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

### Save our park/parks from car park charges petition

This petition has now reached 1,730 signatures and on behalf of Brian, Darren and Martin thank you for signing the petition which was handed in at the full Council Meeting on 17th January 2024.

Let's hope this petition does not fall on deaf ears when the HRA/Labour Administration make Budget decisions in February. We hope they listen to residents that car parking charges in our parks is unacceptable and will only push cars into nearby roads. The proposed charges of £3 for 1 hour, £5 for 2 hours, £7 for 3 hours will really affect footballers and their supporters, referees, dog walkers, runners, cricketers, and walkers who visit the park for their health and well-being.

### DIY and renovation waste

From the beginning of January 2024, if you have DIY waste to take to the tip in any vehicle, you must book with East London Waste Authority (ELWA) beforehand. This is required for all vehicles bringing this type of waste to Gerpins Lane or other reuse and recycling sites.

Anyone using a van or trailer to bring commercial or restricted waste to the tip also need to book ahead of visiting and can book up to 12 visits in a rolling 12-month period, with two of those visits allowing them to get rid of restricted waste.

For more information including booking, visit the website.

<https://www.eastlondonwaste.gov.uk/rrc-bookings>

NB as per the East London Waste website, Restricted (DIY) Waste is described as items or materials that have been generated from building, renovation, or DIY work such as:

- Rubble, bricks, paving slabs and hardcore
- Flooring, plasterboard and structural wood



- Kitchen units, worktops, toilets, sinks and baths
- Windows and doors
- Radiators and boilers
- Fencing, garden sheds, soil and sand
- Roofing materials and tiles
- Pipes and other plumbing materials

### Budget View

Later this month, we will be presented with the budget proposals from the Council's administration.

Many of you will know from the consultation survey on the budget, that the Council are proposing many cutbacks to our services in order to get a balanced budget.

At the time of printing, we don't know if the Council, will be able to achieve a balanced budget, and they may ultimately have to call in the Government by issuing a section 114 notice.

We will be monitoring the situation and will provide you in our March Bulletin a summary of what cuts will be implemented.

YOUR COUNCILLORS

### Autism Hub: Saved For Now!

The council administration gave notice in October to Sycamore Trust who run the Autism Hub in Romford that they were no longer going to recommission the hub when the contract expired at end of January 2024. This came as a surprise to Sycamore Trust which would have meant them withdrawing their services in Havering much to the detriment of Havering Residents.

As a result of discussions with the Sycamore Trust Chief Executive, I requested in conjunction with another opposition colleague that this matter be examined under one of the scrutiny committees and we were delighted to hear that as a result of our scrutiny Sycamore's contract has been extended for a further 6 months. The Council are now also reviewing its proposed service model to facilitate the All-Age Autism Strategy and a new

service will need to be developed and commissioned which will allow Sycamore Trust to tender for this.

CLLR DARREN WISE

### Harold Wood School Streets Update

Here is the latest update on school streets for Harold Wood as we go to print.

1. The council have analysed the data from the consultation they undertook in June 2023 and have provided some preliminary information saying that over 206 responses were received back from residents, parents/carers and teachers and 52% say that they do not feel that the scheme is a success whereas 39% are in favour of the scheme and 9% were neutral.
2. The council still need to decide whether to make the scheme permanent.
3. Initial analysis of emails indicate that residents in Prospect Road do not want the scheme implemented in their road which would be problematic if residents in Redden Court Road wanted it in theirs.
4. If there is interest from residents in Redden Court Road to be included in the school streets scheme then a separate consultation would need to take place and consideration would have to be taken into account of the A127 slip road at the end of Redden Court. Traffic surveys would need to be undertaken by the council.

This will only be considered after the June 2023 consultation has been analysed and decided upon.

5. We are unlikely to get any further news on the consultation outcome and a decision made until at least Q1 2024.

### A Big Thank You

Harold Wood Methodist Church would like to thank Harold Wood Funeral Services for their kind contribution to



their Christmas Dinner

## St Peters Flower and Craft Festival

This community event is planned for Bank Holiday Monday May 6th 2024. We invite any resident who might like to showcase their skills at Flower arranging or would like a stall to sell or demonstrate their craft to contact us by email [stpetersflowerandcraftfestival@gmail.com](mailto:stpetersflowerandcraftfestival@gmail.com) for further details or drop into St Peters Church Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood, RM3 0QA.

