

# Havering-atte-Bower

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## HABCOS

Havering-atte-Bower Conservation Society

### **The Big Lunch - Sunday 5th June, 12:30**

On the village green, join in the national Big Lunch which is led by the Eden Project. It is a great excuse for all to meet up together, young and old alike. We will start at 12:30 and expect to finish around 3 pm. Please, everybody, come and join in, bring sandwiches or something more elaborate, whatever you fancy excepting BBQs which are not allowed on the green. Tea and coffee will be available. We will pray (won't we, Rev Dave?) for good weather but if you have a gazebo or some such that you could lend for the day or volunteer help in any way, please contact Heather Sherry on 07973 287299 or email at [HeatherSherry@tesco.net](mailto:HeatherSherry@tesco.net) as soon as you can.

The church tower will be open. Fantastic views from the top, as all those who went up at the fayre will testify. The Hornchurch Country Park rangers will have a display of animal skeletons and interesting wooden artifacts, we can play boules and there will be a few other games as well.

Bring your own chairs or picnic blanket and, especially, a rubbish bag so all is left clean and tidy. This is a very informal gathering, so please remember that parents remain responsible for their children

### **Havering village walk**

We are trying hard to produce our own village walk leaflet by the time of The Big Lunch. This is to be a much shorter walk than the council's version, something that most people can do in an hour and which can be done in short sections as well. There is just so much to see and learn about within a few hundred metres of the village green.

### **Dates for 2011**

**Big Lunch** Sunday 5th June  
**Horsemen's Sunday** Sunday 9th October.

**Race Night/Quiz night** Planned but no date yet

**AGM** A date in November to be announced.

**Carols on the Green** A date in December

### **Easter Egg Hunt - Sunday 24th April**



This was another enjoyable day with good weather and enough eggs to go round everyone. It all gets easier with practice.

### **Traffic Calming Update**

Although now nominally complete, there are clearly some alterations to be done. Cyclists and horseriders do not have the required space at the back of the islands. At the time of writing, one of the pinch points - the lower one in Orange Tree Hill - appears not to have the right priority/signage balance. Lighting is not to everyone's taste, some like it compared to what we had, some don't. In some cases the light shines badly into people's homes, despite shades being installed and some lights are buried in the trees. Just at the time of going to print, shocking signage has just appeared. We are on the case in no uncertain terms. Representations have been made about all these matters and we expect that the council will make some changes.

## Finance

For your information, now that Habcos has funded the planning permission application for gates on the green, Habcos net assets stood at £916.64 at the end of April.

## Colin Gates visit to Havering Museum

As someone who is not much of a "Museum Goer", my promised outing to the Havering Museum was not high on my list of things I must do before it's too late. A damp, cold, Saturday afternoon in Romford didn't help in swelling any enthusiasm I had mustered, but the greeting from the reception staff soon made me feel most welcome. Although their first question "How old are you?" came as a bit of a shock (I think the last time I was asked this was Saturday morning pictures at the Imperial Cinema, Canning Town 1959), their reason was purely to check if I was eligible for one of the many concessionary savings on the entrance fee.



The interior of the museum has been laid out very well and it was easy to find the areas that interested you the most, for me the section on Havering-atte Bower. I was lucky to have visited in the week prior to the Havering Ring being returned to the British Museum and was surprised at the intricate workmanship in an object so old. Although the museum has not been open very long, they have a good selection of artefacts and the best thing is these are not all old bits of rock that are meaningless, but things that most people "of an age" will be able to relate to. So, should you be in Romford with about an hour to spend, it is well worth a visit. Maybe you could go while the other half does the shopping? Please check <http://www.haveringmuseum.org.uk/> for upcoming events and times of opening and, if you have anything small that you know of pertaining to Havering-atte-Bower that could be given or lent to the Museum, please let the museum know. Colin

## Local Studies and Family History Centre

Simon Donoghue, librarian at the Centre, part of the Central Library, gave a fascinating



insight at May's Havering Historic Forum meeting into their collection of documents. A great resource for local or family history research. Simon happened to introduce the talk with this seal.

## New notice boards

We are applying for grant in the very near future for both the church and the bus stop notice boards

## BT Infinity

Personal experience is a little mixed. It is wonderful to be able to watch a simple video on You Tube and even whole television programmes, but there are times when transmission stops for some seconds. I am no expert but I wonder if this is an indication that there is more information being transmitted than the particular cable can take. Do, please, contact me, Michael Heap, if you have any light to throw on the matter or any experiences of note with BT Infinity. For anyone interested, just search on BT Infinity or telephone 0800 800150 or, from a mobile, 0330 1234 150.

## Orange Tree pub

We are all pleased to see that the pub has reopened, now with a new landlord.

## Contact details

So that I can, if necessary, contact as many as possible quickly, please let me have your email address. Mine is [michael@roundhouse38.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:michael@roundhouse38.fsnet.co.uk) It could be for advice of theft, suspicious characters, lost pets or Habcos information, as examples.



## British Pathé News

If you now have decent broadband, do look at this link <http://www.britishpathe.com/record.php?id=58858> It is a bizarre description of the village as rabbit mad, but there is some really good film of Knightbridge butchers and a variety of people.

## Village knowledge and newsletter articles

Please write me a short note of anything that could be of interest. This is every editor's plea. Show something of interest to the rest of us, whether a letter or an article, photo or painting. The more the better, please, to Michael Heap, by email if possible at

[michael@roundhouse38.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:michael@roundhouse38.fsnet.co.uk) or to Round  
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