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Speed Check on Local Roads



Over the past two months the police have conducted a number of speed checks on local roads. These include Corbets Tey Road towards Gaynes Park Road, Park Drive, Howard Road, Hall Lane, Front Lane and St. Mary's Lane. Overall a total of 19 warnings were issued by the police, mostly to local drivers. The times these checks have been made have varied to include school run times, as well as evenings. Clearly whilst police undertake this activity they wear High Viz jackets for safety and this does have a deterrent effect on drivers. These checks will continue at random and as a result it is hoped the roads in Upminster and Cranham will become safer.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

What's the Weather like?

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have rescheduled this talk from last month to October 8th (7.15pm) at the Cranham Community Centre (Room 5), Marlborough Gardens. All welcome!

Upminster Ward Speaker

Representatives from Pinney Talfourd Solicitors will be attending the Upminster ward meeting on 7th October to talk about Wills and Lasting Power of Attorney. These talks are very interesting and informative so please come along. Meeting takes place at St Josephs Hall, St. Mary's Lane.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

November Ward Meeting

We are very lucky to have the Thames Community Forest on our doorstep. Their Headquarters is at Broadfields Farm, Pike Lane, Cranham and we regularly publicise their events. We are delighted to inform you that Mary Wright from Thames Chase will be giving a presentation on their work at our Ward meeting on Wednesday 4th November 8pm at St Josephs Hall, St. Mary's Lane. This promises to be very interesting and you are all invited. The area that Thames Chase covers has grown enormously.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

Gaynes School

In my role as Chair of the Children & Learning Scrutiny Sub-Committee, I recently had the pleasure to visit Gaynes School Upminster, a school that is not standing still. Since 2013 a



number of renovations have taken place to improve the environment for the pupils, staff and families. Investment has been made to improve the front of the school including visitor space and signage. Small internal walls have been

removed, pathways upgraded and the school hall and stage decorated. The school Gym has also benefited from improvement with the floor being repaired and re-dressed, along with replacement flooring to the corridors and entrance. Pupil and staff toilets have been upgraded. But renovations will not be stopping there, as they are planning to make further improvements over the coming months including the creation of additional outdoor student space.

Cllr GILLIAN FORD

All Change for Post Box Collection Times

Collections to local post boxes have been brought forward (or put back, depending on your viewpoint) as part of an efficiency drive by the Post Office. Of the 115,000 post boxes across the country, 50,000 will move to an earlier collection time - typically between 9am and 3pm - with many of our local post boxes affected. The new system, which has been ushered in with little consultation, will see the mail picked up by post men/women during their rounds rather than by a collection van. Post boxes affected are those which collect less than 50 items a day or are within half a mile of late collection box. For more information call 03456 011399 or visit the Post Office website at royalmail.com.

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Double Yellow Lines Sunnyside Gardens

At last after many requests, the Council have extended the double yellow lines from the junction with St. Mary's Lane to outside No 2 Sunnyside Gardens. Unfortunately due to vehicles being parked there the day the lines were painted, they have a couple of gaps which the contractors will remedy soon. These lines will make access and egress from the garage safer and will avoid vehicles effectively blocking the road at the junction. If you have any comments about this please let me know.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

Linda's Walk

I am pleased to say I completed 111 kms of the Camino to Santiago de Compostela without too many aches and pains. My feet were fine but the old knees gave me some trouble. It was a good experience as it means I am now a 'Perrigrino' or Pilgrim and I have the certificate (Compostela)

written in Latin with my name on it to prove I have completed the walk. This requires you get stamps on 'the pilgrims passport' as you travel through different villages on the route. I have raised £1000 plus for First Step but if anyone wishes to sponsor me my charity page is www.justgiving.com/lindascamino.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

67 Corbets Tey Road

Further to the article in the August *Bulletin*. Kindly note the further planning application to build five dwellings at the rear of number 67 was unanimously rejected by the Council's Planning Committee.

