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Cllr Sachin Shah
Leader of Harrow Council

It was a pleasure and a privilege to be a part of our Business Den competition this year. Our worthy winners – Earth to Earth Organics – embody everything that Harrow people are all about. They're two ordinary people with a dream and the courage to pursue it. They're working hard to turn their inspiration into success – and Harrow Council's place is right there, supporting them to reach their goals. Congratulations to them and all our finalists.

You'll have received a map with this magazine. I hope you can take the time to download the 3D App and see our vision for the Wealdstone of the future. We're on the verge of realising the potential of the centre of our borough – I promise it's worth checking out what we're planning.

Lastly – I'm pleased to be supporting any Harrow people who decide to hold a street party for May's Royal Wedding. We're waiving fees and extending our insurance to make it easy for Harrow to have a great day to remember. I just hope the sun shines!

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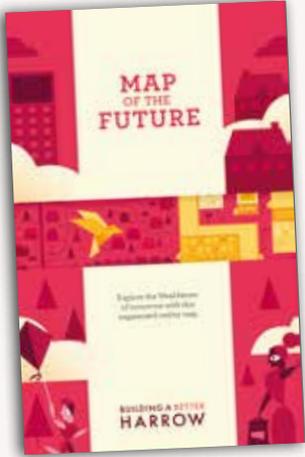
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Map to the future



Did you notice a map delivered with this issue of Harrow People? This is no ordinary map – we've used augmented reality to bring our regeneration project to life, allowing you to soar over Wealdstone and see the town grow and transform.

By downloading the map app, you'll get a bird's-eye view of the thousands of modern homes, brand new offices, shops and public spaces on the horizon – all part of our plans to build a better Harrow for our residents.

Aim your phone's camera at the unfolded map and get ready to take off!

Start your journey by downloading the **Harrow 3D Map** app on the App Store or Google Play.

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Poets' Corner

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH...?

... HARROW SPRING CLEAN

... RECYCLING

If you're having a clear-out over the Easter holidays, don't forget that you now need to bring valid photo ID and proof of address with you to the recycling centre on Forward Drive, Wealdstone.

Not got a car? Don't worry – with our low prices for bulky waste collections, starting from just £10 for a mattress, we've got you covered.

Find out more, search "Harrow bulky waste collection" online.



Our singing cleaners were out in force in the last month hitting Rayners Lane and Queensbury reminding shoppers of the importance of keeping the streets clean. Lots of you got stuck in

with feather dusters and brooms to make Harrow clean. Take a look and see if you spot anyone you know – visit our YouTube channel to watch the latest videos.



... STEP-FREE HARROW

Step-free tube stations are coming to Harrow.

Work is already underway to make Harrow-on-the Hill station step-free. By Spring 2020 all platforms will be step-free from the town centre College Road entrance.

Step-free access from the Lowlands Road entrance will follow later as part of the wider development of the tube and bus station – consultation on this phase is due later this year.

Sudbury Hill Underground station has also been named as a Harrow station to undergo works to be step-free in 2022.

... KENTON LIBRARY REOPENS



As other boroughs are closing libraries we've brought them in-house and refurbished listed Kenton library.

Following its New Year makeover, you'll find a bright colourful children's library, better study areas, a new meeting space and public toilet.



... NEW SQUARE

There'll be a great new taste coming to a brand new town square in the heart of Harrow town centre thanks to a £1million investment win.

The cash, from the Mayor of London's Good Growth Fund, will support the creation of a public square in Lyon Road and adjacent "pop-up test restaurant" as part of the redevelopment of the former Cumberland Hotel site.

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How it works

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... want to celebrate the Royal Event-of-the-year this spring, with a street party! But you don't know where to start...



Chat with your neighbours and see who's up for it. You'll want everyone to join in the fun and help you out on Harry and Meghan's big day!

Street party time!

Please be a good neighbour – enjoy yourselves responsibly and remember to clean up after the party's over!



