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Meeting the Challenge



Despite a change in Prime Minister and a vote to leave the EU, funding for our Council has got no better and the financial challenges ahead will mean making tough decisions. For example;

- Havering grant reduces from £31m this year to £1.4m in 2019/20 (96% cut)
- Public Health budgets reduced
- New Homes Bonus cut from £7m to £4.3m
- Levy to dispose of waste set to increase from £13m
- Increasing pressures to deliver social care services to Children
- Escalating Housing Costs

As readers may recall, the government introduced a 2% levy on council tax to support Adult Social Care, but additional funding to meet the above mentioned pressures will have to be made through even further savings or an increase in rates. Our objective is, as ever, to put the interests of residents first and foremost and we shall do all we possibly can to maintain vital frontline services while pegging back Council Tax increases to an absolute minimum.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT



Trains at Uppminster Station

I have for quite some time now been chasing Network Rail and C2C about the trains on platform 2 stopping half way down the platform - people who were not aware of this used to stand near the stairs, and then had to hurry down for the train - not easy for the elderly or those with young children. I am pleased to say that mirrors have at last been installed, so that the driver can see the whole of the train, and they are now all stopping by the stairs.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

Brunswick Court



Havering Council have been undertaking a review on the housing it provides for older people and the demand that will be needed over the next 30 years. The borough currently has 800 units of sheltered housing across 19 sites in the borough. Brunswick Court in

Cranham, was one scheme that was being considered for closure due to the unpopular small bedsits and lack of lifts. Cranham councillors met with Officers and the Cabinet Member, to highlight the need for provision in the East of the borough and for a needs assessment to be carried out in the area. Residents were also active in delivering a petition against closure. I can now confirm that extra care provision, including dementia will be retained and developed at Brunswick Court. The proposal is for the site to be re-developed in approximately 5-7 years' time. The council is supporting residents and families through this process and Councillors will continue to monitor the scheme as things progress.

Cllr GILLIAN FORD

The Bulletin - Can You Help?

We are very fortunate and grateful to have an army of volunteers who deliver the *Bulletin* to thousands of households right across our area. However, we desperately need volunteers in the Cranham area to help by delivering to 5 or 6 of deliverers each month and for deliverers in general. If you can help, please call 01708 225472 or 07863 116029 for an informal chat.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Beware Council Tax Fraudsters

Fraudsters are targeting people in the local area with a cruel council tax scam that could cost residents their life savings. The people behind the scam are ringing residents and telling them that they have paid too much council tax. The good news, they say, is that they can reclaim the cash for a small fee.

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But then the tricksters ask unwitting householders for their bank details so they can have the tax repaid into their accounts. Once armed with the details, the criminals can raid bank accounts for savings. I would urge anyone receiving such a call not to disclose personal or financial information - and never accept cold callers' claims about your council tax band.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Christmas Lights

We are delighted to inform you that the switching on of the Christmas Lights will take place on Thursday 24th November. In the past these have been great nights especially for the children. Further details next month.

Abigail's Column

Painting our Town

Did you even know there was a tunnel between Howard Road and Deyncourt Gardens? I didn't until local schools were given the chance to paint it. The



tunnel looks amazing and I can only imagine what it was like before as well as

how it would have felt walking through it. Many local primary and secondary schools have worked really hard to design and paint the tunnel; they have done a great job of cheering this little bit of Upminster up. It is certainly worth going to have a look. I am sure that there must be other places in the area that could use such a project and it is nice to see schools working with local communities to make our streets nicer places to be. Let me know if you can think of any other good ideas. Just a note though please respect the hard work that has gone into the tunnel look but don't touch. Also it is illegal to paint without permission so please don't start your own street art project.

