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Council act on Flytipping

Around 100 local residents packed into St Joseph's Social Hall on Wednesday 1st March to hear Havering Council's Director of Neighbourhoods Steve Moore talk and answer questions about the UK problem of fly-tipping. Steve also had members of his team present as were the Police. The meeting, organised by Upminster Ward Residents Councillors, as Upminster is the most affected ward, heard Steve explain about the difficulties of CCTV cameras, the possible closure or width restrictions for some minor country lanes, and other details of what the Council are doing. The Police emphasised that details could not be made too public, and pointed out not to use Facebook to discuss this as it is monitored by criminal gangs. It was noted that the problem was nationwide and organised by professional gangs - any fly-tipping seen by public should be reported to the multi-agency group Operation Bayleaf on 0800 80 70 60 and it is for large scale fly tipping not the odd fridge etc in a ditch. Those attending had their questions answered.

The fly-tipping petition is now live at <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/189472>

Cllrs HAWTHORN, OWER and VAN DEN HENDE



is abused with users trying to wind others up. Your Upminster Councillors contact details are on page 22. Please email etc. with your issues. Please ensure you always give a contact address/phone number. Many thanks.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

WE ARE FSTVL update



The licence for this event has been granted for 2017. The event will run during the period Friday 26th May until the early hours of Monday 29th May. The event will have the additional element of camping for 5000 people which is the principal reason for the additional

day. The main arena event will still be for the two days of Saturday and Sunday. The total capacity of the event will remain at the same level as last year, namely 25,000. Due to significant concerns of underage admission, drugs and public nuisance, the police have insisted on a range of increased security arrangements to seek to ensure these issues are eliminated. The transport plans are still to be finalised and signed off by the Council's Safety Advisory Group but will be reported in the May *Bulletin* and will be published on our website.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

Dartford Crossing Classed a 'Rural' Road



For 15 years the Dartford Crossing (also known as the A282) has been wrongly classed as a rural road by the Department of Transport - meaning that it was exempt from air pollution monitoring. The crossing, which carries some 1m vehicles per week, frequently suffers grinding congestion, particularly when travelling from Kent into Essex, and is one of the country's worst air pollution hot-spots. Apparently the road has now been reclassified, but air pollution remains unchanged!

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

AGM News

Please note at the Association's AGM last month the following officers were elected: Chris Wilkins elected Chairman, Vice Chairman Garry Proctor, Secretary Mike Long and Treasurer Brian Peters. Please note that Councillor Linda Hawthorn succeeds John Parker as Association President, further details next month.

Keeping in Touch

Social Media has taken off over the last few years, enabling us to keep in touch with one another instantly. The vast majority use it effectively and with care, sadly on occasions it

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Orange Sacks

Readers may well have had problems getting orange sacks recently. This was due to a late delivery from Shanks, our waste disposal supplier. We chased this up and bags have now been delivered and this should not happen again. If you need any bags they are available at the Libraries. I'm pleased to inform you that recycling in our area is amongst the highest in Havering.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

Abigail's Column



Rubbish
In a few minutes' walk in Upminster I saw the following rubbish: plastic bags, sweet

wrappers, plastic bottles, a glass bottle, dog poo, dog poo in a bag (?), fast food wrappers and various bits of paper. It seems to have become worse in the last few

months. Why are people throwing so much rubbish onto the street? One possibility could be that there aren't any public rubbish bins down the side roads but it is easy enough to carry it until coming to one or until getting home. I know many see the easiest way to get rid of it is to throw it on the ground but think about what throwing rubbish on the street can do to our local area. As well as not looking good it is dangerous. People can slip on it or worse, it is a danger and generally a health hazard. The thing I like least is that people are expecting others to pick up their rubbish for them, who do they think is responsible? If you have any views or solutions to this let me know.

Trees

I am pleased to point out all new highway trees are now planted for the 16/17 season - in Upminster and Cranham we received a total of 64 trees, mainly replacing those which had died. Please let me know if any have not been replaced, or if your tree looks

dead, diseased or dying. We receive a lot of comments on how trees improve our area.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

Adventure Island Wristbands

I am selling wristband vouchers on behalf of Engayne Primary School Friends Association for £15.00 each. These vouchers can be exchanged for all sizes of wristbands. Please call me on 07895 024179.

