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## UPMINSTER & CRANHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### Council tax Increase



As council budgets continue to decline we need to make sure that the money we do spend is done so wisely and in line with the priorities of the community. We have worked very hard to produce a balanced budget for next year that provides a decent and affordable service to our residents whilst ensuring our more vulnerable people get the care they deserve.

With central government grant reducing from £21m this year to £1.4m by 2019/20, coupled with greatly increased costs associated with Adult Social Care, Children's Services and Housing, the 2017/18 budget will need to include an additional £5m to support these specific services. Also, a further £1.3m will

need to be found to pay for our waste disposal while maintaining a weekly waste collection. Although £11m of savings have been found for next year, it includes some difficult choices. For example, to maintain the 30-minute free parking period, longer stay charges will need to increase.

However, maintaining investment in our roads, schools and heritage are all incredibly important, for example we will see the Tithe Barn Roof repaired, improvements to libraries and allotments along with £2m set aside for Highway repairs and Street Lighting.

Against this background the Council Tax increase from April is set to be 3.5%.

This is a little lower than the 4.99% increase which is being proposed by most Councils across the country.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

### Upminster Police Update

In the past few weeks there has been a significant increase in burglaries in the area. Many were via the rear of the property occurring during the day and evening. There have been some arrests in connection with burglary from non-residential dwellings as well as for motor vehicle crime. Shoplifting continues to be an issue but again several arrests have been made for this offence. Please remember to ensure doors and windows are securely locked, keep a light on during the dark evenings and leave no items on show in cars which encourages theft. Upminster, together with all other wards in Havering, are getting an additional dedicated ward officer, a Police constable, who will be working alongside PC Sarah Wilbrow and PCSO Julie Wade. Remember if a crime is in progress always call 999 and if you want to report one that happened call 101. You can use the yellow phones outside the police office in Corbets Tey Road.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

### Lion Dance Parade



The Chinese New Year was greeted in style in January as the Lion Dance Parade performed in front of hundreds of spectators in Upminster and Cranham. The parade started off at Bell Corner where I had the privilege of bringing the 'Lion to Life' through the ceremonial eye dotting ritual which awakens the lion. The parade then proceeded down Corbets Tey Road before heading down to Cranham. All monies collected in the charity buckets went to Children with Cancer UK. Well done to the organisers who put on a great show and for supporting such a fantastic cause.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

### Help Needed

We are looking for someone to take on the role of Treasurer for the Upminster subscription work. This entails preparing the receipt books ready for *Bulletin* subscription collectors, receiving subscriptions from collectors and simple accounting. This does not involve collecting subscriptions from individual residents. If you think you can help, please call Linda on 01708 223761 for more information.

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## Urgent News: Planning Application

Further to our article in the *Bulletin* last year, the Council has now received a planning application for a 65-bed Residential Care Home and a Brain Injury Unit on land in St Mary's Lane beside Coopers Coborn School.

If you wish to comment on this, please write to London Borough of Havering, Mercury House, Romford RM1 3SL or email [planning@haverling.gov.uk](mailto:planning@haverling.gov.uk) - please quote Planning Application number P0125.17

The land is on "Green Belt" and has been called in by Cllr Linda Van den Hende so it will have to go to the Council's Planning Committee for a decision. We will keep you up to date on this.

stabling, is up for sale in the region of £1m. The farm, not the surrounding fields, covers an area of 1 acre and, like the fields, is situated on Green Belt land. As yet, no planning application has been received for potential development. We shall keep you advised on this.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

## Ashvale Gardens Allotments

There are a few spare plots available if anyone is interested in growing their own fruit and veg whilst keeping fit. Gardening is a really good exercise and you get the additional benefit, satisfaction and value of doing it yourself. Advice is always available if required.

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March. The pub, in St Mary's Lane, closed in September last year and has since undergone substantial refurbishment works.

## Friends of Upminster Mini Golf - Update

We are a small group who have only been officially formed since February 2016. Our aims are to raise the profile of the Mini Golf Course and to raise funds to renovate the hut and the crazy golf course.

We have made considerable progress since then, promoting the course, providing score cards, new signage and picnic tables. We held a quiz night in October and obtained funds from Waitrose through the green token scheme. We are also applying for grants and exploring the idea of sponsorship. Would you like to sponsor a hole at the course, or advertise your company on a banner at the course? Would you be interested in joining the Committee? We are a small

friendly group, but do need a few more people to contribute ideas and help safeguard this valuable asset to Upminster. Please email [upminigolf@virginmedia.com](mailto:upminigolf@virginmedia.com), or phone 01708 640167. Our next meeting date is our AGM on Thursday 30th March 7.15 at Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens. Our next quiz night is Monday 6th March 7.30 at the Golden Crane, Avon Road.

