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September 2023

## We are not part of the HRA / Labour administration

### Plugging the leak!

This leak which was coming from a house along the A12 and not far from where a Gooshays Councillor lives and is in their ward had been leaking for months with seemingly no action taken. This was reported to me by a resident and I managed to get TFL via the Council on the case and this has now been resolved and repairs have been completed.

CLLR DARREN WISE

### Array update

At the time of writing the Array is undergoing a refurbishment and is currently closed. We are still in contact with the Council to establish the outcome of the compromise offer and subsequent consent order which the Magistrates Court had to sign off on. This has now been approved by the Court and the new license is due to be issued. We will publish this once we have a copy. We also have the latest frequently asked questions provided by the Council which can be found on our website - <https://www.hwhpra.org.uk/2023/07/17/array-update-17-july-2023/>

### Keeping our area clean

Residents contacted us to tell us that 2 bins were missing by the bus stops in Squirrels Heath Road and that litter was just being thrown nearby due to there being no bin. We have been in contact with the Council and we have managed to get one litter bin in, and we have another to go! Also thanks to Cllr Brian Eagling for clearing up the litter by the bus stop.



BEFORE



AFTER



The answer to the above is that we do not support either scheme as we believe it is just a money-making cash grab from TFL. It's unacceptable to expect residents to have to change their vehicle or pay £12.50 a day to drive on our public roads nor should we be charged by pay per mile as we already pay our vehicle excise duty on our cars every year which is there to support maintenance of our road network. There are a number of residents across Havering, other London Boroughs and neighbouring counties such as Essex that do not wish for these schemes to be implemented at all.

We know now that the London Councils that took the Mayor to Court to try and delay the implementation of ULEZ has lost their court case and that the ULEZ scheme for Havering and other outer London Boroughs will be implemented from 29th August. Nevertheless, we have requested that the Council call an extraordinary meeting so that Councillors can debate this.



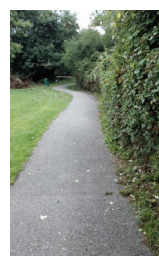
### HAROLD WOOD COUNCILLORS

#### Quick Action

Whilst litter picking in Painesbrook Park last month, our Councillors noticed that the brambles were overgrowing on the pathway between Church Road and the A12. We contacted the Parks Department and within 48 hours the brambles were cut back.



BEFORE



AFTER

### New Council Waste Contract

Havering Council are introducing a new Waste Contract in October 2023. We have been provided with some Frequently Asked Questions for residents to read up on. Please go to our website where you can find out more

<https://www.hwhpra.org.uk/2023/07/22/new-council-waste-contract/>

### Sponsorship Required

Can you help sponsor the Romford Randoms and help them buy a kit. The Romford Randoms are an over 40's ladies Walking Football Team and they meet up on Monday evenings 7-8.30pm. They are also looking for new players. If you can help then please call Michelle on 07930342377 or by email to [michelleharris749@btinternet.com](mailto:michelleharris749@btinternet.com)

### Harold Wood Running Club

We hosted our annual ELVIS 5K race on Wednesday 26th July in Harold Wood park (ELVIS – East London 5 Interseries), we are one of a group of 8 local running clubs who Host a 5k or 5 mile race.



We had 246 runners attend our race and it was a big success despite the rain. Anyone interested in joining our Running Club please contact [info@haroldwoodrunning.club](mailto:info@haroldwoodrunning.club)

### Kings Park Estate

We have been making enquiries with Council officers as to when the rest of Kings Park will be adopted by the Council and whether a parking scheme will be implemented. The Council have told us that they need to be confident that the construction of any newly adopted highway is to sufficient standards and specification and that Officers still have concerns with aspects of the Kings Park Estate and thus would not want to take on the maintenance liability at cost to the Council.

Officers have met with the developer to advise on these concerns and the developer has started to address these concerns with the current work taking place on the estate. Officers will monitor this and after works are completed will inspect before approving and adopting. Officers hope the highway will be adopted in late summer 2023.



Work on implementing a Controlled Parking Zone in the Kings Park Estate will commence after the roads are adopted. Residents will be consulted on this and a report outlining the responses received and recommending a further course of action will be prepared and presented to the Lead Member for Environment. It is expected that an agreed scheme can be implemented in the new year.

## Havering Antiques Club

Harold Wood Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane,

Chairman Mrs Chris Lovett  
079 4736 7258

Annual Membership £40 – Guests £6 - 7.30 for 7.45

Enrolment Friday 15 September – followed by the popular speaker Trevor Cornforth from CHALKWELL AUCTIONS - "ROAD SHOW"

Friday 20th October -  
Speaker Chris Parkinson on  
"STAINED GLASS OF ESSEX"

## "CALLING ALL MEN!"

**TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER  
2023 at 11:30AM**

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!**

St. Peter's Church 'Men's Lunch' 2023/24 season

begins as above. We warmly invite any men around on this day to join us here in Harold Wood for a home cooked meal and an interesting talk/presentation.

