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Friday 26th May 8am until midnight

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Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th from 8am until 2am each day

Meadowside Road, Londons Close and Sunnings Lane, residents access only. Stubbers Lane one way southbound, no access from Dennises Lane, and no entry from Ockendon Road. Bramble Lane, one-way westbound, no access from Aveley Road. Aveley Road, no access between junction with Warwick Lane and airfield entrance. Restricted access from junction with Harwood Hall Lane, restricted to local residents, businesses and waste disposal site. Romford Road, no access northbound between entrance to Belhus Woods and junction with Aveley Road/Warwick Lane. No southbound restrictions. Access restricted to residents and businesses. Harwood Hall Lane, no access from Corbets Tey Road.

Monday 29th May 8am to 2pm

Stubbers Lane, one way southbound, no access from Dennises Lane no entry from Ockendon Road. Bramble Lane one way westbound, no access from Aveley Road. Sunnings Lane, residents access only. Aveley Road No access between junction with Warwick Lane and airfield entrance, diversion via Gerpins Lane and Warwick Road. Festival buses and taxis will be using the one-way system as in previous years. All residents in roads affected by the closures will be issued with residents passes to ensure they have access to their homes. There is likely to be increased traffic in Upminster Town Centre during the event.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

WE ARE FSTVL Residents' Hotline

The phone number and hours of operation for residents to call regarding any issues relating to the event, including the set up and take down stages, are as follows: - 0203 7817139. This will be manned from Wednesday 17th May to Thursday 25 May 8am to 9pm. 8am on Friday 26 May until 9pm Monday 29 May (24 hours a day) and 8am to 9pm Tuesday 29 May until Friday 2 June. This can be used to report noise, rubbish or any other issues directly connected to the event.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

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and would be pleased to hear from any community group, organisation or individual whose work in the community could be enhanced through some additional financial support. Please contact any of your councillors to make enquiries.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Local Elections 2018

In just over a year, the local elections will take place. The Upminster & Cranham Residents' Association has an excellent track record of election successes and serving our community. As we look towards the next election in May 2018, we will be fielding six candidates for the six seats of Upminster (x3) and Cranham (x3) and are now seeking any expressions of interest from potential candidates. Later in the year, a formal process will be undertaken to select candidates, but if you would like to discuss on an informal basis at this stage, please contact our secretary, Mike Long, on 07817 703027 or mike.long1@btinternet.com in the first instance.

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Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Upminster Bulletin Organiser

After some 12 years of acting as the Upminster Organiser I am handing over to Chris Wilkins. From April Chris will take over delivery of the *Bulletin* to all Upminster Area Controllers and will also be the point of contact for any *Bulletin* issues. In addition, Chris will take over the organisation of subscription

collection and receive all monies. Chris can be contacted on 07960 059195. I am sure you will support Chris as you have me over the past years.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

Abigail's Column



I have written about staying safe on the streets and with drugs (avoid) so thought I would look at online

safety. There are so many different apps, social media sites, games etc. it can be hard navigating through them. It is really important when we load something onto our phones, tablet or pc that we know what they are and what access they have. Below are some of my tips and findings. Most social media sites have joining age limits. For example, Facebook is 13+ yrs. All good social media sites have safety buttons. Report any bad or unusual activity.

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Begging at Upminster Station

There have been a number of reports regarding beggars outside Upminster Station. I have seen

these for myself. Havering Council has been issuing formal warnings and CPNs in Romford Town Centre and this appears to have pushed the problem to Hornchurch and Upminster. Upminster Police are aware of the situation and will be keeping the station under review and moving the beggars on when they find them. If you wish to report this call 0208 7212726 and the call will be switched through to our police.

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Association President

Further to the article in last month's *Bulletin* regarding our AGM. We wish to thank John Parker who stood down as President. John has lived in Upminster for over 40 years, previously he lived in Cranham. John has been actively involved with the Association for over 50 years and during that time he has been the Association Secretary, Upminster Ward Chairman and Secretary. For many years, the Association Executive met at John's home saving us a fortune...John also served on a number of School Governing Bodies in particular Corbets Tey School which he also chaired. Our new President, Upminster Councillor Linda Hawthorn, has lived locally for over 40 years and has been a Councillor for 27 years and on many occasions received the highest vote in Havering. Linda takes an active interest in Local Heritage, our

parks and open spaces. She has been involved in pushing for Upminster Library to be refurbished, the restoration of Parklands Bridge, Corbets Tey and of course our Windmill currently being restored to working order.

