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Budget Challenge 2018

As we approach the challenging task of setting a budget and Council Tax for next year, the undertaking has been made even more difficult by reduced levels of funding from central government while demand for services continues to grow. For example:



- In 2010, Havering received a grant of £55.3m, by 2019 that will be £1.4m before disappearing thereafter
- Demand continues to grow, particularly in social care, children's services and housing
- Waste disposal costs are set to increase substantially from £15m
- Significant reductions in Public Health and Education Services Grant

The situation is not helped by the way grant funding is distributed. For example, while Havering residents receive around £175 grant per head, it falls way behind our neighbours in Redbridge (£237) and Barking & Dagenham (£392). Sadly, this has been the story

from successive governments and not just the present one. Having made savings of over £40m since 2014, the 2018/19 budget still faces a shortfall of some £5.6m - but we are working hard to bridge that gap while keeping Council Tax at reasonable levels. Our focus is always to place the interests of our residents' first and foremost and to provide the best services we can within the budget available. I shall keep you updated on this important matter over the coming months.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Welcome to the Area



If you have just moved into our area a huge welcome.

If you have not been receiving our monthly Bulletin let us know. For Cranham Ward contact Clarence on 07863 116029 or for Upminster Ward contact Chris on 07960 059195. Email us on bulletinra@yahoo.co.uk. Cranham Ward is north of the Upminster to Fenchurch Street railway line including the Dury Falls Estate. Upminster Ward is south of the railway line including North Ockendon and the Cranham Cathedral Estate. We represent both wards on Havering Council. Contact details of your local Residents' Association councillors are on page 22.

Police Station Closures

Plans by the Mayor of London to close Hornchurch and Rainham police stations, along with seven safer neighbourhood bases, including Upminster, have been met with incredulity and resistance across the community. This comes at a time when the tri-borough police pilot model (Havering, Redbridge and Barking & Dagenham) has led to a sharp decline in response times and growing calls to exit from the pilot scheme. As reported in our October issue, a consultation has been conducted and the results are now awaited. We will keep you updated on these proposals through our website (ucra.co.uk) and The Bulletin.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Sunnings Lane

I am pleased to say that the Highways committee agreed to the closure of Sunnings



Lane in September - this scheme was first mooted a number of years ago as the residents were concerned about the traffic speeding from the rural part of the lane and not slowing when it reached the houses. When the road became blighted by substantial

fly-tipping, it was felt that the cost of closing the lane was less than the constant removal of the tipping, so the scheme was resurrected, and this time has been successful.

I have been fighting for this for some time.

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Christmas Lights

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Firework Display

The Upminster Junior School PA and Upminster Infant School PTA Annual Firework Display will be taking place on their school field on Saturday 4th November. The display starts at 6.30pm with the gates opening at 5pm. Entry to the event can be gained via the school entrance at the side of the Crumpled Horn pub. There will be refreshments and a barbecue. Tickets will be on sale during the week starting 30th October from 3pm to 3.30pm in the school playground (outside both the infant and junior school offices). Tickets are priced at £6 for adults,

£4 for children (4 and over) and free for children under 4 (though a ticket will need to be issued). Tickets are also on sale on Saturday 4 November outside the school entrance next to Superdrug or on the gate (subject to availability) from 5pm. The ticket price on the day is £7 for adults and £5 for children and free for children under 4 (though a ticket will need to be issued). Please do try and get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Christmas Fair at St Mary Magdalene Saints Church

Christmas Fair at St Mary Magdalene, Church Lane, North Ockendon. RM14 3QH. Saturday 25th November. 2pm-4pm. Come and enjoy Mince Pies and Sausage Rolls, Teas Coffees etc. Lots of stalls including

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Hugh Padden receiving a prize from our Chairman Chris Wilkins

All Saints Welcome revd Marion Williams

In September a packed congregation gathered at All Saints Church, The Chase, to witness the Licensing and Installation of the Revd Marion Williams as Priest-in-Charge of the Parish of Cranham

