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Old Windmill Hall Site

Further to the article in the April *Bulletin*.

Sadly, we must report that against the wishes of your three Upminster Residents' Councillors, the planning application for 22 flats, ie 19 two-bedroom and 3 one-bedroom flats on the site of the Old Windmill Hall, went through the Council's Planning Committee.

The flats, which are intended for people of retiring age, have 16 car parking spaces, in an underground car-park which is directly onto the pavement. The building covers the whole site in a design which cannot by any degree be said to be in keeping with the nearby five listed buildings. The apartments will block the views of our green flag park from St. Mary's Lane.

Arguments were made that there is a need for retirement flats -something which none of us have disagreed with, but not here. The site is noisy- two schools are in close proximity; the events at The New Windmill Hall sometimes go on well into the night and there are football pitches used by youngsters outside their windows. Is this the best location?

May we thank all the residents who signed petitions and wrote to the Council. We are grateful to the Residents' Association Councillor who voted with us. A little disappointed with the one who sat on her hands and very disappointed with the five Conservative Councillors who voted for it en bloc.



Cllrs LINDA HAWTHORN



RON OWER



LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

Upminster Ward Speaker

I am pleased to say we have a speaker for the May ward meeting at St. Josephs Hall, St Mary's Lane on the 6th at 8pm. It is Hannah Lewis from the National Trust who will be talking about the work currently under way to renovate Rainham Hall.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

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.

Engayne School Meeting

Cranham and Upminster Councillors attended a meeting at Engayne School with the Head Teacher and school Governors. Discussions concluded that communications from the Council had contributed to a confused process and that the school had provided parents with as much information as had been provided to them. We are currently waiting for two planning applications to be submitted, one for Engayne Primary School and the other for James Oglethorpe, before a decision is made as to which school will be expanded first.

Cllr GILLIAN FORD

Dunton Garden Suburb

Further to our front page article in the April *Bulletin* regarding Basildon and Brentwood Council's proposal to build 6,000 homes at Dunton. Please note the following motion was passed unanimously at the last full Council Meeting: "This Council expresses its serious concern as to the proposals for the Dunton Garden Suburb and for the Enterprise Park on the A127 contained in the Draft Brentwood Local Development Plan because of their impact on the Green Belt and on the A127 and other infrastructure within Havering especially the traffic lights at Ardleigh Green and the Gallows Corner junction" We will keep you up to date on this important issue.

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We Are Festival

A residents consultation meeting was held on 25 March which around 40 people attended. The organisers set out the improvement to the arrangements they are introducing for this years Festival on 30 and 31 May. Firstly they have reduced the number of indoor and outdoor stages and reduced the decibel level that will be permitted. This will be further reduced significantly after 11pm on both evenings. Noise levels will be monitored at all times and a helpline number set up to report concerns. Set out below are the road closures and access arrangements which will operate during the Festival weekend. Meadowside Road, Londons Close and Sunnings Lane will have access for residents only, Stubbers Lane will be One Way southbound, no access from Dennises Lane, with no entry to public vehicles from Ockendon Road at peak times. Bramble Lane, one way westbound, no

access from Aveley Road. Aveley Road, no access to public vehicles between the junction with Warwick Lane and the entrance to the Festival site. Restricted access from the junction with Harwood Hall Lane, restricted access for local residents, local businesses and the Gerpins Lane tip. Harwood Hall Lane will be one Way Eastbound, with no access from Corbets Tey Road. There are likely to be increased traffic on other roads. There will be Marshalls on all road closures who will be briefed as to alternative routes and allow access to residents and businesses. There will be a helpline number published closer to the time. This will be available on the Festival website wearefestvl.com and on Upminster and Cranham Residents Association website, ucra.co.uk The organisers will be undertaking a leaflet drop to a large number of roads closer to the event with further details. Road closure signs will be in place closer to the event but by

publishing these road closures well in advance it should allow residents to plan their journeys to avoid these areas. The organisers will be running shuttle buses, coaches and taxis to the site to minimise the use of cars, although car parking at the site will be in place.
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Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

Upminster Library Events

Friday 8th May, 12.00-4.30
Nails and Massage

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Monday 11th May, 6.30pm
Horses in War

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Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

My Big Fat Diary

Interesting to see the large
amount of cameras and vehicles
in Upminster in March when
filming locally the Channel 4 (E4)
programme "My Big Fat Diary".
In particular filming took place at
the Crazy Beat Records in Corbets
Tey Rd. We understand that a
number of the original cast were

there and this could be the last
series.

