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Clir Graham Henson Leader of Harrow Council

There are two top events in the Harrow calendar this month. They both show we have a great community spirit and much to be proud of. Harrow's Heroes, now in its eleventh year, is our local awards evening at which we celebrate kindness, selflessness and bravery. Every nomination is an inspiring story of someone putting others first. Follow us on social media to see all the winners on the night. I'd like to thank all the businesses whose sponsorship makes this much loved event possible.

Four days before is the Harrow Half Marathon. This event's only in its second year, but is already a favourite. It's fun, healthy and a great celebration of where we live. This year's Half will be the first race in London to be single-use plastic bottle free. It will also be an opportunity to remember local hero, Sir Roger Bannister, who died in March. Everyone from ages four and upwards can take part in the family mile - the distance that made him a global name – there are more details on pages 30 and 31.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH...?

... HARROW'S COOKING

Were you lucky enough to get a spot at one of our fabulous food happenings last year? If not, now is your chance to get a taste of the action – Harrow's Cooking is back with a Bollywood banquet.

Flavours of Asia will come to Harrow Town Centre on 15 September from 11am to 6pm, with street food, dancing and even Bollywood biscuits!

Find out about the foodie talent all around you – check out harrowtowncentre.co.uk for full details.

... NORTH HARROW LIBRARY

There is a new chapter about to begin at North Harrow Library. After three years in mothballs, it's poised to return, thanks to some brilliant and dogged work by enterprising local volunteers.

The library reopens at 10am on 22 September after the council handed over the keys and £14,000 in funding to trustees, including chair Kamal Shah.

"Everyone I meet is absolutely overjoyed," he said. "We have been contacted by more than 50 people who want to help. This shows what an amazing community we have here in Harrow."

It promises to be a community hub, run for the community, by the community. If you want to help or get involved, head down on the 22nd, or email northharrowlibrary@gmail.com.



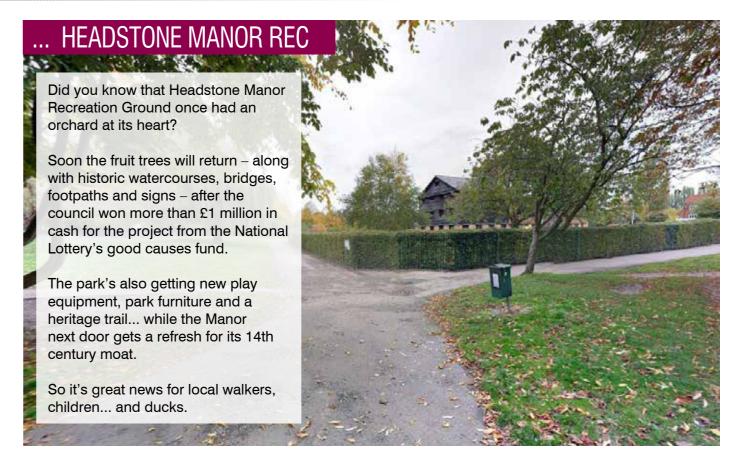
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.. SCHOOL PLACES

It might seem like your child has only just gone back to school... but it's already time to look for their next one!

All Year 6 parents have to apply for a secondary school place by 31 October. You don't want to miss out on the deadline – it can cause real heartache for your family.

Go to www.harrow.gov.uk/schoolguides where you can find out everything you need to know and how to apply.





HARROW STAR Chambers

A brush with success...

arrow artist Catherine Chambers was a big fan of Grayson Perry so much so, that she studied the ceramic artist for her university dissertation.

Now it's Grayson Perry who's a fan of Catherine's - as the Turner Prize winner chose her work to hang in the main gallery at the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition.

"It feels like a full circle for me," says Catherine, who shares a studio at Whitefriars with her sister Charlotte, a photographer. Catherine's portrait of Girma, a tailor she met in Ethiopia, was her first ever entry into the RA's show, and with 20,000 entrants, she says it was a surprise to be selected. "It's an honour to be chosen

and has opened many doors.

The amount of people that visit each day and will see 'Girma' is incredible. Although Girma is involved in the art world in a sense, he has never known a gallery or artwork beyond souvenirs and religious depictions."

Ethiopia is a country Catherine has come to regard as a second home. She first visited on a brief stopover while travelling

the length of Africa. Since then she has learnt the

language and formed close friendships, returning for at least a month every year.

"The painting is of particular importance to me, and one I thought would be interesting to share with a large audience. Ironic, actually, as Girma himself has spent a lot of his life in hiding."

SEE FOR YOURSELF

House London weekend on 22-23 September (see What's and see upcoming opportunities, follow them on Instagram @whitefriars studios



She is not alone in finding Girma striking. Thanks to its exposure at the Royal Academy the painting, which had a £9,000 price tag, has now sold.

