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CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING EVENT SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2023

We look forward to celebrating the lighting of the Christmas tree in our traditional way again this year. The event will be held as usual on the first Sunday of December. This year the Salvation Army will be playing and we will have our usual raffle in favour of our nominated charities.

As is our custom, the event, food and wine (mulled and chilled!) are all free but we urge you to generously donate as much as possible.

The approximate timetable will be as follows;

4.00	Doors open
4.15	Band plays by the tree (weather permitting)
4.30	Carols by the tree
4.45	Lights on the tree will be lit

Everyone is then welcome back inside the hall and the Salvation Army will continue to entertain us.

5.30/5.45 Raffle will be drawn

6.00 Close

As we will be singing carols around the tree after it is lit, please feel free to bring along a torch, or use the light on your phone to see the carol sheet. Unfortunately, the lights outside the hall aren't bright enough in some areas to read the carol sheets clearly.

Come along and join in this annual event to celebrate the Christmas season.

We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible.



Thorndon Ave, Cadogan, Station Road, Petersfield, Chafford Gardens, Witham Gardens, Freshwell Gardens, Glavering Gardens, Dunmow Gardens, Back onto Station Road

FATHER CHRISTMAS COMES TO WEST HORNDON

Father Christmas will once again be making a special visit to West Horndon this Christmas Eve! He will be arriving after the reindeer have been fed, at approximately 4:45pm, starting at the top of Thorndon Avenue and touring the village.

Please dig deep to donate to the Rotary Round Table who make Santa's visit to the village possible.

Father Christmas' visit subject to council permit being granted and weather permitting





CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT - ALL SAINTS CHURCH, EAST HORNDON

Come and join us on Sunday 10th December between 6pm and 7:30pm for a carol service by candlelight in this beautiful historic building, led by Father Paul Hamilton.

With refreshments after including tea, coffee, mince pies, mulled drinks, etc. Wrap up warm as there is no heating at the church, you are welcome to bring blankets, hot water bottles etc.

Please note there are no toilet facilities at the church and parking will be along the main road with permits (which we will hand out on the night) as the field might be too wet to park on.

Any money raised will go towards our gardening fund to look after the churchyard.

Merry Christmas!

Please donate by going to <https://www.justgiving.com> and searching for 'All Saints East Horndon'



AIRMEN SERVICE

On Saturday 23rd September we gathered as a village in our Memorial Gardens to remember the ultimate sacrifice made by twenty young American airmen who died in September 1943 when their two planes collided in midair.

The commemoration started at the bench with wreaths being laid. This year we were very pleased to welcome among others Deputy Lord Lieutenant Professor Michael Almond, the Mayor of Brentwood, Cllr Gareth Barrett, Major Emily Bold of USAF Mildenhall, the Air Cadets, the Brentwood branch of the Royal British Legion, RAF Hornchurch Heritage Centre and Capt. Nick Allston, Army Reserves.

Our MP Alex Burghart was unable to attend but a wreath was laid on his behalf by our Ward Councillor, Fiona Marsh.

The Rev. Canon Paul Hamilton lead the service at the church.

We were also very pleased that the RAF Hornchurch Heritage Centre was kind enough to bring along its exhibits relating to the crash and displayed them in the church annex so we all had time to look at them after the church service.

We are very grateful to the British Legion, particularly Dennis Rensch, for all its support, advice and guidance in the organisation of the event.

Right: David Sparks talking to Major Emily Bold



We were also privileged to unveil a beautifully quilted banner in the church which was donated and stitched for us by Maria Spiller and her ladies who have links to West Horndon. It was made especially to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the tragedy and was inspired by the Window of Friendship and Peace at Little Easton Parish Church.





