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Lower Thames Crossing



As featured in the May *Bulletin*, the route of the new Lower Thames Crossing has been announced as Option C which will connect Kent and Essex via a 2-Mile tunnel beneath the Thames, running from Gravesend through Orsett before joining the M25 between junctions 29 and 30 at North Ockendon where a new free-flow junction is planned to be built. In terms of timelines, there will be a provisional design and source funding phase before formal consultation in 2018. Should the route proceed, the scheme would not be completed until 2027 and is planned to be a toll road. The Residents' Association opposed this Option and are very concerned over the negative effect this will have

on the area, including the loss of green belt and the impact on residents' lives. We shall keep residents updated through the *Bulletin* and have also set up a dedicated section on our website (ucra.co.uk) to deal with all matters relating to the Lower Thames Crossing where information, advice and updates will be available to residents. We will keep you informed on this very important matter.

Cllrs HAWTHORN, OWER & VAN DEN HENDE

Congratulations Linda



We are delighted to inform you that, as we go to press, our Upminster Residents' Councillor Linda Van den Hende is due to be elected the next Mayor on Havering Council. Linda was first elected onto Havering Council in 2006. Before being elected, she was active on our organisation front, being our Upminster ward organiser for our Association, a role she continued until recently.

Following election she served on a number of Council Committees and prior to being Deputy Mayor was Chairman of the Council's Licensing Committee

Many residents will also know Linda from being closely involved in stopping various planning applications to build on our local green belt

countryside. Further details next month.

Which Ward?

A big welcome to new residents. Please note the following boundaries of Upminster and Cranham Wards:

Cranham Ward is north of the Upminster to Fenchurch Street Rail Line including all of the Dury Falls Estate.

Upminster Ward is south of the Rail Line and includes the Cranham Cathedral Estate and North Ockendon.

Your Councillor contact details are on Page 22.

NatWest Bank

Following on from the news that HSBC has closed, and we lost Lloyds Bank in May. We also heard, sadly, that NatWest have announced that they are going in September they state that more people use on-line services, but with us having the eldest population in Havering, the bank is still well used. A number of bank users like to see who they are dealing with.

I have written to the bank, and will let you know of their reply.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

Council Tax Collection

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347 Bus Route



article a few months back. a number of people raised the issue of the 347 bus route and how they would like to increase it.

TFL who run the route would too, however the revenue grant they receive from the central government has been phased out, so all routes have to be self sufficient. This is a blow to all rural services, which are so useful to the local residents, but their small numbers mean the service runs at a loss. Hopefully central government might change its mind — but I'm not holding my breath.

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Parking problems

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other side of the issue though. Parking is a complete mess now and so dangerous for pedestrians. Look at the Shell petrol station, for example, it is an accident waiting to happen. School run cars use the petrol station now to park in and do drop offs, this never happened before. The turnings in and out of Shell are now a danger spot. Also, when the petrol station parking is full, people drive up onto the pavement right outside or even in front of the row of shops there. Once they have dropped off the children, they quickly reverse taking little notice of the people walking around.

I know parking is a problem but pavements are not the answer. It is not impossible to park in Upminster, it might mean paying a bit more or walking a bit further. This must be better than risk hurting someone.

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Brian Flavell - Vice Chairman

Care Home application St. Mary's Lane

I am pleased to report that Havering officers have refused the application for the 65 bedded care

home with the addition Brain Injury unit in St. Mary's Lane adjacent to Coopers school. I had called this in on the grounds of it being Green Belt land, over development, not in keeping with the Streetscene and the impact on the Conservation area of The Chase and All Saints Church. The officers refusal reasons include those as well as it being visually intrusive and being detrimental to the character and appearance of the Green Belt. Thanks to all who registered their views on this and clearly it is pleasing that the precious Green Belt is being recognised and protected. At this stage there is no indication whether the decision will be

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

Bird Lane

Proposals to close off entry into Bird Lane from the A127 edge closer to reality with funding secured from Transport for London to undertake the works this year. Formal plans will shortly be available for consultation before commencing work. It is also proposed to reduce the official speed limit in Bird Lane from 60mph (unbelievable, I know!) to 30mph.