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All Saints. The ceremony was conducted by the Bishop of Barking, the Rt Revd Peter Hill and the Archdeacon of Barking, the Venerable Dr John Perumbulath. Set against the beautiful and historic setting of the church, which can be traced back to the 13th Century, the service was capped off with numerous expressions of welcome and congratulations from members of the community including Cllr Linda Van den Hende as Mayor of Havering and clergy. Marion said: "I have served All Saints Cranham for just under two years as a Curate-in-charge, and am excited to be licensed and installed as Priest-in-charge. I was blessed to see the church so full, and I look forward to my continuing to serve the people of Cranham."

for his daughter, and son-in law, George Stubbs (no relation of the artist). The Hall is fairly modest, but built to his usual high standard and has remained unaltered over the years. The grounds are stunning, with huge trees, which must have been there when the house was built.

Now the home of the Oakfield Montessori School, the new head Katrina Carroll is keen to get involved with the community and let the public see what a marvellous asset this is. Open days are being planned and perhaps concerts, fairs, etc, during the weekends. Let us have your ideas. This gem is not well known, and it's very pleasing to see that the new Head wishes to put it on the map.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

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In the five - year period to October 2016, thirty one personal injury accidents were recorded along Wingletye Lane of these four were serious, four were speed related, eight involved pedestrians and six occurred during the hours of darkness.

Following public consultation on which we gave a number of views, the committee have agreed the following improvements.

* Between Upminster Road and Minster Way a humped pelican crossing and humped pedestrian refuge

* North of Lee Gardens a humped pelican crossing.

*South of Parkstone Avenue /Wych Elm Road a humped zebra crossing.

*South of Campion School Entrance a humped zebra crossing

Having seen the level of traffic increase as a result of the A127 road works we feel that some control is essential and we hope these measures will assist.

Laurance Garrard

Thames Chase

November will see the start of the 'Land of the Fanns' Landscape Partnership Scheme funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund to restore and reconnect the natural and historic landscape of the Community Forest area. The five year project aims to 'build an understanding and attachment among local people to enjoy and celebrate its special Character'. Follow the schemes progress on the Thames Chase website www.thameschase.org.uk

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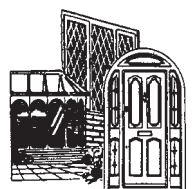
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Every year, London Boroughs
enter London in Bloom
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this year surpassed themselves.
Overall, Havering was awarded
silver gilt for the city's award,
along with Rainham for the small
London Village, and Elm Park for
small Town Centre.
Raphael Park received gold for
the conservation area, along with
Bedfords Park, Dagnam Park and
Hornchurch Country Park.
Upminster Park received gold for
best large park, we were really
pleased to hear this as Upminster
Park is a real jewel in our
community. Credit to the
Council's Conservation officer
that our three historic gardens
all got awards - silver gilt for
Langtons and Raphael and silver
for little Clockhouse Gardens -
we'll get the gilt next year.
The south Essex Crematorium,
always a sad place to visit,
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the standard of the grounds
maintenance work, not only
did it win a gold award, but was
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Winter Concert

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July, Thursday, 12TH July 2018: Tina Turner the Musical, Aldwych Theatre, London; Thursday matinee, Prices to follow, by coach. Good Dress Circle Seats;
July, Thursday 26th: London Cabaret Club, Holborn, Three Course Meal, welcome drink, entertainment by "ABBA" - Matinee show and lunch. £65 BY COACH.