## Meeting Room Branfil Road

There have been three planning applications to demolish the Meeting Room and build flats. The latest was for 4, two bed flats and a meeting room on the ground floor for flexible use. On each occasion, I have called this in and in each case the application has been refused under delegated powers. The principle reason for refusal has been the size, bulk, height and positioning relative to other dwellings. It would also have led to loss of amenity to nearby dwellings. This may not be

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the last application but so far planners have agreed it is not an appropriate use of the site.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

## Book Sale

Massive Book Sale- Saturday 18th March 10am - 12noon. St.Mary Magdelene Church Hall, Church Lane, North Ockendon. RM14 3QH, Free Parking. All books £1 each or 6 books for £5. Refreshments available.

## Parks Protection Service



Unfortunately, there has been an increase in anti-social behaviour in Upminster Park resulting in damaged fences and other similar

damage. The police are aware and are investigating. Havering does have a Parks Protection Service which undertakes patrols in the Boroughs many parks and

open spaces. They have the power of arrest inside the Park boundary. They have also been alerted to this issue. If you see any anti-social behaviour in Upminster or any Park you can call the Park Protection Service direct on 07904 805872 to report. Their patrols do take place out of 'office hours' which is when the anti-social activity tends to take place.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

## Guided Wild Flower Walks

Local botanist Mary Smith will lead 4 guided and interactive wild flower walks at Belhus Woods Country Park. Meet by the visitor centre at 1:30pm, finishing at 4:30pm. You will learn how to identify wild flowers, and it is gentle exercise in the open air, very good for everyone's health! The dates for 2017 are: 5 April, 3 May, 14 June, 16 August. You need to be able to stand and walk slowly for 3 hours, and kneel on the ground to study special flowers, and get up again unaided. You will need to wear tough trousers and tough

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## The British Evacuees Association

Cranham has been privileged to have local resident John Townsend as an advocate and ambassador for the Evacuees of World War II along with his wife Joy. Their Grandson Jamie Gifford is running in the Brentwood Half Marathon on Sunday 19th March. He will be raising funds towards The British Evacuees Association fund. If you would like to contribute, cheques can be made payable to the British Evacuees Association and delivered to Joy & John Townsend, 18 Laburnham Gardens, Cranham, RM14 1HU.

Cllr GILLIAN FORD

## Moor Lane Church

Members of Moor Lane Church would like to invite you to their monthly Saturday Cafes. These are usually held on the first Saturday of the month, from 10-12. We offer yummy homemade cake, coffee, tea and friendly company. No charge, donation only. We often have a for sale table, on the 4th March it will be a homemade cake table and on the 1st April, a made and grown. Why not come and see us? Moor Lane church is next to 226 Moor Lane Cranham and the 346 bus will stop outside. We would love to welcome you.

## Thank You

Long term resident George Coote of Nightingale Avenue, Cranham, would like to thank friends and neighbours for their kind wishes following his wife Iris passing away at the end of January. Iris was a School Dinner Lady at the Bell School in Upminster for over twenty years.

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Havering in 2017/18 to help fund council services to our residents. We have challenged the Mayor of London on this and secured cross party support through a Council motion in January. We shall keep you updated.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

## Local Elections 2018



Lorraine Garrard:  
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John Stone: Left

David Godwin: Above

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Councillors for Harold Wood Ward: Alex Donald, Brian Eagling and Darren Wise. Sadly, we missed out having three Residents' Councillors elected for Emerson Park Ward by less than 100 votes. I am delighted to inform you that our Residents' team there: **Laurance Garrard, David Godwin and John Stone**, who all live in the ward, are working hard on a number of local issues and that we will be contesting Emerson Park Ward in next year's local elections. Without any doubt, residents who have Residents' Councillors who actually live in the area they represent know the local problems and are working all year round, not just at election times. Laurance, David and John will be holding a meeting on Wednesday 29th March at 8pm at Nelmes URC Church, Nelmes Road, RM11 3JA. They are looking forward to hearing your views on local issues. Local police will also be in attendance.