Good news! It's party time! For the Royal Wedding you're covered by our public liability insurance*; you can serve alcohol (but not sell it); and even run a raffle.

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Get support from your Community Champion. They know all kinds of people and useful things. Don't have one in your road? Maybe you'd like to become one!



Figure out which bit of the road you want to use for the party. Quiet roads are the best. Maybe the next road along wants to join in!

This spring sees Prince Harry marry Hollywood royalty, Meghan Markle – and you can be part of the celebrations without leaving Harrow. Here's how...



You're ready to make it happen. Write invitations to every address on your road. You'll want tables, chairs, food, drink, decorations and music!



Fill in our application form at harrow.gov.uk/streetparties for a road closure. The Royal Wedding is on 19 May – but we need the form by 22 April – so get cracking!

Rogues' gallery

Here are some of the latest crooks to be caught red-handed by our eagle-eyed officers...

£100k fines for slum landlords

From no heating and unsafe fire exits, to overcrowding and dangerous electrics, we're getting even tougher on rogue landlords. In the last month we've issued £100,000 in fines to 34 landlords.

Everyone deserves to live in safe and warm homes. While most of our landlords do the right thing to keep their properties in good shape for the tenants, there are a few who think they can flout the rules – not on our watch!

Cleaning up

We're continuing to crack down on litter louts ruining your borough.

In the last year we've issued 8,000 on-the-spot fines – 847 of these since January – to those caught spitting and littering on your street.



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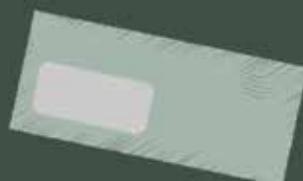


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Making amends

Some of them are just children. Some of them may have been caught stealing. Others may have been caught with drugs – or knives. All of them have broken the law and have been through the courts.

That's when they come here.

Welcome to the world of the Restorative Justice Team. Our four officers support as many as a hundred 10- to-18-year-olds every month, working with community organisations as they make amends for the harm they have caused.

"I'm a Reparations Officer and they're Restorative Justice Coordinators", says Kit Chan Oliver.

"We also have a Victims Liaison Officer – and she includes victims in the discussions about how

these young people are going to make amends".

With a wide variety of community projects that need volunteers – success for the team means putting these young people to work, and reconnecting them with the world and the community. That's important in stopping a young person from re-offending.

"We'll ask, 'So what's the point of what we did today? How did you help?' And they'll say they helped someone and that made them feel good. That's a successful day."

So, while a young person is

"We help bridge the gap between different people whose paths wouldn't usually cross"

supervised to help an elderly person with their garden; work at a food bank; or hand-crafts toys for an animal charity – they're learning teamwork, empathy, pride in their work and skills for the future.

"We help bridge the gap between people whose paths wouldn't usually cross. Prejudices are lowered and it's an eye-opener, as they get to know each other."

Often, the young people are inspired by their work. Many go on to pursue the interests and passions that started here.

And the process works: statistics show that restorative justice reduces the frequency of re-offending; and has a higher satisfaction rating among victims, at a far lower cost, compared to traditional criminal justice.

Only in Harrow

EARTH TO EARTH ORGANICS

After months of preparing, four finalists took to the stage to present their business ideas at our very own 'dragon's den' style competition, Harrow Business Den last week.

This year, it was a natural skin-care line, Earth to Earth Organics who stole the show, scooping top prize – a package of business support and cash prize. Danny and Tenesia Pascal, owners of Earth to Earth Organics, impressed our tough panel of judges and the audience with their cool and collected pitch.

It all started in 2015 when they grew tired of skin care brands that didn't meet their needs. They started to experiment with all natural products, and when Danny's nephew couldn't find a cream to help with his eczema, their handmade blend very quickly became a winner, helping to clear up his skin.

