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Parking Update

As you are aware, Havering Council is carrying out an in depth parking consultation in the Upminster ward ie Roads south of Upminster Station. Having received responses to the initial informal consultation where the Council wanted to know 'in-principle' and better understand where there are parking problems, and if residents wanted the Council to discuss with them potential solutions. Over 1,200 initial consultation responses were received. The results showed a clear distinction of roads which stakeholders consider to have parking stress and those which do not.

The initial consultation also helped officers and Ward Councillors understand better the area for a second consultation. The second consultation is a little more detailed where we ask specific questions to what the residents would like to see the Council do about the identified parking stress. Again, officers wish to take on board the comments and suggestions of the public before they can agree upon suitable parking provisions for the area.

The second stage consultation is currently open and the Traffic & Parking Controls Schemes Team would like to encourage all community stakeholders to become involved. All comments have equal value will be thoroughly considered. Please help us design a scheme that will provide tangible benefits and relieve the parking stress in the area and the inconvenience that situation has brought to many. If you require any help in submitting your comments then please do not hesitate to get in touch with the schemes team. You can contact us via email at schemes@haverling.gov.uk or write to London Borough of Havering | Traffic and Parking Control (Schemes), Town Hall, Main Road, Romford RM1 3BB.

Ward Meetings

Parking in Upminster/Cranham Wards

Further to our last *Bulletin* front page item regarding parking proposals for Upminster Ward, ie roads south of Upminster Station. Officers from the parking section will be attending the Upminster Ward meeting on 1st June at St. Joseph's Social Centre, St. Mary's Lane at 8pm, as usual to give further details of the proposed parking arrangements in Upminster. A review of parking in Cranham is currently underway and Council officers will be attending the Cranham ward meeting on Thursday 9th June (7.15pm) to discuss proposals and listen to your views. The meeting will be held at the Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens - all welcome. They will be able to answer any queries you have.

Little Free Library



There is a tendency to see and hear about all the bad things that have taken place in an area, however there are lots of people in the borough that do a number of good deeds for their communities. Mr Murray contacted me about the

Little Free Library, in Severn Drive, Upminster, which is one such deed that needs recognition. The Library was set up by Barbara, who inspires many children from the local area to pick up a book and take one home; especially the pupils of Engayne Primary School. Her generosity extended over the Easter holiday to leaving little eggs beside the books and the day before World book night, she was handing out free books. On behalf of Cranham Residents, I would like to say thank you to Barbara for her positive contribution to the community.

Cllr GILLIAN FORD

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number 101 and give a description with as many details as you can.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

Summer is coming?

This year Havering is bidding to achieve Gold status in the Royal Horticultural Society's prestigious Britain in Bloom Competition. So there is even more pressure for 2016 when I start organising the planting for Avon Road and Cranham Village. In previous years the Girls Brigade, Boys Brigade, Beavers and Scouts have helped with the planting and I will be looking to invite another youth group to help with the Summer planting. This is a voluntary activity that requires funding to purchase the plants and I am pleased to say fund raising started in April with the support of the Golden Crane and David Skipworth from thequizcompany.net running a raffle. All prizes were wrapped up so nobody knew what they were picking, which added an element of mystery to the proceedings. Prizes ranged from tins of baked beans to bottles of Wine. I would like to say a huge thank you to Dave, as the raffle raised £100, a

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valuable contribution in making the plants a reality. If there are any other organisations or individuals who would like to fund raise, contribute towards the plants or would be able to help with summer watering, please contact 01708 641317.

Cllr GILLIAN FORD



spent making local roads safer, like the speed tables near the Upminster Windmill, but I think

Upminster Mini-Golf Swings into Action

The Upminster Mini-Golf in Hall Lane is now open at weekends and school holidays from 10am to 6pm. Why not come along and get into the swing for summer? Just £5 for adults and £3 for under 16s/concessions. If you shop at Waitrose, the Friends of Upminster Mini Golf Course will be one of the voluntary groups collecting green tokens for the month of June.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

there is still room for improvement in making the roads safer for those of us that walk. I know the new crossing in Front Lane is being well-used, which is nice to see, but there are areas where walking is still a tricky business. Just look at Harwood Hall Lane in Corbets Tey. The new speed ramps there are good but the small road is a pedestrian accident waiting to happen. Many young people use the roadside to walk to and from the paint ball centre and there is no footpath on either side. My mum frequently stops the car and insists the groups walk on one side together, rather than spread out on each bank (I can be found hiding in the back seat in embarrassment). Does there have to be accident before a path is built? It seems likely that traffic on local

Abigail's Column

Pedestrian Safety?