Cllr RON OWEER

New Residents' Association Website

A new website has been launched
for the Upminster & Cranham
Residents' Association. The site
includes useful links to planning
applications, local community
groups, back issues of the
Bulletin as well as a rolling news
feature updating residents of
local community developments
and up and coming events. A lot
of work has gone into creating
the website and the results are
really impressive. Good
communication links with our
residents is very important and
our new website provides
another avenue for information,
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Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Cranham Community Association Library

Spring 2015 saw the start of a modest library for young children. It is still early days but we welcome any youngster during our normal hours to borrow books on a very relaxed basis. We would like to think of it as more of a take-a-book, bring-a-book scheme. At the other end of the scale, for our older readers, we have recently purchased 24 Large-Print books - both mystery and romance. This was possible thanks to a generous gift from a grateful reader. We have also bought more popular fiction best-sellers. A dozen 500 piece jigsaws have also been ordered. Jigsaws are one of our successes being very popular amongst our borrowers, along with DVDs, audio tapes and many, many books. We are open for seven sessions each week in the Community Centre in Marlborough Gardens. Please telephone 01708 220941 for any further details.

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commitment from the community in protecting this facility. Working in partnership with Havering College, Kids Activity Expo and Havering Council, the 9-hole Crazy Golf part of the course is also the focus of a community competition inviting fresh and original designs from young people across the borough to design their own crazy golf hole. Winners will be announced on May 17th at the Kids Activity Expo. The course is open weekends and school holidays until 1st November. Fees are £5 for adults and £3 for children, OAPs and students.

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Cllr GILLIAN FORD

The Cathedrals Express



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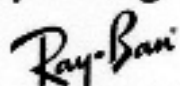
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Thames Chase

Celebrating 25 years

Thames Chase Community Forest joins Havering 90 Joggers in both celebrating their 25th anniversary with a 10k Run and Family Fun Run on Sunday 14th June at the Forest Centre, Pike Lane. For more information about the 10k run visit www.runnersworld.co.uk. Details of the Family Fun Run and booking forms can be found on the website www.thamechase.org.uk or at the Forest Centre. Dust off your running shoes and enjoy a run in the country!

Events at the Forest Centre in May
Friday 8th May 3-5pm - Musical Cream Tea. £8 per person

Sunday 17th May 10am-3pm - A bumper Sunday Market with Essex Farmers' Markets selling fish, cheese, delicious pies, meat and sausages and lots more along with your favourite craft stalls. Free entry.

Sunday 24th and Monday 25th May 10am-4pm both days - Guild of Essex Craftsmen's annual craft fair at the Forest Centre. Watch skilled craftsmen demonstrate their craft and maybe find a special gift or treat from the feast of craft items on display.

Sunday 31st May from 12noon - A wildflower walk to Cranham Marsh starting from the Forest centre. Learn about this unique natural environment and its wide array of wildflowers from the Essex Wildlife warden, Tony Gunton. Cost £3 per person.

Children's half term holiday programme:

Tuesday 26th May 10.00am-2pm - Wellgate Farm are bringing their animals to Broadfields for all the family to enjoy. Cost £5 per person.

Wednesday 27th May 10.30am-

12.30pm - Hut building in the Forest. Make a shelter for yourself using natural materials. Cost £3 per child from 5 years. Booking essential for both children's events at the Forest Centre, Pike Lane. Tel: 01708 642970.

Car Parking – Update

As part of the £60m budget savings plan, the council undertook a review of parking arrangements across the whole borough. There was a three month consultation period (Oct - Dec) which ran alongside the overall budget consultation. The first 30 minutes will be free in all car parks and pay and display bays outside of Romford Town Centre. However, many of the smaller car parks eg Brickfields will not be subject to any parking charges. Evening parking will continue to be free. In addition, and following a lengthy consultation process, initial proposals for car parking charges in parks have been scaled

back to 20p for 3 hours, 50p for five hours and free at weekends and Bank Holidays.

