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Upminster Parking Zone

We reported in the February *Bulletin* that, during December last year, the Council delivered letters to roads south of Upminster Station requesting views and opinions on any parking problems, giving examples of possible parking restrictions, eg part-day parking ban, etc. Following the introduction of the Upminster Parking Zone in the 1970s, to deter predominantly commuter parking for Upminster Station, the zone has been expanded over the years.

The problem was only knocked onto other roads, outside properties not in the current zone, so a blanket approach was needed. Kindly note a

similar exercise in Cranham Ward, ie roads north of Upminster Station, as reported by Councillor Clarence Barrett in the March *Bulletin* is also being undertaken.

In Upminster Ward, ie roads south of Upminster Station the Council received over 1,200 questionnaire replies. My Upminster ward colleagues, Linda Van den Hende and Ron Ower, have held a number of meetings with Council Officers to discuss the replies and at the Highways Committee at the end of March. It was agreed that Council officers now formally consult residents south of the station for inclusion the Upminster Controlled Parking Zone. There will also be the opportunity to give your views on the possibility of applying for a residents' parking permit. A number of residents have requested these, especially where they do not have any off- road parking facilities.

Havering has the second highest number of vehicle owners in London and the numbers locally are very high and growing significantly! We will be keeping a very close eye on the consultation, as will our Cranham Councillor colleagues north of Upminster Station...Cranham Councillor Clarence Barrett will be in touch in a future *Bulletin* on the findings etc north of Upminster Station.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

Lower Thames Crossing Hobson's Choice

Apparently 30,000 people took part in the consultation to build a new Lower Thames Crossing. But the only option given was a variant of one route from Gravesend through to joining the M25 between junctions 29 and 30 (known as Location C). This would cut a huge swathe through hundreds of acres of green belt, devastate fen, villages, ancient woodland, heritage sites as well as negatively impacting on residential areas in Upminster and Cranham, Thurrock and Gravesham. However, the consultation was fundamentally flawed as no mention, opportunity or

prospect was given to comment or support another option which would see an additional tunnel or bridge alongside the existing Dartford crossing (known as Location A). This was despite the Secretary of State for Transport confirming midway through the consultation process that Location A was still a viable alternative and had not been ruled out. In an earlier consultation in 2013, location A was the preferred choice of many respondents, and indeed Havering Council. If the consultation was meant to give genuine choice, then it is no more than Hobson's Choice.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Upminster Park Fun Day

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This promises to be a great day for all the family.

Upminster Park, Saturday 14th May, 11am to 4pm.

Restoration of Upminster Windmill

The restoration of Upminster Windmill is an exciting project to bring the Windmill back to working order. In November I was appointed as the Community Engagement Officer for the project. I will be at Upminster Library on Friday 15 May at 11am to give the first community update.

The Friends of Upminster Windmill are also running Coffee Afternoons for existing and prospective volunteers, the next one is Wednesday 18 May, starting at 2.30pm at the Old Chapel and there will be a talk from the Friends of Brixton Windmill. Anyone is welcome to come along to find out more about the project but please confirm your attendance by emailing gsmith@upminsterwindmill.co.uk. Building work has started for the new Visitor Centre on the Mill Field. Once the building is finished it will provide a space to welcome visitors where they can learn about the Windmill and its history. It will also have a workshop where volunteers will be able to work on maintaining the Windmill.

If you would like any more information about the project or would like to come to one of the Coffee Afternoons please contact Gemma, the Community Engagement Officer on gsmith@upminsterwindmill.co.uk

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Tackling Fly-Tipping

The ongoing battle against the blight of fly-tipping could be greatly enhanced if penalties were more meaningful and a national strategy adopted. For example, fixed penalties for littering of £80 are not enough, there needs to be fixed penalties for the specific offence of fly tipping of £1,000 which will act as a more meaningful deterrent.