There has been a lot of money

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roads is only going to increase so a good look at pedestrian safety would be useful.

Are there places where you feel unsafe to walk? Let me know.

Editor's Note:

Please send us your views and we will pass on to Abigail. Regarding Harwood Hall Lane, Havering Council together with Oakfields Montessori School have introduced a number of safety measures.

Retirement of Cranham Ward's Sergeant Kenneth McNish

After a long and successful career in the Police Force, Ken has completed his service time and in line with current police policy is to retire.

I have known Ken for several years now since he moved to take over as sergeant running Cranham Ward Safer Neighbourhood Police Team.

He without exception attends all Ward Panel meetings and whenever possible attends the monthly Residents' Association meetings taking questions from the floor and actioning complaints and queries.

With WPC Belinda Goodwin, Ken was instrumental in setting up and running Street Watch here in Cranham and Upminster, which is a pilot for the Met' and I am sure we will see the project rolled out across London.

Thanks to Ken and his team of PCs and PCSOs, Cranham remains amongst the most crime free and safest wards in any of the London Boroughs. He will be a hard act to follow and has set a high benchmark. We all wish him a long and happy retirement.

Richard Moorey

Tree and weed maintenance

We are now well into summer, and just to let readers know about the Council's actions re the maintenance of their trees and weed clearance.

Many trees produce growth around their base, which can be dangerous for children walking close to them, and can affect drivers' sight lines at junctions - this growth will be removed from mid May, but could take up to 3-4 weeks to be completed. Weeds are to be sprayed 4 times between April - October; they can take up to 21 days to die.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

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School Crossing Patrol

After many months I am pleased to report that there is a new School Crossing patrol operating in Gaynes Park Road to assist Branfil Children cross safely and a new School Crossing patrol operating in St. Mary's Lane to assist Upminster school children cross the busy road.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

to Cancer Research at the request of the family.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

Ron Williams

We sadly reported last month that Ron had passed away. During the Second World War he served in North Africa and Italy where he learnt Italian. He actually witnessed the eruption of Vesuvius in 1944. Following the war he stayed on working for an import company in Naples until 1947. Ron moved to Upminster in 1953 with his wife Lena. Both worked at Ford's for 40 years. Ron soon became involved with the Upminster Ratepayers' Association, which became the present Upminster and Cranham Residents' Association. Ron was a *Bulletin* deliverer for many years and of course I met him as the *Bulletin's* Advertising Manager. a job he held for many years. He was of tremendous assistance to me and helped us on the path of success by getting new advertisers, enabling us to add pages to the *Bulletin*. Sadly, Lena predeceased him in 2014, after 64 years of marriage. Our condolences go out to his son Ray and family.

Cllr RON OWEY

Sorry!

St Mary Magdalene Church, North Ockendon, had to postpone their Queen's Birthday Celebrations and Fete due to have been held on June 11th, due to unforeseen circumstances. Details of all future events will be published in due course.

Delia Pusey

Thanks to all those who made the Textile Exhibition of Delia's work an amazing success. Several hundred people visited the Exhibition in the Old Chapel and the voluntary donations for cards and teas etc. realised the superb sum of £500, which has been sent

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Cllr BRIAN EAGLING
Mayor of Havering

Upcoming events at the Old Chapel

Creative Craft Sessions

Weds 8 June, 3.00pm-5.30pm - Royal Birthday

Please note the Craft session will take place a week later than planned in June.

Weds 6 July, 3.00pm-5.30pm - Let's go to the Beach!

£3 per child, suitable for ages 4+, no need to book.

Sunday 5 June, 2.00pm - 5.00pm - Local Archive Film Afternoon (Show starts at 2.30pm)

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Sunday 19 June, 2.00pm - 5.00pm - Founders Day
We will be celebrating those members who founded the Old Chapel with traditional activities. Free entry

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gsmith@mary.havering.sch.uk

July preview:

Wednesday 13 July, 10.30 - Tea and Talk, Suffolk Coast Walks, P. Caton.