Upminster Station

Over the years, we have liaised with the various rail authorities on improvements at Upminster Station. The service is recorded as the best in the country. One outstanding

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issue we have been working on is trains coming from London stopping half way down the platform. Please see the latest

news we have received from C2C Rail Company:

"We are well aware of the issue with the stopping location at Upminster station for coast-bound trains, particularly those which are eight carriages long. The current locations are used because they enable drivers to see the entire length of the train in the platform mirrors unencumbered by platform furniture.

These stopping points will be changed within the next year, and we hope that Upminster will be completed before the end of 2015. The current mirrors will be replaced with a system of cameras and monitors which, while more expensive, enables the train to be viewed from a stopping point which is more convenient for passengers.

This £3m route-wide project will be completed within the first 18 months of the new c2c franchise. I am sure you will remember the start of the new franchise was delayed by the Department for Transport until November last year.

With regards to safety, we have not had a customer accident reported at Upminster as a result of the stopping points of the trains since the autumn of 2012. Therefore while we are very keen to resolve this issue because we know it is improving the service for our customers, it is not causing day-to-day safety problems."

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

Upminster Junior School Fireworks

The Upminster Junior School PA and Upminster Infant School PTA Annual Firework Display will be taking place on the school field on Saturday 7th November. Display starts at 6:30pm with the gates opening at 5:30pm.

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Residents Parking Permits

Further to previous articles on parking, kindly note the Council's Highways Committee have agreed to consult on Resident Parking Permits for the roads affected by commuter parking, and also for the further introduction of yellow lines where there have been complaints.

Can we please, at this stage, just read and respond to the consultation, one way or the other - all too often residents ignore these letters. It is essential you give the Council your views. Your co-operation would be much appreciated.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

Cranham Over 50s Club

The club meets at the Cranham Social Hall, Front Lane, RM14 1XL, on Thursday afternoons. They have various artists each week who entertain and refreshments are free. For more information, please telephone Ron or Glad on 01708 640 283 or

Sadie on 0208 593 5625.
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Upminster Park

I am pleased to say that the play-site at Upminster Park was finished in time for the school holidays and was well received. The Play area has a wide range of play equipment for children of all ages.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

Bus Stop Improvements

Following on to my article in the August *Bulletin*, when I advised that the bus stops in St Mary's Lane were to be made "disabled friendly" thus making it a lot easier for anyone with mobility problems: mothers with buggies and those with shopping trolleys, etc., I am pleased to report that the two in Front Lane, from Wantz Bridge to the railway bridge, have also now received the go ahead. Also those in Ockendon Road - the two in the Corbets Tey village will be separated, to prevent incidents

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where two buses can arrive at the same time, thus blocking the road; the two by Church Lane will be up-graded, likewise others in Ockendon Road, and a new stop will be put outside the Stubbers Outdoor Pursuits Centre - all in all this will be an improvement for local residents.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

Events at Upminster Library

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Charity Sponsored Swim

Further to my article in the June *Bulletin*, I have recently completed 100 lengths at Clearview Sports Centre for charity. I have raised over £700 which will be matched by my employer, totalling £1,400. Funds raised are going to the charity STAND-BY-ME based in Hornchurch which help children in crisis all over the world, including the Nepal Earthquake Appeal. Many thanks for all your support and to those who sponsored me. Thank you.. www.standby.me/projects/swim-by-me

Christine Dawkins

Welcome Brad's

Brad's Barbers has opened at 42 Station Road, Upminster. They open every day and also have a hot towel and shave service. You can also follow them on Twitter @Bradsbarbers1.

Christmas Lights

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Bonfires a Bone of Contention?



It is interesting that the origins of the word 'bonfire' is believed to be derived from the Celtic custom of burning

the bones of the cattle which were slaughtered. In modern times, 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 [direct.gov.uk]. 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'. The Council have published further information at <https://www.havering.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Smoke-bonfire-problems.aspx>

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Havering Concert Orchestra

Havering Concert Orchestra, along with their leader, Jane-May



Cross (pictured) welcomes you to their concert on Saturday 21st November, 7.30pm Frances Bardsley Academy. Tickets £10