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Parliamentary Elections



In the next few days, on June 8, we will all experience another parliamentary election only two years after the last and locally we will experience

the sight of a new MP for the Upminster and Hornchurch constituency. For years we have had MPs from the National Parties supposedly representing their constituents' concerns, though they are more often controlled by central office to vote in line with what the Government of the day wants. We hope the new MP will be of an independent mind and will put the interests of residents ahead of party membership. Whilst many are seeing this as a Brexit vote on exiting the EU, there are still many day-to-day issues that affect us all. Whoever is elected, if they don't represent the people then we may as well vote next time for an independent who,

unencumbered by a party political whip, will be a truly local

Cllr DARREN WISE

Thank You

Thank you to Richard Brasier and all involved in Stainer's 'Crucifixion' at St Laurence church, Palm Sunday Evening with the choirs of the churches in All Saints, Cranham, St Andrew Hornchurch, St Mary Magdalene North Ockendon and St Laurence Upminster - well done to all involved, it was an amazing evening service.

Thank you to Shaun and the staff at Cranham Tandoori for helping All Saints Church, Cranham raise an amazing £500 for the Bishop's Lent appeal.

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Community Association, Cranham Social Hall.

Dearest Ray

Celia Pyke has published a new book entitled 'Dearest Ray'. The book is about a young airman from North Ockendon whose Lancaster bomber was shot down during the Second World War over France. The book contains letters written by Ray and those received from his family, who farmed in North Ockendon, and are evocative of the era. It's available from Swan Books in Upminster, and Amazon.

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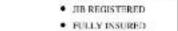
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Bottle of Whisky Ceremony



Members of the local Upminster ward panel together with Police officers, members from the Canadian Embassy and two officers dressed in World War 1 clothing attended an unusual but poignant ceremony with a historical link. Sergeant Brad Swan from the Canadian police force came to Upminster to return a bottle of Johnny Walker whisky to replace the one his

grandfather Private Alfred Stephen Swan from the Canadian 4th Battalion, 1st Division C.E.F acquired after return from the Vimy frontline in France 1917. Private Swan was visiting Upminster and popped into Victoria Wines off-licence, nobody was around to serve him and as he needed to get on the approaching steam train he took a bottle of whisky. In his diary he wrote that if he ever returned he would return the bottle he took and his grandchildren Brad, Sylvia and Angie decided to honour his word and hand back a

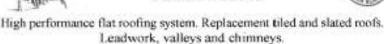
Litter Strategy Falls Short



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litterers face the prospect of fines of up to just £150! Fly-tipping costs local authorities across the country some £100m per year. It is an extreme example of antisocial behaviour and needs much tougher sanctions than being required to pick up litter for a few hours on a Saturday afternoon. It is tremendously frustrating for councils (and council tax payers) to constantly bear the cost of cleaning up after fly-tippers, only for the proposed sanctions to be so weak. The most sustainable answer to the problem is long term behavioural change. Much like drink-driving, we need to make littering and fly-tipping absolutely socially unacceptable. A more robust response from the criminal justice system with tougher sentences, confiscation of vehicles and full cost recovery, along with increased capacity for agencies to enforce, would send the right message to those who think our roads and countryside are civic dumps.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

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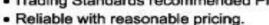
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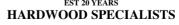
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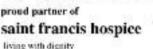
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Mayor's Civic Award

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Cllr GILLIAN FORD

Trees

I am often asked about trees, and if a TPO(tree preservation order) can be considered for them. Generally speaking, an

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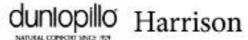


















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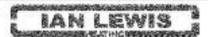
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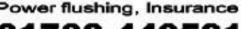