Stewart Avenue Allotments

Stewart Avenue Allotments would like to thank the following local businesses for their generous donations of prizes for our Quiz Night raffle: Upminster Tap Room Micro Pub, Healthy Roots, Kalijeera, The Little Pink Company, Floral Affairs, Waitrose, Bizarra, Coffee Bloom, Swan Books, Upminster Jewellery Workshop. All funds raised will go towards improvements of our site such as the mini orchard area we have just set up. Our Gate Sales with a selection of fresh seasonal produce and homemade jams, chutneys, marmalades and cakes also made using allotment produce will be running again from May through to August 10am-12 noon on the third Saturday of each month. Our Open Day will be on September 16th - more details to follow. All dates are on our website www.stewartavenueallotments.org.uk. We currently have one or

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Friends of Upminster Mini Golf Quiz Night - Thank you!

Many thanks to everyone who attended our quiz night in March and also to the many people who couldn't attend but donated raffle prizes. We would also like to thank the Golden Crane for hosting the event and donating a raffle prize. The course is now open at weekends and during the school holidays, 10am to 5pm. £5 for adults and £3 for concessions. Cold drinks, ice cream and snacks are available at the course. It's a lovely course, a good way to get some exercise and entertain the kids, all on our doorstep! Numbers increased by 89% last year with over 1,000 people attending throughout the season and we want to try and beat that this year. *Friends of Upminster Mini Golf*

1st Upminster Scout Group 100th Birthday

The 1st Upminster Scout Group will be holding a party to celebrate its 100th Birthday on Saturday 20th May 2017 at its HQ "Gwillcoo" Brookdale Avenue, Upminster from 2.00pm. The Group would like to welcome all past Members and supporters to join a celebration of 100 years of Scouting in Upminster.

Lunchtime Recitals

Thursday Lunchtime Recitals at St Laurence Church, Corbets Tey Road, Upminster 1.05pm-1.50pm. Free admission (retiring collection for the ongoing music programme at St Laurence).
May 4th - Richard Brasier, Organ
May 11th - Tom Wraith, Cello
May 18th - Tyrone Whiting, Organ
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Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT



being disposed of responsibly. If you witness or recognise any dog owner not cleaning up after their animal, or leaving used

dog bags on the public highway, you can report this to the Council on the Council website <https://my.havering.gov.uk>. You can also make a request for dog mess to be cleared on the website. We do have an incredibly high number of residents that clean up after their animals, we now need to find and educate those that are set on making the area messy.

Cllr GILLIAN FORD.

A Minority of Dog Walkers

As a nation of dog lovers, it seems incredible that we still have some people that feel it necessary to leave their dog waste for others to dispose of. There have been a number of locations reported to me that are experiencing the dropping of used dog waste bags on the pavement, rather than

No Local Elections Here

Many areas have local elections this month. Election for Councillors to the London Borough of Havering take place in MAY 2018. We will keep you up to date on this.

Lower Thames Crossing

The route for the new Lower Thames Crossing has been announced as Option C which is set to run from the end of the M2, through Gravesend, Orsett and then joining the M25 between junctions 29 and 30 with the creation of a new junction. Despite opposition from the Residents' Association, Havering Council and many others to the option, the government have pressed on regardless. The route will cost up to £5.9 billion to build and will be a Toll Road. More details to follow.

Thames Chase

Celebrating trees in May
Since Thames Chase Community Forest was established in 1990, the 40sq miles of forest has gone from just 6% native tree cover to around 18% cover in the 48 sites that have been regenerated. During May, Thames Chase Trust is celebrating the importance and beauty of trees in a photographic competition to choose the Forest's favourite tree, enter by 26th May. In London Tree Week

from Saturday 27th May to Sunday 4th June the photographs will be on display in the Forest Centre for the two favourite trees to be chosen by public vote. There will be a winner from under 18s and an overall winner. So get out and enjoy the woodland whilst choosing your favourite tree!

Activities at the Forest Centre in May
Saturday 13th May 10am-12noon & 12.30-2.30pm. Fun family drama workshops. Leave your inhibitions at home, become a thespian and create unusual characters. £10 for parent and child

Friday 19th May 2.30-4.30pm – scrumptious cream tea with live music. £9 per person

Sunday 21st May – monthly Sunday Market, 10am -3pm

Friday 26th May from 10am. Guided walk to Stubbers Historic Park. Meet in the car park.

Sunday 28th-Monday 29th May 10am-5pm – Guild of Essex Craftsmen's Annual Craft Fair with a wealth of handmade crafts for sale and being demonstrated Tuesday 30th, 31st May and 1st June 10.30am-12.30pm Children's half term holiday activities around the theme 'Growing and thriving'

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We have been contacted by a local resident who received a parking ticket in the Pages Wood car park as they had two wheels on the kerb as the car park was full and by doing so was trying not to block the exit. There were other cars that also got caught so we would remind you to avoid this scenario in case you receive a penalty ticket.

