy to do this.

New enforcement officers

Havering Council has introduced a new enforcement team to crack down on litter louts. The uniformed officers can hand out FPNs to those found littering, fly-tipping, not clearing up dog mess, dropping your chewing gum inappropriately or being in breach of our PSPOs (Public Space Protection Orders).

In addition, they will also be responsible for locking and unlocking park gates. The officers are provided by NES (National Enforcement Solutions) to work on behalf of the Council and to work alongside our existing enforcement team. In their first week on patrol, they have already issued over 300 on-the-spot fines for dropped litter and other environmental crime.

Please be aware and watch out, as you could be caught if you fall foul of the requirements around littering, not clearing up dog mess etc.

The Council are making a lot of money already in parking fines so do not give them any more of your hard earned

money by not complying with the above issues.

Dates for your Diary

Havering Antiques Club, Harold Wood Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Chairman Mrs Chris Lovett 079 4736 7258

Enrolment Friday 15 September

Annual Membership £35 – Guests £5/£8
TV Roadshow - 7.30 for 7.45

Followed by the popular speaker Trevor Cornforth from CHALKWELL AUCTIONS - "ROAD SHOW"

Remembrance Sunday 12th November

Please join us at the War Memorial outside Harold Wood Library for our annual remembrance service and the laying of wreathes

St. Peter's, Harold Wood: Men's Lunch

Men's Lunch



Although it's still the summer hols., here's a quick update from Men's Lunch. Sadly, we had to cancel our planned outing in June so that has given us an extra-long summer break! However, preparations are well advanced for our new Autumn Season which begins on TUESDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER. Full details will be published soon, but here's the lunch dates for your diary:

12th September – launch of new season, with a special Guest Speaker;

10th October – with a special Guest Speaker;

14th November – with a Remembrance Theme & special Guest;

5th December (1st Tues. of month) – Christmas Special (with carols).

To keep up to date with services & events at St. Peter's over the summer, visit the website:

<https://www.stpetersharoldwood.org/>

or telephone the Welcome Desk on 01708 342080, or email: welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwood.org

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

Community Spirit



Thank you to the Residents who planted the wild flower seeds in Archibald Road. The flowers look beautiful and also help the environment

A Message from Harold Wood Wombles

Would parents and Sports Clubs who use Harold Wood Park please ensure that your rubbish is collected and put in the



appropriate bins as we are now in the busiest time for park use. Our Wombles are out every Wednesday morning picking up litter to keep our beautiful park clean and tidy.

CHIEF WOMBLE - BUNNY EAGLING

Special Thanks

The Entertainers, who are a Charity Concert Party, had great fun entertaining in the Liberty in Romford on Saturday 8th July as part of the 3 day event called Celebrating The Street. We were formed 32 years ago and we have raised thousands of pounds for various



Eagling on 01708 373027 or email eaglibri@talktalk.net

Noisy Builders

In spite of being improvements there is a down side to DIY and building work, whether carried out by the home owner or an employed builder or building company. Because of the effect of noise on neighbours, the hours in which noisy pursuits are allowed is restricted by Havering Council. The hours in which they are allowed are as follows:- MONDAY to FRIDAY 8:00am until 6:00pm SATURDAY 8:00am until 1:00pm SUNDAY NONE

If such nuisance persists outside of permitted hours, in spite of requests to stop, it can eventually lead to a maximum fine of £20,000. Please be considerate to your neighbours

THE WAY WE WERE

My father never came home from work eager to relay a joke he'd heard. He would wait until Mum was going on about a neighbour and he'd interject with, "that's just like what happened to me today" and recount some unconnected yarn which one never knew was true or his weaving of one of his stories

Here's a few examples.

The first winter of the war in 1939 was the "Phoney War" where the only action around involved self important Air Raid Wardens exceeding their powers. One

night Dad was settled in the outside "LOO," no heating or light, bar his trusty hurricane lamp, when an officious Warden banged on the door trying to convince my father the bombers, 12,000 feet above, could see his flickering light. Dad decided not to argue and shut down his nightly ritual. He'd no sooner got settled indoors and a meek and mild Warden was back at the door pleading for the use of the offending lamp to enable him to find his way out of our back garden and onto the High Street!

Within a year we were suffering nightly with the real thing, enemy bombers around each night trying to prove the hurricane lamp theory. One night it was all getting a bit nasty and Dad was urging Mum to get to the shelter. She was confused and complaining that she couldn't find her false teeth. Dad's retort was "Teeth! Teeth! What do you want teeth for? They're dropping bombs, not ham sandwiches!"

Later in the conflict Dad was on a Sunday morning exercise with the Home Guard manning the Communications dug out and a signal came from the field, "Send reinforcements we are going to advance"

I'm sure my Dad wouldn't lie and he assures me it wasn't him, but some bright spark relayed it on to HQ as

"SEND THREE AND FOURPENCE, WE ARE GOING TO A DANCE"

Nice one Dad!

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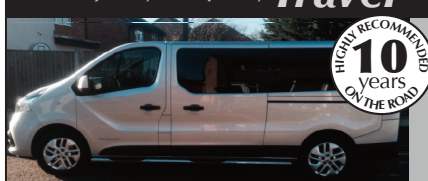


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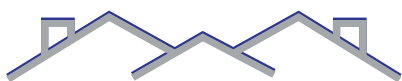
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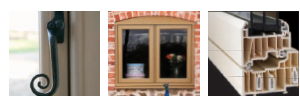
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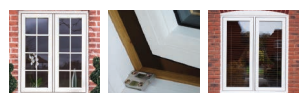


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