Speeding Update



I joined the police recently on a speed gun exercise in Upminster. Corbets Tey, South View Drive and St. Mary's Lane close to

Coopers School were checked. Over a total period of 2 hours, some 45 cars were observed with 9 vehicles being stopped by police and verbal warnings given. Those receiving warnings will be followed up with a letter and this will be kept on record and be added to any further warnings given. The average speed for those stopped was 37 MPH in a 30 MPH zone. It was again disappointing that drivers stopped were in the main local, one stopped in Corbets Tey Road lived in that road. Speed checks will continue.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENNE

Public Space Protection Orders

Following concern for the safety of primary school pupils from inconsiderate and dangerous parking close to a number of schools in Havering, the Council has been consulting on the introduction of PSPOs. This will mean that between the hours of 8am and 9.30am and from 2.30pm to 4.00pm dropping off and picking up pupils will be prohibited in signed areas around both Engayne and James Oglethorpe Schools. Enforcement is undertaken by CCTV and will only focus on drop-offs/pick-ups in the specified areas. All other activity (eg residents, visitors, deliveries, emergency services, etc) would not be subject to enforcement action. The current date for implementation of this scheme in our two schools is 28th November, with warning notices being issue from 14th November. Anyone ignoring these restrictions will be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice. Any queries on the scheme should be addressed to School-pspo@haverling.gov.uk

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Fireworks Display

The Upminster Junior School PA and Upminster Infant School PTA Annual Firework Display will be taking place on the school field on Saturday 5th November. Display starts at 6:30pm with the gates opening at 5:30pm. Entry is at the entrance accessed via the road by the Crumpled Horn pub. There will be refreshments and a barbecue. Tickets will be on sale during the week starting 31st October from the Junior School office or after school in the playground, priced at £6 for adults and £4 for children. Tickets are also on sale on Saturday 5th outside the school entrance next to Superdrug or on the gate from 5:30pm and the price on the day is £7 for adults and £5 for children. Please do try and get your tickets early to avoid any upset. Any questions or for ticket information please contact Sarah Horne on info@ujspa.org.uk

Upminster Art Society

Members of the Upminster Art Society will be exhibiting

members' work at two exhibitions. The first is at the RSPB visitor centre New Tank Hill Road, Purfleet, RM19 1SZ. The exhibition runs from Sunday 2nd to Saturday 8th October. The Second is an exhibition and sale of paintings by Janet and Terry Doyle at Upminster Library from Monday 24th October to Saturday 5th November. Contact 01708 532967.

Well Done



Our congratulations go out to all local students another year with fantastic examination results.

Well done, amongst them were some superb results. Anyone stating work or going to University good luck. If you are away from the area and wish to stay in touch our web site is ucra.co.uk

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Lunchtime Recitals

Thursday Lunchtime Recitals at St Laurence Church, Corbets Tey Road, Upminster 1.05pm-1.50pm. Free admission - retiring collection.

- Oct 6th Richard Brasier, organ
- Oct 13th Tiago Gomes de Matos, guitar
- Oct 20th Laurence Lyndon Jones, organ
- Oct 27th Philip Simpson, tenor
- Nov 3rd Andrew Cantrill, organ
- Nov 10th Icaria duo, flute and harp

346 Bus Route

The operator of the 346 Bus route changes from Arriva London to Blue Triangle as from 1st October. There are no route changes planned.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Art Class

Art Classes on Tuesdays between 1p.m. to 3p.m are being offered in Corbets Tey. The class is on

watercolour painting and is a small group of 15 members, meeting each week to paint. As of September there are a few new spaces and we would welcome some new members, beginners welcome. Please contact Hazel on 01708 222051.

Bah Humbug!

Cranham's own award winning, **Oglethorpe Players**, are rehearsing Charles Dicken's epic - 'A Christmas Carol'. The production is to be presented at the All Saints Vestry Hall in Cranham. A fantastic venue for this yuletide tale, as the beautiful, hilltop church and grounds are very evocative of the Dickensian period. The Players excel in these period pieces with the aim being to leave everyone with a warm festive glow. Performances - Friday 9th December at 8pm, Saturday 10th at 2:30pm and 7:30pm. Box Office 01708 221923. More details to follow, or then again, HUMBUG!!!

