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Fair Funding for Council Budgets?

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Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Parking Update

Further to our articles in the *Bulletin* on the introduction of additional parking measures in Upminster Ward, i.e. south of Upminster station, and following the 'informal consultations' during the summer, which had a huge response, the Highways Advisory Committee in November agreed to conduct the formal consultation exercise on the proposals. These include extending parking controls to the remaining tree roads and South View Drive which are currently not controlled. The exception to this is Cedar Ave, which is the subject of consideration for a Public Space Protection Order given Branfil School is located there. In Stewart Ave the Council are proposing introducing double yellow lines on the south side of the road with the single yellow line remaining on the north side. In the roads north of St. Mary's Lane and south of Upminster Station, i.e. Highview Gardens to part of Howard Road which includes Champion Road, Cranborne Gardens, Gaynes Road, Branfill Road, St. Lawrence Road, Garbutt Road and Aylett Road, the majority of residents were in favour of the introduction of Residents/visitors parking permits. All residents in these roads will receive a letter from the council soon and given the Christmas break the consultation period will be four weeks instead of three, and this will constitute the formal consultation on the proposals. It is important that you respond to give the council your views. We will keep you advised as usual on this.

Cllrs LINDA HAWTHORN, RON OWER, LINDA VAN DEN HENDE



Happy Christmas

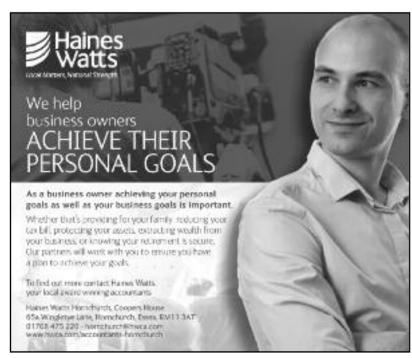


Our best wishes to you this holiday season and a big thank you as always to all our *Bulletin* deliverers and subscription collectors. I would also like to welcome new members who have joined the Residents Association this year – we

appreciate your support and this enables us to serve our community. For example, the Association has been able to assist a number of local organisations/charities this year with financial donations and we are committed to doing this in future years.

Throughout 2016, your councillors have been taking an active role in the local community as well as dealing with Havering Council matters. You will see from Councillor Clarence Barrett's article on the council budget, with government funds rapidly diminishing, there are a number of very difficult decisions to be made in the future. We are therefore very lucky to have our 'Residents Councillors' who are free to work on your behalf, and who are not tied to national political party agendas. I would like to assure you all, without any doubt, they will continue to fight on your behalf next year and beyond. Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Speeding Update



The police have conducted another speed check in Corbets **Tey Road** where 176 cars were checked, 16 cars were stopped and

warned for excessive speed. Again it is disappointing to note that many were local drivers who are often the ones complaining about speeding on Upminster Roads. Several complaints about speed in Devncourt Gardens have been received and this road has been added to the police's list for areas to be checked. Checks will continue as police resources

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Abigail's Column

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place to shop and this year has seen new shops open. We have Roomes selling Christmas decorations, clothes and things for home that can all make great little Christmas presents, you can also go and visit Santa's grotto there as well. If you are lucky you might catch him having his lunch. We have plenty of restaurants, bars and cafes to celebrate before or to have Christmas dinner with your family. Supermarkets can also get very busy around Christmas time with people trying to find the perfect Christmas dinner, so why not get your ingredients from local supermarkets or try the butchers Johnson & Son or Miles in Avon Road. There are also many smaller shops around locally that can make your Christmas feel special like Fleur Gifts shop that can have a perfect Christmas present for someone you care for.

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Christingle Service

Join us at our Christingle Service at St Laurence Church, Upminster to celebrate hope and make children's voices heard. The service is on Sunday 4th December at 3pm. For more information, call the Parish Office on 01708 220696.

Solar Park

Further to the urgent news in last month's Bulletin where it was pointed out that Havering Council had started consultation on building two Solar Parks, one locally beside the Gerpins Lane Tip. They wrote to everyone locally with a map and further details. If you did not receive one of these letters, please contact us at

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Vintage Buses

Pleased to inform you that Ensign Buses are running a number of Vintage Buses through Upminster on Saturday 3rd December.