The process of prosecution is still important, but the length, complexity and cost often outweighs the fine that, if successful, is eventually imposed. In addition, the solution is not just about enforcement but through education, awareness, intelligence sharing and social responsibility by way of joined up partnership working with the likes of Network Rail, the Countryside Commission, media outlets, schools and government agencies. The combination of enforcement, meaningful penalties and an

effective multi-agency strategy will not only tackle the scourge of fly-tipping but reduce the hundreds of thousands of pounds it currently costs council tax payers.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Ockendon Road Speed Check

For some time, residents in Ockendon Road and Clay Tye Road have complained about speeding vehicles as well as many HGVs using this road. I asked for a speed check and vehicle count to be undertaken along the stretch by Castle Cottages which is in a 30 mph zone. This was held during a week in February. The results are very worrying. At peak times the number of vehicles in each direction was 580 with very little difference between morning or afternoon and either north or south. Some 13% of these were large vehicles. In terms of speed, there was an average of over 40 mph in this 30 mph zone. I have asked officers to look into

whether speed restrictions could be considered, perhaps with width restrictions, not speed cushions. Any proposed works would have to be considered by the Highways Advisory Committee. Officers are also talking to Thurrock council regarding the use of this road by HGVs travelling to industrial units in that Borough.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

Abigail's Column



The QE2 Bridge/Dartford tunnel runs across the river and is one of the few ways to get to and from

Essex and Kent. There is of course the Blackwall tunnel or a long train journey having to pass through Central London but these can take a lot more time.

Planning Consultation has been under way to build a new crossing to run under the Thames linking

into to the M25. The idea being to help the build up of traffic at busy times at the current crossing, however I think that the problem we have already will remain, there is too much traffic. If the new crossing is built people it could cut through North Ockendon.

The sound of the cars all day and night, further air pollution and the endless car journeys to get somewhere 15 minutes away that could take hours as it already sometimes does when there are problems on the M25, A12 and A127! I do not think our small roads could cope. Would not it make more sense to build a train link? If a train line straight from Essex to Kent was built instead of the new tunnel everyone would benefit.

First of all it would be more eco-friendly safer to the environment and the traffic that would be caused would stop.

And, lastly, less accidents would happen on the roads so the emergency services will not be overloaded.

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Clinic Building

Readers will no doubt have seen that our old clinic building in St. Mary's Lane has been demolished, to make way for another set of flats similar to those next to them. We did object to this, on the grounds of size, bulk and out of keeping with the nearby Clockhouse building (which has 8 flats). Planning Permission was refused by the Council, however, we were over ruled by the Government's Planning Inspectorate following an appeal. For several years prior to the building being demolished it housed a building company.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

Ron Williams

I'm very sorry to inform you that Ron Williams of Tawny Avenue, a former *Bulletin* Advertising Manager and a founder member of The Upminster & Cranham Residents' Association, passed away last month. A full obituary will be in next month's *Bulletin*.

Cans Meze & Bar Restaurant

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Sullens Farm

We have reported in the past that plans to build dwellings on the Sullens Farm site at the end of Sunnings Lane, Upminster, have been refused by the Council. Following this, the applicants have made several appeals to the Government's Planning Inspectorate who have also dismissed the appeals. In the findings the Inspector has written that the schemes would result in inappropriate development and the proposals do not clearly outweigh the harm to the Green

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Belt by reasons of inappropriateness. If you would like a copy of the Inspector's Report, please drop me a line. Contact details on page 22. We are always fighting to keep our local Green Belt.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

Keep your car safe

There have been a number of cars broken into in Upminster Station car park and below are a few reminders on how to keep your car safe:

- Always lock your car and check its locked, sometimes the electronic fob does not work.
- Close all windows, including the sun roof.
- Don't leave keys in the ignition/engine running even if you are just popping into the newsagents.
- Remove portable SatNavs and fascia of radio/stereo.
- Don't leave bags, mobile phones, money or anything valuable on display. Lock laptops in the boot.
- Remove disabled parking

permits when not in use.

- Don't leave tools and work equipment in vehicles overnight.
- Replace the fixings on your number plates with tamper proof fixings which are available for DIY stores.

PC Sarah Morris.

Speeding update

The police have been out undertaking speed checks in the following roads: St Mary's Lane, near the Jobbers Rest and down the hill towards the Windmill Pub, Corbets Tey Road near The Approach and Tawny Avenue, Park Drive, Cranston Park Avenue and Springfield Gardens. Nine drivers have been stopped and warned about their speed, one at 40mph near the Jobbers Rest. In all cases when a vehicle is stopped a vehicle check is made and a letter warning about the dangers of speeding is sent. In most cases these are local residents which is disappointing to see. These checks will continue on a random basis.

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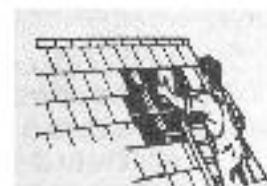
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attending from 25000 last year. All residents in roads with closures will be issued with residents passes. Some speed restrictions will be implemented along stretches of Aveley Road. A full and comprehensive list of all roads affected is published on our website www.ucra.co.uk

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of the Royal Liberty School) The bridge is a grade 11 listed structure, which sadly fell into disrepair in recent years and was on English Heritage's at risk register. As far back as 1999 attempts were made to start restoration, but fund raising proved difficult and also other difficulties arose.

