

ROAD REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED

Whilst our next Annual General Meeting is still six months away, we must get prepared for the forthcoming changes Two of our road representatives have indicated that they will be resigning at the AGM in May of next year - Mike Moran for Manor Road and myself, Margaret Bristow, for Crofts Road.

It is vital that we find replacements as it will be impossible to continue as these two roads link the other roads in our catchment area. We do of course still need someone for Bonnersfield Lane, Bonnersfield Close and Croft Villas.

I have represented Crofts Road for almost 20 years and feel it is time to let someone younger and fitter take over. My neighbour June and I have enjoyed meeting so many members and having a little chat when we call, it can be fun! So, please give it some thought, it is good way to get to know your neighbours.

WHAT DOES IT ENTAIL?

Collect the subscriptions from the members living in your road once a year. There are 6 committee meetings a year when we discuss any matters that have been brought to our attention usually by members and try to resolve them. Very often one of our local Councillors attends and takes back any queries that can't be answered immediately. Plus of course, the Annual General Meeting once a year.

If you would like to know more please give me a ring on 020 8863 5026 and we may be able to arrange for you to attend one of our committee meetings before committing yourself.

Margaret Bristow

HARROW NEWS

LIFTS AT HARROW ON THE HILL STATION

After many broken promises, over many years, work really is in progress on a step-free access to Harrow on the Hill station.

I am told, work is in progress as planned, piling work and excavation for new lift pits continue and work on the platform canopies to accommodate the new lift towers. The key new structures will be craned into place and the fitting out of the new lifts/bridge will continue until the end of the year. The new lifts should be installed in early 2020 and opened in the Spring.

Gayton Library

The library is scheduled to move to its new premises in Spring 2020 with a grand opening in June 2020 – there will be more information in the next newsletter

Northwick Surgery

Northwick Surgery is being extended! The surgery will shortly be publishing more details but the entrance and reception area will be extended. Those of you who have struggled to get prams or wheelchairs through the present entrance will be pleased to learn that there will be automatic doors!! In the meanwhile, we will have to put up with the building work but feel most sorry for those who have to work there and those who live nearest!

HARROW HISTORY

The origins of the name 'Harrow' – is something we take for granted - but the name covers a great deal of history.

The word 'Harrow' derives from the Saxon word *hergae* of which there are many varied spellings and which means a temple or shrine. The earliest known document relating to Harrow is a charter covering a grant of land by Offa, Saxon King of Mercia, who had converted to Christianity, to Abbot Stidberht of St. Albans in A.D.767. The grant was 30 hides of land which covered land between Gumengga Hergae (the original name for Harrow) and the Lidding (probably the Kenton) Brook. A hide was roughly equivalent to 120 acres so Offa's gift was likely to cover the areas now known as South Kenton, Greenhill, Wembley Park and Harrow School Football fields.

Offa's successor, Cenwolf, confirmed the grant on the reverse side of the document in the year A.D.801, but later seized the land for himself. Cenwolf was succeeded by his son, Kenelm, aged seven, but Kenelm was murdered by his half-sister, Cwoenthryt in A.D.825.

There is evidence of large numbers of pigs in Harrow which were fed on the acorns and beechnuts from the heavily wooded area around Harrow. Deer were also plentiful as evidenced by a charter from King William instructing those 'on the lands of Lanfranc, the Archbishop which belong to his Manor of Harrow ye chase neither stags nor hind nor fallow deer, nor hunt all of them, except so far as he may order or permit'. So, there is a lot of history in the title of Harrow. For a broad history of Harrow why not visit the Harrow Museum at Headstone Manor, Pinner View, HA2 6PX. <https://headstonemanor.org>

It is free and very interesting.

(Adapted from: The Book of Harrow on the Hill by Don Walter; The London Encyclopaedia edited by Weinreb and Hibbert; Harrow before your time, Pinner & Hatch End WEA; The Domesday Book ed. Thomas Hide.)

Herga Folk Club

The Herga folk club meets every Monday evening from 7.30 at the Castle public house at the top of West Street near the 258/ H17 bus stop for Harrow School.



For more information visit their web site at www.hergafolkclub.harrow

The singers and musicians provide a wide variety of folk and acoustic music and a warm welcome is guaranteed from the very friendly regulars. *If you decide to eat at The Castle tell the bar-staff that that*

*you are there for the folk club and you will get a **20% discount on your food!***

There is no entrance charge unless the club has booked a professional artist but you are invited to buy raffle tickets on the night for a bottle of fine wine. *All are welcome to perform or simply sit back and enjoy the wonderful atmosphere.*

Why not give it a try, and visit on Monday evening, sit around a table and listen to the music and maybe even sing along.