Christmas Message

Many of my friends are surprised when I say "I actually don't like Christmas", I never have even as a little girl.

As I got older just trying to figure out what I should buy for friends and family caused me huge stress. Now as a priest I look around and realise it's not only me, many of us, if honest struggle! And I'm in awe of those who write cards. decorate the house and purchase perfect gifts for everyone. I wonder how often we remember in all this excitement, the real reason we are celebrating Christmas? Christmas is about

the baby Jesus born to a young

girl. The perfect gift, and that continued on page 3

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what excites me, the celebration, of this sacred holiday. So with all the hustle and bustle

of the season, why not stop for a while and remember why we celebrate and if you want space to breath, join us.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of Churches together to wish you a blessed peaceful Christmas

Happy Christmas Marion Williams Parish Priest, All Saints Cranham

December Ward Meeting

I am pleased to announce that Steve Moore, the Interim Director of Neighbourhoods, will be attending the Upminster ward meeting on 7th December at 7.30pm at St Joseph's School Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster. He has been asked in particular to cover issues of parks and open spaces, but issues covering refuse, streetcare, parking etc. will also be covered. We will also have our traditional Christmas mince pies and drinks. All are welcome.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

Stewart Avenue Allotments

Stewart Avenue Allotments Christmas Gate Sale in the Big Green Shed on the 17th December 2016 11am - 2pm or until sold out!

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Chestnut Trees



readers have drawn to my attention that several Horse Chestnut trees appear to be diseased, because their leaves

are turning brown earlier than should be - this is caused by leaf minor - a grub which buries into the leaves, then lives at the base of the tree throughout winter and re-infects it the following spring. Although this does not kill the tree itself, it does weaken the tree, thus making it prone to other diseases - the best action to take is to remove all the leaves as they fall, so the tree is then not reinfected

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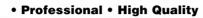
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again this year as there are always so many great entries it is hard to choose just one winner. Pinney Talfourd will also give a donation to the school for their help in organising this annual event

Pinney Talfourd teamed up with local special needs school Corbets Tey School for their 'Design a Christmas Card 2016' Competition this month. Brandon Riches, aged 13 won first prize with a cute design of Rudolph complete with baubles



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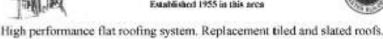
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Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Wingletye **Bridge**

Regular reports of collisions between vehicles on this narrow bridge keep coming in and we are still trying to find a suitable solution, so far the railway company will not extend the bridge nor remove the narrow, and I think dangerous, footpath. We have had proposals for oneway traffic controlled by lights and speed humps to slow traffic none of which seemed to please everyone. Let us have your views so we can seek another solution.

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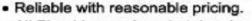
The forest in autumn is full of colour and fruits - a beautiful time of year before the winter frosts change the trees into bare skeletons. During half term Pumpkins donated by Waitrose were carved by children into scary faces to light the spooky walks through the Forest. Events at the Forest Centre during

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Christmas Tree Festival

Upminster Methodist Church will be holding its annual Christmas Tree Festival between the 3rd and 11th of December. In its sixth year the theme this year is "Let's Celebrate" and we have invited local schools and organisations from the church and community to decorate trees for this event using this idea.

The opening times are Saturdays 10-5pm, Sundays 2-5pm and Weekdays 2-6pm.

The Festival opens on Saturday 3rd December at 10am and there will be refreshments available all day. In the church halls there will be a Christmas Market with craft and charity stalls selling cards, gifts, cakes and other festive goods. Entrance is free: donations to our chosen charities For more details, please contact



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As Deputy Mayor I presented the prizes at Gaynes School for last ear's Year 11 students. It was pleasing to see so many students receiving awards for achievement, progress and effort. 99% of all leavers had either gone on to further education, apprenticeships or employment, which is a very credible result. It was also good to be entertained by some accomplished musicians. Well done to the Head teacher,

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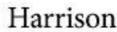


















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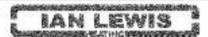
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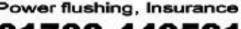






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Cllr ALEX DONALD

you are welcome to stay for a coffee and cakes courtesy of Pinney Talfourd.