Thames Chase Community Forest annual 10k and family fun run - Sunday 11th June 10am. This annual event is a multi-lap and very gently undulating 10k route through picturesque park and woodland. Off road and completely traffic free on network of flat surfaced paths, with a small section of grass/meadow. Bookings can be made via the website and all profits will once again directly go towards the work of the Thames Chase Trust and ongoing regeneration of the Thames Chase Community Forest. Information about the event, please visit <http://www.thameschase.org.uk/>  
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16th Sep	Southwold
14th Oct	Windsor

(Venues and dates may be

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Kindly note trips cannot be booked until booking details have been published.

After much discussion and 4 years of maintaining an unchanged ticket price, it is necessary for us to increase our prices to £15.00 per person. This is due to an increase in the cost of our coach hire.

## Wingletye Lane Railway Bridge

Thank you for the numerous suggestions and comments, we have forwarded a report to the Council and hope this might pave the way for a solution. Some suggestions called for traffic light control allowing one way at a time, road humps to slow the traffic and even the provision of a crossing at each side with the narrow rather unsafe pavement being closed. Naturally there were arguments either way and whilst we do not wish to add to local congestion we are concerned for the safety of local residents at this dangerous part of the road. Once again we have asked the

Council to repair the damage to the road surface, something that seems to come back every year leaving a patch-work of tarmac rather than the proper resurfacing that we have been asking for. The message that most people were giving was for the motorists to just slow down and bear in mind the safety of other road users and pedestrians alike.

John Stone

## Maylands Way/ A12 Junction

Following various requests, we have fought to get the Council to install double yellow lines at the junction of the A12/Maylands Way which will improve sight lines for vehicles leaving and exiting this junction.

Cllr DARREN WISE

## 'A' Board Controls Introduced

Over the years we have received many complaints about advertising boards outside

shops/cafes which restrict the pavement and are obstacles for wheelchairs/walkers/buggies and anyone with a visual impairment and in addition make our streets untidy. I am pleased to say that the Council has at last agreed to introduce a Code of Practice which is aimed at enabling businesses to advertise in a controlled way, whilst adhering to a set of conditions. The Council will be informing all premises of this with full details of the size, position of the boards and issues such as liability insurance. Visits to premises will be taking place over the next few weeks and full explanations given. Once this is in operation, businesses who fail to comply with the Code of Practice, after reminders, may be liable for enforcement costs of £200. This action is not intended to prevent businesses from advertising responsibly but hopefully will make our pavements less cluttered and safer for all.

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## Queen's Theatre

Laugh-out-loud at the raucous comedy drama *Worst Wedding Ever* (15 Mar - 1 Apr) and feel inspired after watching Willy Russell's timeless classic *Educating Rita* (22 Apr - 13 May). For more information about the spring season at the Queen's Theatre Hornchurch, call the Box

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## Romford Market

It is with sadness that I have to report that the application for the new building in the middle of Romford Market has been passed. The market, over 750 years old, is dying and urgent positive action is needed to keep it alive - sadly the only idea to date is a large building, called a market house, which is to be placed right in front of the church house, built 15th century and the grade two listed church, St Edwards - their views destroyed forever. The building is for an upper class restaurant, most of whose trade will be evening, when the market is not there - over 900 people objected, on grounds of heritage, conservation area, and lack of need - put anywhere else, the building would not have looked so obstructive. Despite all of this, only myself, my Harold Wood colleague Alex Donald, and a UKIP Councillor listened to the residents, used our common sense and rejected the application.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

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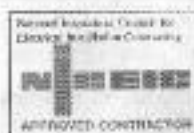
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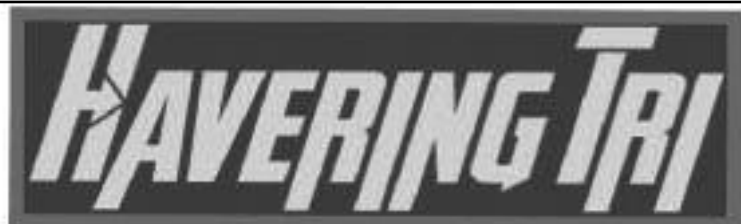
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The Government's Environment Agency has published a report on the incident giving full details of the flooding and how residents were assisted.

I did not see much on the prevention of how to stop this happening again.

