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Pond Walk Restoration



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The residents of Pond Walk and adjacent houses in Front Lane have always taken a keen interest in the welfare of the pond with hard work and financial contributions. We are grateful to the Residents' Association for their assistance with funding over the years. But when the large willow tree fell down in late June we all felt that the work involved could well prove to be beyond us.

Thankfully the Council came to our rescue by removing the fallen tree and others likely to come down. We would also wish to thank Councillor Ron Ower for chasing the Council to repair the pipe which feeds rainwater into the pond.

We look forward to seeing further work progress

which we anticipate will include tidying up and painting the railings and some landscaping.

Bob Orriss

M25 Brentwood Junction Works



The Highways Agency have announced the preferred route for the proposed junction improvement works at junction 28 (Brentwood) of the M25. A public consultation ran from November 2016 to January 2017 and attracted 228 responses. Of the suggested schemes, option 5F was supported by 49% of respondents, with option 5B (17%) and option 5C (12%) some way behind. Option 5F effectively means a second lane on the new loop road around the junction. A second consultation will take place early in 2018, where stakeholders will be able to comment on the detailed design of the scheme. A full copy of the Public Consultation Report can be viewed at www.highways.gov.uk/m25j28.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Christmas Lights

Delighted to inform you that Upminster's Christmas Lights switch-on will be at 5.15pm on Thursday 23rd November. The Christmas Event will be from 4pm to 6pm in the Town Centre as usual. Father Christmas will be in attendance, Stalls etc. Please keep a note in your diary. Further details next month.

Police Station Closures

Radical plans put forward by the Mayor of London to close Hornchurch and Rainham Police Stations, along with eight Safer Neighbourhood Police Offices, including our Upminster, Corbets Tey branch, have been published. Given the poor response times associated with the current tri-borough policing scheme, the proposed closures signify a fundamental shift in policing strategy and very much risk undermining the safety of our residents and businesses. I would urge residents to respond to the consultation, either on-line or in writing to lodge your concerns. The consultation can be viewed at <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/mopac-consultations/share-your-views-accessing-met> or by email to Consultation@mopac.london.gov.uk. The consultation concludes on October 6th. We shall keep you advised on this important matter.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Wantz Bridge



The footpath under this bridge, at the junction of Front Lane and St Mary's Lane, is very narrow and weeds grow through the fence from the railway. I have checked and had confirmation this is Council Land, and not the railway's land which is a surprise. From time to time I believe a local resident has cleared this. As it is Council land they should be clearing it - I will make certain that this is done.

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All Saints Church

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Concert by CDOT (Churches Drama and Opera in Thurrock Choir) is giving a concert in All Saints Church on Saturday 11th November at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8 and include light refreshments. Contact Helene on 01708 225629.

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.

Oasis Thank You

Oasis is a disability friendly group at Cranham Baptist Church. In August, the Oasis members had a coach outing to Tropical Wings Zoo, South Woodham Ferrers. Thank you to The Upminster and Cranham

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Residents' Association for the generous donation which enabled us to have an enjoyable day out. Many thanks from everyone at Oasis! Daisy Harrison 01708 223551.

Tasty Bites

To celebrate being open for twenty years, Upminster's first Indian, Indonesian and Vegetarian take away Tasty Bites in Corbets Tey Road gave away raffle tickets during July to customers. Three tickets were chosen with the winners receiving discount vouchers at Tasty Bites for £30, £20 and £15. Tasty Bites were one of the first local take away and first also to introduce a delivery service. Please see their ad on the front page for contact details.

Upminster Ceilidh

Ceilidh with live band on Saturday 14th October at St Laurence Church, Main Hall, Upminster. Doors open at 7 for 7.30 pm. Carriages at 10.30 pm. Drinks and nibbles from a licensed bar. £10 per person. Contact the Parish Office on 01708 220696 or parish.office@upminsterparish.co.uk

With Thanks

Terry, Steve, Jeff and Clare would like to thank friends, family and neighbours for their support and kindness at the passing of Phyllis. The immediate and continuing support is greatly appreciated and a comfort to us all. The funeral collection of £619 was donated to St Francis Hospice and the family are grateful to all who donated in her memory.