Please call to book trips: 01708 227884 Shirley ward or e mail shirley@shirleytours.co.uk

Christmas Tree Festival

Upminster Methodist Church will be holding its annual Christmas Tree Festival in the church between 2nd and 10th December. It provides a lovely introduction to the Christmas season for all ages. The church will be decorated with 30 Christmas trees, all decorated on the theme of "All creatures great and small." We have invited local schools and organisations from the church and community to decorate the trees.
The opening times are Saturday 10-5 pm, Sunday 2-5pm and weekdays 2-6pm.
The festival opens on Saturday 2nd December at 10am and there will be refreshments available all day. In the church halls, a Christmas market is organised with craft and charity stalls selling cards, gifts and other festive items.
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Short Songs and Tall Stories

An evening of entertainment from Chris Bishop. Chris has developed a style of his own, being a mixture of old Traditional Folk songs and not so old songs, blending with stories and jokes which gives his 'act' the name 'Short Songs and Tall Stories'. Saturday 25th November 2017 at St Laurence Church, Upminster 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm start. Raising funds for the St. Laurence Church Building Improvement Fund. Tickets £10 per adult, £7 students and under 18's, including welcome drink with light refreshments following the show. Tickets from Clive Edwards 01708 640335 or clive-edwards@btconnect.com

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Havering Local Plan

One of the important points of the proposed Havering Local Plan is surely how many of the new homes will be occupied by people on Havering's own housing waiting list. Unless a large number of the dwellings are 'affordable' and those acquired by social housing providers are designated for occupation by local people, all that is likely to happen is that

the homes will be sold at high prices, predominantly to people from outside the borough. This would simply raise the local population and leave us with the same housing shortages.

The Local Plan proposal is for larger developments to include at least 35% affordable housing but most developers will try to reduce this as they make less profit on these. However, I believe that the 35% target should be something we stick to rigidly. The London Mayor is likely to pressure for more and more homes in boroughs like Havering. We therefore need to make sure that we are not forced to build more than our fair share and these homes must meet our needs and not just those of the rest of London.

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Hende, the Mayor of Havering, who officially launched the campaign, along with shop staff, adjoining shop keepers and local families supported by Rainbow Trust. Anyone wanting to help Harold Wood volunteers reach £1 million can donate in the shop at 33 Station Road or online at justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Harold-wood-shop.

Postcards and Christmas Cards

Letter published in Mail on Sunday (1 Oct) - While there is an apparent decline in the sending of seaside postcards, it seems the days of exchanging traditional Christmas Cards may also sadly numbered. The popularity and ease of social media messaging, coupled with the high cost of postage, has meant the customary card dropping through the letter box could soon be a thing of the past. One way to revive the flagging custom may be to introduce a half price seasonal postage stamp which could deliver cards within five days instead of one or two?

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The Famous Three

We have published each year details of the "famous three" from when they started at James Oglethorpe School. Please see below this new term update from them. Councillor Ron Ower

Lily Parkinson

In Year 8 I worked hard to get good grades and hope to carry this on in my next year. I hope to continue in the extra activities that I did whilst in year 8 and look forward to new challenges this year and I am



now starting to think about what subjects I would like to take for my GCSE's.

Oliver Loveday

I am looking forward to going into year 9 although not many changes from last year but I am looking forward to choosing my options at the end of the year.



William Brown

I really enjoyed Year 8 especially my language trip to Germany at the end of the year. I'm looking forward to year 9 and will soon be starting to think about what options I am going to take for my GCSEs.



Upminster Art Society

The Society will be holding an exhibition of members work at Upminster Library from Monday 20th November to Saturday 2nd December. Paintings will be for

sale.

Our Society also has vacancies for new members. We are a very friendly group who meet at Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens on Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 10pm. If you are interested in joining please call Terry on 01708 532967.