Lisa

Blood Pressure Day

Hornchurch & Upminster Rotary Club will once again be offering free blood pressure checks in support of the Stroke Associations "Know Your Blood Pressure Day" campaign at the Trinity Reformed Church, Station Road, Upminster on Saturday 15 April 2017 between 10.30am and 2.00pm. Stroke is the most common cause

of adult disability and the third most common cause of death in the UK. High blood pressure is the single biggest risk factor for stroke. 40% of strokes could be prevented by controlling high blood pressure so take advantage of a free check and help protect your health.

Pilates Day Retreat

Upminster Sports Massage & Pilates are holding a Pilates Day Retreat/Workshop on Sunday 21st May at Westcliff-on-Sea (opp train station and close to seafront). Arrive from 9.15am (for 10am start) finish 3.15pm, £75pp inclusive. For further details see www.upminstersportsmassage.co.uk or call Charlene on 07411 826721.

Brain Tumour Charity

Last month the Old Street Rockers performed at the Golden Crane,

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Avon Road. Brain Tumours are the biggest cancer killers of children and young adults under the age of 40. The wonderful business community of Cranham got behind this event by donating prizes and displaying promotional posters in their windows. I am running the London Marathon to raise money for The Brain Tumour Charity. You can sponsor me via my website www.fatblokerunning.com which contains the link to my justgiving page.

Win D'Cruz

Clock House Bowls Club

At Clock House Bowls Club we are gearing up for the new outdoor season. We would welcome new members, either existing bowlers or beginners. We are holding two open sessions on Thursday 4th May from 6pm and Sunday 7th May between 10am and 1pm. If you think you might be interested, come along and have a roll up with us. Bowls will be provided, but please bring flat soled shoes.

We are situated in Clock House Gardens, St Mary's Lane, Upminster (close to Waitrose). You will find us a friendly social club who will make you very welcome. If you or interested please contact either Mike Long 01708 224107 or Jack Briton 01708 227054, or alternatively, just turn up at one of the open sessions.

Upminster U3A is moving ahead

Upminster U3A is moving to a new venue in Upminster. So many people have joined that we've already outgrown the Methodist Church Hall. From Tuesday, 18th April 2017, your monthly meeting will be held at the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster. As always, meetings start at 1.00 pm, doors open at 12.30 pm. April is also the start of the first full year for Upminster U3A and, thanks to the amazing support of so many local residents, the committee has been able to reduce the annual membership fee to £20, instead of £30 as originally proposed.

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Upminster Mini Golf Open!

The Upminster mini-golf course, Hall Lane, swings into a new season on 1st April. The Friends' group have been working hard with the Council, volunteers and residents to bring about improvements to this valuable community asset. The course is open at weekends and school holidays. Adults £5, concessions £3. All levels of ability very welcome - and it's a lovely walk!

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Thank You Dr Sudha

Avon Road Surgery at the Cranham Health Centre, is saying goodbye to one of Havering's most dedicated Doctors. Dr Sudha is retiring having taken over the single-handed Practice from Dr Hanstead on the 9th January, 1991. It is her dedication and commitment that has seen the Practice recognised and awarded a

number of awards and honours, over the last year. Her patients will sorely miss her and her staff are very sorry that she is retiring and feel honoured and privileged to have worked with her. Her last day before retiring will be 9th March. On behalf of patients and staff, we would like to say a huge thank you to Dr Sudha for having supported the communities health and wellbeing.

Cllr GILLIAN FORD

Upminster Parking Update

Further to articles in the *Bulletin*, the Council's Highways Advisory Committee agreed last month to extend "Parking Restrictions" in Oak Avenue and South View Drive. Monday to Friday 8 am to 9.30 am. On the southern side of Stewart Avenue "At any time " parking. If you would like a copy of the report that went to the Highways Advisory Committee please email bulletinra@yahoo.co.uk

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Final of First Give



Upminster Residents Councillor Deputy Mayor Councillor Linda Van den Hende presenting a cheque for £1000 to the winning team at Gaynes school who were promoting Havering Mind Organisation.

The event was organised by "First Give" which works in partnership with secondary schools to help young people give their time, tenacity to improve local communities. council services to our residents.