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In July the groups that use the building on week days stopped for their summer break. Sunday worship services had to be put on hold. The contractors moved in and the building project began in earnest. In September we all moved back into a transformed building.

Anyone passing by during the summer will have seen it changing on the outside. Now there is an opportunity for everyone to see the changes on the inside. You, your friends and neighbours are invited to come in, enjoy some refreshments and have a good look round. Everyone is very, very welcome. Moor Lane Church is the last building on the right hand side of Moor Lane, Cranham, as you travel up from the shops. The 346 bus will stop outside. We look forward to seeing you.

There are only three of the old red telephone boxes left in Havering, one in Rainham Village, one actually inside Upminster Bridge Station, and our own one, outside the Clockhouse Flats, St. Mary's Lane. None of these are now used very much due to the majority of homes having a telephone and the vast majority of the population owning a mobile telephone. A new use would be good for them so any ideas, please let me know. A number have been converted for cash machines, a number are in use for community use as mini libraries where residents leave and collect unwanted books and I must say with very little vandalism. My contact details are on page 22. Drop me a line.

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Green Plots Enhance Area

We are fortunate that Upminster and Cranham is often defined by its relative abundance of green space, and this is something we always strive to protect. Looking around the area there are a surprising number of small beds at corners of roads and lay-bys which add to the 'green' nature of our area. For example, a small plot at the junction of Ingrebourn Gardens and Eversleigh Gardens which we recently arranged to be refreshed and now enhances the appearance of the area. If there are any areas you would like to see improved, please let any of your Upminster or Cranham councillors know.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Swan Books is 80!

Swan Books, situated in Corbets Tey Road opposite Upminster Library, celebrates its 80th Anniversary this year. When the shop first opened in 1937, it was not only a bookseller and lending library, but also held lessons in 'office skills' at the back of the shop. The unit changed hands in the early 50s and became just a bookshop and lending library, the latter ceasing when the outlet changed hands again in the early 60s. For the last 30 years, the independent bookshop has been managed by Jeremy Scott. According to the Booksellers Association's annual membership figures, the number of independent book shops in the UK has almost halved in the last 11 years, from 1,535 in 2005 to 867 this year. Swan Books is a great example of how independent shops add to the diversity, character and heritage of Upminster and we look forward to the 90th Anniversary!

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On **Saturday 28th October** the month ends with our popular annual Spooky Walks through the Forest. Are you brave enough to step into the night and take a spine tingling walk through the trees? Admission by ticket only. More information on website. www.thameschase.org.uk

Also at the Centre- **Sunday 1st October** from 10am- join the Forest Centre conservation group and help to manage the grounds of our busy Centre and the newly renovated community tree nursery.

Friday 13th October - enjoy an apply Cream tea whilst listening to the sound of live music between 2.30 and 4.30pm. An

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Friday 27th October - Guided Walk to Dagnam Park (The Manor) from 10am. Enjoy a walk in an historic part of Havering and learn about its history. Meet in the car park to Central Park, off Petersfield Avenue.

To sustain all these activities and continue our work in the Forest we need volunteers. If you would like to join one of our teams, please contact: enquiries@thameschase.org.uk or ring 01708 642970.

Fly tipping

Together with our Residents' Councillors we have been reporting on a number of occasions where there has been fly tipping of lorry loads of waste around the area in the various country lanes. The Council are taking action.

We have also reported sadly that black bags etc are regularly being



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dumped in the shopping centre and we have continuously chased the Council to take action. With regards to the black

bags, the council are checking contents and investigating links to addresses which have resulted in a further prosecution.