FLOWER AND CRAFT TEAM

## ST. PETER'S MEN'S LUNCH

Men's Lunch



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1984 - 2024

As this is the first Bulletin of 2024, a slightly belated 'Happy New Year' to all readers from the Men's Lunch Team.

Our 2024 season is now underway, and the next lunch event will be held on TUESDAY, 13th FEBRUARY 2024, from 11:30am in St. Peter's Church Centre, Harold Wood.

Our February special guest speaker is STUART BROOKS. Stuart is a former Church Warden at St. Peter's. He and his wife Jacqui have recently returned to our church fellowship, so it will be great to catch up with him! Also, Jacqui (along with Stuart) is very kindly helping us out in the kitchen as part of the Catering Team.

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](mailto:welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwood.org).

Here's the 'dates for your diary' for our Spring Programme:

- 12th March
- 9th April
- 14th May
- 11th June

We look forward to welcoming you on the 13th February.

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

## No Parking

As a child in Ponders End, the idea of playing on the "wreck" meant digging around in a site full of old car remains, hoping to reassemble some car parts to sell!

I eventually abandoned this scheme and in the early 50's when we moved to Harold Wood, the wreck became the "REC" or Recreation Grounds, better known as our park, a haven for our children, even though the swings, roundabout, 'monkey bars' and slide were embedded in concrete in those days before health and safety were invented. There was a park keeper's hut where golf clubs and tennis racquets could be hired. Up the hill

it was woodland with rarely seen wild life and a 9-hole golf course. Downhill, this side of the river, it was a classy park with a pond, tennis, football, cricket and a decent footpath. I'm told the site of the school at the top of the park was once a 'tiddler' pond. Having kept up with the rest of Borough's parks we now have a modern cricket pavilion, decent tennis courts, a safe play area, adult exercise equipment and a skate ramp. All this is highly appreciated; well at least I don't see any vandalism.

I'm at a bit of a loss though as to the advantage to the park users of introducing car parking charges in the park. Surely this will deter people from being able to enjoy the facilities and the fresh air and just encourage people to park in the surrounding streets. I doubt the money raised will go towards maintaining the park facilities, it'll be swallowed up elsewhere.

Enjoying the chance to sound off in the Bulletin doesn't mean I want to get political but I'd like the park to be left alone for us to enjoy as it is.

DENNIS GOODWIN

## Fly Tipping

Thank you to the residents who contacted me regarding the mattresses that had been dumped, one in the walkway between Briars Walk and Hamilton Drive and the other one in the grass area at the end of Buttercup Way. I contacted the appropriate department and the mattresses were taken away within a couple of days.

CLLR. BRIAN EAGLING

## Havering Antiques Club

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Friday 15th March - Speaker Howard Slater on "HISTORICAL PERIODS OF JEWELLERY MAKING"

## Notification of Decision for Planning Application P1363.23

### 'The Squirrels' 2A Douglas Avenue

We were pleased to receive notification that the proposed development has been refused by Havering Council. This application received many objections from local residents as well as ourselves. Therefore, we were pleased to know that the Council had taken the many views and comments





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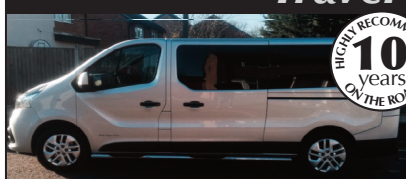
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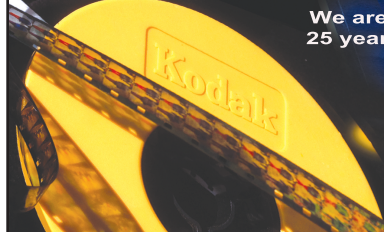
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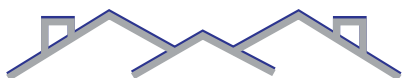
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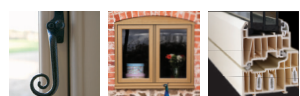
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