Charity Event

The Hollies' Ian Parker will be appearing at Grove Social Club, Chadwell Heath on Friday 12 May

at a charity evening for Veterans of War. Tickets £10 call 07940 161223.

U.C.R.A Coach Outing News St Albans

The city of St Albans has a colourful history which can be seen in its Roman remains and beautiful medieval architecture. The Cathedral dominates the city's skyline from every approach and is well worth a visit. Whether for historical interests or shopping (or perhaps both) you'll be amazed at the wide range of shops and the bustling market which dates back to the 9th century. St Albans has an excellent range of places to eat and is also the home of CAMRA the Campaign for Real Ale with many "real ale" pubs. Tickets are priced at £15.00 each, payable within 7 days of booking please. Please see "Association Diary" for full booking details. (please be advised non-receipt of payment within 7 days may result in the cancellation of your booking).



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Fri 14th Apr 2.30-4.30pm - Cream Tea celebrating Easter. £9 per person.
Easter Sunday (16th April) - Monthly Sunday Market, 10am - 3pm, and children's treasure hunt.
Sun 23rd Apr 2.30-4.30pm - Andrew Linham, an award-winning saxophonist, and his duo will be performing at the Forest Centre. Cost £10. Tea, coffee and cake will be available.
Fri 28th Apr from 10am Guided walk to explore Cely Wood, White Post Wood (Bluebell Wood) and Warwick Wood. Meet in the Cely Wood car park off Warick Lane.
Sat 29th Apr 2.30-4.30pm The Chase Players', present an afternoon of music variety and comedy sketches at the Forest Centre. Mandy Lyes and Maire Watson will be serenading you with songs from the shows and the golden age of movies. Their alter egos, 'Gert and Daisy' will be making an appearance and will have you laughing in your seats. Special guests will also join them. Not to be missed. £10 per person (tea, coffee and cake available). More information at the Forest Centre or on www.thameschase.org.uk

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Flight Path Update

The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has conducted a review of the changes to flight paths for City Airport with a report out in May. They have the power to order changes. City Airport have however indicated they are already considering changes that can be made following significant community protest. Any changes are unlikely until the autumn. The Department of Transport have also launched a public consultation on a new Airspace Policy, which proposes that communities should be more closely involved in any flight path changes. It has argued that respite should always be an option when changes are made. Any comments on this should be sent to airspace.policy@dft.gsi.gov.uk by 25 May.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

Council Debt being Tackled

In my role on the Council, I have responsibility for overseeing debt collection, and in particular

Council Tax debt. This year we are on target to collect in excess of 97% of Council Tax owed, some £3.5m more than last year. We also set up a 'task force' to chase old debt, with the initial focus very much on the 'won't pay' rather than the 'can't pay' categories. This has seen 20 debtors pay in full and charging orders made on 30 properties. Furthermore, two residents received custodial sentences for non-payment of some £11,000 of Council Tax. Council Tax pays for vital services such as protecting children from abuse, supporting vulnerable adults and caring for our older people. It also pays for parks, maintaining our roads as well as rubbish collections, street lights and a host of other services. Those who refuse to pay are effectively being subsidised by those who do, and that is simply not fair and we shall continue to clamp down on it.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

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Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

Shirley Ward Tours

April, 27th, Thu: Brick Lane Music Hall + Afternoon Tea to celebrate St Georges Day: £50 incl Coach/Show/Afternoon Tea: Coach departs Midday. Easy access/converted church.
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Green Waste Collection Service - Renewal

The Green Waste Collection Service is very popular with residents and has some 26,000 subscribers annually. However, the process of renewing the annual subscription last year was beset with difficulties for some. This year the Council have completely reviewed the system to make renewal as seamless and as simple as possible.

- Renewals period will run from 6th March to 21st April
- Notifications will begin to be sent out from 6th March
- Renewal can be done on-line with upgraded website capacity
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Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Upminster Wine and Social club

Upminster Wine and Social Club will be holding their St George's Day dance on Saturday 22nd April at Hall Mead School, Marlborough Gardens, Cranham. Music will be provided by the popular duo "Too Hot". Tickets are £15, including a fish and chip supper, and are available from Vic Bramwell on 01708 470465. Non-members welcome.