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KINDAS

By the time you read this article Kindas the Schoolwear shop that has been a feature of Upminster life for well over 65 years will have closed. Readers may recall that it was owned and operated by my late sister Claire Poulten from the mid 1980's until her sudden death in October 2015. My thanks once again to Cllr Linda Hawthorn for her kind remarks about my sister and to those who made generous donations to the British Heart Foundation. It proved impossible to run the shop beyond the short term and therefore it was with great sadness that the family decided to sell up. Fortunately Havering Schoolwear headed by Mubashir Tufail have taken over the business and although the name of Kindas will no longer be used and the shop

put to another use, we are very sure that Havering Schoolwear will be excellent successors. Finally a big thank you to the Schools, Parents and Pupils who shopped at Kindas and who my late sister thoroughly enjoyed serving

John Poulten

John Penrose

John Penrose was well known locally where he owned a Tailors shop in St Mary's Lane for many years. At that time he supported St Francis Hospice but in retirement he joined with Pauline Obee and they opened the Rainbow Trust Charity Shop in Harold Wood.

Every Monday and Thursday for 24yrs you would find him in that same charity shop and always with a tape measure at the ready! Alas no longer, illness hit John on April 18th the very day he was to have received a Community Award from the Mayor of Havering. He died at his home in Brentwood on Monday, April 24th. Reliable and friendly a gentleman of a by-gone era he was very popular with the customers and can never be replaced. Outside the shop his skills as a Magician led him to

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entertain at many fundraising functions. He held key position of President of the London Magic Circle for many years and the Ilford Magic Circle were to benefit from his lifetime loyalty. A modest man of many talents never to be forgotten.

Pauline Obee

Old Chapel Events

Sun 4th June, 2.00pm-5.00pm -General Open Day Wed 14th June, 10.30am – Tea and Talk, Larger than Life Victorian and Edwardian Upminster Characters

Our resident local historian, Tony Benton returns for another talk about Upminster's past. Free for friends of Old Chapel or £2 for non-members.

Sun 18th June, 2.00pm – 5.00pm – Victorian Tea Room

The Victorian Era began 180 years ago and to celebrate the Victorian Tea Room is back! Come and enjoy a traditional afternoon tea whilst listening to harpist Hilary Barkwith play. There will also be Victorian themed crafts for children to enjoy. Free Entry. For booking on the above talk contact Charlotte Coombes on 01708 642919

Little Havens Summer Fayre

Little Havens Summer Fayre will be held on Sat. 3rd June at the St Laurence Church Hall, RM14 2BB from 1000-1600. There will be a raffle, tombola, face painter, white elephant, plant stall, refreshments, kids games and father's day gifts and many more. A special guest appearance will be made by the Star Wars Garrison 501 Storm Troopers throughout the event, who will be available for photos and memorabilia. Entry is free but donations will be gratefully appreciated.

Cappella Singers Concert

The Cappella Singers of Upminster are presenting their Summer Concert on Friday 30th June 2017 at 8.00 p.m. at The Old Chapel, St. Mary's Lane, Upminster (next to the Sacred Heart of Mary School). Tickets £10 inclusive of light refreshments may be purchased on the door or in advance from Mr. Ian Pirie (01708 641718).

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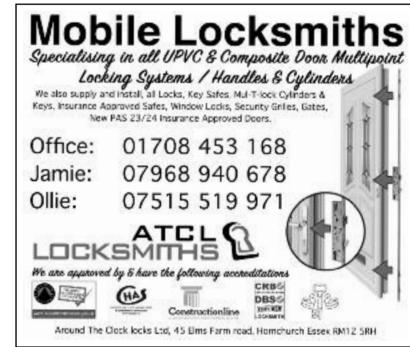
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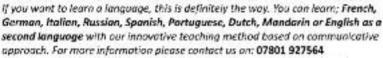
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We hold our meetings in the Small Hall of Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens, Cranham, with meetings starting at 7.30pm finishing at 10pm.