On street charges will be 0-30mins (20mins plus 10 mins grace) free, 1 hour (plus 10 mins grace) £1, 1 - 2 hrs (plus 10 mins grace) £1.50 and 2-3 hrs £2 (plus 10 mins grace).

The average cost of parking for 1 hour across the whole of London is £1.30 (mostly without the first 30 minutes free). Very few boroughs have a 1 hour parking charge less than £1. In addition, the proposals were not opposed by any group or councillor. There is no perfect solution to parking, but by introducing a 30 minute free period it may help alleviate the pressure.

The situation will certainly be kept under review to assess the impact.

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Havering Arts Festival

Havering Arts Festival 2015 continues in May with events in the next few weeks including: Verdi's Requiem by Havering Singers at Drapers Academy, Harold Hill on Saturday 2nd May; Wolves and Wildcats, a talk by Essex Rock and Mineral Society at HOPWA House, Inskip Drive, Hornchurch on 12th May; Wesley Players: Ding Dong at Methodist Church Hall, Upminster from 14th to 16th May; All Saints Players: Where There's a Will at All Saints Church Hall, Ardleigh Green Road from 14th to

16th May; and An Evening of Storytelling at Upminster Old Chapel on 15th May. Full details of these, and all other, Havering Arts Festival events, available at www.haveringartscouncil.org.uk Look out for the brochure in local branch libraries.

Bryant Avenue Exit closure update

I would just like to update and advise residents that we are still in ongoing discussions with Transport For London regarding the proposed closure of the Bryant Avenue exit onto the A127. As the Ardleigh Green Bridge replacement is a major project there are a number of engineers considering all aspects of Health and Safety and the 'knock on' effect for local residents. As soon as we get further news we shall be updating you on any news that we receive.

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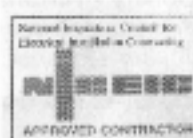
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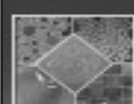
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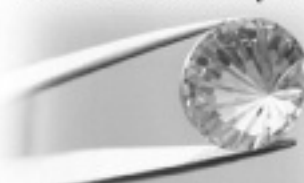
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Upminster Horticultural Society

The Upminster and District Horticultural Society on Tuesday 12th May are holding a Charity Evening and Members' Plant Sale and Wildlife

Gardening Myths and Realities - Dr Stephen Head, who is now a professional conservationist and keen gardener, with a special interest in wildlife gardening. New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, 7.15pm for 7.45pm. Entrance fee for this event will be £3.00, raising money for this year's charity, the Wildlife

Gardening Forum.

For further information on Upminster Horticultural Society see our website: www.upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk info@upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk

Lunchtime Recitals

The following take place this month at St Laurence Church, Upminster, on Thursdays 1.05pm to 1.50 pm. Entrance is free; there is a retiring collection.

May 7th A tea quintet: Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Flute and Horn.

May 14th Richard Brasier: Organ.

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May 28th Edward Taylor: Organ. All welcome.

Family Fun Morning

To raise awareness of and funds for the work of the Children's Society. The St Laurence Church Committee have organised the

morning in St Laurence Church, Main Hall on Saturday 16th May, 10.30 am – 12.30 pm, with children's craft activities, face painting, home-made cakes and cards, refreshments and a raffle. All welcome.

Exhibition of Paintings

Janet and Terry DoYLES' paintings will be on display at Hornchurch Library until Saturday 23rd May. Subjects include Animals, Local Scenes and Landscapes in Watercolour and Oil. The exhibition may be seen during Library open hours and all paintings will be for sale. For enquiries ring 01708 532 967.

Cranham Art Society

The Society will be holding an exhibition of paintings in the Upminster Library until 9th May. Paintings of a variety of subjects and media will be on sale. For further information please telephone 01708 229 715 or 01708 642 114.