John Stainer's The Crucifixion

Sunday 9th April 6.30 pm - 7.45 pm at St Laurence Church, Upminster. A Palm Sunday performance of The Crucifixion with the choirs of St Laurence Upminster, St Andrew's,

Hornchurch, All Saints', Cranham and St Mary Magdalene, North Ockendon.

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Wednesday Music Evenings

12th April - A Musical Brexit Evening - presented by Stephen Raindle. Music from the six countries that were founding members of the 'Common Market' Belgium, France, Netherlands, West Germany, Italy and Luxembourg. The programme will be of typically national music from these countries and from a few later-entry countries as well.
26th April - Showboat - The Story Behind the Musical - presented by Ron Atkinson. Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein's musical drama that was first heard 90 years ago. Packed with brilliant songs it marked a defining moment in the history of musical theatre. Actor, Ron Atkinson will be recalling the original stage show plus two successful film versions.

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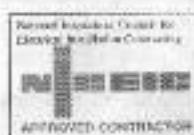
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Beauty and the Beast

The **Queen's Theatre Hornchurch** has announced it will be staging *Beauty and the Beast* as this year's pantomime from 30 November - 7 January. The Queen's Theatre is committed to ensuring everyone can enjoy the pleasure of live performance and has confirmed it will be providing two specially adapted shows for their charming production of *Beauty and the Beast*. Tickets to a **Relaxed Performance** (Tuesday 2 January) and a **Dementia-Friendly Performance** (Wednesday 3 January) are available to purchase alongside the theatre's regular **Signed** and **Audio-Described** performances. Tickets range from **£12.50** to **£29**

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- 10 Monday - **Havering Branch Essex Wildlife Trust** have Guest Speaker Kieren Alexander EWT Environment Projects Manager with a talk on **River Projects in Essex.** Meetings are held in the 1st floor meeting room in Hornchurch Library from 8.00 pm to 9.45 pm. Donation of £2.50 to help cover hall hire, this includes tea, coffee and biscuits. For more information contact the Secretary Joy Emerson on 01708 440297.
- 11 Tuesday - **NADFAS Havering** welcome Mr Charles Hajdamach with a talk on 'Dale Chihuly - **The World's foremost Glass Artist**'. Coffee from 10 am, Lecture at 10.45 am. Visitors welcome at £8. Meetings held at The New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster, RM14 2QH. Further details of forthcoming lectures, speakers and visits can be found at www.haveringnafas.org.uk
- 11 Tuesday - **Upminster Horticultural Society** have Guest Speaker Robin Carsberg on **Growing and using plants in Containers.** The talk will take place in the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster from 7.45 pm to 9.45 pm, doors open at 7.15 pm. Entrance is free to members, non- members very welcome
- 11 Upminster **Horticultural Society** - continued: a fee of £2.00. For further information on Upminster Horticultural Society see our website www.upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk or info@upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk
- 11 Tuesday - **Upminster Camera Club** - AGM. Cranham Community Association,
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www.upminstercameraclub.org.uk
- 12 Wednesday - **Nelmes Women's Institute** meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month and welcome new members of all ages. Meetings are held at Nelves United Reformed Church Hall (corner of Nelves Road and Burntwood Avenue, Hornchurch, RM11 3JA). Meetings start at 2 pm promptly. After conducting our business and a cup of tea, our speaker is Richard Dodds and his talk is entitled **"Sunlight Village"**. Please contact Ruth McDougall on 01708 448431 or Ruth.wellwisher@gmail.com for further details.
- 13 Thursday - **Upminster and Cranham W.I.** are looking for new members. We meet in the St. Laurence Hall (next to the Library) in Upminster on the second Thursday in the month. Doors open at 1.30 pm for a 2 pm start till 4 pm. We have talks on a wide range of subjects. We have lunches, afternoon teas, Outings and more. Why not come along and give us a try and meet new friends. For more information please contact President Margaret Reynolds on 01708 471977.
- 18 Tuesday - **Upminster Camera Club** - Members Evening. Cranham Community Association, 115a Marlborough Gardens, Upminster, RM14 1SR. 7.45pm.
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- 18 Tuesday - **Cranham Engayne W.I.** welcomes new members and visitors. Meetings held on the 3rd. Tuesday of each month at 2 pm to 4 pm at the Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens.
- 20 Thursday - **Upminster Wine and Social Club** meet on the third Thursday of the month at 8 pm in the Cranham Social Hall, Front Lane, Cranham. We hold meetings every month with a variety of speakers and wine tasting. For more information contact Maureen Jasper on