2024 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Dates for the diary – the Parish Council meetings for 2024 will be held on the following dates:

25th January 2024	7.30pm - 9.30pm
29th February 2024	7.30pm - 9.30pm
28th March 2024	7.30pm - 9.30pm
25th April 2024	7.30pm - 9.30pm
16th May 2024	Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm - 9.30pm
30th May 2024	Annual Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm - 9.30pm
27th June 2024	7.30pm - 9.30pm

25th July 2024	7.30pm - 9.30pm
26th September 2024	7.30pm - 9.30pm
31st October 2024	7.30pm - 9.30pm
28th November 2024	7.30pm - 9.30pm

All of these meetings take place at the Christabella Wing at the Church on Thorndon Avenue.

These meetings are free to attend and open to all residents. Come along and find out what the Parish Council is working on to ensure West Horndon remains a pleasant and safe place to live.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GRANT 2023

West Horndon Parish Council is pleased to announce that voluntary groups and societies, clubs, not for profit organisations and charities operating within West Horndon Parish have the opportunity of applying for an award of Community Engagement Grant.

For 2023, the Parish Council has initially set aside £2,000 to be awarded to groups for projects or purchases that will bring benefit to the local community. The project or purchase can benefit all of the local residents or certain sectors of the local community.

The deadline for the submission of applications is 31st January 2024. Applications for grant will be considered during the February 2024 Parish Council meeting with the successful applicants receiving notification of their successful application shortly thereafter. Unsuccessful applicants will also be notified.

Applicants will need to explain how any awarded grant will be used and how the local community would benefit from the grant.

To find out more about the Community Engagement Grant and to obtain an application form, please contact the Parish Clerk at whpc.parishclerk@gmail.com

THE 1ST WEST HORNDON SCOUTS GROUP UPDATE

Many thanks to all for the recent support with the Scout's autumn jumble sale which took place on Saturday 28th October. Once again, we had lots of good quality donations and customers on the day who grabbed themselves a bargain. All proceeds go towards running the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts sections and the upkeep of the headquarters and its grounds. And a final thanks to all those who volunteer their time to make it all possible.

The next one will be in the spring and any donations can be dropped at the HQ on a Monday morning. Collections of larger donations can be arranged.





GET WINTER READY - TOP TIPS

As we head into the winter weather, here's some top tips on how to get your home and car ready for the colder months.

- 1. Know what to do in a power cut** – it's now really simple to get in touch with your Electricity Distribution Network Operator - just call 105. For those who need to be brought back online quickly, you can request a priority service – register online via the UK Power Networks website by searching for 'Priority Register'. Perhaps give thought to any elderly neighbours who may be eligible to sign up for the Priority Register and might need support to arrange it. Don't have internet access? Contact the Parish Clerk on 07756 962034 for assistance.
- 2. Service your gas boiler** – it's a good idea to have your boiler checked over once a year by a registered Gas Safe engineer. Not only will they check for any faults, they can also ensure your boiler is operating safely.
- 3. Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors** – you should test the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors regularly. If you don't have any smoke detectors or carbon monoxide alarms fitted, the local fire brigade offer a free of charge service to fit smoke alarms. To arrange your home safety visit, contact 0300 303 0088 or complete the online form at <https://www.essex-fire.gov.uk/smoke-alarms>
- 4. Check windows and doors for drafts** – leaky windows and doors can cause heat loss and increase your heating bill. Simple solutions include using draft excluders, hanging curtains to keep the warmth in, applying window insulation film, using weather strip tape and fitting brushes to letter boxes.
- 5. Clear your gutters** – leaves and debris can easily build up in gutters over the autumn period. Clearing out the gutters will ensure rainwater can be quickly and effectively taken away from your roof, reducing the risk of a leak.
- 6. Insulating pipework** – ensure pipework is insulated and keep the heating at a low level, even if you go away, to maintain a consistent temperature around the pipes. This will reduce the risk of water freezing in the pipes and causing them to burst.
- 7. Know where your stopcock is** – and ensure you have a tool to hand to quickly and easily isolate the water supply to your property. This is particularly important in case of a leak, whereby you want to isolate the water supply quickly.
- 8. Bleed radiators** – this will ensure radiators are performing as efficiently as possible.
- 9. Use a heating timer** – now that the clocks have gone back, check your heating timer is set to the correct time and temperature.