Chris Wilkins

A Guide to Bonfires

Bonfires can be a bone of contention between residents as what is reasonable and what is excessive. The government have produced useful guidance on bonfires, safety and the law which provides helpful tips and seeks to clarify the legal position [<https://www.gov.uk/garden-bonfires-rules>]. However, there aren't any specific laws against having a bonfire nor at what time, but there are several laws that deal with the nuisance bonfires

can cause. It is an offence to get rid of domestic waste in a way likely to cause pollution or harm to human health, including burning it. Burning plastic, rubber or painted materials creates poisonous fumes and can have damaging health effects for people who have asthmatic or heart conditions. Most bonfires are relatively infrequent and cause little concern. However, for a bonfire to be considered a nuisance, it needs to be a regular occurrence and to seriously interfere with your well-being. If the bonfire is only occasional, eg a couple of times a year, it's unlikely to be considered a nuisance in law. If the Council considers a bonfire to be a nuisance, it can issue an 'abatement notice'.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Local Plan Thoughts

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

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John Tyler

Quids in

As from 15th October, the old £1 coin ceases to be legal tender, being replaced by the new 12-

sided version. However, most banks and Post Office counters will continue to accept them from customers. The new coin has a string of anti-counterfeiting details, including material inside the coin itself which can be detected when electronically scanned by coin-counting or payment machines. Other security measures include an image that works like a hologram and micro-sized lettering inside both rims. Approximately 1.5 billion new £1 coins have entered circulation - about 23 per person. Old £1 coins will be melted down to make new ones.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Dancing for Charity

The Pinney Talfourd Charity Committee are organising a truly unique fundraising event for their charity of the year SNAP (Special Needs and Parents). A group of family lawyers have pledged to dance for a full 24 hours starting at 12 noon on Saturday 21st October and finishing at 12 noon on Sunday 22nd October at their Upminster office - not taking shifts or nap breaks. Members of staff,

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Working Together in the Local Community

The Upminster Camera Club accepted an invitation from the Upminster group of Essex Boot Camps to join them at one of their sessions in Upminster Park, on a Sunday morning, to capture the action and illustrate the

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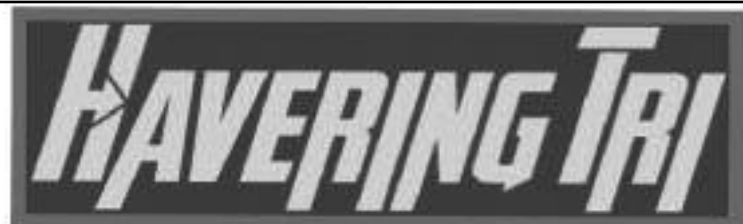
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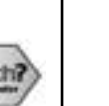
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- 8 Sunday - **Indoor Table Top Sale** - Coopers' Company & Coborn School, St Mary's Lane, Upminster, RM14 3HS. Buyer doors open 9am 50p entrance for adults until 10:30. Sellers call 07508135449 to books or email bootsales@cooperscoborn.co.uk
- 9 Monday - **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. Robert Adam a landscape gardener on "The Importance of Wildlife in our gardens". 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.
- 10 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. Horticulture at Corbets Tey School - Sarah Young and Daffodils - Reg Harris This is our charity evening the entrance fee is £3. Admission is normally free to members and £2 to non-members.
- 10 Tuesday - **NADFAS (Havering)** welcomes Ms Lydia Bauman with a talk entitled 'Painting the Modern Garden - Monet to Matisse'. 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
- 11 Wednesday - **Nelmes Women's Institute** meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month and welcome new members of all ages. Meetings are held at Nelmes United Reformed Church Hall (corner of Nelmes Road and Burntwood Avenue, Hornchurch, RM11 3JA). Meetings start at 2 pm promptly. Please contact Ruth McDougall on 01708 448431 or Ruth.wellwisher@gmail.com for further details.
- 12 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.
- 13 Friday - **RSPB Havering Local Group** Indoor Meeting - British Wildlife, Near and Far British Wildlife, Near and Far, an illustrated talk presented by Liz Cutting. Featuring, a mix of local wildlife and wildlife from regions of Scotland and elsewhere in the UK. 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.
- 17 Tuesday - **Upminster Camera Club** - TOM MASON "Owls of Serbia + Seals & Bears". Cranham Community Association, 115a Marlborough Gardens, Upminster, RM14 1SR. 7.45pm. www.upminstercameraclub.org.uk
- 17 Tuesday - **Upminster U3A** Jo Livingstone, "Old Corners of London". 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