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- 24 Monday - **Romford and Historical Society** have Guest Speaker Victor Gladden (retired Jewel House Warder at the Tower of London), meetings are held at myplace, 343 Dagnam Park Drive, Harold Hill, Romford, RM3 9EN. Access is from 7.30 pm and the meeting commences at 8 pm. Admission is free to members and £2.50 to for visitors.
- 25 Tuesday - **Upminster Camera Club** - "Divine Light" Print Lecture by Clive Tanner FRPS MPAGB. Cranham Community Association, 115a Marlborough Gardens, Upminster, RM14 1SR. 7.45pm. www.upminstercameraclub.org.uk
- 26 Wednesday - **Upminster Park Towns Womens Guild** meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 2 pm to 4 pm in Derham Hall (behind Upminster Library), Upminster. Afternoon tea, talks and outings amongst a friendly group of ladies, all most welcome. For more information contact Deborah Pryor on 01708 226127 or Ann Monk on 01708 226305 or simply come along.
- 26 Wednesday - **Upminster and District Probus Club** meet at The Cranleigh, 84 Station Road, Hornchurch RM12 6LX, generally on the last Wednesday of each month. We also have outings, which are run jointly with Deyncourt (Upminster) Ladies' Probus. If you think you would be interested in joining our club please contact our Secretary, Barry on 01708 703783 and leave a message or send an email to: secretary@upminsterprobus.com.
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- 3 Wednesday - **Harold Wood Evening W.I.** meet on the 1st Wednesday on the month at the War Memorial Hall in Gubbins Lane 7.30 pm for 7.45 pm start. Visitors welcome entrance is £2.50, which includes refreshments. For more details please ring Marion on 01708 349038.



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Old Chapel Events

Sun 2 Apr 2.00pm—5.00pm. Sebastopol to Dagenham Exhibition.

Free Entry. Valence House will be here with their exhibition, Sebastopol to Dagenham. This exhibition explores the controversial conflict that shaped Modern Europe as seen through the letters of Captain Thomas Basil Fanshawe of Parsloes Dagenham, a young officer in the 33rd (Duke of Wellington's) Regiment.

Tue 4 Apr 10.00am-2:00pm Children's Pottery Café. Come to the Old Chapel and see how creative the little ones can be! We operate a first come, first served basis and you pay per item you paint.

Tue 11 April - Easter Craft The Old Chapel will help you prepare for an egg-cellent Easter. You can make Easter Cards, a bunny mask and an Easter Basket, all that you can take home. The session is drop in and is from 10.30am-12.30pm and cost £3 per child.

Wed 12 April 10.30am - The History of Hornchurch Country Park, Mike Greenslade A talk on the history and wildlife of this fascinating place. All talks are free for Friends of the Old Chapel, otherwise £2 per person, including refreshments. Booking is required. To book a place please contact the Heritage Officer on 01708 642919. www.theoldchapelupminster.co.uk

Big Band Night

The Rotary Club of Hornchurch and Upminster are organising a BIG BAND NIGHT playing music typically from the Glen Miller era. to raise funds for their local projects such as working closely with TAPESTRY and Upminster Baptist Church to assist older people in the Borough to overcome loneliness and to develop friendships. The event is being held at Windmill Hall, Upminster, on April 22nd. Tickets are £20 each

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DIARY APRIL

5 Wednesday **Upminster Ward Meeting** at Joseph's Social Centre at 7.30 pm

13 Thursday **Cranham Ward Meeting** at Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens at 7.15 pm
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Saturday 20th May 2017
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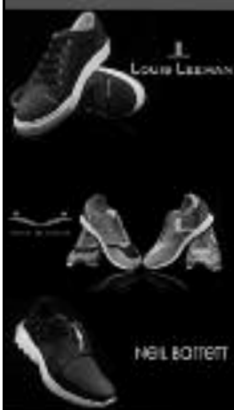
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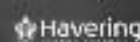
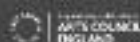
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