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**A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS THAT VOTED FOR US, ALL OUR DELIVERERS AND HELPERS AND ESPECIALLY OUR FAMILIES WHO SUPPORTED US THROUGHOUT THIS JOURNEY AS WITHOUT YOU WE COULD NOT HAVE ACHIEVED THIS VICTORY**

### Local Elections 2026



We were delighted to be re-elected as Councillors for the Harold Wood ward. Despite the long campaign, we made every effort to meet as many of you as possible. Over the next four years, we're here to help and support you, addressing your concerns and issues. We're also open to discussing any concerns you may have, regardless of your previous support.

Here are the voting results for our candidates in Harold Wood:

- Brian Eagling received 2425 votes.
- Martin Goode received 2269 votes.
- Darren Wise received 2209 votes.

These results represent a significant increase in votes compared to the 2022 election.

Turnout: 48.19% (similar to Havering throughout)

-Reform: 39 seats, which will form the new Council Administration

Opposition parties: 16 seats  
(Residents Associations 14 seats and Labour 2 seats)

We'll hold the new administration accountable to ensure they deliver on their promises.

We also want to thank the other candidates who stood in Harold

Wood. We met many of them at the election count and they were all very friendly and nice people to talk with. If you have any queries or need help, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We also want to thank our Bulletin deliverers, Bulletin Advertisers, the residents who voted for us and our families who supported us throughout this journey as without you we could not have achieved this victory.

**Once again, thank you for your support.**

CLLRS BRIAN EAGLING, MARTIN GOODE, DARREN WISE

### Congratulations

First I must say Election Congratulations. You succeeded - where many didn't!

Secondly - thank you for article on Oak Road Surgery we appreciated that.

As I contemplate retirement from a demanding but rewarding job I reflect on the 34 years that I have worked at Oak Road Surgery. I first worked for Dr Lauchlin who lived with his family in the house and then with Dr. Chowdhury who took over the Practice.

So much has changed during those years. It was a delight when in 2004 we moved from the small four room extension to the space of the big house.

It was a popular move for staff and patients but then came the time when pen and paper were disbanded and replaced by computers, not so popular with staff or patients!

Over the years at this ever expanding surgery we have watched babies grow from child to adult, supported local families through trials and tribulations and assisted patients as they gain years and drift into old age.

Harold Wood is a friendly area and each person we connect with has a different need. Every Friday - my working day - it has been a joy to meet with new or familiar faces and I will be sorry to say goodbye.

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### St Peter's Flower and Craft Festival



The recent Flower and Craft Festival held at St Peter's Church Harold Wood on Monday 4th May was a huge success and £2,286.68 was raised for Prostate Cancer UK. A BIG THANK-YOU to everyone who supported the event.

### Harold Wood Running Club



Harold Wood Running Club were lucky enough to win the Tesco Stronger Starts first prize and were awarded £1350.

Clover from Tesco Gallows Corner came down to present the cheque, along with the blue token.

Currently we are training 8 new leaders within our club with the monies.

**If anyone would like further details on our club, please email [info@haroldwoodrunning.club](mailto:info@haroldwoodrunning.club)**

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HAROLD WOOD - MEN'S LUNCH - JUNE

As Men's Lunch approaches the end of its 2025-26 season on:

TUESDAY, 9th JUNE 2026, FROM 11:30AM,



we once again thank everyone who has made these lunches possible – all the support people; catering; 'scene shifters'; guest speakers; 'The Bulletin' team – Brian, Darren & Martin; and especially all our members and supporters who join us for lunch each time. For the June 'Summer Special,' we look forward to welcoming as our special guest speaker:

REV'D. DR. LEE GATISS, DIRECTOR OF 'CHURCH SOCIETY'

Church Society is an evangelical Anglican charity established to promote and uphold the biblical foundations of the Church of England. It was formed in 1950, but its history stretches back to the 19th century. Lee has been its Director since 2013. He is also an author on the Bible and church history. We are most grateful to him for sparing us his time and helping us bring our current lunch season to a close.

St. Peter's Welcome Desk would love to hear from you and book you a place for this lunch. Please telephone them on 01708 342080 or reply to this email: [welcomedesk@stpetersharoldwood.org](mailto:welcomedesk@stpetersharoldwood.org). Please also let them know if you need to cancel – thank you!

Date for your diary: The 2026-27 season will begin on Tuesday, 8th September (more details to come!).

