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October 2026

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**Our Remembrance Sunday -
Sunday 8th November 2026**

Some sad late news

We were informed in late August that Nick Joseph had passed away. He was a great supporter of the Harold Wood, Hill, Park Residents' Association and for many years delivered our Bulletin and made generous donations via his involvement with Star Wars. Nick was always involved with helping the Community and was a litter picker in Harold Wood park years before the Harold Wood Wombles were formed but he was happy to join as an honorary Womble. Nick, along with his wife Doris, came along every year to collect for the Rainbow Trust when we took out our Father Christmas float. He led a full and enjoyable life and he appeared in Star Wars as the Medal Bearer and he travelled the world and also locally with the Star Wars Convention. Some things he was involved in was his selection for running in The Commonwealth Games in Australia, he was the milkman in Eastenders, and he was also one of the original Wombles when they appeared on TV and if that wasn't enough, he was also a Magistrate. Thank you for being a friend and loyal supporter of our Association. Nick, you will be sadly missed, not only by Doris and all your family but by our Association and all of the Harold Wood Wombles.
RIP NICK JOSEPH

CLLR BRIAN EAGLING

Belated CONGRATULATIONS

The three Harold Wood Councillors congratulated Dennis Goodwin on reaching his 100th birthday which was on 8th September.



Dennis has been a very valued supporter of ours for many years and not only did he deliver bulletins door to door, but he also delivered to our bulletin deliverers via his trusty bicycle. Many of our residents enjoyed reading Dennis's life experiences via his monthly article in our bulletin when he recaptured the

past in a wonderful way.

Dennis could be seen walking on a daily basis walking in Harold Wood Park until his health, unfortunately, declined. He is a member of St Peter's Church, attending the Companions Club and also the Men's Lunch club. If any residents wish to write to Dennis they can do it via Brian's email address eaglibri@talktalk.net and they can then be passed on to him. Keep well Dennis and keep your wonderful stories coming.

A new horror...

"With the Blitz a forgotten nightmare, most evacuees had returned home. The arrival of the first Vengeance weapon was disturbing, as there was little warning and their targets were random. I remember treating them quite casually when one passed overhead with its growling motor. But unseen, the sound getting louder and suddenly the engine cutting out, any attempt at being nonchalant was forgotten and an undignified dive for cover seemed sensible!

At Ponders End we were hit by a number of those that had eluded the Tempest pilots, barrage balloons and gunners. On one occasion, one cut out at the end of our road and began its dive, but then its gyro failed and instead of heading in a gentle dive onto some poor soul, it turned and came back up and hit a house at the other end of the road. The blast was all on the surface and it took out the windows and most of the roof tiles in the road. That was the closest incident to 36, King Edwards Road!

One morning, far in the east, I saw a vapour type trail climb from the horizon. Moments later there was a 'crump' and a sound like the rushing of a train and a 'sucking' of a blast. The V2s had arrived. Somehow this was the last straw, there was no defence. They flew vertically 70 miles up into the atmosphere and at 3000mph, plunged into London ahead of their sound, giving no warning. People were edgy, with no possible warning, one couldn't take precautions. Air raid shelters were no protection, the rockets penetrated deep at the speed, so one went about trying to behave normally and trusting to God and Lady Luck. At least there was no point skulking in a damp air raid shelter, one might as well die in ones bed!"

Dennis Goodwin

Proposed Development at Ivy Lodge Farm (P0999.26)

Havering Council is considering a plan for **79 new homes** at **Ivy Lodge Farm, Shepherds Hill** — right in the **Green Belt**.