<https://herga.club/>

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Contacting Police – A Greenhill Guide

Imminent risk to life, limb or property? Suspect present right now?

CALL 999!

Obviously, this applies to serious offences and threats, but also if a suspect is present then and there, and there is a real risk of your

property being stolen or damaged. As an example, if a suspect is on your drive and trying your car door handle, it is absolutely appropriate to call 999 so a unit can be dispatched.

Low-level crime or victimless crime (e.g. drug deal)? Crime has already occurred and suspect no longer present?

CALL 101 or report online.

The Online Reporting Tool - <https://www.met.police.uk/ro/report/> - is a very quick and convenient way of reporting incidents and you can even upload images and footage. Calling 101, the non-emergency number, is also an option but there will be wait times involved depending on the demand.

Intelligence? Antisocial behaviour?

Report online or anonymously via Crimestoppers.

Again, we'd strongly suggest reporting antisocial behaviour via the online tool (<https://www.met.police.uk/ro/report/>). For example, if you notice suspicious behaviour on your road, or you have information about drug use or dealers, reporting this to us lets us directly follow it up.

If you want to give us information but want to remain totally anonymous, contact Crimestoppers at <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/> or on 0800555111. All calls and contact are completely confidential – they will not ask your name, address or trace the call in any way. Information goes directly to us, but NOT any details about the source.

If you want to give us information or intelligence you can also contact your local Greenhill safer neighbourhood team – see Useful Telephone Numbers below.

WhatsApp? Nextdoor?

In this day and age, lots of neighbours use social media such as WhatsApp or Nextdoor to keep in touch. We've heard that plenty of people share images of suspicious people or activity with their neighbours. Generally speaking this is okay – after all you have the right to take pictures in public and being vigilant is never a bad thing. Social media platforms also have their own terms of service and will tell you if you are breaching them. *However*, remember that CCTV has to be limited to your own property and you may run into issues if you are publishing CCTV images/footage of public pavements or highways,

especially if sharing on public networks such as Facebook. It is also not a good idea to make any allegations about people on public platforms (e.g. YouTube, Twitter and Facebook) for obvious reasons.

Ultimately, if we (the police) don't know about it, we can't try to identify this people or look to solve the issue. Tell us.

Online Watch Link – OWL

If you have access to email, you can register to join this service, which will keep you up to date on what is happening. 2 people living in our streets were scammed in Tesco car park. If they had known about OWL, this is the message they would have received:

Scam alert

Please be aware of scammers in car parks pretending to be working for NCP! On Monday 21/10/19 at midday, victim was at Tesco Superstore car park on Station Road. While she was trying to park her vehicle, she saw a male in a white vehicle taking pictures of her.

When victim parked the car, a second male, alleging to be the manager of Tesco and showing her an official looking badge, jumped in the car and said that the male taking the pictures was working for NCP and that she was liable for a £100 fine, but this could be cancelled within 10 minutes if the victim would drive with him to the nearest NCP car park in Harrow Wealdstone and pay by card, which she did several times and her cards were swallowed by the machine.

You can find more information about fraud and scams on our website address at:

<https://www.met.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/fa/fraud/personal-fraud/prevent-personal-fraud/>

At least 2 people in our streets had their cars broken into.

The following message was sent out from OWL on 30.10.19:

Theft from motor vehicle remains a concern in Harrow, please remember to lock your car when parked upon the drive and if it is a keyless entry lock then keep the keys in a Faraday cage. They can be purchased online or just use an old, metal, biscuit tin.



**METROPOLITAN
POLICE**

OWL is now live in Harrow!

OWL allows the Police to quickly alert you to crimes in your immediate area, and crime prevention messages can be sent to you by both the Police and Neighbourhood Watch. It is a huge leap forward in enabling the Police and the public to work together in closer partnership.

We invite you and your neighbours to sign up to OWL today at the following address: <https://www.owl.co.uk>

Simply enter your Postcode, fill out your details on the screen, and submit. As soon as we receive your request we will put your details onto OWL within a few working days, and you will receive an email with your login and password.

OWL is a secure system, it is **free to use**, and your details will never be used or sold on for marketing purposes - it is the **ONLY** secure communications system in the UK that is **Police approved** under the "Secured By Design" scheme. Your contact details are only visible to the Police, your Watch Coordinator (if one exists for your road) and senior Community/Ward Coordinators.

You won't need to log in to OWL to see alerts - they will come straight to your email or mobile phone inbox - the system is very simple to use.

OWL will be the primary way that your local police communicate with residents it also provides a great platform for local residents to contact their officers about concerns important to them.