With the support of Havering Council restoration work was able to start last year and has now just finished.

If you have not been to Parklands recently, it is well worth a visit. On a sunny day the bridge looks magnificent.

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Hospice Business Alliance



I was really honoured to join the St Francis Hospice Business Alliance group last month, where I also met local businessman and chairman of Matchroom Sport, Barry Hearn (Pictured), who heads up the group. The Hospice is a tremendous asset and does invaluable work for the community. The Hospice need to raise £7.3m a year to remain operational. The Residents' Association have been very supportive of the Hospice and will continue in that vein, but it needs our collective support to keep it going. If you can help, please visit their website at sfh.org.uk

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Wesley Guild

The Wesley Guild's final meeting this session will be held on Thursday 12th May when the guest speaker will be local author Tony Benton. Tony's subject will be "Upminster and Hornchurch during the Great War". This meeting will also celebrate Upminster Wesley Guild's centenary. The Guild first met in 1916 - but we do not know the date of the first meeting! Our meeting will be held in the Wesley Hall at Upminster Methodist Church in Hall Lane starting at 2pm and will be followed by refreshments, including a celebration cake. This is an open meeting and all are welcome. Our meeting fee is £2 a head.

Coach Outing News

Kindly note the Association's Social Committee have a Coach trip on **Saturday 18th June** to **Saffron Walden**.

Saffron Walden is a delightful medieval market town in north-west Essex. It has a rich heritage

of old buildings including St Marys Church the largest and one of the most beautiful parish churches in Essex.

A market has been held here since 1141 and tucked away in the back streets 'Bridge End Garden' laid out in the 19th century is well worth a visit.

Don't forget to check the "Association Diary" each month for booking details of each trip.

Thames Chase Forest Centre

The Thames Chase Trust is grateful for the support in helping to secure the maximum grant from Tesco's 'Bags of Help' fund to be used to refurbish the tree nursery at the Forest Centre. During the summer the nursery will be redesigned, rebuilt and a potting shed added ready for autumn seed planting with children and families. We are now looking for extra volunteers to help build the beds and look after the nursery, so if you would like to help develop a nursery for supplying native trees to plant

throughout the Forest contact the Forest Centre.

Upcoming events: **Friday 6th May** from 10.30am - Discovering Thames Chase coffee morning. Share your memories and pictures of Stubbers, the house and William Coyes who designed the park and walled garden. A guided walk to Stubbers to view the park will leave the Forest Centre at 10am on **Friday 27th May**.

Friday 13th May 2-4pm is our monthly cream tea and on **Sunday 15th May** 10am-3pm our Sunday Market will focus on paper craft.

Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd May 11am-3pm The Chase Players, the Store Room Youth Theatre and other actors will be bringing the magic of Shakespeare to Broadfields with lots of fun and activities for all the family.

Sunday 29th and Monday 30th May 10am-4pm The Guild of Essex Craftsmen's annual visit to the Forest Centre to demonstrate a wide range of crafts and to sell their unique items. More details can be found on the website www.thameschase.org.uk or at the Centre.

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The Old Chapel

Upcoming events at the Old Chapel in St. Mary's Lane
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Weds 4 May, 3.00pm - 5.30pm - Time for Tea.

Weds 1 June, 3.00pm - 5.30pm - Royal Birthday.

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

MAY

Sunday 8 May, 22 May, 2.00pm - 5.00pm - General Open Days.

Wednesday 11 May, 10.30am - Tea and Talk, Gem Stones and Where They Come From Pat Mather will be here to explore the history of Gem Stones with us. £2 for non-members.

Saturday 21 May, 7.30pm - 9.30pm - The Etiquette Of Taking Tea. 'Discover History' will be here to tell you about the art of taking tea in the Regency period as well as how our love of tea developed. Booking required, free entry.

JUNE

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

London: A Bigger Picture is a major Film London project aiming to get Londoners enjoying the city's archive film while building a wider picture of London life. This event will see an expert from London's Screen Archives showing films from your area, exploring their history and explaining how you can donate your home movies to preserve them for future generations. The

show will start at 2.30pm with a chance for Q&A.

To book a place on any of the above talks or events please call Gemma Smith on 01708 222 660 or email gsmith@mary.havering.sch.uk

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May 18th have Anne Bell with her demonstration called "From Me to You".