For anyone interested in coming along please telephone our Secretary Val for details on 01268 757796, or come along to see how we enjoy ourselves - you would be very welcome.

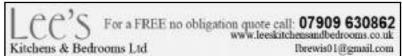
Afternoon Tea

All Saints Church Cranham are holding an afternoon tea/teddy bears picnic in the grounds of the Church and Vestry Hall on the 1st July commencing at 2.30pm. Family tickets £7.50 individual tickets £3. All proceeds will be going to this years chosen charities, both of which are local charities.

They are J.A.C.K and Mitchell Huth who both help families affected by Neuroblastoma, which is a rare childhood cancer. All are welcome but please email Jeanette@Willcocks.me.uk or phone 01708 501505 to book a place. A variety of sandwiches and cakes will be provided to suit all tastes. In addition there will be a Pimms/beer tent and various children's games and entertainment.

Song Recital

'Lost in the Stars' - a Song Recital for World Refugee Day. Baritone Ian Pirie of the Cappella Singers, accompanied by pianist Paul McDowell will perform songs on the theme of travel, absence, and loss of home. The recital includes a selection of songs, sung in English, from Winterreise (Winter Journey) Schubert's powerful song cycle about leaving home. Other songs are by Roger Quilter, Peter Warlock, Ivor Gurney, Samuel Barber, and Kurt Weill. Kurt Weill was himself a refugee from Nazi Germany, and it his song Lost in the Stars that provides the title for this concert. Tuesday 20th June at Trinity United Reformed Church, Station Road, Upminster RM14 2UD. 8.0 – 9.15 pm followed by refreshments. Admission Free donations invited to Help Refugees





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before the summer break. We invite all our presenters to reflect on their programmes over the year. Main meeting room (1st floor) at Hornchurch Library, North Street at 7.30pm. Admission is free of charge but we do ask for a contribution for interval refreshments. For any further details call Stephen Raindle 01708 470670 or email sraindle@aol.com 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. Lawrence Lustig giving a talk on his photography. Visitors welcome entrance is £2.50, which includes refreshments. For more details please ring Joanne on 0787 5670419. 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 Revnolds on 01708 471977.

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Tuesday - NADFAS (Havering) welcomes Dr Emma Bulleywith with a talk entitled 'Peeled - The Art of the Still Life'. 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 speakers and visits can be found at

www.haveringdfas.org.uk
Tuesday – **Upminster & District Horticultural Society** meet at 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 for a fee of
£2.00. For further information on
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website www.upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk

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McDougall on 01708 448431 or
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Friday - Havering Antique and
Collectors Club meet at the
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Harold Wood. Guest Speaker Pauline
Short on 'Josephine Baker - An
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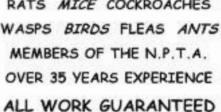
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28 Wednesday - **Upminster Park Towns Womens Guild** meet on the fourth
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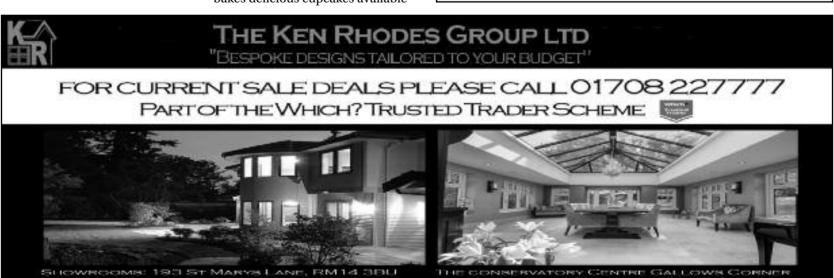


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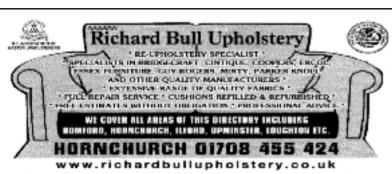
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