10. **Create a power cut kit** – store candles, matches, torches, blankets, perhaps a battery-operated radio and board games in a safe place in case of a power cut.
11. **Get garden ready** – secure any loose fence panels, plant pots and wheelie bins to avoid them blowing around in the wind.
12. **Check your roofs** – check the roof on your house and shed to ensure it is watertight ahead of the winter period, carrying out any small repair works now. Before it gets windy, check for loose tiles, slates and flashing and consider removing dead branches from old trees that may overhanging your property.
13. **Think about home security** – do you have lights on timers, security lights, video doorbells? Anything to help your home look occupied during the winter period will help deter burglars.
14. **Ensure you're insured!** – if the worst happens and you're burgled, there's a fire, flood or something else, you will want to ensure that your insurance covers you. There are normally two types of insurance: Buildings insurance and Contents insurance. Generally, buildings insurance will cover damage to your home and the fixtures and fittings such as bathroom suites, kitchens and fitted carpets. Contents insurance will cover anything that isn't fixed down – think sofas, clothing, electrical items etc. Now is a good time to do a stock check and total up the things you own to make sure you're adequately covered if the worst happens.
15. **Have your chimney swept** – have your chimney swept and checked ahead of the winter period to ensure it is working correctly and safely.
16. **Service your car** – unless you have your car serviced regularly anyway, now would be a good time to get it checked by a qualified mechanic to ensure everything is working correctly before we experience the worst of the winter weather. Things like checking your brakes, tyres for wear, battery life, topping up screen wash, checking antifreeze and exterior light bulbs will all help make sure your car is safe to drive.
17. **Get breakdown cover** – now would be a good time to check if you have breakdown cover for your vehicle and if not, arrange a policy to cover you in the event your vehicle breaks down. Price comparison websites such as 'Compare the Market' and 'Go Compare' will enable you to check the best price for a policy that best suits your needs.
18. **Create an emergency breakdown kit** – in case you do break down away from home, its handy to have an emergency kit in your vehicle. Include items such as a mobile phone and charger, hazard warning triangle, hi-vis vest, first aid kit, de-icer and scraper, shovel, tow rope, wellington boots, torch, warm clothes, food and drink to help get you out of trouble.

Top tip

a decent set of car mats will not only protect your car's carpets from wet or muddy feet, they can also be wedged under the driven wheels to get you moving should you get really stuck in the snow.



POLICE EVENT – 12TH OCTOBER

On Thursday 12th October, members of the local Police force came to the West Horndon Village Hall to meet with residents and talk about safety and security.

Present at that meeting were PC Rebecca Ryan, Neighbourhood Watch coordinator Peter Salmon and his wife, PC Charge, other officers and Brentwood safety officer Tracey Lilley.

This meeting was arranged by residents Rani Moorcroft, Tina Duffin and Carol Smith and presented an opportunity for residents to meet with members of the local Police force to share some of their concerns about safety, hear how they could protect themselves and report crime quickly and easily.

A variety of useful personal security equipment was supplied free of charge, including personal alarms, security marker pens for marking high value possessions, window signs, small bells to attach to purses and handbags to alert the owner in case of attempted theft amongst other items.

Over 85 residents came to the meeting as did Louise McKinlay, Deputy leader of Essex County Council, and both local Councillors Fiona Marsh and Sheila Murphy, demonstrating how important matters of safety and security are to the people of West Horndon.

The discussion was lively, with common themes arising:

1. Perceived high rate of crime in West Horndon
2. Perceived lack of Police response or follow up to crimes
3. Unclear / lengthy crime reporting process
4. Concerns about vehicle and motorbike thefts

What became evident during the meeting was how important it was to engage regularly with the local Police force, therefore further meetings have been scheduled for early January and then bi-monthly. Look out for further information on these dates via Facebook and within the notice boards.

Residents are welcome to attend these follow up meetings at the Village Hall to get updates and discuss any further security concerns they may have.