From that moment, they decided to take skin care products more seriously and developed the idea as a potential business.

Speaking about their win, Danny said: "What can I say; winning the Harrow Business Den competition has left us feeling overwhelmed, full of joy and very humbled.

"We were up against some tough finalists who all did a fantastic job – and we're all going to stay in touch.



"Having never run a business before, Tenesia and I are really looking forward to the experience and knowledge the mentoring will bring so that we have the tools to survive for the long run.

"It's great the council are running events like this to support start-up businesses. It gives us all a platform to

showcase our talent, share ideas and connect with the local business community."

Luckily, you don't have to wait to get your hands on their fabulous skincare line – you can purchase it right now!

● Find out more about [@Earth to Earth Organics](#) on [instagram](#)

The best in the business

When it comes to business, Harrow reigns supreme. Entrepreneurs, shopkeepers, accountants and solicitors, designers, creatives and foodies – these are the people who make Harrow great.

Bringing together our local business community, the Harrow Business Den was a great opportunity for making new contacts and expert advice, with plenty of networking happening on the night. This year's 5th anniversary event also featured special guest Akshay Ruparelia, Britain's 'youngest millionaire' from Harrow – owner of online estate agency Doorsteps – who gave an insight into his success.

While there can only be one winner of the Harrow Business Den competition, we're pleased to say our runner-up didn't



leave empty handed either. The Dandies Clothing, an organic and eco-friendly fashion brand will also receive mentoring and advice on how to push their business further.

Our other two finalists this year were Tudor Lodge Consultants, a digital marketing consultancy specialising in Search Engine Optimisation, and Aspiring Panda, an Employee

Attendance App using facial recognition and GPS.

Finally not forgetting our sponsors, supporters and judges: Akshay Ruparelia, Doorsteps; Tom Whiting, Interim Chief Executive Harrow Council; Steve Mulcahy, Sopra Steria; and Oliver Cullum, GFL Construction – without them the Harrow Business Den would not be possible.



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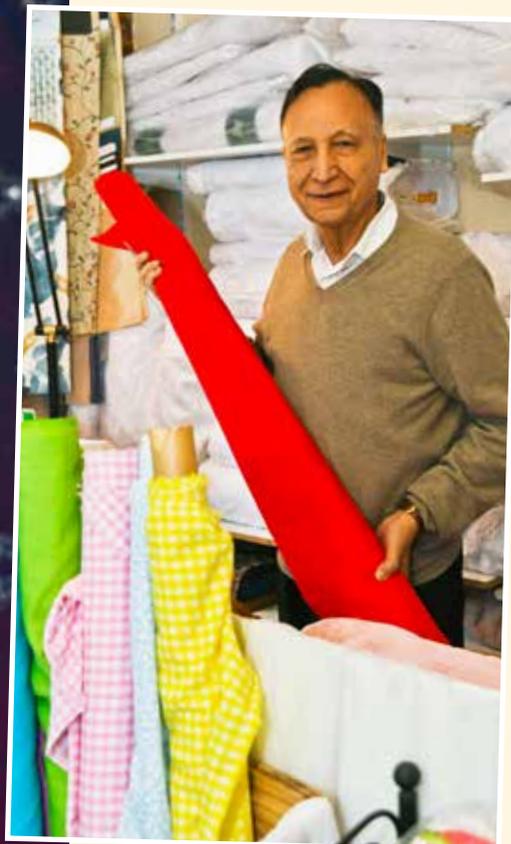
Tucked under the arches of the Piccadilly Line, South Harrow Market offers a surprising bounty of bargains and services for the body and home.



■ The railway arches are currently being refurbished. Jason Ball is the site manager. “We’re doing the section from Northolt Road to Sherwood Road as part of a £1million-plus TfL project.”



■ Alvena and Homa are part of the team at X-posure Beauty Salon. They offer the full range, from shellac manicure to threading, hair-dressing to henna. “We have lots of return customers – they’ve been coming to us for 11 years now.”