Cllr DARREN WISE

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Henley On Thames, 17th June 2017. Back by popular request to the 12th century market town of Henley on Thames where you can stroll along the banks of the river or enjoy a boat trip along the 'Regatta Course'. There are many buildings of historical and architectural interest such as St Mary's Church, The Town Hall and Henley Bridge. The award-

winning River & Rowing Museum is also well worth a visit. Tickets are £15.00 each and booking details can be found on page 22.

Big Changes to Business Rates

Supporting our local businesses is vital to the success of our local economy, creating jobs and keeping our town centres thriving hubs of choice and activity. A reality for businesses is the recent revaluation of premises and, for many, a sizeable increase in Business Rates bills. Although the government have increased the threshold for 100% small businesses rate relief, there are still many businesses facing large hikes. There is relief available through capping the increase and a £300m discretionary rate relief where councils will have flexibility as to where to apply additional support. From 2019, councils will retain all Business Rates instead of the current 50%. This is a significant shift in how local authorities are funded and emphasises the importance of local councils working in harmony with the business sector. I am fortunate to be on a national local government working group looking at Business Rates and would be happy to pick up any

issues or questions readers may have.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

A127 Ardleigh Green Bridge Update

We have received further communication from TFL on this and it now looks as though the bridge will not be put in place until the end of this Summer and thus surrounding roads such as Bryant Avenue will not now be opened up until later in the year. This is totally unacceptable for TFL to over-run this project and that residents have to endure even more substantial traffic issues around Tesco at Gallows Corner.

Cllr DARREN WISE

Crematorium Cafe

The cafe at the Upminster Crematorium was reopened in February last year by WISG (Works, Skills & Independence Group). WISG were granted initially one year pilot scheme to reopen the



cafe after a period of refurbishment and closure, due to the previous lease holders change to their business plan. The initial one

year pilot scheme has been a great success. WISG have enhanced the menus, catered for small wakes and bereavement industry meetings, installed free WIFI for customers and created many placements and opportunities for adults with learning difficulties.

In 2016, the tea room was awarded five stars in The Food Hygiene Rating Score, assessed by the Council's environmental health service, the highest grade the cafe has ever achieved.

Havering Council has offered WISG a three-year lease which will give them the security to upgrade the facilities, replace furniture etc. and be able to put in place a three-year placement programme for adults with learning difficulties. The cafe is well used and provides an annual rent to the Council. Well done WISG.

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Aug 17th, Thu: Broadstairs: Folk Week, Morris dancers, lovely beach, Adults £26; OAP £25; Under 16's £18. (2 Coaches going, one family/one Adults). Call for Family prices.

Aug, 22nd, Tue: Southwold Trip: Beautiful beach, Suffolk. Price £26; Child £23.00.

Jan 2018; Wed 31st, Sunset Boulevard, Cliffs Pavilion Matinee; No coach, £35 front stalls.

Feb 2018: Sat 24th: Brick Lane Music Hall: Aladdin Pantomime, (the cheeky version, adults only) Matinee with 3 course lunch pre-show. £62. Coach Meeting Time Approx. 11:00am. With three course lunch Pre-Matinee Show. Licensed bar, disabled Friendly venue.

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Tax Refund Scams

With the old tax year finished, fraudsters are using the opportunity to send fake emails to residents, supposedly from the Inland Revenue, declaring a tax refund is due. All they need is your personal information and bank account details to send this on to you! Many people will have received these phishing emails/texts and after either downloading a file attached to the emails or clicking on a link, devices have been infected with Dridex (a type of banking malware) or Locky ransomware (which locks devices and demands a ransom) from a hacked website. When victims click on the link in the HMRC spoofed texts they are redirected to a registration page requesting personal details. The emails and texts appear genuine and the victims who have provided their

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Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Old Chapel Events

Tue 3rd May 7:00pm-9:30pm - Adults Pottery Café

Enjoy a creative evening painting pottery. Booking is required and is £5 per person including refreshments but not the pottery items.

Sun 7th May, 2.00pm - 5.00pm - Recital: With a song in my heart
Sopranos Daphne Ewington and Jill Luff will be exploring the well known and loved music of the famous duo Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein. Songs will include Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered, Blue Moon and many more. £4 per person or £3 for Friends of Old Chapel. Booking is required.