PC Rebecca Ryan advised residents in the meeting that compared to other areas surrounding West Horndon the crime rate here is relatively low. This is promising to hear but it did highlight the importance of ensuring all issues are reported. PC Ryan emphasised the importance of reporting all crimes, and anything that seems suspicious, to the Police. This is to ensure that accurate data is collected to inform the Police force about crime patterns and risks in this village.



All residents are therefore encouraged to report all crimes and anything suspicious to the Police. This can be by calling 999, in the event of an emergency or crime taking place at that time, 101 for non-emergency issues, or by logging the crime via the online portal:

<https://www.police.uk/pu/contact-the-police/report-a-crime-incident/>

PC Ryan talked about the 'missing jigsaw piece', meaning no matter how insignificant your report may appear, it could be the missing piece of information to help solve a case.

Whilst it is helpful to keep your neighbours alerted to unusual, suspicious, or criminal activity via social media, it is imperative the Police are informed.

Residents can also follow the local Police force's Facebook and Twitter pages;

[Facebook - Essex Police - Brentwood District | Facebook](#)

[Twitter - Essex Police in Brentwood District \(@EPBrentwood\) / Twitter](#)

These platforms provide up to date news stories, promote the Police force's events, and share lots of crime prevention advice.

The Police also have a weekly newsletter which residents can sign up to by going to <https://www.essex.police.uk/> and searching 'Dispatch Newsletter'. Once signed up, every week you will be emailed the latest newsletter.

Steps you can take to keep your home and vehicle safe include;

1. Ensuring windows and doors are closed and locked
2. Fitting a steering wheel lock or similar to your vehicle
3. Storing keys to vehicles with keyless entry inside a faraday bag to block the signal
4. Keeping vehicle and house keys away from your front door
5. Fitting a light with motion sensor to the external areas of your property
6. Putting lamps on timers when you're not at home
7. Installing driveway bollards to block vehicles in
6. Fitting CCTV, or a video doorbell
9. Get to know your neighbours! Sharing is caring after all – keep an eye on your neighbours and they'll do the same for you

If in doubt and something looks suspicious, report it.

The meeting also discussed the issue of speeding within the village. One mother reported that the pedestrian crossing between the village hall and Morrisons retail shop was faint and at risk of accidents happening.

Cllr Murphy informed us about speed guns and so far 7 residents have volunteered to help with this deterrent. Further information about Community Speedwatch can be found here:

<http://www.communityspeedwatch.org.uk/>

The tree obscuring the 30 mph sign as you enter the village was trimmed to enable drivers to see the sign more clearly too.





SCAMS – HOW TO AVOID THEM

As we head towards the Christmas period, it is more important than ever to be aware of scam emails, calls and letters. These scams are designed to part us with our money and are often disguised very well to appear from a genuine source.

Royal Mail in particular has a dedicated section on their website to provide further guidance on how to identify potential scams.

Typical examples of scams to watch out for are text messages saying there is an item waiting to be collected by you, normally including a link for you to click on – **DO NOT CLICK ON THE LINK**. These links may take you to a fake website which requires you to make payment.

Similar scams can be circulated by email, nearly always prompting the recipient to click on a link or contact a telephone number.

If you receive an email, which you suspect may be suspicious, a handy tip is to look at the name of the sender in the email – this will often show 'Royal Mail' or another legitimate looking name on the face of it, but when you click on the name, it will show you the actual email address the email has been sent from. If this is a lengthy email address which bears no resemblance to a legitimate Royal Mail email address, it may be a scam.

Royal Mail's advice is:

"If you receive a suspicious email, text message, telephone call that claims to be from Royal Mail or discover a Royal Mail branded website which you think is fraudulent, please report it to reportascam@royalmail.com"



PARISH COUNCIL – A YEAR IN REVIEW

The Parish Council is currently made up of 8 Parish Councillors and a Parish Clerk. The role of a Parish Councillor is a voluntary post, meaning they give their time voluntarily and don't receive a wage for serving the community.