■ Abdul runs Ankoy Carpets with his wife, Nazia – “We have everyday carpets and we have pure wool hand-knotted Afghan rugs – the largest are 12 metres square!”

■ Indus Linen and Textiles offers a huge range of beautiful fabrics and specialises in made-to-measure curtains. Muddassir has run the shop with his wife Salem since 1997.



■ Ali and Patrick run Select Print. “We supply many of the local shops with signs, but we also do leaflets, promotional items, number plates...you name it!”

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Harrow is one of a minority of councils in the UK that is not expecting to raid its financial reserves next year – despite facing massive cutbacks in government funding.

Cllr Sachin Shah, leader of Harrow Council, said: “I take being careful with your money very seriously. We have saved £7.4 million by cutting back staffing, red tape and waste.

“We are earning millions from sharing services and new commercial ventures. We are coping with massive government cutbacks, and Harrow’s budget is balanced for this year – unlike most councils.

“Every year, the government is cutting its funding for councils. As a result, Northamptonshire this year became the first council to issue a ‘section 114 notice’. It basically means they have run out of money. The consequences are dire: all their services are now in



Thanks a million

“I’m Paul and I help make Harrow clean. Thanks to your Council Tax, we’re fitting hundreds of new bins like this all over Harrow. We hate litter and rats, which is why these bins are bigger, stronger and pest-proof. We’re working round the clock to make Harrow clean again and we hope you see the difference.”



danger, from bin collection to care for young people. Other councils will surely follow.

“Our job is to make sure this does not happen in Harrow. That is why, like 95% of all local authorities in the UK,

Council Tax is rising this year in Harrow. We know what higher tax means for you. We do not take this decision lightly.

“To keep providing high-quality services like children’s centres and beat sweeping, that other

councils have axed, we need more help from you. We believe Harrow people want to care for the vulnerable and make our borough clean.”

Here are just a few examples of what we do, thanks to you.

“I’m Charlotte and this is Adam. Thanks to your Council Tax, Harrow has kept up Early Support services that other places have cut. They’ve supported young families like us through tough times. They’ve not just helped Adam’s development, they’ve helped mine, and I’m back at college now, aiming to become a teacher.”



“I’m George and I use Wiseworks mental health centre. If it wasn’t for Wiseworks I wouldn’t be here. I’ve been learning photography here for a while and was recently asked to take professional photos for some new cafes. Other boroughs have closed places like this and people have nowhere to go – it’s a scary thought.”

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From an outdoor cinema, live music, and dog shows – the Harrow Weald park user group are planning to offer locals lots to do in the five hectares of green open space.

Located at the top of the High Street – opposite a DIY store and fast food drive-through – the park, enjoyed by locals, suffers from littering and fly-tipping. Lorna Minney, who started the Friends of Harrow Weald Recreation Ground, has played a huge role in making the local park an even better place to relax and enjoy.

“I walk my dog in the Rec and noticed the park was looking run down. I wanted to do something about it – and other people did too! More than 40 people turned up for the first meeting last September.

“We’ve been working hard to spruce up the park – every month we’re out litter picking and adding new plants, local schools and businesses have been involved too. What’s



next? We’re working hard to hold events in the park and have a programme of events planned for the year – we’ve received great support

from local residents and businesses.”

Harrow Weald Recreation Ground isn't the only park with exciting works and activities taking place. New tennis courts are being installed at West Harrow Rec, we're planting 270 trees and there's lots more planned to improve parks.

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5 April | 2pm | £10/ £8 concessions

■ This crazy mix of magic, science and interactive fun is set to be the perfect Easter delight for kids aged 3 to 8 years old.

Courtney Pine ft. Omar (photo attached)

21 April | 7.30pm | £19

■ One of the UK's leading jazz performers Courtney Pine CBE returns to Harrow, accompanied by award winning neo soul vocalist Omar, known for his 90s hit single "There's nothing like this", for an evening of outstanding musical skill and talent.