Sunday 17 July, 2.00pm-5.00pm - Victorian Tea Room

many thousands of pounds. But a solution could be found at no cost if motorists simply slowed down, used indicators and showed awareness of other vehicles while navigating the roundabout. Of course, in the real world this is somewhat unlikely to materialise. In the meantime, the TfL proposal to bring about 'improvements' is nothing more than pots of paint and a dizzying array of white lines which is sure to cause more confusion than clarity for anyone using the junction. Gallows corner, by its very name, has had a grim past - it's important that any 'improvements' do not make it any grimmer.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

The Perils of Gallows Corner

Much has been written and said about the perilous Gallows Corner. Transport for London (TfL) have now come up with a scheme that will no doubt cost

Guided wild flower walks

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to lend out. Want more information? Phone Mary on 01708 228921, or email her at mary@smith33gpr.fsnet.co.uk

Thames Chase slips into summer

The Forest Centre will host the third 'Thames Chase', a 10k run and family fun run around the paths at Broadfields, on Sunday 12th June at 10am and 11.30am for the family run. We hope that cyclists and dog walkers will help by avoiding these times and taking their exercise in the afternoon.

Summer of Music

On Sunday 26th June the Forest Centre will sway to a different tune when the **Brentwood School Big Band** will be returning for a 'Concert on the Meadow'. Bring your garden chairs and picnic from 2pm to 6pm with the band playing from 3pm to 5pm. Pre-booked picnic baskets are available from the cafe or enjoy a barbecue after the concert. Entrance is free but a collection will be taken towards the work of Community Forest. The monthly **Cream Tea** is on 17th

June in the barn for a tea dance and the **Sunday Market** on 19th June will focus on music.

On Sunday 5th June enjoy a concert of **Opera Favourites** at the Trinity Hall, Hall Lane, Upminster. Tickets £10.

Matt Lowrie is bringing his popular and award winning trio (Guitar, Bass and Trombone) to the Forest Centre on 3rd July, 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm. The music will be both rhythmic and relaxing. Tickets £10.

Discovering Thames Chase

Our coffee morning on Friday 10th June and the guided walk on 24th June will explore Tylers Common, its history and memories.

Health and Wellbeing

Join a Stretch & Tone session in the Forest, 'Directing the Energy', on Sunday 19th June 10.30am-12.30pm. lead by a British Wheel of Yoga tutor. £6

More information on all our activities from the Visitor Centre or the website www.thameschase.org.uk

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Paul Thompson

Coach Outing News

On **Saturday 23rd July** please note our Social Committee have organised a trip to **Worthing**. The development of Worthing's sea front in the 19th century marked the town's growth from a small fishing hamlet into a flourishing seaside resort and one of the most popular pastimes for visitors is a stroll along the palm

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Hornchurch Village Fete

On Saturday the 2nd of July, the Rotary Club of Hornchurch and

Upminster will be holding its annual summer fete on the Queen's Theatre Green, Hornchurch, between 12.30 and 4.30pm. Entrance is Free! There will be fun for all the family, including children's roundabouts, face painting, FREE rides on a miniature steam train and arts and craft stalls. Come along and learn about the Rotary organisation: its charitable work, both locally and internationally and the social opportunities it offers.

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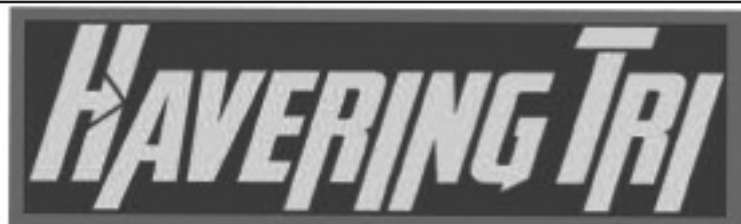
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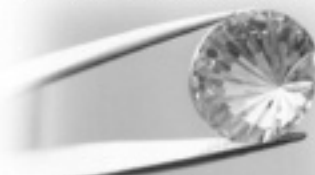
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Drowning prevention week begins on the 18th of June for

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Wednesday Music Evening

On the 8th June The Songs & Music of the First World War - presented by George Saddington A programme recalling the popular songs and ballads of a hundred years ago when the world was about to witness the bloodiest conflict of the First World War, the Battle of the Somme.