(on the door), £8 (advance). If you wish to become a member, a HCO Friend or attend a rehearsal/performance, find us on Facebook, follow us @hcoweb and see www.hcoweb.co.uk. Jane-May began learning the violin aged three, through the Suzuki method. She attended the Royal College of Music Junior Department (Leverhulme Trust Scholar) studying violin under Erica Dearing and piano with Jennifer Stern. During Jane-May's time at RCMJD, she led the String and Sinfonia Orchestras. Jane-May also received the Ian Stoutzker Memorial Prize for the highest marks for Grade 7 Violin and the Sheila Mossman

Memorial Prizes for the highest marks in Grade 6 and 7 Piano. Jane-May enjoys living in Upminster with her family. She works for Thomson Reuters as editor for Practical Law China, and is a qualified lawyer. On behalf the HCO, we invite you to our concert, along with the Mayor and Mayoress, who have kindly accepted our invitation. Great programme including the Nutcracker Suite - a perfect preparation for Christmas..

Autumn in the Forest

It's that time of year when Thames Chase Community Forest is full of fruitfulness and when we celebrate regional diversity using apples as the symbol. Our annual celebration, Apple Weekend, is on 17th and 18th October 10am-4pm each day when the Forest Centre is full of the smell of ripening locally sourced English apples that are for tasting and for sale. There will also be local produce and country crafts as well as

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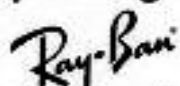
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activities for the children. Entry is free (parking £1) Children's half term activities include Hallowe'en craft on Tuesday 27th October 10.30am-12.30pm and pumpkin carving for spooky walks between 10.30am-2pm on Wednesday 28th October. Both days cost £3.00 per child. The month ends with Spooky Saturday on 31st October. During the day there will be craft and other activities for the under 6 year olds from 11am-1pm costing £3.00 per child, family spooky walks through the forest and crafts in the barn from 5-8pm and extra spooky walks for families with youngsters over 14yrs. from 8.15-8.45pm. Spooky walks cost £6 per person or £20 for a family of 4. Booking essential (no admission without a ticket!) from the Forest Centre. Also at the Centre in October: Monthly Cream Tea 9th October from 3-5 pm, with homemade scones and cakes accompanied by live music. £8.00 per person (booking essential). More information on our website www.thameschase.org.uk

Fly Tippers Caught

We have been having liaising with the Council's StreetCare Department regarding a number of locations experiencing fly tipping. Whilst it is an on going problem, I am delighted to inform you that several local fly tippers have been identified and prosecuted. Also there has been one individual who was taken to court for dumping a sofa and a television in Bramble Lane. This episode cost him just under three thousand pounds. Havering Council will and does prosecute offenders. Let's keep Havering clean!

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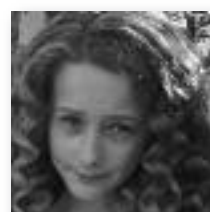
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- Walk with people you know when possible.
- Keep to busy routes when you can.
- Look confident.
- Keep phones, headphones etc. out of sight.
- Make sure you cross roads safely.
- Let people know where you will be.
- If you feel unsafe or see anything suspicious go into the nearest shop, office etc and then phone the police on 999 or 101.

If you would like to be a walk volunteer but you are too young

you could maybe join the local police cadets instead. Also why not take a self-defence class or ask your school to run one. Finally, thank you to all Street walk volunteers and keep safe.

£32m Bridge Replacement

The ongoing works to replace the railway bridge at the junction of Ardleigh Green Road and the A12 is set to continue until the end of 2017. It is estimated that the works will cost £32m and will be funded by Transport for London. The main works will take place between mid 2016 and the end of 2017. During this period only two lanes will be operational (one lane in each direction). During the east (London) bound works, the exit from Bryant Avenue onto the A127 south eastbound will be closed for approximately nine months. The new bridge will be higher than the existing one to allow for Crossrail trains in the future.

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Sunday 4 October, 1pm-5pm 1930s Prohibition Party.

The dance team Swing Patrol return for our end of season finale! Enjoy a cuppa and have a dance!

Free for Friends of the Old Chapel, otherwise £2 per person.