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 - Tuesday - Oglethorpe Women's Institute "An Evening of Colour" - join us for a couple of hours to relax. Bring some colouring pencils if you have them, or we can supply some. Our meetings are held at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, RM14 1XL on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.45 pm. Contact Secretary Mrs. E. Bell on 01708 251161 or just come along on the evening.
 - Wednesday - Nelves 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.
 - 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.
- Friday - RSPB Havering Local Group Indoor Meeting - An illustrated talk 'Wildlife Down Under' by Chris Ward. Doors open at 7:30pm, meeting commences at 7:45pm and ends at 9:45pm Admission; £3.00 per person. All meetings take place upstairs in the Meeting Room at Hornchurch Library, Hornchurch.
 - Sunday - OASIS - A 'disability-friendly' meeting for adults at Cranham Baptist Church, Severn Drive. A traditional Sunday Service is not for everyone! Oasis meetings are accessible, friendly and informal. If you are interested in coming please contact the Oasis Team on: 01708 223551 or 07714 853545.
 - Monday - Havering Branch Essex Wildlife Trust Meetings are held in the 1st floor meeting room in Hornchurch Library from 8.00 pm to 9.45 pm. An illustrated talk given by Ian Mercer - A geologist - "Essex through the deep" plus he will bring some rock samples. 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.
 - Tuesday - Upminster and District Horticultural Society - Are you interested in gardening? Whether you are a new or not so new gardener why not come along to the lectures run by The Upminster and District Horticultural Society at the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster. Lectures are from 7.45pm until 9.45pm. Say it with Poison - Russell Bowes. Admission is normally free to members and £2 to non-members.
 - Tuesday - NADFAS (Havering) welcomes Dr Janet Robson with a Christmas talk 'Will the real Santa Claus please stand up!'. Lecture 10.45am Coffee from 10.00am. Visitors welcome at £8. Meetings are held at The New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster RM14 2QH. Further details of forthcoming lectures and events can be found at www.haveringdfas.org.uk
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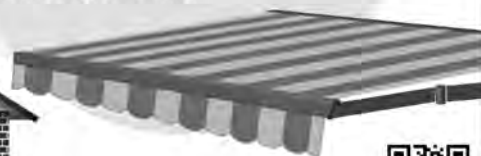
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- 17 Friday - Havering Antique and Collectors Club meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood. Mr Paul Atterbury from BBC Antiques Road Show - The Great Exhibition. Starting at 7.30 pm for 8 pm start. Guests £7. For further details please call our Chairman Mrs Chris Lovett 07947 367258.
- 21 Tuesday - Upminster U3A John Pearson, "Blessed are the Cheesemakers". University of the Third Age - meets at 1pm on the third Tuesday monthly in the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster. Doors open at 12.30pm. For further information about membership and current interest groups, come along to a meeting for free or check out our website www.u3asites.org.uk/upminster.
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- 28 Tuesday - Upminster Camera Club - Gary Ayton "Forensic Photography". Cranham Community Association, 115a Marlborough Gardens, Upminster, RM14 1SR. 7.45pm. www.upminstercameraclub.org.uk
- 29 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.
- 29 Wednesday - Upminster and District Probus Club meet at The Cranleigh, 84 Station Road, Hornchurch, RM12 6LX. Leonard Taphouse "Oh What Fun it is to be a Lecturer". Contact Barry on 01708 703783 and leave a message or send an email secretary@upminsterprobus.com.

DECEMBER

- 1 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. Our September speaker is Author Ruth Dugall. Visitors welcome entrance is £2.50, which includes refreshments. For more details please ring Joanne on 0787 5670419.
- 2 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. The talk is 'Contemporary Costumes on Glass' with Chris Parkinson. The Internet & Technology Group meet at the same venue 11am - 1pm. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.
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- 5 Tuesday - Oglethorpe Women's Institute Christmas Celebration. Members only for this meeting. Our meetings are held at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, RM14 1XL on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.45 pm. Contact Secretary Mrs. E. Bell on 01708 251161.



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Abigail's Column

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do not fit my above description there are young people, employed people and a lot of women. People find themselves homeless for all sorts of reasons, relationship breakups, financial reasons, mental health issues, business collapses, loss of job and

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so on.

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Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

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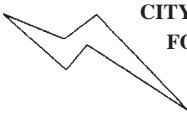
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