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## UPMINSTER & CRANHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

# Budget Challenge Ahead



While a way of dealing with a large part of the £60m initial funding gap has been identified, further savings of some £7m will still need to be found over the next couple of years. Quite apart from unprecedented budget cuts passed down to us from central government, an increase of demand in areas such as social care, public health and environmental services means ever increasing budget pressures going forward. Some 74% of our net budget is spent on Children's and Adults' services. For example, the average annual cost of a high needs person in a Care Home is around £24,000, we have 700 at £16.8m; the cost of child placement is typically £210,000, we have five at

£1m; add in the cost of disposing of our waste at £13m and a clear picture emerges. Again, it will mean taking difficult decisions to stay within our means, but it will also mean rethinking how the Council delivers its services. It is a challenge which affects us all and we would be more than happy to take on board any suggestions from readers on how we can, collectively, deal with that challenge while protecting our front line services.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

## Speeding



Upminster and Cranham police teams now have their own equipment for checking on motorists' speed. This has been purchased by the Upminster and Cranham Residents' Association for their use given the many complaints we have regarding speeding along our roads. The police will take a short while to familiarise themselves with the equipment and then will use it on roads the community identify as problematic. They already have some roads in mind but I would welcome any suggestions of roads in both wards where you consider speed to be an issue. When speed checks have been undertaken in the past, it has frequently been local residents who have been stopped for speeding! Please contact me with suggestions for roads to be checked.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENNE

## Car Parking Charges Reviewed

Further to last month's item on car parking charges and following the many concerns and comments received about the tariff, we have taken stock of the situation and amended the

charges accordingly. Just for clarity, it is up to 30 minutes - FREE, Up to 2 hours - £1.00, Up to 3 hours - £2.00. The pay and display machines are also set to allow a maximum of two free 30 minute periods in any given 24 hour period - one am and one pm. Please note that after any period of free or paid for parking there is a 10 minute grace period so that there is an element of leeway before any enforcement can take place. For example (30 minutes + 10 minutes grace, 2 hours plus 10 minutes grace, etc). We appreciate the signage led to much confusion and has since been improved and clarified for all users. Regardless of the lengthy consultation period and the severe budget constraints we face, it is right we listen to our residents and, where possible, be prepared to make changes for the better in response to those concerns.

## New Website for RA

A new community website has been launched by the Upminster & Cranham Residents' Association. The site includes useful links to planning applications, local community groups, back issues of the monthly newsletter (The Bulletin) as well as a rolling news feature updating the local community of developments and up and coming events. The website can be visited at [www.ucra.co.uk](http://www.ucra.co.uk)

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

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## The Ockendon Kennels



Last year, together with my Council colleagues Linda Van den Hende and Linda Hawthorn, we attended a packed

public meeting at the Reading Room Hall in Church Lane, North Ockendon where residents were very concerned over a planning application for "Replacement of the existing kennels and dog track with 30 new houses" in Ockendon Road, North Ockendon.

Havering Council refused planning permission and the applicants appealed to the Government's Planning Inspectorate who have dismissed the appeal.

In the Inspector's report he quotes the site is in the "Green Belt" and amongst his many

comments he said "The erection of 30 dwellings on the land would materially reduce the openness of the Green Belt. Also development would encroach into the countryside" This Association has consistently fought development on our local Green Belt countryside. Many thanks again to all those who attended the meeting and wrote in to object.

CLlr RON OWER

## Help wanted

Bulletin Area Controllers are needed for two areas, namely Howard Road and Ockendon Road. The task is to receive a bulk delivery once a month and then to divide the *Bulletins* into 6/7 rounds and deliver to individual deliverers. It does not involve delivering *Bulletins* to individual houses. If you can help please call Linda on 01708 223 761.

## Afternoon Tea

The All Saints Church childrens charity committee are holding an afternoon tea in aid of the charity

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First Step. It will be held in the Vestry Hall and gardens at All Saints church, Cranham on Sunday 7th June, at 2.30pm. The tea will cost £6 per person and will all go to the charity. If you would like to come please call Jeanette on 01708 501505.

property marking kits, along with other advice. This will be a good opportunity to discuss security issues and help prevent becoming victims of crime.