Weds 7 October, 3pm - 5.30pm

Creative Craft Sessions: - Help us decorate for Harvest Festival

Wednesday 14 October, 10.30am

Tea and Talk - The Garden Behind The Wall

Lois Amos will be giving a short illustrated history of an important Georgian Walled Garden in

Bedfords Park.

The talk is free for Friends of The Old Chapel, otherwise £2 per person. Booking is required - call 01708 222660 or email

gsmith@mary.havering.sch.uk

Tuesday 27 October, 10am - 2pm, Christmas Pottery Painting Café.

Come and create a special gift or decoration. Entry on a first come, first served basis.

Wednesday 28 October, 7pm - 9.30pm Watercolour Painting Demonstration.

Weds 4 November, 3pm - 5.30pm - Make bonfire and fireworks pictures

£3 per child, no need to book.

Upminster Art Society - 60th Anniversary

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us. If you would like to join us for the evening to enjoy the painting and share a glass of wine or tea we shall be pleased to see you. There will be no charge but if you would like to make a small donation to the Chapel funds then this will be welcome. Seats will be available on a first come, first served basis.

Enquiries to Terry Doyle (UAS) 01708 532967 or Gemma Smith (The Old Chapel) 01708 222660

Wesley Guild

The Wesley Guild inform us that Rainham Hall is the only National Trust property in Havering. The Hall has been closed to the public for major building work but will reopen on Wednesday 7 October. They have the following speakers further into October.

Thursday 15 October - "The work of Christians Against Poverty" - Miles Ticknell

Thursday 29 October - "Frank Sinatra - the man and his music" - John Whitehead (Frank Sinatra

was born in 1915)

Guild meetings are held in the Minor Hall, Upminster Methodist Church, Hall Lane starting at 2pm although light refreshments will be available from 1.30pm. The meeting fee is £2 per head (including refreshments). All are welcome.

Full details of the programme for the year can be found on the Methodist Church website - www.upminstermethodistchurch.org and follow the links to the Guild. All enquiries about the Guild should be addressed to the Guild Secretary - Ian Leadley (tel: 229550 or email: ileadley07@btinternet.com)

Identity Fraud

We reported some time back that post was being stolen from "personal post boxes" outside homes.

We recently received this warning.

"My husband recently purchased an outside (old fashioned) letter

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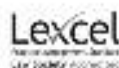
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May I also suggest that if you are going away, get a friend or neighbour to empty your box.

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Saturday Talks Club

"The Mafia: the Truth about Cosa Nostra", speaker Alex Dunitz,

begins the Saturday Talks season on Saturday October 10th, 2.15pm (doors open 1.45pm) at Roope Hall, United Reform Church, Upminster. The cost is £4 with tea and biscuits included. The season of talks continues on the second Saturday of each month with the last talk on March 12th 2016. We look forward to welcoming you to these interesting talks. Contact Mrs Bland: 01689 858701 or Mrs Blake: 01708 227512.

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**Wednesday
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Hornchurch Library 1st floor Meeting Room commencing at 7.30pm (ending 9.30pm). Admission is FREE of charge but we do request a nominal charge for interval refreshments.
Wednesday 7th October - 40th Anniversary Programme
 George Saddington presents a programme based on the past 40 years since he presented the very first Wednesday Music Evening in September 1975.
Wednesday 21st October - Those Dance Band Years
 A musical tribute to Stuart

Brockbank given by Stephen Raindle with help from Brian Luck and George Saddington. Stuart, who died earlier this year, was a long term presenter of popular programmes featuring music of the British & American dance bands from the inter-war era. All are welcome - no need to book, just turn up at the library. For further details contact Stephen Raindle, telephone 01708 470 670 email sraindle@aol.com

**Wildlife at Stow
 Maries
 Aerodrome**

RSPB Havering Local Group will meet in Hornchurch Library on Friday October 9th at 7.30pm when they will present an illustrated talk by Russell Savory on the Wildlife at Stow Maries Aerodrome. The wonderful photography of the owls and other wildlife have featured on several BBC wildlife programmes. Meeting fee £3. More information from Janet Silver on 01708 452171

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**Cranham Art
 Society**

The Society have an Exhibition at Hornchurch Library from Monday 26th October to Saturday 7th November. Some paintings will be for sale. Please contact Sue Bailey on 01708 642 114 for further information.