Catherine has been working from Whitefriars Studios, in the former Winsor & Newton factory, since they opened last summer, and praised the project. She's not alone – this month Harrow Council won a Place West London award for creating a cultural community

town centre projects.

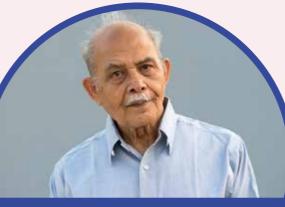
"It's definitely the best place I've worked and think it's a huge asset for Harrow," says Catherine. "Anybody who has come by has only had positive things to say!"

Follow Catherine on instagram @cchambersart

Artist Catherine Chambers at her studio in Whitefriars: far left, with her painting Girma on display at the Royal Academy



You're concerned about your elderly neighbour, Naveen - you think someone may have scammed him.



NAVEEN: "When I was in hospital and feeling muddled a friend got me to sign something...I think they're now taking money from my bank account."



SUE: "If you know a case like Naveen's but aren't sure what to do next, talk to me in confidence by calling the council's safeguarding adults advice line.

PHOEBE: "Sue's referred the case to me. We think this fraudster has scammed power of attorney to control Naveen's affairs - we're going to put a stop to it."



Safe from scams

We have a legal duty to protect elderly or disabled Harrow residents from abuse, exploitation and theft - here's how we do it...

CLARISE: "I presided over this serious fraud case in crown court - I ordered the scammer to repay the money and jailed him for two years."





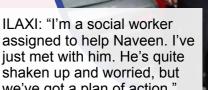
ADAM: "At the Met we've built a criminal case against the person who swindled Naveen. Well done to his neighbour who made the call."

If you're worried about someone, visit www.harrow.gov.uk/safeguardingadults or call 020 8420 9453

DOMINIC "I'm a council care manager I'm going to see what we can do to make Naveen feel safer at home - that might include fitting an entry phone.



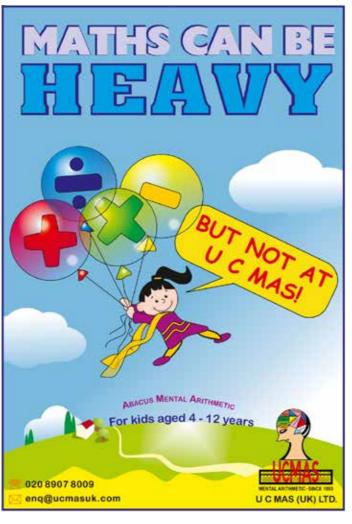
Naveen's asked for our help to freeze the fraudster's access and involve the police, so that's what we're













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development team: edo@harrow.gov.uk

Community Safety



Justice was served on a Harrow business and its director after Harrow Council caught them dumping seven and a half tonnes of waste on Hatch End playing fields.

Triangle Care and Maintenance was ordered to pay more than £51,000

for the dump – all caught on camera. Director Ivan Hausjell now has to wear an electronic ankle tag and pay £1,600 for his part in the dumping spree, which cost Harrow taxpayers more than £4,000 to clear up.

Our officers are always on the lookout for bad behaviour, ready to step in to keep Harrow safe and protect your pounds...

FRAUDSTER BEHIND BARS

A fraudster who stole more than £100,000 is now serving a three-year prison sentence, thanks to a joint operation by Harrow Council and the Met. Sancho Jayaratnam, 58, of Bushey, was meant to be helping Housing Benefit claimants, but was instead helping himself. We caught him red-handed, siphoning bogus payments into his accomplices' bank accounts. One of them, Gabriella Morosan, 28, of Watford, admitted recruiting a network to launder the stolen cash. She got an

18-month suspended sentence and 100 hours of community service. Sorry scammer Jayaratnam must now repay £113,628 within six months or face further jail time. He may also be forced to forfeit

property.

FOOTY FAKES' £100K BILL

A Harrow salesman caught hawking tens of thousands of fake football sew-on patches and other merchandise has been slapped with a £100k bill – thanks to Harrow and Brent Trading Standards.

A council bust uncovered more than 30,000 rip-off items at Kiran Ruda's Stanmore property last year, including copies of Arsenal, Liverpool and Manchester Utd merchandise. He was ordered to pay £89,000, as well as the Council's costs of £16,324, at Harrow Crown Court following a confiscation hearing under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002.





ate Curley and the Community Safety team are early risers. It's a familiar 6am start – this time in Honeypot Lane on the Harrow/ Brent border.

"I organise the Action Days, which start at 6am as the labourers start to gather at that time, in the hope of being picked up for work," says Kate.

The area has become a hot spot for cash-in-hand employers, who often exploit casual labourers in need of work.

"My team work closely with our partners to carry out all patrols and provide a presence in the area, which is reassuring for residents. If we see any vehicles approaching the workers, we take their registration details and they are issued with a warning," says Kate.