CLlr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

## Safety Zones

Havering's community safety team, working with the police and other agencies are identifying areas of the Borough where there have been high levels of vehicle crime or burglaries and visiting those areas to provide detailed advice on how to keep property safe. There are areas in the Upminster and Cranham which have been identified. Before the visit each house will receive a letter detailing what the purpose of the visit is and what to expect. These visits will take place over the next few months and will provide residents with information on preventative measures as well as the fitting of timer switches, if needed, and

## Corbets Tey Conservation Area



Further to articles in the *Bulletin* regarding the setting up of a group to enhance the Conservation Area.

Sadly, Jackie Williams, chair of this committee has had to step down. We would very much like to thank her for all her hard work over the past year. Many schemes are in the pipe line, some of which will need

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outside funding, like an old fashioned red telephone box, planters, rustic seating etc, and some hopefully can be considered by the Council, like up-grading the bus stops, new pavements and new signage. The good work started by Jackie will go ahead. If you would like to join us or have any thoughts please contact me.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

## Cranham Library

Following a kind bequest from a borrower, our library at the Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens, has been able to expand its stock and effect some changes. We have bought more large-print novels, jigsaw puzzles, DVDs of popular films and, as always, added current releases to our popular fiction paperbacks. We are now updating from audio tapes to CD audio books as requested by some borrowers.

The library is free - do call in - we would be delighted to welcome new members. For more information please phone Pat on 01708 221 435.

## Another Marathon for Val

Cranham resident Valerie Furbank has run her 26th London Marathon raising funds for Children with Cancer. She has raised funds for a number of organisations over the years including Guide Dogs for the Blind, the Hospice and Cancer Research. London is not the only Marathon she runs. She has run in Edinburgh, Dublin, Bruges, Amsterdam, Malta and Severn Sisters, adding up to about 46 Marathons. If you then add on the half Marathons, that number becomes one hundred and fifty to two hundred, you will see Val is truly dedicated to running and raising funds for worthy causes.

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Thank you Val for your dedication. Congratulations also to the many other local runners who have raised thousands for charity.

Cllr GILLIAN FORD

## Improvements to Bus Stops in St. Mary's Lane

Havering is planning to undertake improvements to eight bus stops in the stretch of road between The Bell Corner and Wantz Bridge. This will involve ensuring the highway layout is compatible with the low floor buses operating in the area. The foot ways will be adjusted to enable easier boarding for people with reduced mobility, wheelchairs and buggies. These will normally be in red brick and revised Bus Stop clear ways. This work is fully funded by Transport for London so no direct impact on the Council. If final approval is given by Highways Advisory Committee

this month, it is hoped the work will be undertaken later in 2015.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

## Guides Fund Raising

On 24th June at 7.15pm Derham Hall, St Laurence Church, Corbets Tey Road, the guides are holding a fund raising evening to raise money for their Baden Powell adventure weekend. For one of the leaders, who has just recovered from breast cancer, is hoping to do a sky dive later this year to raise money for the Sunflower Suite Chemo Lounge and Macmillan Cancer Nurses, who do an excellent job. Everyone welcome. Caroline Hood, 07842 022 281.

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Cllr RON OWER

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Mark Kirk, Bob Avis, and Peter  
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CLlr LINDA HAWTHORN

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## London City Airport

Following on from previous items on the planned expansion and changes to flight paths over Havering, it has been announced that Boris Johnson, London's Mayor, has told Newham Council to refuse the planned expansion of the site. His decision, following on from our Motion to Havering Council, is based on his concerns regarding the unacceptable increase in noise levels which the expansion would have generated. This follows the cavalier attitude shown by the Airport operators to the consultation process which was conducted in a very minimalist way despite requests by Havering Council and other east London Boroughs for an extension to the time scales.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

## Old Chapel June Events

General Open Days: 6, 7 and 20, 21 - 2pm-5pm. Free entry.

**Sunday 7 June** 12pm-5pm  
Traditional Tea Room, free entry. Visit the Old Chapel and enjoy a traditional afternoon tea. Harpist Hilary Barkwith will be playing throughout the afternoon and Upminster Art Society will be displaying their work.