Cancer Research Fund Raising Day

Cancer Research UK will be holding a fund raising day in Cranham Social Hall Front Lane on the 9th May, 1 - 3.30pm. There will be lots to do and see for adults and children. Come and be turned into a lion, or a tiger or anything else by our expert face painters, or purchase something for someone special. Please support this worthy cause.

Upminster Library

Upminster Library is a much treasured facility which provides a valuable service to residents across Upminster, Cranham and beyond. As part of the recent budget strategy, original plans to reduce Upminster to part time opening hours were successfully reversed and full time hours maintained. However, we face even more budget cuts over the next few years and it is a priority for us to protect the long term funding future of the Library. The

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potential to better employ underused parts of the Library was raised at the consultation meeting in December, with the possibility of a in-house 'reading cafe' gaining much support. The next step is seeking expressions of interest along those lines, but still maintaining existing services while not impacting negatively on the Library. This process is at a very early stage and any serious proposal would be subject to close examination to ensure that it is right for Upminster. If it is not, it will not happen. We will ensure the residents are kept abreast of developments in this respect and would welcome any further suggestions or ideas that will help us protect the long term future of our Library.

CLlr LINDA HAWTHORN

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Craft Fair

A Craft Fair for Hopefield Animal Sanctuary, Brentwood again this one taking place on Sunday 24th May, exhibitors to arrive 9.30am public from 10.30am. If anyone would like to book a stall they can contact me on my email address or mobile 07910 421 182 for details.

Upminster Park Funday

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- Saturday - **Upminster Windmill Open Day**, 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm
- Saturday - **Cancer Research UK** will be holding a fundraising day in Cranham Social Hall, Front Lane 1pm - 3.30 pm. There will be lots to do and see for Adults and Children. Come and be turned into a Lion, or a Tiger or anything else by our expert face painters, or purchase something for someone special. Please support this worthy cause.
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- Sunday - **Children's Activity Day**. Various Venues. Please see www.kidsactivityexpo for further details.
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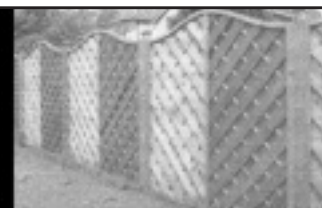
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7 Highview Gardens

Readers might be aware of the two bungalows in Highview Gardens, built in 1917, amongst the houses here. It is thought that they were kept as bungalows so as not to affect the wind flow to the Windmill, when it was working. There were plans recently submitted to knock down one of these bungalows, and to replace it with three houses, which not only might have affected the recently approval plans to restore our Windmill back into a working mill it would have had an adverse effect on the street scene, to say nothing of the occupiers of the remaining bungalow which would have remained. The plans were rejected unanimously by the committee, and I am now looking into the possibility of having the bungalows added to our list of local buildings of interest.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

Greenfingers Gardening Club

We meet on the 1st Monday of the month – unless a Bank Holiday in which case we meet on the following Monday (no meeting in Jan or Aug). We begin at 7.30pm in the Cranham Community

Centre in Marlborough Gardens. This year we are having two coach outings:

Sat 27th June to the gardens and house at Great Dixter, with time to spend in Rye (£26) and on **Sat 12th September** to the Wisley Flower Show (£18). Pick-up points will be 9am from Stewarts Ave; 9.10am from Station Approach car park and 9.20 from The Crane Public House in Cranham. To book phone Chris Allen 01708 224 041 or Vic Pittman 01708 225 588 or why not come along and join our club? You will be assured of a warm welcome and Sheila on 01708 228 752 can give you more information.

Walking for Breast Cancer

Three ladies from Hunter & Co Accountants in Upminster; Esin Hunter, Janice Webb and Alison Doman are taking part in the Moon Walk.

Walking 26 miles through the night in London on 16th. Donations will be greatly appreciated either at the office at 195 St Mary's Lane, Upminster or at www.moonwalklondon2015.everydayhero.com/uk/the-pink-angels

Highway Improvements

I am pleased to confirm Council officers have agreed to improvements to the flower-bed in Brookmans Close. The public consultation is now complete and residents have confirmed they would like to see this area improved. Works should be taking place imminently. A flower-bed is also being introduced at the entrance to the Dury Falls Estate, adding colour and interest to the area; a new litter bin will also be provided.