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Call for leaflet. Please note: date has been changed. To Book please call Shirley Ward; 01708 227 884 or e mail shirley@shirleytours.co.uk

Local Charity Shops

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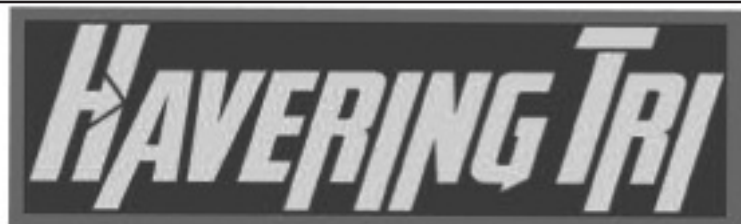
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All Saints Players

There next production is "Acting Dead" a comedy by Gary Clapperton at All Saints Church Hall, Ardleigh Green Road,

Hornchurch, RM11 2LG. Halloween approaches as the local amateur drama group congregate in the local church hall to rehearse their next production. A new member arrives but everything is not as it seems, when other members of the group arrive and start to ask questions the replies pose more questions of who and what is real. Performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday 19th, 20th and 21st May at 8.00pm (Doors open 7.30pm). Tickets £5, bookable from boxoffice@allsaintsplayers.org.uk or from 01708 725 077 Web site allsaintsplayers.org.uk

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The programme will also include music by some of the great composer's friends and contemporaries such as Johan Halvorsen, Percy Granger, Ole Bull and Frederick Delius.

Wednesday 25th May: Gilbert Without Sullivan

Stephen Raindle presents a programme about the talented dramatist, librettist, lyricist and poet W S Gilbert, best known for the 14 comic operas produced in collaboration with the composer

Sir Arthur Sullivan. There will, of course, be plenty of musical excerpts from the famous Savoy Operas.

All programmes are held in the 1st Floor Meeting Room at Hornchurch Library and start at 7.30 ending at 9.30.

Admission is free of charge but we do request a nominal donation for interval refreshments.

No need to book - just turn up. If you need any more details call Stephen Raindle 01708 470670 or email sraindle@aol.com

Lunchtime Concerts

Kindly note the dates for the Thursday Lunchtime Concerts at St Laurence Church.

May 5th - Phillip Simpson, tenor;
May 12th - Richard Overill, organ, (Essex); **May 19th** - Anne Hopfmuller, violin;
May 26th - Jonathan Lilley, organ, (Waltham Abbey); **June 2nd** - Kawashima Duo; **June 9th** - Paul Rosoman, organ, (New Zealand); **June 16th** - Richard Brasier & Joe

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Havering Mind events

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British classics. Tickets £20. Contact Queens theatre box office 01708 443333.

Queen's 90th birthday garden party: To celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's 90th birthday we are holding a special garden party celebration on the lawn outside the Queens theatre, Hornchurch on Sunday 12th June. Live music, food, beer tent, stalls and entertainment. FREE to attend. 12pm - 6pm.

Wings & Wheels car & bike show + light aircraft fly in: Join us at Damyns Hall Aerodrome, Upminster on Sunday 17th July for our second annual show. 100s of cars on display, planes flying in, beer tent, live entertainment stage, stalls, food, games and much more! £5 per adult, kids under 12 free. 10am - 5pm.

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The concert is fund raising for Thames Chase Community Forest. Please contact Ian Pirie on 01708 641 718 or Thames Chase 01708 642 970 for further information or to reserve tickets.

Bob was running for Methodist Homes, Karen for Macmillan, and I did it for local youth work in Upminster. Special congratulations to Bob, as we believe that he was the oldest runner for the second year running. With Gift Aid, the combined amount raised for the various good causes is approximately £1,500. Thank you to everyone who sponsored us.

Peter Hobbs

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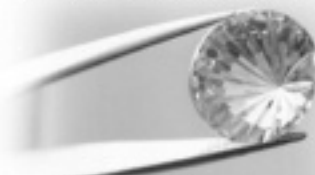
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All photos of course will be returned after the event. If you can help please contact Bill Oliver, 01708 227 594.

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The Sanctuary in Pea Lane, Upminster welcome you to their open day on Saturday 4th June. Please see their ad on page 23 for further details.