Wed 10th May, 10.30am - Tea and Talk, Bata Shoes

Paul Addington will be here to talk about the history and wildlife of Bata Shoe Factory. £2 for non-members.

Sun 21st May, 2.00pm - 5.00pm - General Open Day

Tue 30th May 10:30am-12:30pm - Creative Craft

Come to the Old Chapel for a decoupage craft session. We will be gluing sticking and decorating trinket boxes and other items which you can keep. Drop in session and £3 per child.

For booking on the above talks/adult pottery café/recital contact Charlotte Coombes on 01708 642919

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CLlr LINDA HAWTHORN

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Further information can be obtained from either Linda (01708 458328) for Wednesday, or Harry (01708 227457) for Friday. Both start at 7.30pm.

Wednesday Music Evenings

10th May - A Musical Menagerie - let loose by Alan Tomlin who invites us to a not too serious look at the world of animals through the eyes of the composer. **24th May - The John Wilson Orchestra and Repertoire** - Brian Luck recalls his meeting with Conductor John Wilson at a Festival Hall concert and will be playing many of the orchestra's recordings. Held in the 1st Floor Meeting Room at Hornchurch Library, North Street at 7.30pm and finishing at 9.30pm. Admission is free of charge but we do ask for a nominal donation for interval refreshments. For further information contact Stephen

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take up too much time. During a routine check up with my G.P. he suggested that it might be advisable to have a blood test to check my Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) level. When the result came back, and that the level was higher than normal, I was referred to hospital where various tests confirmed that I had prostate cancer. I was prescribed a course of hormone therapy. To be honest my life has changed very little in that time and I am extremely grateful to my G.P. and Queens Hospital for their excellent care in diagnosing my condition and for the treatment that I am receiving. So far for my story but the first point I would like to make is that the sooner this problem is detected the better. Often more types of treatment are available if prostate cancer is caught in the early stages. The second point is that I personally found the support provided by PHASE (Prostate Health, Advice Support and Education) very reassuring when I was first diagnosed. Meetings are held 10 times a year at the Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane Harold Wood. Further information can be found at www.phasehaving.org.uk.

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Queen's Theatre

The **Queen's Theatre Hornchurch**, supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, is set to launch a very exciting audio and visual exhibition inspired by local voices, **Women's Stories of Ford Dagenham**. The Theatre recruited

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Barn Dance

The Not Forgotten Association (a unique national tri-service charity which provides entertainment and recreation for the benefit of the serving wounded, injured or sick and for ex-service men and women with disabilities) is holding a Barn Dance on the 17th June 7pm – 11pm at Bulphan Village Hall, Church Road. RM14 3RU. Music is by the Hillbillies Band with caller and supper included. Bring own drinks and glasses, £20.00 per head. Tickets from Shirley McLean Tel. 01708220096 or mobile 07947045344.

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- 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 Queen bought me a drink when I was doing National Service' with Derrick Reynolds. The Internet & Technology Group meet at the same venue 11am – 1pm where a Q&A session is followed by 'DNA' with Dr. M Gleeson. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.
- 6 Saturday - **British Sugar Craft** have a demonstration on 'Rice Paper Decorations' by Chris Avey at 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm at Fairkytes Art Centre, Billet Lane, Hornchurch, Entry Price is £6 includes Tea and Cake.
- 7 Sunday - **Indoor Table Top Sale**, Coopers' Company & Coborn School, St Mary's Lane, Upminster, RM14 3HS. School tables £12, Sellers table £8. Sellers arrive between 7- 8.30am. Buyers doors open 9am. 50p entrance fee for adults, children free. Entrance is free to all from 10.30am. Sellers must book and pay in advance. Please call 07508135449 to book or email bootsales@cooperscoborn.co.uk.
- 8 Monday - **Havering Branch Essex Wildlife Trust** have an illustrated talk by Bill Godsafe, Warden at Hanningfield Reservoir. 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.
- 8 Monday - **Pussycat Lodge Trust** are holding their **Pub Quiz Night** at the Crumpled Horn Pub, 33-37 Corbets Tey Road, Upminster, Cost £6, you can have as many on a table as you like. Included in your entry fee is sausages (veggie on request) chips, bread & butter. **Over 18's only.** To book a place contact Jacqui on: JacquelineDuly@outlook.com or ring 07751 199 037. Start Time 7 pm.
- 9 Tuesday - **NADFAS (Havering)** welcomes Mr John Iddon with a talk on 'Hockney at 80 – Tate Britain 2017'. 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
- 9 Tuesday - **Upminster Horticultural Society** have Guest Speaker Geoff Hodge on **Happy Healthy Roses**. 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
- 10 Wednesday - **Nelmes Women's Institute** meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month and welcome new members of all ages. Meetings are held at Nelves United Reformed Church Hall (corner of Nelves Road and Burntwood Avenue, Hornchurch, RM11 3JA). Meetings start at 2 pm promptly. Please contact Ruth McDougall on 01708 448431 or Ruth.wellwisher@gmail.com for further details.
- 11 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.
- 16 Tuesday - **Cranham Engayne W.I.** welcomes new members and visitors. Meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2 pm to 4 pm at the Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens.