Cllr GILLIAN FORD

The Old Chapel Events

May Events:

General open days: 2, 3, 16, 17 and Saturday 30 – 2pm-5pm. Free entry.

Wednesday 13 May 10.30am Tea and Talk - Hornchurch & Upminster During The Great War 1914-1919.

Join Tony Benton for this illustrated talk as he explores the history of Hornchurch and Upminster during this turbulent time. 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
Friday 15 May 7.30pm - An Evening Of Storytelling
Tired? Stressed? Leave the real world for a few hours and lose yourself in the magic of storytelling. Join Vanessa Woolf and the Gentlefolk for an eerie and enchanted evening by candlelight. Free - booking is required: call 01708 222660 or email gsmith@mary.havering.sch.uk
Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 May - The Old Chapel and World War One - Remembered Not Forgotten. If you missed the excellent WW1 display about local men and their involvement in the War, it will return to the Chapel this weekend. Come and see the stories of the men brought to life. Free entry, 2pm-5pm.
Saturday 30 May - Havering Mini Open House. Free entry - 2pm - 5pm. The Old Chapel is joining many other fantastic heritage sites in Havering to take part in the Havering Mini Open House event. Make a day of it and visit some local hidden gems. Contact: Gemma Smith, Heritage Officer, The Old Chapel, Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School, St Mary's Lane, Upminster, RM14 2QR. Tel: 01708 222660. E-mail: gsmith@mary.havering.sch.uk www.theoldchapelupminster.co.uk

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Baccarat Exhibition

Cafe Baccarat, Station Road, Upminster are excited to announce that their May exhibition artist will be Nick Dillon. Nick's unique portraits and pictures are receiving both national and international acclaim. Recent commissions have included Premier League footballers and a request to provide pictures for a house in Singapore. Nick will also be exhibiting in a Manchester gallery. This exhibition, exclusive to Cafe Baccarat, will be themed on 'Women in Entertainment' and will feature portraits of Madonna and Blondie amongst others. Nick will make an appearance at the Cafe during the first week to meet in person and discuss his art and this will be a special opportunity to purchase original work from a promising artist early in his career. The exhibition starts on 4th May.

Pike Lane, Cranham

Thames Chase Community Forest whose headquarters are at Broadfields off Pike Lane is growing from strength to strength and is not only a marvellous place to walk, exercise your dog, it has many activities aimed at all ages. Pike Lane had a 60 mile per hour speed restriction and was used by the mindless drivers who speed down the road, just taking it for granted that nothing will come in the opposite direction. With this in mind, it has been decided to apply a 30 mile per hour speed restriction down the Lane, with the appropriate road signs. I have also asked that the junction with St Mary's Lane could also be looked at. It is very close to the entrance to Cranham Court Nursing Home. I know from personal experience how difficult it is to turn right out of here, with a limited view from the left - hopefully this can be considered, and the area made safer for all.

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20 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.

21 Thursday - Upminster Wesley Guild has one more open meeting this session at 8pm in the Minor Hall, Upminster Methodist Church, Hall Lane, Upminster, when the guest speaker will be historian Ian Porter with a talk entitled "Women and the Home Front in World War I". Meeting fee £1.50.

30 Saturday - **Upminster Windmill Open Day**, 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm.

30 Saturday - **Havering East Rotary - Barn Dance** at Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens, RM14 1SR. Dance the night away to the 6-piece "Most Unexpected" dance band with caller. 7.30 pm start - many raffle prizes to be won and Name the Bear comp. Bring your own drinks. Tickets £20 includes Buffet - tickets available from Sue Wilson on 01708 470 897 or 07971 539 487.

31 Sunday - **Tithe Barn**, Hall Lane **Open Day** 10.30 am - 4.00 pm. Free Entry.

JUNE

2 Tuesday - **Ogthorpe Women's Institute**. Our meetings are held at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, RM14 1XL at 7.45 pm. Visitors are welcome as our guests for their first visit.

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. The Computer Group meets 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. Admission free.

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