Some of the works, actions or projects West Horndon Parish Council has undertaken during the last 12 months include:

1. Replacement of the rotten wooden fencing surrounding the Children's Play Area in West Horndon Park with new metal fencing which should last much longer
2. Funding and arranging the Christmas Tree Lighting Event 2022 including the purchase of the Christmas tree. This is also the case for the Christmas Tree Lighting Event this year
3. Arranging the 80th Anniversary Remembrance Service in respect of the 20 young American airmen who lost their lives in a mid-air collision on 26th September 1943 close to West Horndon Village
4. Funding of flowers and arranging maintenance for the planters outside the parade of shops in Chafford Gardens, the flower beds at West Horndon Railway Station, the flower bed outside the Village Hall grounds and the three metal planters in Station Road
5. Planting of a silver birch tree to thank all workers and volunteers who helped the local community during the Covid lockdowns
6. Funding of annual maintenance fee for West Horndon Park and overseeing the grounds maintenance contract
7. Preparation and funding of printing of four editions of the Parish Newsletter
8. Purchase of replacement noticeboard and dog waste bin for West Horndon Park to replace items damaged through vandalism
9. Purchase of King Charles III Coronation Plaque
10. Purchase of wreath for Remembrance Sunday
11. Purchase of servicewoman silhouette – proudly displayed on the Village Hall wall
12. Securing funding for the purchase and arranging for planting of additional daffodils on entrance to West Horndon Village in Station Road
13. Donations to local community groups
14. Considered and provided comments on 46 planning applications
15. Co-ordinated community objection to the proposed Broadfields Innovation and Business Park which ultimately resulted in the planning application being rejected
16. Fought to ensure the footpath between East and West Horndon remained open during installation of new roundabout on A128
17. Liaised with Brentwood Borough Council over planting of new trees in West Horndon Village and West Horndon Park
18. Attended liaison meetings regarding the proposed Dunton Hills Garden Village
19. Attended a meeting with Thurrock Borough Council regarding proposed development at King's Farm, Orsett
20. Liaised with Essex Highways regarding bringing forward of proposed junction improvement works at Station Road with A128 and improved lighting for the junction
21. Liaised with Brentwood Borough Council for the Safe, Well and Secure Event to take place in West Horndon Parish in May 2023

Whilst the above list is extensive, there is still so much that can be done to make this village even better! If you would like to get involved as a Parish Councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk on whpc.parishclerk@gmail.com

Alternatively, why not pop along to the monthly Parish Council meetings, held in the Christabella Wing of the Church, to find out what the Parish Council is working on and raise any concerns directly – dates of the 2024 meetings are detailed in this newsletter.



NEWHAM TWIRLERS – NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!

During the October half term holiday, 11 members of the twirling team known as “Newham Twirlers” travelled to Paignton in Devon for the NBTA National Championships.

Each girl had qualified for this prestigious competition during the year at regional competitions. This was the first time the team had taken part at a national competition and they were very excited and nervous!

The team were amazing and in the 5 days of competition brought home 37 awards all in the top 6 places;

6x 1st, 7 x 2nd, 8 x 3rd, 7x 4th, 5 x 5th, 3x 6th

This was such a fantastic achievement!

Day one saw the group’s first National champions Clare Richardson and Millie Morris for ‘Artistic Duet’. As the week moved on the team had 5 more National titles awarded; Gracie Ives, Scarlett Norman and Jessie Wright were awarded ‘Trio Twirl’ performing this routine with NO drops (this was a first for these 3 and a shock to their coach!!!!)

Scarlett Norman and Izzy James were awarded the ‘Pom Pom Strut’ National Champions and Izzy James was awarded for ‘Lyrical’ National Champion.

First place and National champions ‘Pee Wee Pom Pom’ team; an excellent sailor themed routine by Mia London, Tilly & Nancy Adams, Izzy James and Emma Oconnor.

The team were then awarded the ‘Jenny Marshall Pom Pom’ award for the most outstanding Pom Pom team performance of the whole National championships.

This was an enormous trophy held for the year!

In the Dance team event, the girls were runners up to National Champions. This was a shock as they had never placed at regionals before.