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City Airport Update

The Government has given approval for the expansion of London City Airport which will increase terminal capacity and mean larger planes can use the airport. Havering objected to this but our objections were ignored. There is no increase in the number of flights expected to use the airport, however the changes to flight paths introduced recently has had the effect of concentrating flights over parts of Havering. This means more noise for some residents. City Airport's refusal to engage with residents on these changes has been disappointing although the Council continues to seek discussions with the airport operators. The Airport operators are required to submit its review of flight path changes to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) by February 2017. I would encourage those affected by these changes to send objections to the CAA aree@caa.co.uk or direct to City Airport, James Shearman at environment@londoncityairport.com

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

A Huge Thank You



Many thanks to Clarence for the article in the August *Bulletin* and the many messages thanking me for the work put in as *The Bulletin*

Editor. I said I would do it for a year, but went on for 26 years! During that time we have gone from four pages to the current 24 pages, from 6,000 copies to over 19,500 copies. A recent survey showed we have over 40,000 readers - I am delighted and very proud that the *Bulletin* is widely regarded as The Voice of the Community. I am also very proud of the assistance *The Bulletin* has given to our community, highlighting many local problems and, of course, featuring many local organisations - a number of whom started up through *The Bulletin*.

I am delighted that Bruce Nicholls has come on board to edit *The Bulletin*. I am still involved assisting with advertising, so if you or someone you know wishes to advertise please get in touch. With Bruce in the editor's chair, this has freed up time for me to work on a number of projects as one of your Residents' Association Councillors. Havering Council is facing a number of challenges over the next few years, especially regarding its finance. My Cabinet colleague Clarence Barrett has written extensively on this. It has been a pleasure to have been the editor of *The Bulletin* and to serve the community.

Cllr RON OWER

Thames Chase

Having secured a long term lease on the majority of the Forest Centre, the Thames Chase Trust is now seeking caterers to provide catering for the on-site cafe and the many activities and events held at the Centre throughout the year. For more information,

please visit our website www.thameschase.org.uk The autumn is a very busy time for the Forest Centre with our events throughout October including our annual Apple Weekend and Spooky Walks.

Friday 7th October -

Discovering Thames Chase coffee morning from 10.30am. Learn about the regeneration of the Beam Valley and then enjoy a guided walk on **Friday 28th October**.

Sunday 9th October - apple gathering at Broadfields from 11am. Bring your own basket.

Friday 14th October - cream tea with an apple theme 2.30-4.30pm (Booking essential)

Saturday 15th /Sunday 16th **October** - Apple Weekend with locally grown English apples to taste and buy, country craft stalls and demonstrations and children's activities from 10am-4pm each day.

Saturday 22nd October - Spooky make-up workshop 12noon - 2pm Cost £3.50

Monday 24th October - Grand opening of the new Tree Nursery.

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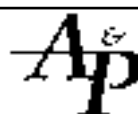
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stroll before sampling some real
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pubs.
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page 22 for booking details.

Towers Cinema Hornchurch

Laurance Garrard from our
Emerson Park Residents Team
reported in the August *Bulletin*,
that the former Mecca Bingo Hall
in Hornchurch which had been
purchased by Lidl's supermarket
chain, had submitted a planning
application to demolish it, and
build a new store there. We were
concerned as the Hall, originally
the Towers Cinema, is an iconic
building in Hornchurch, and
although not rare nationally, it is
in this area, with its art deco
design, and is held with affection
by many people locally. Lidl's
were asked to come back to the
planning committee, with actual
plans for their new store, and to
see if the façade of the building

could be saved by incorporating it
in with the plans.

Unfortunately, when they
returned the plans were the same
- just to demolish the old
building, and it did not appear
that much consideration had
been put into our request -
despite this, the committee
agreed to let the building be
demolished, I was the only
member who thought that Lidl's
should be asked to consider our
original request.

I am grateful to Hornchurch
Residents Councillor John Mylod
who also came along and spoke
up for the saving of the old
building.