The Action Days are held in partnership with neighbouring Brent Council, to help enforce the Public Spaces Protection Order that was imposed following complaints about mess and antisocial behaviour.

If warnings are ignored, Kate

'We provide a presence, which is reassuring for residents' – Kate Curley, Community Safety Team and her team can issue a £100 Fixed Penalty Notice, which could lead to prosecution.

Queensbury ward
councillor Sachin
Shah, who was
instrumental in
getting the PSPO
in place three
years ago, said:
"Action Days often
end up highlighting
other problems among

the workers, like rough sleeping and fly-tipping, that also need to be addressed."

Casual labourers have been known to live in parks, vehicles and overcrowded houses.

"No one deserves to be misused in this way," Cllr Shah says.

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rom the outside, Tattoo
UK in Rayners Lane
reflects its ethos;
bright, vibrant and
arty. What goes on
inside is pretty cool,
too – and we're not

It is one of seven Harrow premises that has a tattoo and body piercing licence, meaning its health and safety procedures have been rigorously checked by Harrow Council.

just talking about the

amazing artwork.

Max Avenell, shop manager, says: "Anyone walking through

our door can rest assured

they are in a premises that has passed strict checks.

"Our licence gives us, as well as our customers, peace of mind – meaning we can all relax and concentrate on creating

the artwork.

"We hear of more and more people offering unsafe or unhygienic tattoo services from home. If you choose to go somewhere without a licence, you are taking your life in your hands." To get its annual approval, the shop must be cleaned to the highest standards, and equipment sterilised and disposed of correctly. Personal hygiene is also checked. Unlicensed tattooists will be shut down and can be fined thousands of pounds.

Licensing officer Maher Khan, who recently closed down a premises because it didn't have access to water, says she is seeing more cases of unlicensed tattooists and body piercers.

"Having a tattoo or body piercing is often seen as edgy or rebellious," she says. "But going underground to get one simply isn't."

'A good artist won't make a great tattooist if they don't follow the fashion of staying safe and following the licensing rules' - Licensing officer Maher Khan

Up Your Street

Belmont Circle

From traditional craftsmen to digital pioneers – we meet some special business people around and about Belmont Circle.



■ The Belmont cinema, seen here when it opened in 1939, once dominated the eastern side of the circle, near where the filling station is now – it was eventually demolished in 1967.



■ Brian and his wife Brenda have been making and repairing shoes in the Belmont area since 1961. "I should have retired years ago really, but our customers are just so lovely," says Brian. And it's not just the locals who appreciate his skills – Brian's client list includes some of the biggest names in cricket – Ganguly, Gooch, Warne and Tendulkar have all stepped out in his spikes.



■ Belmont Bay is one of the few circle shops never to have changed its use. "It's been a chip shop ever since it was built in the 1930s", its owner John told us. "Our white fish comes daily from Scotland." There's even the name of the trawler on the wall - Ocean Triumph. EIRHER





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HARROW REGENERATION WALK AND TALK

Meet at the Arc House in Lowlands Recreational Ground 22 September | 12noon

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www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions

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*We strongly recommend that you submit secondary applications by Friday 19 October 2018, before half-term

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WHAT'S ON

HARROW ARTS CENTRE

www.harrowarts.com

Barry Cryer & Colin Sell: **Strictly Come Joking**

15 September | 7.30pm-9.30pm | £17 (Ages 16+)

■ Barry Cryer and Colin Sell's new show, full of songs and jokes.

The Big Sing

6 October | 7.30pm -9.20pm £17

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Macbeth - Directors Cut

11 October | 7.30pm-8.50pm |

£12 (Ages 14+)

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Fireside Tales with Grandad

22 October | 2pm - 2.50pm | £12 (Ages 4+)

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HEADSTONE MANOR & MUSEUM

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Pumpkin Trail 20 - 28 October | 10am-4pm A great fun day out for the family - can you find all of the pumpkins, headstones and

spell out the spooky

Victorian Photographic Studio

word?

21 October | 11am - 3pm ■ Victorian photos with a twist! Be the subject of your very own Victorian photo portrait.

Tuesday Talk – Halloween

23 October | 2pm-3 pm | £4 ■ Join Colin Oakes for a discussion on the pagan origins of All Hallows Eve.

HEATH ROBINSON MUSEUM

www.heathrobinsonmuseum.org

Peter Pan and other lost children

On now until 18 November ■ This new exhibition showcases the work of Edwardian illustrators Alice Bolingbroke Woodward and Edith Farmiloe.

HARROW LIBRARIES

www.harrow.gov.uk/libraries

Chess Club

Every Saturday | 2.30pm - 4pm (term time only) | Pinner Library ■ Can't get your kids off the gadgets? Why not try a game of chess - a fun way to improve concentration, for children aged 5-11 years.