Stallholder's Opportunity

Following the success of its Village Fete on 'The Green' by the Queen's Theatre last year, the Rotary Club of Hornchurch & Upminster will be repeating the event on Saturday 2nd of July 2016. We are seeking stallholders who will be offered a 'site' for £20 per table. Space is limited so sites will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Applications to Rotarian Norman Ellenby, mobile 07941 899778 or Email

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- 7 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 Mythology of Richard III" with Dr John Ashdown-Hill. The Internet & Technology Group meet at the same venue 11am - 1pm where a Q&A session is followed by 'Getting the best out of Ancestry' with a Speaker from Ancestry. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.
- 8 Sunday - **Pussycat Lodge** are holding their **Open Day** at 20 Priests Field (off Common Road), Ingrave, Brentwood, CM13 3QJ. Refreshments, home made cakes, books, raffle, plants, Tarot card readings, bric-a-brac, craft items and cards. Entrance fee: cat food / donation. Please come and support us - enquiries 07751 199037. jacquiduly@hotmail.com
- 9 Monday - **Pussycat Lodge Trust Quiz Night** at the Crumpled Horn, 33-37 Corbets Tey Road, Upminster, RM14 2AJ; cost is £6 including sausage, chips and bread and butter. You can have as many on your table as you like. We are also running a raffle; prizes for the winning and losing table. Places need to be book in advance contact Jacqui on jacquiduly@hotmail.com
- 9 Monday - **Essex Wildlife Trust** meeting is held above Hornchurch Library from 8.00 pm - 9.45 pm. A donation of £2.50 is

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- 10 Tuesday - **NADFAS Havering** welcomes Mr Anthony Russell with a talk on **Edward Seago: Landscape perfectionist and Royal Favourite**. Lecture 10.45 am. Coffee from 10.00 am. Visitors welcome at £8. The meeting will be held at The New Windmill Hall, St. Mary's Lane, Upminster, RM14 2QH. Further information on the Society, future lectures and visits can be found at www.haveringdfas.org.uk
- 10 Tuesday - **Upminster Horticultural Society** have a **Gardener's Year** by Harry Brickwood and a Plant Sale. Harry whose garden is in Rayleigh. He has appeared on TV Programmes 'Gardeners World' and Best 30 Back gardens in the UK. Harry will take us through a month by month looking at flowering plants in our garden. 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.upminstehorticulturalsociety.co.uk or info@upminstehorticulturalsociety.co.uk
- 13 Friday - **Coffee & Conversation** / (Cranham Social Hall, Front Lane) are holding their AGM. 10.30 - 12.30pm. Free Entry.
- 14 Saturday - **Upminster Tithe Barn Museum of Nostalgia Open Days**, Hall Lane. Open 10.30 am to 4.00 pm. Free Admission.
- 14 Saturday - **Fun Morning** with children's crafts, face painter, handmade cakes and cards, refreshments, raffle 10.30 am - 12.30 pm. Raising funds and awareness for The Children's Society. Please join us in the Main Hall, St Laurence Church, Upminster, RM14 2BB.
- 15 Sunday - **Upminster Tithe Barn Museum of Nostalgia Open Days**, Hall Lane. Open 10.30 am to 4.00 pm. Free Admission.
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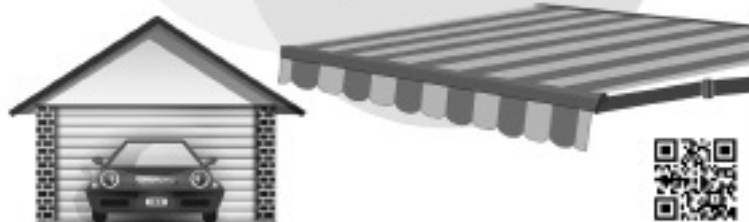
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20 Friday - **Coffee & Conversation** (at Cranham Social Hall, Front Lane) have guest speaker Richard Moorey giving an illustrated talk on **Old Hornchurch**. Visitors £2.50 including tea and coffee and cake, 10.30 - 12.30pm

20 Friday - **Havering Antique and Collectors Club** meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood have Guest Speaker Gareth Harris - 'A Working Life at Smith & Harris Goldsmiths' 7.30 pm for 8 pm start. For further details please call our Chairman Mrs Chris Lovett 01708 221851.

21 Saturday - **Stewart Avenue Allotments Gate Sale** - on site 10 am - 12 noon.

21 Saturday - **Stewart Avenue Allotments Quiz Night** at Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens, 7 pm for 7.30 pm start. £6 per person, bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tables of up to 10 can be booked with Jackie on 01708 641624 or Jackiewhitehead@sky.com. All proceeds go towards the upkeep of the allotments.