This little team from West Horndon was fantastic and the hours and hours of practice at the Village Hall certainly paid off.

The team is trained by Debbie Richardson on Wednesday and Friday evenings between 4:30pm and 6pm at West Horndon Village Hall.

If you are interested in joining this award-winning team, please call Debbie on 07881 785 680.

No rest for the wicked; the team is now back to work as it has two more contests before the end of the year. Wish the team luck!



BE FINANCIALLY SAVVY AT CHRISTMAS



For many, Christmas is a wonderful time of year, filled with the promise of yummy food, mulled wine, parties and valuable time spent with family. For some, Christmas can also be a time of worry, due to rising costs of living and the additional expenditure to buy gifts and Christmas food.

Whilst treating loved ones to gifts at Christmas time can be wonderful, it is easy to get caught up in serious debt, often without realising.

A survey by Lynn Beattie @MrsMummyspennyUK showed that 77% of people polled planned to spend £1,000 or less on Christmas, but 14% were planning on spending between £1,000-£2,000 and 9% planned to spend more than a whopping £2,000!

Whilst everyone's budgets will differ, there are some top tips to keep your budget on track:

- **Make a gift budget** – and most importantly stick to it!
- **Refine your gift list** – do you really need to buy another pair of socks for your brother-in-law's next door neighbour's uncle? Gifting to your nearest and dearest is wonderful but talk to those that you normally buy gifts for outside of this extended circle and ask them if they would prefer not to exchange gifts this year. You'll be surprised how many people are relieved to stop the unnecessary gift exchange.
- **Make a food budget.** Include all your Christmas food costs, including things like Christmas crackers, table decorations and Christmas catch ups with friends where you're bound to indulge in a glass of something and a cheeky minced pie, to keep an eye on your spending.
- **Buy from the right places** – don't be afraid to shop around and buy from different supermarkets, or local providers to get the best price.
- **Consider homemade**, discounted or secondhand gifts – homemade gifts show someone you really care, but if you're short on time or would rather buy than make, consider shopping with discounted retailers, or in charity or vintage stores to buy something that's not only more cost effective, but will be more unique AND donates to charity.
- **If you need help**, ask – don't avoid getting help if you're in debt. If you are struggling financially, reach out to Step Change, Christians Against Poverty, Citizens Advice Bureau and Moneyhelper to find support and advice;
- <https://www.stepchange.org/>
- <https://capuk.org/>
- <https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en>

WEST HORNDON TENNIS CLUB

Did you know that West Horndon Tennis Club, located behind the shops on the Junction of Station Road and Chafford Gardens, now has its very own tennis coach?

Mandy runs children's group sessions on Saturday mornings between 9am and mid-day, weather depending, and can be contacted on **07976 773976**. She is also available to run 1-2-1 sessions by arrangement and is hoping to start a

ladies midweek social session in the spring of 2024, all levels welcome from complete beginner to experienced match players.

Send her a message if you are interested in coaching, joining the ladies social or even just joining the club to hit whenever you want.



LITTLE LEARNERS PRESCHOOL & HAPPY HOLIDAY HUB

Little Learners Preschool & Happy Holiday Hub is a new educational childcare care facility based at West Horndon Village Hall.

The setting is registered with Ofsted to care for children aged 2-11 years.

Little Learners Preschool & Happy Holiday Hub first opened its doors in July this year to provide fun, educational and creative days for children outside of term time. This was a huge success and accessed by children all of ages from both West Horndon and local surrounding areas.

The Happy Holiday Hub has since offered their second holiday club during the October half term which was full of fun, tricks and treats to celebrate Halloween and the start of Autumn.

The preschool opened its doors in September and has since been providing early years education for children aged 2-4 years.

The preschool ethos is children learn best when they are happy, safe and interested. The setting provided a huge variety of adult led activities, introducing topics such as Halloween, Diwali, Remembrance Day, bonfire night and recycle week. The settings also follows the children's lead and builds on every child's choices and interest to make every opportunity a learning opportunity.



