

Havering-atte-Bower

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Havering-atte-Bower Conservation Society

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HAVERING-ATTE-BOWER CONSERVATION SOCIETY

HORSEMAN SUNDAY



ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2015

Service starts at 1.30 PM

Please note: HABCOS will not accept any responsibility for injury or damage caused by horses at this event. Any such incidents will be the full responsibility of the horse owner. By taking part in the event, it is understood that owners accept these conditions.

At the end of the service refreshments will be served.

Committee membership

With the wide variety of things the committee undertakes and could undertake, the committee has come to the conclusion that the number of committee members could be increased from eight to ten. This needs a change to the constitution of Habcos which requires a 2/3rds majority at an AGM or SGM.

The full proposal to be put at the forthcoming AGM is:

That the number of committee members of Habcos shall be changed from the four officers and a maximum of four other committee members to a maximum of ten committee members, including the officers.

The proposer is Nicky Gates, seconder Jenny Gwinn
We should say that the existing committee do offer themselves for re-election but that some new members, hopefully with energy and fresh and positive ideas would be most welcome. It is not particularly onerous, we meet in an evening about once a month as a committee, it is interesting as a variety of issues crop up and, so far at least, I have personally found it to be a remarkably friendly and constructive committee on which to serve. For all of us it is a pleasure to be able to do something to try and maintain or improve the village in one way or another. If you would prefer just to help with some specific events, that will also be very useful and most welcome. Please speak to Nicky if you are interested and willing and do come to the AGM if at all possible.

Dates for the diary

Horseman Sunday - 27th September

Habcos AGM - 9th November at the Hospice.

We are delighted to welcome Kathryn Waters, Head of Dame Tipping School as our speaker.

Carols on the Green - 13th December

London Open House 19/20th September – The Round House and The Bower House.

As usual both houses will be available for visiting. The Round House is open on Sunday 20th with four specific tours at 1030, 1200, 1400 and 1530, each taking a little under an hour and a half. The tour will include a visit to the roof from which the views are spectacular. Please email me at michael@roundhouse38.fsnet.co.uk if you would like to come. I need names, addresses and a contact number. If you cannot email, please telephone on 07836 243401. London Open House omitted to put the property in its original mailing but the house will be open and it is now shown on their website. Tour numbers are limited to 15 each, so early booking is advised.

The Bower House is open on Saturday 19th from 10am to 4pm with regular tours. It is the only Grade I listed building in the village. No need to book.

Cakes for good causes

The church are organising a Macmillan coffee morning on Saturday 25th September and we have Horseman Sunday the day after. For both occasions, cakes will be very welcome. Please give Terry Negus a call about either – 01708 740432.

Fly tipping

Recently, large amounts of black bags have been fly tipped in Broxhill Road, near Mylands and also in Pinewood Road. If you see any suspicious activities, do record any vehicle registration numbers if you can. If you see rubbish dumped in any public space in the village, please telephone London Borough of Havering Streetcare service on 01708 434343 (and follow the directions) and they will come and remove the items quite promptly.

Broxhill Road strikes again

On Thursday 3rd September, this was the sight around midday. We keep trying to get the council to progress some improvements to the footpath. This would have wiped out anyone walking at the time.



Stray Cat

Does anyone recognise this black tom cat which is visiting Round House Farm every day and more and more? He has a noticeably fluffy tail and a vast appetite. Although we cannot yet catch him and he does sometimes scrap with others in our cat family, he seems to be potentially friendly but we are concerned as to his health and would like to get him to the vet.



Homes for fish

St Francis Hospice has too many fish in its ponds. If you are able to re-home some of them, please call Marie Ogles at the Hospice 01708 753319 ext 2244

Parking outside Dame Tipping school

Habcos has complained to Streetcare about the parking on the pavement. It is particularly bad when the pavement is fully obstructed and nobody can get by without walking in the road. The more that complain to Streetcare whenever you see it happen, the more likely that something will get done. However, we should say that the head of the school is also doing all she can to minimise the problem and would appreciate being advised of any specific instances so she can speak with the parents herself.

Japanese knotweed

Please keep an eye open for this invasive weed. The council have done a reasonable job in clearing the patch that was opposite Bedfords Park entrance, but I can see one surviving growth from which it will return in force. Many of you will know that Japanese knotweed can seriously damage your property and that it is tough to eradicate. However, it can be done. If you find some, be careful how you deal with it as it can regrow from just the smallest piece. If at the roadside, the council (Streetcare) will remove it.

Havering Walk leaflets

The leaflet that was produced by Habcos a few years ago remains available – it should be in both pubs and at Bedfords Park Essex Wildlife visitor centre. It provides a great introduction to the sights of Havering-atte-Bower that can be seen from the road. To cover printing costs, a donation to Habcos of £1 is appreciated and each location has a collection box.

Refugee collection - a plea from Rhian Viney

I am very aware of the horrifying situation of many refugees now in Europe and am organising a collection to be taken to the collection drop off point in East London (Calais - People to People Solidarity - Action from UK You can look it up on the internet) so the donations can be sorted and transported to those most in need.

They have been inundated with clothes, however items most needed include shoes, wellies, underwear, jackets and waterproofs. In addition, there is a requirement for tents, sleeping bags, blankets, roll mats pillows, basic toiletries, cooking utensils, wipes, nappies and non perishable food.

If anyone would like to help by donating these types of things, please contact me on 07712 650312. I live on the village green. The cut off for receiving donations will be Friday, 2nd October 2015.

Broadband business connection vouchers

Grants of up to £3000 are available for broadband improvements. Any business or sole trader might be able to benefit. In particular, Broxill Road residents suffer badly at present. This is the internet link:

www.connectionvouchers.co.uk/broadband-speed-requirements/

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