The new autumn programme was published in August, and is now available from St. Peter's.

To get the new season going, our September 'after lunch' special guest speaker is:

DAVID ARMOND CBE, QPM.

David, a former Commander with the Metropolitan Police at New Scotland Yard, is now Chairman of the Christian ministry 'Release International,' helping to support persecuted Christians around the world.

As this is our first lunch of the new season, EVERYONE NEEDS TO BOOK IN PLEASE. To book your place or for more details, please phone St. Peter's Welcome Desk on 01708 342080, or email: welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwood.org.

We look forward to welcoming new and existing members – all are very welcome.

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

## Tennis Courts Harold Wood Park

The council has informed us they are working with the Lawn Tennis Association ("LTA") on a borough wide tennis court improvement programme. LTA are providing grant funding to improve several courts including the ones at Harold Wood Park. This will involve resurfacing,



marking and installing new gates.

Works have started and are expected to finish by the 18th September. During this time the courts will be closed. The council will put signage on the courts informing people of this and also where the nearest open courts are. When the courts reopen, they will have to be booked online via the LTA 'Clubspark' system. This along with the overall management of the courts will be with an external operator and the council are currently working on the procurement of this new arrangement. Charges for court hire will be introduced with regular opportunities for free sessions.

## A Cab Office with a Community Conscience

Having a cohesive community matters, as it offers social connections, a supporting network that builds trust and well-being for all its residents. Harold Wood has historically been a strong community where people look out for one another, and work together to improve the lives of those who are our neighbours and friends.

I first met Arnie Plaku from Amber Cabs when discussing community initiatives for Harold Wood. His passion for serving others was apparent from the start and he regularly supports others by his ethos of service. When big tech companies such as Uber and Bolt undercut prices of cab rides, they can wipe out smaller businesses, and with that the benefit of having local drivers, who care for their local community.

Let us be mindful of supporting our local businesses, like Arnie, at Amber Cars. Keep supporting them so in turn they can continue to serve us, maintaining the special bond of community, where the elderly, vulnerable and marginalized are welcomed, cared for and included. Our people are what gives Harold Wood the distinction of being a truly special place to live.

RACHEL GRIMWOOD

## Date for your Diary

Remembrance Sunday on 12th  
November 2023 at the War Memorial  
outside the library in Harold Wood

## Bridge Club

If you wish to play bridge at the Harold Wood Neighbourhood Centre please contact Ron Lockhart I. 01708 523513 or 07812 412611.

## FUTURE IMPERFECT

September means the local schools are opening up again and I was thinking of my 1939 schooldays at the age of 13. With war imminent, all was chaos. My Dad had joined up, so I wasn't evacuated, but stayed to look after my 'elderly' Mum, aged 40. I'd recently passed the entrance exam for our brand new shiny glass Technical College only to spend my days in their air raid shelters in 1940 when the bombing started because of the fear of all that glass shattering.

The young teachers had joined up so we were left providing pension additions for ancient academics who were dragged out of retirement and weren't really interested in our future. I'd shown an early interest in writing and thought of a career in journalism, but the idea was dismissed when I was told I "wasn't the type!" by one of these older teachers.

After completing my studies I was directed towards factory war work, for which I definitely knew, "I wasn't the type". But I was rescued from this future by getting called up for air crew in the RAF, for which I'd volunteered being the only way to get out of the dreaded factory life. With the war ending, any air crew ambitions were shelved, but as I'd volunteered I was promised a choice of Infantry Regiment! Luckily, my air raid shelter studies had provided enough ammunition to get me into the Army's engineering corps.

I never did find out if I was 'the type' to be a journalist. My literary efforts in The Bulletin are as far as I've got in the world of writing and to get the occasional complimentary comment from a reader is a nice feeling.

DENNIS GOODWIN



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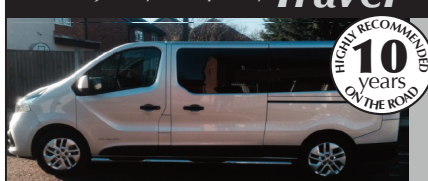


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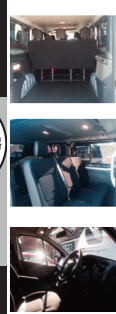
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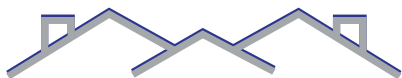
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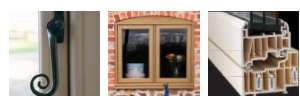
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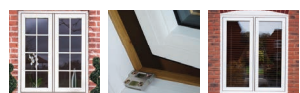


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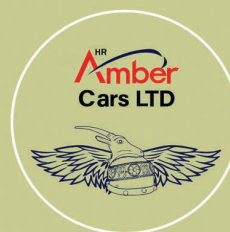
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