The preschool offers a close community connection and the chance for children to better understand their local surroundings and environment through forest schools activities and community outings.

The Little Learners Preschool & Happy Holiday Hub Breakfast Club is now open!

Operating Monday to Friday between 7:30am and 8:30am, the Breakfast Club offers children a yummy breakfast before an accompanied walk to West Horndon Primary School. Ideal for parents who need to head off to work before the school drop off.

Spaces for the preschool are still available; please email or call to book a viewing.

Government funding, childcare vouchers and tax-free schemes are accepted.

E: Info@littlelearnerspreschoolandholidayhub.co.uk
T: 07359 031 020



DOG WALKING IN WEST HORNDON PARK

At the present time, dogs are allowed to walk and be exercised off lead in West Horndon

Park. However, dog owners are expected to adopt a responsible attitude and ensure that their dogs are well behaved and under control at all times.

West Horndon Park is maintained by West Horndon Parish Council. This occurs as a result of an 80 year lease agreement signed by the Parish Council with Brentwood Borough

Council in 2006. However, the rules and regulations relating to the operation of the Park are set by Brentwood Borough Council. Unless specifically stated, dogs do not have to be walked on a lead in Brentwood parks and open spaces. It only tends to be parks which are locked at night and have ornamental gardens that have a requirement for dogs to be kept on a lead.

The majority of parks within Brentwood Borough are regarded as open spaces and dogs can be let off the lead providing they are under the owner's control. Nevertheless, some dog owners choose to walk their dogs on a lead as they feel this enables them to have greater control over the dog's behaviour and avoids the potential of conflict with other dogs or children being chased. This decision should be respected. This attitude

also has the benefit of ensuring that accidental dog fouling is much reduced.

West Horndon Parish Council has received a complaint that dogs which are being allowed off lead in the Park have been attacking other dogs being walked on a lead. This is unacceptable and irresponsible. Such attacks can be reported to the Borough Council and/or police who can take appropriate action.

If you feel that West Horndon Park should be designated as an area where dogs should only

be walked on leads please write to the Parish Clerk at whpc.parishclerk@gmail.com

Dog owners should have control of their dogs at all times when in West Horndon Park and

are reminded that dog waste should be collected and disposed of in the appropriate provided bins. A new dog waste bin to replace the one recently vandalised has been purchased and will be installed in the Park very shortly.

Dogs are not allowed in the Children's Play Area in West Horndon Park at any time.



KIDS PARTY WHEELS COMES TO WEST HORNDON

Kids Party Wheels are hosting a play session on the 21st of January in the main hall of West Horndon Village Hall.

Each ticket is £15 and includes entry for 1 adult. Additional adults can attend at the cost of £1.50 per person.

Book your space here: www.bookwhen.com/kidspartywheels

Kids can delve into 90 minutes of car heaven with a mixture of cars from all our packages; construction, sports, emergency services and pink wheels. They can really get into character with our dressing up and role play props also available to enjoy too.

Kids Party Wheels offer party packages all throughout the year which can be found on the website;

www.kidspartywheels.co.uk

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West Horndon Village Hall

20th January
9:30am-11am



10 minute shoot

£15 for 1 digital image
£30 for 3 digital images
£45 for all digital images

All images to view and purchase on the day
Get your images edited for just £20!



Book Here:

<https://bookwhen.com/snaphappybabies>

SNAP HAPPY BABY – SCHOOL UNIFORM PHOTOS

Nicola Michell of Snap Happy Babies photography will be offering "white backdrop" / school uniform photo retakes at the village hall on the 20th of January 2024. This is an opportunity to have those school photos taken or retaken if desired.

The photo shoots will be carried out in the upstairs room at the village hall and you must pre-book your slot by following the link: www.bookwhen.com/snaphappybabies

Prices for the mini photo shoots are:

£15 for 1 digital image

£30 for 3 digital images

£45 for all the digital images as taken

£65 for all the digital images fully edited

Sessions are 10 mins long with a variety of poses and typically include up to 40 images.

Family and sibling photos are also welcome!



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