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have the following home fixtures this month:
 Saturday 10th v Harlow Town 3pm. Tuesday 13th v Phoenix Sports 7.45pm. Saturday 24th v Tilbury 3pm. Tuesday 27th v Romford 7.45pm. Saturday 31st v Metropolitan Police- F.A Trophy 3pm. Then next month, on Saturday 7th v Dereham Town and on the 28th v Brightlingsea, both 3pm. Hornchurch Stadium is also home to West Ham Ladies they have the following fixtures, all Sundays Kick off at 2pm: 18th v Tottenham Hotspur, 25th v Lewies and on Sunday 8th November v Brighton & Hove Albion. Go along and see some great football.

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MNDA Quiz

A Quiz Night in support of the Motor Neurone Disease Association is being held on Saturday 17th October at St Laurence Church Hall, Corbets Tey Road, Upminster. Doors open at 7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start. Tables of 8 - please bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets £6. Please ring 01708 250 786 to book places.

Muscular Dystrophy UK

My name is Valérie Nicholls. I will be running the Cambridge 10k (6 miles) race on 25th October. If you would like to support me, please donate using the Justgiving

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dem called "Curtain Up" 7.15 for 8pm start. New Windmill Hall Upminster.

Havering Autism Hub

A new autism hub will be opened in Havering on 2nd October by the Mayor and is aimed at Autistic Adults. The hub will be open for 24 hrs a week (10 am to 4 pm Weds - Fri and 9 am to 12 noon

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British Sugarcraft Guild

Please note the next demonstration by the Guild: Saturday 31st October "Christmas Cake Tops" by Ruby Buffong. Ladies, take a break from the shopping, you will be welcome. Hornchurch Library, at 1.30pm - 3.30pm, admission £6 (includes tea and cake) pay at the door. Further information from Brenda Kenyon on 01277 810 498.

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CLlr DARREN WISE

LOCAL FUTURE EVENTS OCTOBER

- 3 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 'Weavers, Higgles & Moze Makers, occupations in 17th & 18th C.' with Michael Holland. 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.
- 3 Saturday - **Tithe Barn Open Day** 10.30 am - 4.00 pm. Free Entry.
- 4 Sunday - **Tithe Barn Open Day** 10.30 am - 4.00 pm. Free Entry.
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- 10 Saturday - **Cranham Park District Friends of Guiding** are holding a **Quiz Evening** at Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens, 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start. Tables up to 10 please. Price £7.50, which includes a Ploughmans Supper. Bring your own drinks and glasses. For tickets contact Barbara Levis on 01708 250941 or Doris Harding on 01708 226725.
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- 13 Tuesday - **Upminster Horticultural Society** Lecture on **Willow in the Landscape** by Deborah Hart. Deborah has worked for twenty-five years in horticulture and is currently teaching at Writtle College. Her talk will cover the history and uses of willow and other plants in garden sculptures, weaving and useful growing plants. She will give us a demonstration of how to propagate and cut the willow. The talk will take place in the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster from 7.45 pm to 9.45 pm doors open at 7.15 pm. Entrance is free to members, non-members very

- welcome for a fee of £2.00. For further information on Upminster Horticultural Society see our website www.upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk or info@upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk.
- 15 Friday - **Havering Antique and Collectors Club** meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood, 7.30 pm for 8 pm start. Guest Speaker is Stefan Dickers from Bishopsgate Institute - 'The Treasurers of Bishopsgate Library' (can be followed up with Guided Tour).
 - 17 Saturday **Hornchurch & Upminster Rotary Club's** annual **Jazz Evening** at 8 pm in the Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens, Upminster. Tickets £15 which includes fish & chips supper, contact Jim Haines on 01708 226717.
 - 26 Monday - **Romford & District Historical Society** meet at myplace, 343 Dagnam Park Drive, Harold Hill, Romford, RM3 9EN. Access from 7.30 pm - Meeting 8.00 pm to 9.30 pm. Talk on London Cemeteries and Crematoria by Dr Ian Browne.
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Lily Parkinson - Hall Mead

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**William Brown -
Coopers**

I am really enjoying Coopers, I like the freedom of walking around to different lessons and not staying in one class for the whole day. There is also 112 extra curricular clubs to choose from!