**Wednesday 10 June** 10.30am Tea and Talk - Essex Coast Walk  
The author Peter Caton describes his walk along the entire Essex coast - the longest coastline of any English county. Talks are free for Friends of the Old Chapel, otherwise £2. Refreshments are included, please book: call 01708 222660 or email

gsmith@mary.havering.sch.uk

**Saturday 20 June** 10.30am - 1.00pm Musical Concert and Workshop - Finding and Expressing Your Voice  
The concert will show how both the Renaissance composer John Dowland, and 20th Century Blues Singers expressed emotions in their songs. In the Workshop you will be able to explore ways of freeing your voice and expressing your feelings vocally. It is not necessary to be a singer or having singing experience. Booking required: call 01708 222660 or

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**Sunday 21 June** 2.00pm - 5.00pm  
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## Essex Wildlife Trust

The Havering Group invite you to enjoy some summer activities. Enjoy an evening walk in Bedfords Park to look at wildlife and flowers on Monday 8th June. Meet at the entrance in Lower

Bedfords Road at 7pm. Requested donation £2.  
Open Gardens on Sunday 19th July. Gardens will be open at 26 Courtenay Gardens, Upminster, RM14 1DD and 8 Frank's Cottages, St Mary's Lane, Upminster, RM14 3NU from noon until 6pm. Plants and refreshments will be on sale. Entrance fee £2.50 for one garden and 50p for other.

## Education Plan Consultation

As Strategic Commissioner of Education Provision, Havering Council is seeking your views on their Commissioning Plan for Education Provision in Havering for 2015-2019. It takes into consideration all types and phases of education from nursery through to secondary. The borough has to monitor the supply and demand for places and ensure there is sufficient capacity to meet the demand. As a borough, we are experiencing an increase in the early years and school age population alongside legislative constraints and

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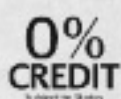
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financial challenges, making this an area of debate and controversy. If you would like to

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Cllr GILLIAN FORD

## Havering Arts Festival 2015

Havering Arts Festival continues in June with events in the next

few weeks including:

Upminster Arts Society exhibition at Queen's Theatre from 8th to 21st June;

Guildonian Players: The Importance of Being Earnest at Methodist Church, The Drive, Harold Wood, from 10th to 13th June;

Romford Summer Theatre: Love's Labours Lost in Raphael Park, Romford (open air) from 18th to 27th June;

The Winds of Change, and exhibition about Upminster Windmill at Upminster Old Chapel on 21st June;

Cappella Singers: Summer Concert of Early Music at Trinity United Reform Church, Upminster on 21st June; and Havering Concert Orchestra: Summer Promenade Concert at Frances Bardsley School, Brentwood Rd, Romford on 27th June.

Full details of these, and all other, Havering Arts Festival events, available at

[www.haveringartscouncil.org.uk](http://www.haveringartscouncil.org.uk)

Look out for the brochure in local branch libraries.

## Tap Room

The application for a tap room, ie a micro pub, at 1b Sunnyside Gardens has received licensing permission to sell alcohol from 11 am to 11 pm.

Despite objections from residents and your ward councillors, on the grounds of safety, noise and protection of children, these were ignored. It was agreed by a committee of three Councillors who do not live locally.

The applicants put a very rosy picture forward, saying that its aim is to encourage conversation and net-working, except it is not a club and there will be no membership.

There will only be 60 people allowed in at a time, but who will count and who will tell those trying to enter that the place is full. There are only 3 members of staff envisaged.

They say they only expect 30 will attend at any one time and it will peak at lunch times; no food for sale. They say they want to encourage children so they can see responsible drinking. The applicants said there is lots of parking in Upminster. Would you tell us where?

We disagree: this end of Sunnyside

Gardens and St Mary's Lane is always full of cars.

As we go to press, we are waiting for the decision of the Planning Committee as the pub applicants have applied for a change of use. We will keep you informed on this.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

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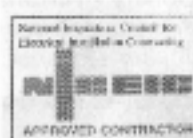
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**Wednesday 19th August: Margate**, 9.00am Coach Depart. Beaches/Dreamland Reopening 2015: Free Art Gallery on sea front. Adults £24, Oap £23, family prices on request.  
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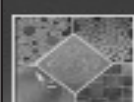
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## Coffee Morning

Coffee morning at Moor Lane Church, Moor Lane, Cranham, on Saturday the 6th this month from 10am-12 noon, with a cake sale. All welcome.