23 Monday - **Breathe Easy - Havering** is a support group for people suffering from breathing difficulties, COPD, Asthma. Etc. We meet on the last Monday of the month at St. Andrews Church Hall, Hornchurch at 1.30 - 3.00 pm. Light refreshments are served and we have guest speakers talking on a wide range of subjects such as - coping with COPD, gentle exercising, home safety, etc. New members, family and carers are always welcome; a voluntary donation of £3 is appreciated. Please contact Joyce 01708 226696 or Elaine 01708 509127 for more details.

23 Monday - **Romford & District Historical Society** have guest speaker Stephan Raindle

speaking on **Havering's Amazing Eccentrics - Past and Near Past.** Meetings are held at myplace, 343 Dagnam Park Drive, Harold Hill, Romford, RM3 9EN. Access from 7.30 pm - Meeting 8.00 pm to 9.30 pm.

25 Wednesday - **Upminster Townswomen's Guild** Come along and join us at 1.45 pm in St Laurence Church, Derham Hall, Upminster. For more details phone Shirley on 01708 224219 or Bertha on 01708 224210.

JUNE

1 Wednesday - **Harold Wood Evening W.I.** meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the War Memorial Hall in Gubbins Lane, 7.30 pm for 7.45 pm. Visitors are welcome for £2.50, which includes refreshments. For more details please ring Marion on 01708 349038.

4 Saturday - **Hornchurch and Upminster Sugarcraft** have a demonstration on 'Covering No 5 Cake' by Doreen Wood at Hornchurch Library, North Street, Hornchurch. Entrance fee Pay at Door £6 includes Tea and Cake. 1.30pm - 3.30 pm.

4 Saturday - **Upminster Tithe Barn Museum of Nostalgia Open Days**, Hall Lane. Open 10.30 am to 4.00 pm. Free Admission.

4 Saturday - **The Havering Branch of the East of London Family History Society** hold meetings at Trinity Church, Station Rd, Upminster RM14 2SJ doors open at 1pm meeting starts at 2pm. This month the talk is 'Making the best use of the National Archive's Website' with Simon Fowler. 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.

5 Sunday - **Upminster Tithe Barn Museum of Nostalgia Open Days**, Hall Lane. Open 10.30 am to 4.00 pm. Free Admission.

7 Tuesday - **Ogthorpe 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. (Ogthorpe W.I. members please note that the Group Meeting takes place of the meeting in our usual hall).

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Florence Bains

My mother recently passed away after a long period of incapacity, there were numerous occasions when it was necessary to call upon medical services. The media report failings of these services, however seldom if ever does one read of any praise for their efficiency. The promptness of the ambulance service, Queens Hospital, the care and attention that one receives. The district nurses who in our case had to attend for numerous ailments during a four year

period, and provided the same level of care throughout. The care workers who attend on a daily basis, performing thankless tasks and in the final days the help and support by Macmillan Nursing and St. Francis Hospice. I write this as thank you to all those services and individuals who attended my mother.

Tony Bains

Ivy Edwards

Sadly we heard in March that long time local resident Ivy Edwards has passed away. She lived with her husband Derek in Park Drive. Both Ivy and Derek have always been active supporters of the Association. Ivy took an active interest in our community and for many years ran Yoga Classes. She also raised cash for St. Francis Hospice, was Chairman of the Essex Branch of The Osterpororis Society. Our condolences go out to Derek and their son Neil. The area has lost a good friend. Derek wishes to thank everyone for their kind thoughts.

Front Lane Centre

Kindly note The Association running the Front Lane Social Centre have their Annual General Meeting on the 13th of this month at 11.30am- go along and have a complimentary coffee or a tea and biscuits with them.

Alishan Restaurant

The management of the Alishan Indian Restaurant Station Road would like to thank, following the sale of the business last month, all their customers for their tremendous support over the years. Faysal Ali at the Alishan looks forward to seeing you all in their new venture at the Kalijeera Indian Restaurant in Corbets Tey Road by the BP Garage. Customers will see some well known faces from the Alishan who would be pleased to assist with any menu questions.

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Greenfingers Gardening Club, based in Cranham, are having a coach outing to Hastings and Merriments Garden on Saturday 25th June. Price: £26 p.p. This covers the coach travel and entry into the Garden. Pick-Ups 9am Stewart Avenue, 9.10am Station Approach (by car park), 9.20am Crane Pub, Cranham. A good day out - to book or have more information please telephone: Chris Allen 01708 224041 or Sheila Woodrow 01708 228752.



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