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**JANUARY 2026**

## ***Help Keep Your Village Litter Free***

**SUNDAY FEB 8<sup>th</sup> 10am to 1pm Village Green**

**Litter picks and bags supplied.**

**Please bring own gloves**

**Great Event for all the Family**

Please let us know if you would prefer to litter pick around your own area at a different time. It avoids duplication and means we can cover a wider area.

**Contact Jenny Gwinn with any queries**

**07977 024055**

The photo shows the amount of litter collected over a 2 hour period on January 14<sup>th</sup> from Broxhill Road



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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| February 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Litter Pick 10-1 Village Green                                    |
| February 28 <sup>th</sup> | Quiz 7.30pm Village Hall – Booking essential (see details inside) |
| March 1 <sup>st</sup>     | Plinth unveiling 11am on the Green (see details inside)           |
| April 5 <sup>th</sup>     | Easter Egg Hunt   |

## **Village Green Status**

Our Village Green has been granted protected Village Green Status. This means that the Green must remain as a Village Green in perpetuity and cannot be built on. We are in the process of preparing a plinth to commemorate the award which will be unveiled at a special ceremony on **Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup>**. It will be a short ceremony at 11am, with local Councillors and dignitaries present, followed by refreshments in the Church Hall. All are welcome and we hope you will come and support the occasion. We are one of only 5 Village Greens that have been awarded this status.

## CAMPA NOLOGY (BELL RINGING)

We hope many of you enjoyed the wonderful peal of the St John's Church Bells on Sunday afternoon 18<sup>th</sup> January.



A visiting group of campanologists rang a full peal consisting of 5040 changes. A full peal is rung entirely from memory with the same band of ringers throughout. An amazing feat. Our thanks go to the group on the completion of the full peal. Campanology, the study and art of bell ringing began with small handbells before moving to bells in church towers. They were used for calling worshipers to services, marking curfews, and signalling events from around the 8<sup>th</sup> century. The modern practice of complex patterned 'change ringing' developed in 17<sup>th</sup> century England. It was codified by figures like Fabian Stedman, transforming bell

ringing from simple chiming into a mathematical, musical art form involving full rotations of bells. It thrives today as a distinct English tradition. The first documented peal, (a long, continuous performance of thousands of changes), occurred in 1715 in Norwich, England. The art has spread internationally, with new towers being installed in various countries, and the Belgian carillon tradition is recognized by UNESCO.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO TEST OUT BELL RINGING?

If you are interested in trying out bell ringing we will try to organise the opportunity for you to have a go. We need to know how many of you are interested with names, days and times when you would be available. Be prepared for quite a physical activity and for that reason it is not suitable for children. Suggested not less than 11 years old.

Please contact Michael Heap if you are interested – details on the back of the

## ROYAL OAK OPENING

We are delighted to let you know that the Royal Oak will be opening very soon as a restaurant/bistro/cafe. Hopefully in the first half of February.

Dee and Ercan, the new owners, have asked if anyone has any historical pictures or photos of the village they would be prepared to let them have to hang on the walls. If you have please call in during the day when they are there or contact me, Jenny, on 07977024055.

*We will be emailing round as soon as we know the exact date. If you are not on the email list and would like to know please email Michael with your email address. (data protected). Details on the back of the newsletter.*





# QUIZ! TIME!

**SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

**DOORS OPEN 7.00PM**

**QUIZ STARTS 7.30PM**

**Bower Hall, Wellingtonia Avenue,  
Havering-atte-Bower**

**BRING YOUR OWN  
DRINKS AND SNACKS**

**TEAMS UP TO 8 PEOPLE**

**PLEASE NOTE THE PRICE IS STILL ONLY  
£5 PER PERSON**

**The price has been held for ten years!**

**TO BOOK YOUR TABLE  
CALL OR TEXT  
JENNY GWINN  
ON 07977 024055**

## **Last October's winners**

**Gary Mullins, front centre,  
and Friends shown here  
with Andy Carrol, on the  
left, England, Liverpool,  
Newcastle, West Ham and  
now with  
Dagenham & Redbridge FC.**





## **SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER**

These snowdrops, halfway down Bower Farm Road and in Havering Country Park, were spotted during a walk in the company of a fox and a drilling woodpecker



### **A Word Search**

Greetings from snowy Yorkshire! This editions' search is for some of the Havering parks and gardens that combine to make Havering one of the greenest boroughs in London. That is saying something given that London is so blessed with trees that the UN regard it as technically a forest!

**Good luck!**

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Bedfords  
Havering Country  
Cottons  
Dagnam  
Duck Wood  
Hainault  
Harrow Lodge  
Hornchurch  
Langtons  
Rise Park  
Central

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