## World Wildlife Fund Bike Ride

The Panda Made me do it.. My name is Dan Boyle and I live in North Ockendon and this year I will be riding in the Prudential Ride London 100 (the 2012 Olympic Route). I will be attempting to raise money for the WWF to allow them to continue their work in protecting our planet for us and future generations. Any donation would be awesome as I hope to raise £1000. My just giving page is <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/DannyHBoyle> Thank you.

## Music Evening

**Wednesday 3rd June - Sea, Ships & Sailors** - presented by Alan Tomlin.

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## Sci-Fi Charity Convention

On the 25th July at the Harold Hill Community Centre, Harold Hill, RM3 9LB. 10 am to 4 pm. 18 actors will be appearing from Star Wars - Dr Who - Harry Potter - actors like Dr Who No 6 Colin Baker with his assistant Nicola Bryant (Peri Brown) - Nev Fountain scriptwriter from Dr Who - Femi Taylor from Star Wars as Oola in Return of the Jedi - Simon Fisher-Becker as the Blue Man in Dr Who - Jon Davey & Barry Noble both Syber Men; (Barry Noble was a Famous Pop Artist in the late 60s and early 70s) - Terry English who made all the Armoury for every Harry Potter Movie and Paul Warren who is



Daniel Radcliffe's stunt double. The selected charity is the Essex-based Little Haven's Children's Hospice.

## Moon Walk

As we go to press, Upminster Accountants from Hunter & Co were training hard to do the moon walk, 26 miles through London on 16th May. Donations are greatly appreciated at the office at 195 St Mary's Lane or at [www.wtwalk.org/moonwalklondon2015/esin](http://www.wtwalk.org/moonwalklondon2015/esin) Further details next month.

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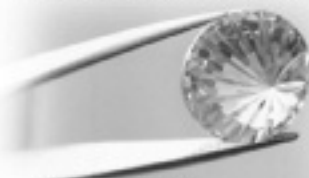
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## Rotary Fete

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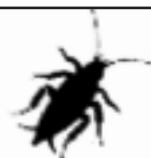
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- 6 Saturday - **Tithe Barn Open Day** 10.30  
am - 4.00 pm. Free Entry.
- 6 Saturday - **The Havering Branch of the  
East of London Family History Society**  
hold meetings on the first Saturday of  
every month at Trinity Church, Station  
Road, Upminster RM14 2SJ doors open at  
1pm meeting starts at 2pm. This month  
the talk is 'The Variant Spelling  
Surnames' with Derek Palgrave.
- 6 Saturday - **Quiz Night** in aid of Pussycat  
Lodge Trust at Trinity Church Hall,  
Station Road, Upminster. 7pm for 7.30pm  
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bring your own drinks and nibbles.  
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- 6 Saturday - Upminster Windmill Open  
Day from 2.00 pm to 5 pm.
- 7 Sunday - **Upminster Windmill Open  
Day & Craft Fair**, from midday to 5.00 pm.
- 7 Sunday - **Havering Mind** are holding  
**The BIG BLUE Run/Walk** 10 am at  
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- 7 Sunday - **Tithe Barn Open Day** 10.30 am  
- 4.00 pm. Free Entry.
- 7 Sunday - **All Saints Church**, Childrens  
Charity committee are holding an  
**Afternoon Tea** in aid of the  
charity First Step. It will be held in the  
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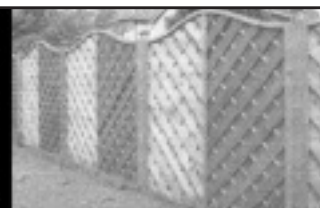
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As a rough guide - size 9 (3.3/4 mm) or 8 (4mm) needles with between 40 to 50 stitches cast on will create a width of 8 inches (this will vary according to each individual knitter's tension).

Then just knit rows until you have a length of 8 inches. Please weave in all loose ends once you have completed your square. Please use garter or a pattern stitch, but not stocking stitch as this will roll up. Squares can also be crochet but must be an 8 inch square. You can drop off your knitted or crochet squares during the Saturday Coffee Morning (10am to 12 noon) at Trinity Church, Station Road, Upminster (next to Roomes) where there will be collection box for the squares.

Once the tree is complete it will be on display at our Christmas Market on the 5th December and throughout the Christmas season.