And so we lose another iconic
building in Havering, nothing
against supermarkets, but we
must also consider our heritage

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

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Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

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Plastic Bag Bonus

An 85 per cent reduction in the use of plastic bags since the introduction of the 5p charge six months ago is great news for the environment. An added bonus is that good causes are set to benefit from the £29 million so far raised through the charge. However, this could be further improved by making the 5p charge non-vatable, thereby releasing an additional £11 million annually to worthy charitable causes, and ending the exemption for outlets (eg card shops) who issue bags with no handles.

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Ashvale Gardens Allotments

Ashvale Gardens Allotments, at the side of Oglethorpe school, have a few spare plots if anyone is interested in growing their own fruit & veg and at the same time keeping fit. We are a small friendly bunch and new members are very welcome. Contact Mike Willcocks on 01708 501505.

Friends of Upminster Mini Golf Quiz Night

The 'Friends of Upminster Mini Golf' will be holding a Quiz Night on Monday 10th October (7pm for 7.30pm start) at the Crumpled Horn, Upminster. The Group are raising funds to refurbish the hut and crazy golf, so why not come along and have a fun evening! There will be a raffle and bar, just bring your own snacks. Tables of 4, 6 or 8. £5 per person. Contact: Bernice Scott Phone: 01708 640167 or Email: upminigolf@virginmedia.com.

Adventure Island Wristbands

Hornchurch District Scouts (charity no.303699) are selling Adventure Island wristbands at discounted prices. Big Adventure bands (over 1.2m tall) are £15 each and Junior/Mini Adventure bands (under 1.2m tall) are £12 each. Also available, Southend Sea-life Adventure tickets Adult/Child £3 each and new for 2016, Adventure Island Golf tickets just £3 each, for 18 holes. Wristbands expire November 2016 and are available to purchase now, for any day the park is open. To purchase, just call/ text Debbie on 07805612706 or Louisa on 07498575296. Please allow up to 24 hours from ordering to collection.

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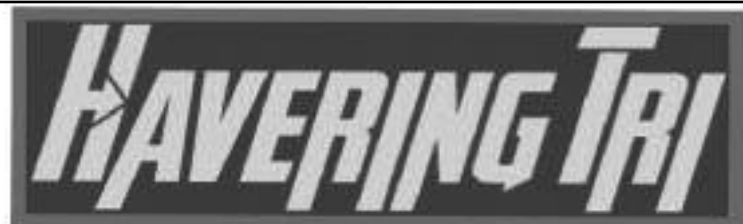
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To book a place on any of the above talks or events please call Gemma Smith on 01708 642919 or email gsmith@mary.havering.sch.uk

Jazz Evening

The Rotary club of Hornchurch and Upminster will be holding its annual jazz evening on Saturday October the 22nd from 8pm at the Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens, Upminster, RM14 1SR. An evening of traditional jazz will be provided by the six-piece group the Downhome Jazz Band. Tickets are £15, which include a fish/chicken and chips supper, can be obtained from Jim Haines telephone 226717 or Brian Taffs telephone 250855. Please bring your own drinks.

Green Waste Bags

The old plastic sack service provided residents with a way of getting rid of garden waste, but was not sustainable. The use of plastic sacks meant that the

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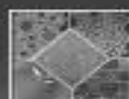
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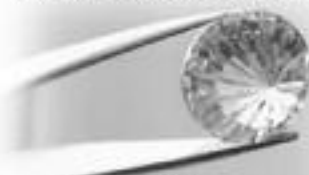
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Solar Farm

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Inspectorate and following written public inquiry, planning permission was given by The Planning Inspector. Ironically, a similar application in Clay Tye Road was refused at a similar inquiry.

Romford Model Railway

Please note weather permitting the Romford Model Railway will be open again on 8th October from 2pm to 4 pm. At Ardleigh House Community Centre, Ardleigh Green Road, Hornchurch RM11 2LL. Go and enjoy rides on their Steam and Electric Trains. The Railway is in a really nice setting.