This event has attracted a full house every year so call the Queens Theatre Box Office on 01708 443333 to reserve your space early or visit

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Christmas at the **Queen's Theatre**

Pinney Talfourd has once again teamed up with Queens Theatre Hornchurch to host 'Christmas at the Queens' on Tuesday 6 December (11am - 1pm). We are delighted that the Dawn Chorus have once again agreed to join us in singing a range of upbeat Christmas songs including "Let it Snow" and "Jingle Bells". There will be a raffle in aid of the **Oueens Theatre charitable trust** and Pinney Talfourd's own charity of the year, Motor Neurone Disease Association (South Essex branch).

Finally, after all the excitement

This is Havering



The Council has produced fantastic statistics on the "demo-graphic and socioeconomic profile of Havering" i.e. giving population

profile, household profile and economic profile. I have left a copy of this at Upminster Library for your perusal. It is well worth a read.

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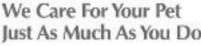
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Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

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Pink Lily

Just to let you know Pink Lily in Corbets Tey Road, Upminster raised £1,273.95 for Macmillan Cancer Support on our cake and coffee fundraiser, we beat last year's total. Thanks to the many Bakers who donated and those that purchased our lovely cakes.

Peter Pan

Occasional Dance Theatre School have been running theatre classes including dance, drama, singing and Lamda for the past 6 years in Upminster. Our next theatre production is Peter Pan; we are looking for talented new members age 5-18yrs who love going on stage to become part of our exciting adventure around Neverland!! Occasional Dance also run a variety of Adults classes including Tap, Zumba, Fitsteps and Clubbercise, why not come along some time and join the fun! For more information, contact Tina at info@occasionaldance.co.uk or

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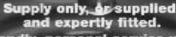
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Trinity Church Events

Christmas Market at Trinity Church, Station Road, Upminster, on Saturday, 3rd December from 10.00 to 2.00. All the usual stalls, including beautiful hand-made gifts. Morning Coffee served from 10 - 12 and ploughman's lunches from 12 - 2. Admission is free, and all proceeds to be divided between the church and Little Haven's Hospice. Kingsley Choral Group's Christmas concert at Trinity Church, Station Road, Upminster, on Friday 16th December at 7.30 p.m. Enjoy both new and traditional Christmas music from the choir as well as audience carols. Tickets are only £7-50, at the door or ring 01708 222189. Tickets include seasonal refreshments, and there will be a raffle. All proceeds divided between the church and Little Havens Hospice.

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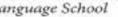
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- 9 Friday RSPB Havering Local Group will hold their Christmas Social in Homchurch Library at 7.30 pm for 7.45 pm start. A time for exchanging Christmas cards, chatting, a quiz, a raffle and of course the buffet supplied by all of our members. It's a fun evening and entrance is FREE. All meetings take place upstairs in the Meeting Room at Hornchurch Library, Hornchurch.
- 10 Saturday RSPB Havering Local Group are holding a Christmas Ramble at Rainham Marsh Reserve.

Come and join us for a gentle stroll around our local RSPB reserve to enjoy the views, fresh air and see some birds at the same time. Our local reserve with its modern visitor centre which has a café, gift shop and toilets. We meet in the reserve car-park, off New Tankhill Road, Purfleet at 10.00 am. For more information call Mike Hughes on 01708 250585 or email: mich@el-hughes.wanadoo.co.uk.