Afterwards the squares will be sewn together and made in to blankets for Christian Hope International <http://www.christianhope.org.uk>, the toys would also be found a suitable home.

For further information please contact Pam (01708 220460) or Linda (01708 861433) - Trinity Church, Upminster.

## Lost Sat Nav

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**Friday 12th June, 12.00-4.30**

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- 10 Wednesday - **Upminster Park Townswomen's Guild** Meetings are held in Derham Hall (behind the Library in Upminster) from 1.45 pm - 4 pm once a month.
- 13 Saturday - On behalf of the **Hornchurch & Upminster Little Havens Children's Hospice Fundraising Group** are holding a **Summer Fair** at St. Lawrence Church Hall, 10 am to 3 pm. Approx 25 stalls and refreshments with special interests for the children to include a face painter, various games and hopefully a real live meercat!
- 19 Friday - **Havering Antique and Collectors Club** meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood have Guest Speaker Marion Maule on "Mother of Pearl" 7.30 pm for 8 pm start. For further details please call our Chairman Mrs Jan Halsey on 01708 373574.
- 20 Saturday - **Garden Party** at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Church Rd, North Ockendon, RM14 3QH, 12 midday to 3.00pm: admission free, refreshments, barbecue, children's crafts, games and stalls. Church open for viewing during the afternoon.
- 20 Saturday - **Tithe Barn Open Day** 10.30 am - 4.00 pm. Free Entry
- 20 Saturday - **Upminster Windmill Open Day**, 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm.
- 21 Sunday - **Tithe Barn Open Day** 10.30 am

- 4.00 pm. Free Entry.
- 21 Sunday - **Upminster Windmill Open Day** 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm
- 27 Saturday - The South East of England Band Contest Committee are raising money for their annual area contest for various marching bands by holding a **Quiz Night** at 7 pm for 7.30 pm start. Venue is St Laurence Church Hall, Corbets Tey Road, Upminster. Cost is £5 per person - tables of 8-10 people. Please bring your own drinks, glasses and food. For further details contact Carol on 01708 223634.
- 29 Monday - **Breathe Easy** - Havering In aid of British Lung Foundation, have guest speakers every month held at St Andrews Church, Hornchurch, 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm. Cost is £2 including light refreshments. For further information please ring Joyce 01708 226696 or Elaine 01708 509127.
- 29 Monday - **Romford Historical Society**, meet at Myplace, 343 Dagnam Park Drive, Harold Hill, RM3 9EN, Doors open 7.30 pm Meeting starts 8 pm to 9.30 pm, have Guest Speaker Julian Wybra on "The History of Morris Dancing".

## JULY

- 4 Saturday - **The Havering Branch of the East of London Family History Society** hold meetings on the first Saturday of every month at Trinity Church, Station Road, Upminster RM14 2SJ doors open at 1pm meeting starts at 2pm. This month

- the talk is 'Home Front World War One' with William Tyler. The Computer Group meets at the same venue 11am - 1pm where a Q&A session is followed by 'Using Electoral Registers' by Eric Probert. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both. Admission free.
- 4 Saturday - **Tithe Barn Open Day** 10.30 am - 4.00 pm. Free Entry.
- 4 Saturday - **Upminster Windmill Open Day** 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm
- 5 Sunday - **Upminster Windmill Open Day & Classic Cars Display** 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm.
- 5 Sunday - **Tithe Barn, Hall Lane Open Day** 10.30 am - 4.00 pm. Free Entry.
- 7 Tuesday - **Ogthorpe Women's Institute** have Guest Speaker Lois Amos on Upminster Hall. Our meetings are held at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, RM14 1XL at 7.45 pm. Visitors are welcome.

## ASSOCIATION DIARY

### JUNE

- 3 Wednesday **Upminster Ward Meeting** at St. Joseph's Social Centre at 8.00 pm
- 11 Thursday **Cranham Ward**

**Meeting** at Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens at 7.45 pm

### JULY

1 Wednesday **Upminster Ward Meeting** at St. Joseph's Social Centre at 8.00 pm

9 Thursday **Cranham Ward Meeting** at Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens at 7.45 pm

## Association Coach Outing

SATURDAY 20th JUNE  
 Cranham Social Committee Coach trip to OXFORD  
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