Many residents have contacted us raising their concerns below and Harold Wood Councillors have called this application into planning committee for review:

-  **Green Belt loss** – This is protected land. Building 79 homes here is classed as inappropriate development and would permanently reduce openness.
-  **Rural character at risk** – The proposal would urbanise a quiet countryside area and change the look and feel of Shepherds Hill.
-  **Traffic & safety issues** – Shepherds Hill is narrow and already busy. 79 homes could mean 300-400 extra car journeys a day.
-  **Wildlife impact** – The site includes farmland, hedgerows and habitats used by bats, badgers and birds. No full ecological surveys have been provided.
-  **Pressure on schools & GP surgeries** – Local services are already stretched, with no clear plan for extra capacity.
-  **Precedent for more Green Belt development** – Approving this could open the door to further building along Shepherds Hill.

If you're concerned, you can submit an objection on Havering's planning portal. The planning reference number is P0999.26. Every resident comment is counted.

<https://development.havering.gov.uk/OcellaWeb/planningSearch>

Elvis Donation

At our Elvis race in July we raised money by baking cakes and the total we raised for St Francis Hospice was £200.19. We visited them recently to present a cheque.

Tracy

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Council consults on Borough-wide PSPO

Harvering Council has launched a consultation seeking views from residents, businesses and others, on plans to introduce a Borough-wide Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) across Harvering

A PSPO would give the Council and Police additional powers to place restrictions on specific antisocial behaviours where they are having a negative impact on local communities.

This would include restrictions against:

- Alcohol Consumption in Public Spaces
- Dog Fouling and Irresponsible Dog Ownership
- Aggressive or Persistent Begging
- Anti-Social Use of Bicycles, Mopeds, E-Scooters or E-Bikes
- Groups Causing Nuisance or Criminal Behaviour
- Face Coverings Used to Hide Identity or Anti-Social Behaviour
- Urinating or Defecating in Public Places
- Amplified Street Entertainment, Busking and Public Speaking
- Feeding Wildlife in Public Spaces

The proposed order is intended to support making public spaces across the Borough safer, cleaner and more welcoming for residents, businesses and visitors.

If introduced, it will replace an existing PSPO which currently only covers Romford town centre and expires in October. See link below where you can add your comments: <https://consultation.havering.gov.uk/neighbourhoods/proposed-borough-wide-pspo/>

Harvey's Fun Day

We were pleased to attend the annual fun day held in memory of Harvey, who sadly passed away several years ago. Organised each year by his parents, Danielle and Lewis, the event raises funds for London's Air Ambulance and continues to attract a tremendous turnout. The Harold Wood Residents Association has also supported the cause with a donation of £100.



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OCTOBER MEN'S LUNCH

Our new season of Men's Lunches is now in full swing, and it was good to welcome folk back last month. The next Lunch to be held at St. Peter's Church, Harold Wood is on:

TUESDAY, 13TH OCTOBER 2026 – TEA/COFFEE SERVED FROM 11:30am.

Following lunch, we are very much looking forward to hearing from our special guest – REV'D. KELVIN WOOLMER. As both a retired Clergyman and Police Officer, Kelvin has a very interesting story to tell, so we do hope you will join us.

To book your place on the 13th, or for more details, please phone St. Peter's Welcome Desk on 01708 342080, or email: welcomedesk@stpetersharoldwood.org.

We look forward to seeing you.

Julian Harris, Chris Knowles and all the Men's Lunch Team.

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Thanksgiving Service

St Peter's church is holding a Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate the lives of those who have died in the last twelve months.

This will take place on Sunday 8 November, at 6.30pm. All welcome. If you would like the name of a loved one to be mentioned in the service, please email the church office: welcomedesk@stpetersharoldwood.org.

Harold Wood Summer Fayre

I was delighted to attend the Harold Wood Summer fayre on Saturday 5th September. The Parent Teachers



Association team (PTA) worked very hard to provide an enjoyable day for the community and they would like to thank everyone that volunteered and attended on the day at Harold Wood Primary School.

Cllr Martin Goode

Dumped Helium Cannisters

I was informed by a local resident about some discarded Helium cannisters that had been found left by the roadside. Being very concerned about them falling into the wrong hands they were placed in a black bag and I arranged with the Council for them to be collected and disposed of safely.

Cllr Martin Goode



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