12 Monday - Romford & District Historical Society meet at myplace, 343 Dagnam Park Drive, Harold Hill, Romford, RM3 9EN. Acess from 7.30 pm Meeting 8 pm to 9.30 pm, are holding their Christmas

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- 13 Tuesday NADFAS Havering welcomes back Dr David Bostwick with a Christmas talk 'Deck the Hall Yuletide Customs and Traditions'. Coffee from 10.00 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.haveringdfas.org.uk
- 13 Tuesday Upminster Horticultural
 Society Soft Fruit a talk by Mike Abel.
 His talk will cover propagation and
 planting, pruning and training, disease
 control, etc.The talk will take place in the
 New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane,
 Upminster from 7.45 pm to 9.45 pm.
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- music associated with Christmas as well as readings of poetry and prose inspired by the festive season. All the team will join proceedings with their own personal contributions to the evening and there will be an extended interval, during which hot punch with mince pies will be consumed. The evening will be held in the 1st Floor Meeting Room, Hornchurch Library at 7.30pm finishing around 9.30pm. Admission is free of charge but a nominal contribution will cover the interval refreshments. For more details call Stephen on 01708 470670 or email sraindle@aol.com The spring 2017 programme will commence on Wednesday 18th January.
- 15 Thursday Upminster Wine & Social Club. We are a fun group with an interest in wine appreciation and enjoying many social events. We hold meetings every third Thursday of the month with a variety of speakers and a wine tasting. Meetings are held in the Cranham Social Hall, Front Lane, Cranham; start 8 pm. For more information contact Maureen Jasper on 01708 223956, or simply come along on the night.
- 16 Friday Havering Antique and
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- 17 Saturday Havering Singers Event holding a Christmas Concert joined by the Choir of Suttons Primary School. A

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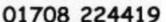
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- Tuesday Oglethorpe Women's **Institute** are holding a Social Evening with a Chinese Auction. Our meetings are held at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, RM14 1XL at 7.45 pm. Visitors are welcome
- Wednesday Harold Wood Evening W.I. have a Fun Games Evening held at the War Memorial Hall in Gubbins Lane 7.30 for 7.45 pm start. Visitors are welcome entrance is £2.50, which includes refreshments. For more details please ring Joanne on 0787 5670419.
- Friday Coffee & Conversation morning re-opens at 10.30 - 12.30 pm at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane RM14 1XI. Entrance £2 this

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- Saturday The Havering Branch of the East of London Family History Society hold meetings first Saturday of every month at Trinity Church, Station Road, Upminster RM14 2SJ doors open at 1pm meeting starts at 2pm. The Computer Group meets at the same venue 11am -1pm. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either
- Monday Essex Wildlife Trust Havering Group have an illustrated talk by Lindsey Jones from "the friends of West Ham Park" on her recordings of the wildlife of West Ham Park. Meetings are held on the 1st floor meeting room in Hornchurch Library at 8 pm to 9.45 pm. Donation of £2.50 to help cover hall hire, includes tea, coffee and biscuits. For more information please contact Joy Emerson on 01708 440297.
- 10 Tuesday Upminster Horticultural Society - AGM and Langtons Gardens: History and Restoration - Nigel Oxley. Following our AGM, Nigel, Historic Buildings and Landscapes Officer at Havering Council, will tell us about the history and recent restoration and development of Langtons Gardens in Hornchurch.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 are very welcome for a fee of £2.00. For further information on Upminster Horticultural Society see our website www.upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk

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Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

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Engayne School PSPO

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Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Guides Bulb Planting

A number of Guides from the 6th Upminster Guides Unit, based at St. Laurence church, recently spent a cold afternoon planting 5000 bulbs in Clockhouse Gardens, as part of their Baden Powell Challenge. This was a true community project working with Havering Council and Havering East Rotary Club as part of the

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Further to the article in last month's Bulletin by Cllr Linda Van den Hende on Carebase who held an exhibition in Upminster on their plans to build a 70 bed Residential Care Home with a 32 bed Brain Injury Home on the vacant site in St. Mary's lane next to Coopers Coborn School Playing Fields, as yet no planning application has been received by the Council. However, we shall keep you advised of further developments, including any formal planning application, through the Bulletin and our website at ucra.co.uk.



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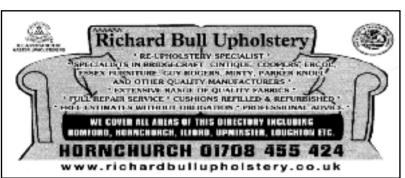


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