Oliver Loveday - Hall Mead

I am really enjoying Hall Mead so far and the lessons have been fun. I am also enjoying the rugby training. I have made lots of new friends but still miss my old ones.



Thank you David..

On behalf of the residents of Cranham, I would like to say a huge thank you to David Henry, who over the past few years has been watering the plants in Cranham Village. He has been a real support in making Cranham stand out from the crowd of other small shopping centres in the borough, with planting displays that brighten up the area. He has now decided to put down his watering can and take a deserved rest. His public service will be greatly missed. Thank you David.

Cllr GILLIAN FORD

Vet Set for Cranham

A planning application to convert an existing shop at 12 Willow Parade, Moor Lane (was Four Paws) into a Veterinary Practice has been received by the Council. A decision is expected in early October.

Harwood Hall Lane

Further safety measures have been agreed by the Council's Highways Committee for Harwood Hall Lane, Upminster. Upminster Residents' Councillor Linda Hawthorn has been closely involved with previous work including the previous 30 mile per hour limit, she tried to have the footpath extended on the southern side of the Lane. This was not possible to achieve. Letters had been sent to the Council from pupils of the Oakfields Montessori School, Councillor Linda Van den Hende presented a petition from residents, parents etc requesting that the Council install further safety measures along the lane. Oakfields School remains the only school in the borough with out a footpath. Harwood Hall Lane also has Corbets Tey School. All three of our Upminster Councillors held meetings with Council Officers to pursue a solution. Harwood Hall Lane residents were also very concerned over speeding along the Lane. Council Officers proposed the following "the removal of the pinch point west of Corbets Tey School. The build out outside the proposed Oakfields school pedestrian entrance (the entrance

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Mayor's Charity Run

The Mayor's Charity 4 mile run/walk is on Sunday 18th October. It is to take place in Harold Wood Park and the start time is 11.00am. The cost to enter is £8.00. There is also a children's circuit and the price of this is £2.00. All competitors will receive a medal. Please obtain your entry form from Nick Joseph on 01708 342348 or by email nick@nicdee1.plus.com



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here will be via an existing
entrance and the school are
arranging work in the school
grounds). Without this, no
uncontrolled pedestrian crossing
is possible.

Harwood Hall Lane will become
a 20 mile per hour zone from the
junctions with Corbets Tey Road
and just west of Oakfields School
vehicular entrance. Three speed
humps will be installed, west of
Bear Block Cottages and between
Corbets Tey School and Oakfields
School entrances.

Both schools will be able to use
the crossing facility during an
emergency evacuation."

The above was agreed by the
Highways Committee.

Councillor Linda Hawthorn who
is also a member of the Highways
Committee commented "We are
delighted with this, it has been a
long drawn out campaign and we
sincerely hope the safety
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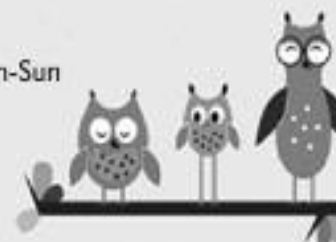
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NOVEMBER

- 3 Tuesday - **Oglethorpe Women's Institute** have guest speaker Hannah Lewis from the National Trust talk on **Rainham Hall**. Our meetings are held at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, RM14 1XL at 7.45 pm. Visitors are welcome.
- 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 Branch AGM is followed by **'Irish Immigration into East London'** with Hamilton Hay. The Computer Group meets at the same venue 11am - 1pm where Election of Officers is followed by Gedcom explained by Charlie Mead. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.

- 10 Tuesday - **Upminster Horticultural Society** Lecture on **The Garden Behind the Wall** by Lois Amos. The talk will take place in the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster from 7.45 pm to 9.45 pm doors open at 7.15 pm. Entrance is free to members, non-members very welcome for a fee of £2.00. For further information on Upminster Horticultural Society see our website www.upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk or info@upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk.

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