Author Event - Ingrid Dover-Vidal

■ Come and meet Ingrid Dover-Vidal an author, teacher, Caribbean

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Harrow Choral Society Mondays | 7.45pm | St Alban's

Church Hall, HA2 7PF Harrow Choral Society's rehearsals for the new season are underway. Anyone thinking of joining the choir can try us out first at our rehearsals. Visit www.harrowchoral.org.uk.

Harrow's Cooking

15 September | 11am - 6pm | St Ann's Road

A selection of stalls offering quality street-food dishes from the subcontinent. Enjoy the flavours of Asia, Bollywood dance and biscuit decorating.

Harrow International Market

20-23 September | Thursday to Saturday 9am to 6pm, Sunday 10am to 5pm | St Ann's Road Buy great treats from across the globe, such as street food, handbags, jewellery, clothes and even something for the garden, all for great prices.

Bring a Baby Climbing Workshop

21 September | 10am-11.30am | Harrowall, HA1 4HX Bring a Baby Courses have teamed up with Harrowall to bring you an exciting climbing

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Harrow Camera Club Annual Exhibition

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Library: 17 October, 6-7pm,

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Stanmore Library

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Café 57 sq m (615 sq ft) Nursery 130 sq m (1,399 sq ft) Offers from Café and nursery operators sought to lease and contribute to the amenity and vitality of this public space. The premises are recently completed. Available immediately © 020 8424 1278 🖂 colin.rawcliffe@harrow.gov.uk

The Council is not obliged to accept the highest or any offer

Closing date for bids and submission of business plans: 26 October 2018

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 123 (2A) LOCAL **GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED)**

Café and Nursery premises, Stanmore Recreation Ground, Stanmore Hill. Stanmore HA7 3BJ Substation Site at Chandos Recreation Ground, Edgware

- 1. The café and nursery premises forming part of open space land at Stanmore Recreation Ground and the substation site forming part of open space land at Chandos Recreation Ground are all freehold land held by the Mayor and Burgesses of the London Borough of Harrow ("the Council").
- 2. Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 123 (2A) Local Government Act 1972 that the Council intends to grant separate leases of the three properties.
- 3. Copies of the plans showing the properties can be found on the Council's website. Hard copies are also available for inspection by prior appointment at the main reception of the Civic Centre, Station Road, Harrow HA1 2UH, between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays). Appointments can be made by calling 020 8424 1945.
- 4. Any objection or representation in respect of the Council's proposed disposal of the properties must be made in writing to the Director of Legal and Governance Services at PO Box 2, Civic Centre, Station Road, Harrow HA1 2UH to reach him no later than Monday, 1st October 2018 quoting reference ACB/ HRWC-PSPSb-044608.

Dated: 17 September 2018

Hugh Peart, Director of Legal & Governance Services, on behalf of the London Borough of Harrow, PO Box 2, Civic Centre, Station Road, Harrow HA1 2UH.



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Family race honours sporting legend

The Sir Roger Bannister Family Mile is again predicted to prove popular, with participants aged 4 and up taking on the distance that made this local hero a global name. His death in March this year inspired the organisers to commission a commemorative participation medal featuring that famous moment he broke the tape, and the four minute mile, in 1954.

You can find full details on the course and road closures, as well as how to claim your medal in the family mile, on the Harrow Half website harrowhalfmarathon.co.uk.

Starters' orders

he Harrow Half
Marathon is back!
Building on the success
of last year's inaugural race,
this year's promises to be even
bigger and better – and more
environmentally friendly.

Thanks to a deal with
Selfridges and Ooho Water,
the race will be the first in
London to do away
with disposable
plastic water
bottles. Instead,
runners will
take on water
from edible
sachets —
something that
will likely be very
welcome on a course that

has its fair share of

challenges.

Harrow Athletics Club stalwart Chris Finill is the official starter of this year's race, and he knows a thing or two about going the distance. "My very first memory is of running, just here, down the hill. I wasn't able to stop, fell flat on my face and scuffed both knees!"

Back then Chris lived in Whitmore Road, which Sir Roger Bannister also once called home. They also both attended Vaughan Primary School.

Chris too has collected a few running accolades along the way. He's finished every London

Marathon – an achievement

Marathon – an achievement claimed by only 10 other people on the planet.

In an echo of that formative experience on the hill, Chris was tripped in the third mile of the 2018 race. He broke

his right arm in four places, but still completed the marathon with it in a sling. Was there any doubt in his mind that he would finish? "Absolutely not".

Did it hurt? "Only when I stopped — then it was really bad".

We wish Chris a speedy recovery as he targets London Marathon 38 and to all those he'll get underway on 16 September, we wish a very happy Harrow Half.

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