The music is of the variety theatre, music hall and Tin Pan Alley. George will also examine the lives of composer-soldiers fighting, often fatally. The programme will take place in the main meeting room, 1st floor, Hornchurch Library and will commence at 7.30pm ending 9.30pm. Admission is free of charge but we do ask for a contribution toward interval refreshments.

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- 5 Sunday - **Upminster Tithe Barn Museum of Nostalgia Open Days**, Hall Lane. Open 10.30 am to 4.00 pm. Free Admission.
- 7 Tuesday - **Oglethorpe Women's Institute** welcome members of the Woodland Group to the Summer Meeting to be held in the Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster, RM14 2QH. Doors open at 6.30 pm and the meeting will commence at 7.00 pm. The speaker is to be Shirley Perkins, a W.I. country florist. (Oglethorpe W.I. members please note that the Group Meeting takes place of the meeting in our usual hall).
- 11 Saturday- The Little Havens Children's Hospice **Summer Fayre** to be held at the St. Laurence Church Hall, Corbets Tey Road. From 10am to 4pm. Stalls including Crafts, Raffles, White Elephant, Children's Games / Entertainer and Refreshments. No admission charge but any donations will be most welcome.
- 13 Monday - **Havering Essex Wildlife Trust** are having an **Evening walk around the Cranham Brickfields Nature Reserve**, which contains an outstanding array of different wildlife. Vehicle access via Sunnycroft Gardens, RM14 1HR. Meeting at 7 pm. Contact Secretary Joy Emmerson for more details on 01708 440297.
- 14 Tuesday - **NADFAS Havering** welcomes Mrs Naomi Motley with a talk entitled '**Essential Necessities in 18th Century**

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- 15 Wednesday- **Upminster Floral Art Society** have Susan Horne with her demonstration called "A Step in Time" at the New Windmill Hall, St.Mary's Lane, Upminster. Doors open 7.15 pm. Visitors £7. For more information please call Margaret on 01708 471 977.
- 16 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.
- 17 Friday - **Havering Antique and Collectors Club** meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood have Guest Speaker Marion Maule - **Elizabeth Snitch and her Bedfordshire Map Sampler 1779 (with relevant objects)** 7 pm for 7.30 pm start. For further details please call our Chairman Mrs Chris Lovett 01708 221851.
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- 18 Saturday - **Upminster Tithe Barn**

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27 Monday - Romford & District Historical

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JULY

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5 Tuesday - Oglethorpe Women's Institute

welcomes a return visit of Lois Amos with a talk entitled "The Garden behind the Wall". Our meetings are held at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, RM14 1XL at 7.45 pm. Visitors are welcome.

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If you would like to make new friends, or have a neighbour, relative or friend who might benefit from attending, please contact Tapestry on 01708 796611 for further details and to book a meal. Transport can be provided and can also be booked on the above number.

Upminster War Memorial

I am delighted to inform you of the message received from The Council's Historic Buildings & Landscapes Officer: "I am writing to you to inform you of the good

news that we have received notification from Historic England that Upminster War Memorial has been awarded Listed Building Status. The Secretary of State for Culture, Media & Sport has decided to add the building to the national list of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest. The memorial is now Grade II Listed."

This follows the memorial being refurbished some time back.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

Getting a Handle on Plastic Bags

It's been over six months since the introduction of 5p for a single use plastic bag. Since then, usage has plummeted by 80 percent and charities are set to benefit from the £73m annual proceeds - all good for the environment and the voluntary sector. However, this could be more as some shops (eg Card Shops) gain exemption from the charge by issuing bags with no handle. Clearly this is something the government will need to get a grip on.

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JUNE

1 Wednesday **Upminster Ward Meeting** at St Joseph's Social Centre at 8 pm.

9 Thursday **Cranham Ward Meeting** at Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens at 7.15 pm. All welcome.

JULY

6 Wednesday **Upminster Ward Meeting** at St Joseph's Social Centre at 8 pm

14 Thursday **Cranham Ward Meeting** at Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens at 7.15 pm. All welcome.

COACH OUTING

Saturday 23rd July

Association Social Committee Coach trip to **Worthing**
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