See you on the 9th June!

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

## Supporting the Army Benevolent Fund for our Veterans and their Families



My name is Vanessa Zopp, and I am writing as a long standing local resident and small business owner to ask, very respectfully, for your support with a charitable challenge for our veterans and families. On 6 - 7 June 2026, I am taking on the Cateran Yomp, run by the Army Benevolent Fund, which is described as one of the toughest charity endurance events in the UK. It is in the Scottish wilderness around Blairgowrie and challenges participants to walk 54 miles in 24 hours – so basically walking a double marathon

half in the day and half in the night- my secret challenge as a solo ultra-hiker is to make it! A silent army of veterans and their families struggle every day with dignified grit: the purpose of my fundraising is to raise awareness and help make the transition into civilian life less brutal and more stable—for those who went away, those who waited, and those who will meet and love them as friends, partners, lovers, children, brothers and sisters, colleagues, students, etc. Every step taken raises vital funds to ensure the Army Benevolent Fund can continue to support soldiers, veterans and their families – for life.

You can read more about my fundraising and motivation here:

<https://events.armybenevolentfund.org/fundraisers/vanessazopp/cateranyomp2026>

## Havering Antiques Club

Harold Wood Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane,

Chairman Mrs Chris Lovett 079 4736 7258

Friday 15th May - Ann Wilmore presents a Quiz: ANTIQUE & MEMORABILIA QUIZ WITH ARTEFACTS

Friday 19th June - Speaker is Ellen Owen: PUTTING ON THE RITZ. Guests £8.

## 'The Canterbury Tales' at The Little Theatre, Harold Wood - Geoffrey Chaucer's creation about storytelling pilgrims



'The Canterbury Tales' is a collection of stories written in Middle English by Geoffrey Chaucer. We are bringing you a new adaptation - in modern English - by Nick Warburton. Our Canterbury Tales, directed by Lucy Green, will feature The Knight's Tale, The Miller's Tale, The Wife of Bath's Tale, The Pardoner's Tale, The Friar's Tale and The Franklin's Tale. It will certainly be a lot of fun!

Performances are 8pm nightly on 17-20 June plus 2.30pm Saturday matinee. Tickets just £9 from [gildonian-players.sumupstore.com](http://gildonian-players.sumupstore.com) or call 07762 133620 to reserve and pay on door.

This production is entered in the Havering Drama Festival of full length plays, run by Havering Arts Council, which Guildonians have won for the past two years with 'Goodnight Mister Tom' and 'Leading Ladies' - will it be a hat trick?!

IF YOU FANCY A JOLLY GOOD LAUGH, COME TO THE LITTLE THEATRE! (RM3 0DU)

## And the Band Played On...

Being in a reserved occupation meant that I wasn't liable to be called up. Most of my youth club friends were away in the services and I felt a fraud. There wasn't any finger pointing at young men, as happened in the First World War, or the ignominy

of receiving a white feather, but I felt guilty that I wasn't in uniform. I had joined the Home Guard at 16. Dad was in the Home Guard and I was a clarinettist, and although I was underage, I was accepted. We did a nominal amount of military training but our main duties were parades for recruiting and the numerous money raising events, such as War Weapons Week and Wings for Victory Week, where the town raised £5,000 to supposedly pay for a Spitfire. At the big parade in Hyde Park we led our 25th Middlesex Battalion along with the other London Home Guard units past the King in full regalia.



There was an occasion when we were ordered to parade one Sunday. I also played with the Edmonton Military Band and had a previously arranged gig for the same day. I explained to the Captain of the Home Guard responsible for the band that I wouldn't be available. He wasn't amused. I was threatened with close arrest; court martial and the full might of military law and went home fully expecting a firing squad! My father was incensed and insisted I wrote to the office telling him of my intentions. I was worried sick, so Dad dictated the letter, to the effect that until I was 18, I was under his jurisdiction. I wasn't sure about the word "jurisdiction", but Dad insisted that it was the correct word and was spelt correctly so the letter was posted. Nothing more was heard about my 'crime'.

DENNIS GOODWIN

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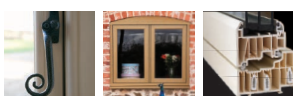
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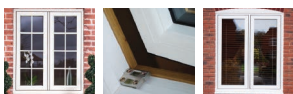
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