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18 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.

19 Friday - **Haverling Antique and Collectors Club** meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood. Guest Speaker Edward Gribben on 'Portrait Miniatures'. This talk will start at 7.30 pm. Guests £4. For further details please call our Chairman Mrs Chris Lovett 07947 367258.

22 Monday - **Breathe Easy - Haverling** meet at St Andrews Church, Hornchurch, in aid of the British Lung Foundation on the last Monday of the month. We are a support group for people with COPD, Asthma or other Breathing Difficulties. For details please ring Joyce on 01708 226696 or Elaine on 01708 509127.

22 Monday - **Romford and Historical Society**, meetings are held at myplace, 343 Dagnam Park Drive, Harold Hill, Romford, RM3 9EN. Access is from 7.30 pm and the meeting commences at 8 pm. Admission is free to members and £2.50 to for visitors.

24 Wednesday - **Upminster Park Towns Womens Guild** meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 2 pm to 4 pm in Derham Hall (behind Upminster Library), Upminster. Afternoon tea, talks and outings amongst a friendly group of ladies, all most welcome. For more information contact Deborah Pryor on 01708 226127 or Ann Monk on 01708 226305 or simply come along.

31 Wednesday - **Upminster and District Probus Club** meet at The Cranleigh, 84 Station Road, Hornchurch, RM12 6LX, generally on the last Wednesday of each month. We also have outings, which are run jointly with Deyncourt (Upminster) Ladies' Probus. If you think you would be interested in joining our club please contact our Secretary, Barry on 01708 703783 and leave a message or send an email to: secretary@upminsterprobus.com.

JUNE

3 Saturday - **The Haverling 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 'Nursing through Shot and Shell' (How women went across the channel to nurse the injured without state backing) with Dr. Vivien Newman. The Internet & Technology Group meet at the same venue 11am - 1pm where a Q&A session is followed by a workshop. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.

3 Saturday - **British Sugar Craft** have a demonstration on 'Battenburg Lace' by Kusim Mendes at 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm at Fairkytes Art Centre, Billet Lane, Hornchurch, Entry Price is £6 includes Tea and Cake.

6 Tuesday - **Oglethorpe Women's Institute** have Guest Speaker Gabrielle Clark on 'Nutrition for Memory and Dementia' meet at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, RM14 1XL at 7.45 pm. Visitors are always welcome.

7 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. Visitors welcome entrance is £2.50, which includes refreshments. For further details call Joanne on 0787 5670419.

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Up Joggers Marathon runners Claire Mackay & Tina Griffiths would like to say a big Thank you to their friends and local shops of Upminster as they raised an amazing amount for their respective charities, First Step and Re-vitalise, in their quest to compete in the 2017 London Marathon. A charity quiz and curry evening was held at Ginger Lounge with over 80 of their friends from Upminster in attendance. Ginger Lounge were really great, brilliant service, lovely food and they even joined in the quiz and bought raffle tickets. A big thank you to the following local businesses who donated raffle prizes:

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Reading Room

Please note a meeting has been organised on Saturday 3rd June at 3pm on the future of The Reading Room, Church Lane, North Ockendon. The meeting will take place at The Church Hall, St Mary Magdalene Church, Church Lane.

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Contact Mrs Terry Keens 01708 473408.

Scams Talk at Cranham

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DIARY

May

5 Wednesday **Upminster Ward Meeting** at Joseph's Social Centre at 7.30 pm

13 Thursday **Cranham Ward Meeting** at Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens at 7.15 pm

June

7 Wednesday **Upminster Ward Meeting** at Joseph's Social Centre at 7.30 pm

15 Thursday **Cranham Ward Meeting** at Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens at 7.15 pm
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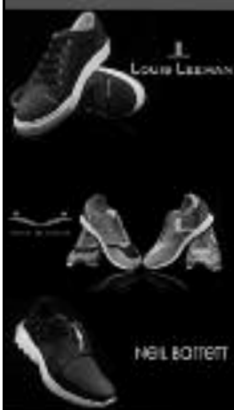
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