If you have any queries about OWL please feel free to email greenhill.snt@met.police.uk

Volunteers needed at St. Mark's Hospital

Friends of St Mark's Hospital

Registered Charity no. 258233



The Friends of St Mark's Hospital, a small charity, is run by a dedicated group of volunteers for the benefit of the patients.

When a patient or visitor first comes to St Mark's, they may not be familiar with the geography of the hospital, as the entrance on level 3 also leads to Northwick Park Hospital via the Link Corridor on Level 4 and Cardiology is on level 9. This is when a Meeter and Greeter Volunteers steps forward and offers helpful information and direction. At the moment we have a three regular volunteers Meeting and Greeting, but we would very much like more, as it is a much needed and appreciated service.

On level 3 is also the Friends of St Mark's Tea Bar selling delicious sandwiches and a variety of hot and cold snacks, all reasonably priced. Vernon, the tea bar manager, has two paid staff but also five volunteers who help at the till. More volunteers would be most welcome, especially taking a trolley with food and drink to the operating theatres (not actually into the theatre), as staff there find it helpful not to have to get changed and walk out to get some refreshments.

A trolley is taken to Frederick Salmon Ward and the Intestinal Recovery Unit fortnightly selling various items which patients might find useful or even remind them of St Mark's! On both these wards there has been a desire to have a friendly volunteer to visit patients who may be in hospital for a long time and may not have many visitors.

The search for volunteers continues. If you know of someone who has a few hours to spare, once a week or once a fortnight, please get in touch. Either leave your name and phone number on the Friend's voice mail 020 8235 4090. [Please speak slowly and clearly] or email friendsofsm@nhs.net. You will be contacted, but it may take a few days.

**The Friends of St Mark's Hospital,
Room 002, Level 5, St Mark's Hospital, Northwick Park, Watford Road, Harrow, Middlesex
HA1 3UJ. Friends Answerphone Tel: 0208 235 4090 Email: friendsofsm@nhs.net**

The Association is a non-political, non-religious organisation run by your neighbours for the benefit of all residents in Greenhill Manor [see map], whether they are home-owners or tenants.

Your Greenhill councillors to deal with local matters

Susan Anderson - EMAIL sue.anderson@harrow.gov.uk
Mobile number: 07875094900

Keith Ferry - EMAIL keith.ferry@harrow.gov.uk
Mobile number: 07922227147

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Mobile Number: 07840 514852

Your Member of Parliament

[Please note there is a General Election on 12.12.19]

Gareth Thomas was re-elected MP for Harrow West at the last election.

Gareth Thomas lives locally, went to school in Harrow and have been Harrow West MP since 1997.

The constituency office is:
132 Blenheim Road,
West Harrow,
HA2 7AA
Tel: 020 8861 6300.

Surgeries are usually held on Fridays on a weekly basis.

gareth.thomas@harrowlabour.org

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House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA
Tel: 020 7219 4243
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Your current committee

Chairperson	Hemuna Pather-Carr, 41 Northwick Park Road
Vice Chairperson	Margaret Bristow
Secretary	Helen Shorter, 55 Grange Road
Treasurer	Eddie Griffiths, 11 Northwick Park Road
Road Representatives	
Bonnersfield Lane, Close & Croft Villas	<i>Position Vacant</i>
Crofts Road	Margaret Bristow, 118 Crofts Road
Francis Road	Bijal Vekaria, 35 Francis Road
Grange Road	Helen Shorter, 55 Grange Road
Hill Crescent and Road	San Thaker, 35 Francis Road
Manor Road	Mike Moran, 43 Manor Road
Northwick Park Road	Sylvia Farooqi, Northwick Park Road

A Road Representative is needed for Bonnersfield Lane and Close and Croft Villas. There are six committee meetings a year, which usually only last from 7.30pm to 8.30pm or so. Members' subs are collected once a year, after the AGM.

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Useful Telephone Numbers

All MAJOR emergencies: Fire, Police or Ambulance	999
Harrow Council	
Civic Centre	(020) 8901 2600
Metropolitan Police – Urgent	999
Metropolitan Police, request Harrow Police Station	(020) 8423 1212
Anti-Terrorist Hot Line	0800 789 321
Crime Stoppers (confidential)	0800 555 111
Greenhill Safer Neighbourhood Unit	(020) 8721 2780
To report an electricity power cut	0800 783 8838
National Gas Emergency Service	0800 111 999
Water leak (Affinity Water)	0800 376 5325
Telephone Preference Service - to stop unwanted calls	0845 070 0707
Mail Preference Service	(020) 7291 3310
Harrow Energy Efficiency Advice helpline and Energy Saving Guidance	0800 838 650
Brent and Harrow Trading Standards Service Shoppers rights	(020) 8937 5555