Personally, I feel there are two main options to stop this in the future one is to build up the banks the other is to dredge them

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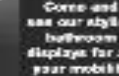
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## Ray Coomer

Raymond Coomer was a man greatly invested in the community. He was heavily involved in the local residents associations, even running for local council on 2 occasions. He was also involved with the safer

neighbourhood team and was chairman for the IAG (independent advisory group). Ray was a great believer in helping to make the local area a better place to live in, particularly in Ardleigh Green, where he lived with his wife and son for many years. Ray would help support All Saints Church on Ardleigh Green road where possible and because of his great love of flowers would donate to their annual flower day, and because of this his wife Jackie donated the flowers from Ray's funeral to them so the parish could enjoy the beauty that Ray himself would have appreciated so much.

He was a great heating engineer and helped many residents with boiler problems over the 30 years that he was gas safe registered. Sadly on the 14th of January at the age of 59 Ray lost his nearly 3 year battle with bowel cancer. He remained strong and positive till the end, which was very much his way.

Ray is a great loss to the community and his family and friends. He will always be remembered and his memory will live on in many ways for years to come. A great friend, neighbour and true gentleman, you will be

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## Upminster Parking Update

Consultation on further parking restrictions in Upminster Ward have been extensive, with several residents meetings with council officers and meetings between councillors and officers over many months. Residents have responded to the consultation letters in large numbers and submitted petitions. In respect of the proposal for residents parking permits in roads north of St. Mary's Lane, where residents had expressed concern about commuter parking, we have, following reviewing the figures from the consultation, concluded that a clear majority of residents do not want permits. We have always said we would abide by the majority view, therefore permits in this area will not go ahead. In terms of the consultation results for the Tree roads and South View Drive, where there are currently no parking restrictions, again a mixed response from residents. The

proposal was to restrict parking between 8am and 9.30am Monday to Friday. We are still in discussion with officers on this before deciding whether to put a report to the Highways Advisory Committee in March. We will keep you updated on this.

## Saturday Talks

**The History of Tea.** The speaker is John Neal on Saturday March 11th at 2.15pm. (Doors open 1.45pm) Venue Roope Hall, United Reform Church, Station Road, Upminster. Cost £4.00 including tea and biscuits. Contact Mrs Blake 01708 227512 or Mrs Bland 01689 858701 for further information.

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- 8 Wednesday - **Nelmes Women's Institute** meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month and welcome new members of all ages. Meetings are held at Nelmes United Reformed Church Hall (corner of Nelmes 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 Norman McDonald and his talk is entitled "The Honey Bee". Please contact Ruth McDougall on 01708 448431 or Ruth.wellwisher@gmail.com for further details.
- 9 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.
- 10 Friday - **Live music with the Old Street Rockers** in the Golden Crane, Avon Road, Cranham. Free admission. Fundraising for the Brain Tumour Charity.
- 13 Monday - **Havering Branch Essex Wildlife Trust** have an illustrated talk by Mary Smith on Orchids of Britain and Europe. 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.
- 14 Tuesday - **NADFAS (Havering) Annual General Meeting** followed by Mr Julian Halsby with a talk on 'The Extraordinary Life of Misa Sert - Queen of Paris 1872-1950'. 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.haveringdfas.org.uk
- 14 Tuesday - **Upminster Horticultural Society** have Guest Speaker Ken Crowther on **Control of Pets and Diseases with and without Chemicals**. 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 for a fee of £2.00. For further information on Upminster Horticultural Society see our website www.upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk or info@upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk
- 16 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 01708 223956, or simply come along on the night. You will be most welcome.
- 17 Friday - **Havering Antique and Collectors Club** meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood. Guest Speaker Mark Lewis on 'Hester Bateman and Women Silversmiths of the 18th Century'. 7.30 pm for 8 pm start. Guests £4. For further details please call our Chairman Mrs Chris Lovett 07947 367258.
- 18 Saturday - **Pussycat Lodge Trust Quiz** at North St Hall, Hornchurch, RM11 1QX. 7pm for 7.30 start, price £6, tables 8-10. Bring your own drinks & nibbles. Raffle,

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22 Wednesday - **Upminster Park Towns  
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information contact Deborah Pryor on  
01708 226127 or Ann Monk on 01708  
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25 Saturday - **Trinity Church Quiz**, Station  
Road, in the Commemoration Hall. 7 for  
7.30. Tickets £5 each. Bring your own  
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25 Saturday - **Easter Fayre. In aid of  
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27 Monday - **Breathe Easy - Havering** meet  
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27 Monday - Romford and Historical Society  
have Guest Speaker Peter Caton with a  
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commences at 8 pm. Admission is free to  
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29 Wednesday - **Upminster and District  
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31 Friday - **Cappella Singers of Upminster  
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Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

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