Upminster Wine & Social Club

Upminster Wine and Social Club are holding their Christmas Dance on Saturday 26th November at The New Windmill Hall, Upminster. A Special Christmas Buffet will be served at 8.00 o'clock followed by dancing to the music of RD. Tickets are £15 available from Vic Bramwell on 01708 470465.

Exhibition of Paintings

There will be an exhibition of portfolio paintings and drawings by June Preston at Upminster Library on 26th September until 8th October. Come and see.

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Exhibition of Paintings

Janet and Terry Doyle will be holding an exhibition and sale of

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- 4 Tuesday - **Oglethorpe Women's Institute** have Guest Speaker Bob Begley who will give a talk on **"The Great Storm"**. Our meetings are held at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, RM14 1XL at 7.45 pm. Visitors are welcome.
- 5 Wednesday - **Harold Wood Evening W.I** meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Visitors are always welcome. We request a suggested donation of £2.50 towards running costs and refreshments. This month there will be a talk by specialist nurses on breast awareness. The evening will have a pink theme. For further details please call Jeanne on 0787 5670419. We meet at the War Memorial Hall in Gubbins Lane, 7.30 pm for 7.45 pm.
- 5 Wednesday - **Music Evening** at Hornchurch Library. **Musical Portraits and Biographies** presented by George Saddington. A potpourri of entertaining music that will please a wide variety of musical tastes. Meetings held in the 1st Floor Main Meeting Room and admission is FREE but we do ask for a nominal Donation to cover interval refreshments. No need to book in advance - just turn up in good time on the night. Start 7.30 pm and end at 9.30 pm. For more details call Stephen on 01708 470670 or email sraindle@aol.com
- 8 Saturday - **Quiz Night** in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association at 7 pm for 7.30 pm start, in the Main Hall at St. Laurence Church, Corbets Tey Road, Upminster, RM14 2BB. £6 per person - tables of 8. Bring your own nibbles and drinks. Tickets available from 01708 250786.
- 10 Monday - **Havering Essex Wildlife Trust** have a talk by Charlotte Bradley on **Abberton Reservoir**: a Reserve near Colchester, it is a wetland site of International importance for wildfowl, up to 40,000 ducks, swans and geese visit each year. Meetings are held on the 1st floor meeting room in Hornchurch Library 8 pm to 9.45 pm. Donation of £2.50 to help cover hall hire, includes tea, coffee and biscuits. Contact Secretary Joy Emerson on 01708 440297.
- 11 Tuesday - **NADFAS (Havering)** welcomes Mr Tim Schroder with a talk on **'English Church Silver - 500 years of change'**. Meetings are held at The New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster, RM14 2QH. Coffee from 10.00 am. Lectures 10.45 am. Visitors welcome at £8. For further information on the Society, future lectures and visits can be found at www.haveringdfas.org.uk.
- 11 Tuesday - **Upminster & District Horticultural Society have Essex Wildlife Trust - Ingrebourne Valley Visitor Centre - One Year On** by Becky Gibson. The talk will take place in the Ingrebourne Valley Visitor Centre from 7.45 pm to 9.45 pm. Doors open at 7.15 pm. Entrance is £3.00 for members and non-members as it is our Charity Evening.
- 14 Friday - **Coffee & Conversation** meet at Cranham Social Hall, Front Lane at 10.30 am, welcome back Singer Kevin James followed by Fish & Chips Lunch. Members £8 (visitors £9.50). Tickets from Gina on 01708 221429.
- 15 Saturday - **Coffee Morning**. Children's craft activity, home made cakes, hand made cards, mystery tombola, raffle, bargain corner, refreshments and more! Please join us from 10.30 am, until 12.30 pm in the Main Hall at St. Laurence Church, Corbets Tey Road, Upminster, RM14 2BB. Raising funds in aid of Healthcare in Tanzania.
- 18 Tuesday - **Cranham Engayne W.I.** welcomes new members and visitors. Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2 pm until 4 pm at the Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens, Cranham, RM14 1SR. Why not come along and join in the fun.
- 19 Wednesday - **Music Evening** at Hornchurch Library. Shakespeare on Record presented by Stephen Raindle. As part of the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Bard's death, the programme will show how Shakespeare's writings have been represented in music. Expect a wide variety of music ranging