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Eggstastic Gnome Hunt

Now until 15 April | 10am – 2pm | Headstone Manor Museum

■ Those crazy little gnomes are at it AGAIN. Running off with all of the eggs! Pick up your trail from the Visitor Centre and see if you can find the naughty gnomes and win a prize!

Spring is sprung

8 April | 11am – 3pm | Headstone Manor Museum | for kids age 5+ and their adults | Free

■ Find out the signs that spring has sprung and make a beautiful blossom wall hanging.

May Day Festival

7 May | 12pm-5pm |



Adults: £3.50, Children (4-12years): £2, Under 4: free

■ Enjoy a fabulous family fun day including a Punch and Judy puppet show, Reptile Displays and lots of Children's activities. Experience traditional Morris Dancing, professional Maypole dancing lessons, craft activities and captivating performances by local musical talent.

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■ Fun creative spring themed workshops for kids.

ST GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

22 April | 1pm | Pinner High Street

■ The infamous Ye Olde Wheelbarrow race returns as part of

the annual celebration of England's patron saint. The high street will be transformed into a traffic-free family-friendly zone.

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3 to 5 May | 7.45pm | St Edmund's Hall, Pinner Road, Northwood, HA6 1QS | £9

■ Afraid that life is passing him by, Colin becomes a clandestine crime fighter – but has he bitten off more than he can chew? To book your

ticket or find out more call 020 8428 1349 or email boxoffice@arrowplayers.org.uk

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Hatch End Family Triathlon

13 May | 7.30am – 12.30pm | Hatch End Swimming Pool, Uxbridge Road, HA5 4EA

■ Come along with your family and friends to support everyone taking part – all money raised will go to St Luke's Hospice. If you'd like to take part in the family orientated race, applications close on 27 April – search "Hatch End Triathlon" online.

HARROW LIBRARIES

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Adventures with Peter Rabbit

Pinner Library | 5 April | 2.30pm – 3.30pm | Free

■ Travel to an imaginary land and listen to the tales of Peter Rabbit and take part in a colouring and craft activity. No booking required.

Author Event – David Stroud

Gayton Library | 24 May | 6pm | Free event for adults

■ Meet local author David Stroud at Gayton Library. David will be giving a talk, taking questions and signing copies of his debut novel 'Albatross'.

Father's Day craft sessions

Kenton Library | 12 June | 11.15am | and 16 June | 2.30pm;
Pinner and Gayton Libraries | 16 June | 11am; Wealdstone Library | 16 June | 2.30pm

■ Dads, granddads and father figures are wonderful all year round, but once a year we celebrate their special role in our lives. Join us and make something to give to someone you love on Father's Day.



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● **St. Luke's Pinner Parish Hall**
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Off the wall

There's a new way to get fit that is fun, social – and taking Harrow to new heights.

So chalk your hands and get your climbing shoes on because HarroWall – the UK's largest bouldering centre – is now open.

The 40,000 sq ft indoor facility includes extensive climbing facilities, a 14-element "crazy climb" experience and 170m caving centre (the largest in Europe!)

Brian McAlinden, HarroWall Deputy Manager, said its mission is to dispel the stereotype of "climbing" as an activity that involves trekking across hills in dreary weather.

And, as you walk through the doors, no image could be further from your mind. It's modern and spacious

– and there's motivating music and fun, bright colours ahead. Bouldering is a growing sport that involves no ropes or harnesses and is about climbing "boulder problems" close to the ground – think of it as a cross between gymnastics and chess.

"Climbing is a dynamic sport which has always been popular across Europe. With its addition to the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, it will continue to grow," says Brian. And Harrow is the perfect location for the centre, he adds.

"You can be taking your first steps at HarroWall one day and then progress to the Himalayas or being an Olympic champion the next."

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