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- 17 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.
- 18 Wednesday - **Hornchurch Harmonies W.I.**, meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month (except August) between 7.30pm - 9.45pm at Havering Indoor Bowls Club RM11 1JU. Visitors fee £3.50 includes tea and cake.
- 19 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.
- 20 Friday - **Havering Antique and Collectors Club** meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood. Mr Chris White - Art of WW1 and WW2. Starting at 7.30 pm for 8 pm start. Guests £4. For further details please call our Chairman Mrs Chris Lovett 07947 367258.
- 25 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.
- 25 Wednesday - **Upminster and District Probud 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@upminsterprobud.com.
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- 7 Tuesday - **Oglethorpe Women's Institute** 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.
- 4 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 Dugdall. Visitors welcome entrance is £2.50, which includes refreshments. For more details please ring Joanne on 0787 5670419.
- 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 'Essex a Diocese, Chelmsford a Cathedral. How on Earth!' (A fascinating story of how it did happen) with Tony Tuckwell. 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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Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Abigail's Column



With all the talk of closing shops, it is nice to see two new additions to Upminster appearing over this

summer. Firstly, Friends of Upminster Park have installed some fantastic new play equipment brought with fundraised money. So, let's all please make use and take care of it. Secondly, Upminster windmill visitors centre has now opened. The windmill itself is still

undergoing renovations but the centre is ready for action and well worth a look.

What these two projects show us is how many people give up their time to make Upminster a nicer place. There are so many people volunteering to raise money and keep places up and running, often with little thanks or recognition. Without these people, our town would be a very different place. There are many volunteering opportunities from tree planting, reading partners, befriending, shop work and fundraising. There are no age limits young, old and in between so no excuses. Volunteering is a great way to meet people and feel a part of the community. If you know a volunteer who deserves a shout out let me know.

Front Garden Walls

Please see below a message the *Bulletin* has received: "Are you one of the lucky people in Upminster who owns a higgledy piggledy front garden wall? Did you know that you are therefore, a custodian of an important part of our industrial heritage? In 1774 a brick kiln was built in Cranham (45ft in diameter at the base 10ft at the summit and 70ft high) It was peculiarly adapted for brick,

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tile and pipe manufacture. At the beginning of the boom in building in Upminster in the 1920s and 30s our enterprising builders recycled the bricks from the kilns and so Upminster has these very distinctive walls, with tiles, burnt bricks and fragments of pipes. As more residents need to park on their front gardens, I would hope that once again this 'rubble' could find a use and not end up in a skip

Christmas Tree Festival 2017

The Christmas Tree festival will be held in Upminster Methodist Church from Saturday 2nd December to Sunday 10th December. If you would like more information about decorating or sponsoring a tree or the Christmas market on Saturday 2nd December, please contact the

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Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

New Pedestrian Refuge

I am pleased to report that a pedestrian refuge will be installed

in Ockendon Road, Corbets Tey Village between the shops and the junction of Sunnings Lane. I have been pushing for this as this is a busy road and residents of Sunnings Lane need to cross it to visit their local shops. With the help of the Corbets Tey Regeneration Group, of which I am secretary, several improvements are being considered for the village. We will keep residents informed.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

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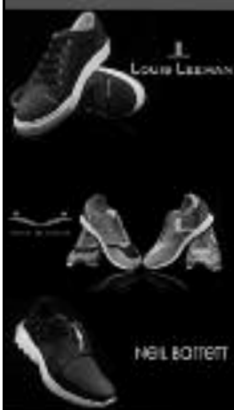
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