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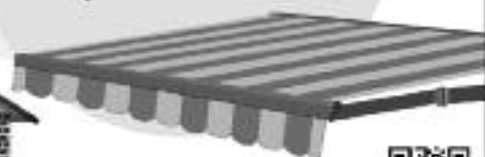
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19 Wednesday - **Upminster Floral Art Society.** Iris Shaw with a demonstration called 'Facets of My Life' Raffle, Tea and Coffee and Sales Table. Doors open at 7pm at the New Windmill Hall, Upminster. All enquiries to Margaret on 1708 481977.

20 Thursday - **Upminster Wine & Social Club.** We are a fun group with an interest in wine appreciation and enjoying many social events. We hold meetings every third Thursday of the month with a variety of speakers and a wine tasting. Meetings are held in the Cranham Social Hall, Front Lane, Cranham; start 8 pm. For more information contact Maureen Jasper on 01708 223956, or simply come along on the night.

21 Friday - **Haverling Antique Collectors Club** meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood. Speaker Judith Miller (Road Show) on 'Costume Jewellery'. 7.30 pm for 8 pm start. £7 guests. Contact Chairman Mrs Chris Lovett on 01708 221851 for further information.

26 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 222410.

29 Saturday - **Hornchurch and Upminster Sugar Craft** now meet at Fairkytes Art Centre, Billet Lane, Hornchurch. There will be a demonstration on 'Christmas Theme' by Sarah Murrel. Entry £6 includes Tea and Cake. 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm.

31 Monday - **Breathe Easy - Haverling** is a

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31 Monday - **Romford & District Historical Society** have Guest Speaker Dr Ian Browne on 'Tales from the Scaffold'. Venue is at myplace, 343 Dagnam Park Drive, Harold Hill, Romford, RM3 9EN. Access from 7.30 pm Meeting 8 pm to 9.30 pm.

NOVEMBER

1 Tuesday - **Oglethorpe Women's Institute** have a Members Evening where you tell us your stories! Our meetings are held at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, RM14 1XL at 7.45 pm. Visitors are welcome.

2 Wednesday - **Harold Wood Evening W.I** meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Visitors are always welcome. We request a suggested donation of £2.50 towards running costs and refreshments. For further details please call Jeanne on 0787 5670419. We meet at the War Memorial Hall in Gubbins Lane, 7.30 pm for 7.45 pm.

5 Saturday - **The Haverling Branch of the East of London Family History Society** hold meetings at Trinity Church, Station Road, Upminster RM14 2SJ doors open at 1pm meeting starts at 2pm. This month the Election of Branch Officers is followed by 'Brickmakers' with David Cufley. The Internet & Technology Group meet at the same venue 11am - 1pm where Election of Officers is followed by a talk to be arranged by Robert Parker. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.

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The inaugural meeting of Upminster's newest organisation, Upminster University of The Third Age, will be held at the Wesley Hall, Upminster Methodist Church, Hall Lane, Upminster on Tuesday, 18 October, starting at 12.30 pm. This meeting will mainly deal with membership and collecting subscriptions, as well as discussing the various interest groups we hope to set up. So please remember your cheque book. Upminster U3A's regular monthly meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month (except December). For further information please email info@upminsteru3a.org.uk or check our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/upminsteru3a/>.

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Elmer and the Snake Stories, songs and Craft
Tuesday 11th October. 10.30am
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Ride London

Hornchurch cycle club has 121 members which is amazing for a club which is only 2 years old. In 2015 the club cycled from Hornchurch to Paris for a local charity Look Essex and made over £5000 for the charity. At end of 2015 the club voted for a new charity partner and decided to raise funds for another local

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Spencer Littlechild - Chairman and Co-Founder

Can we Help Your Organisation?

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