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Havering Local Plan – Consultation



Following on from last month's article, the Council approved a draft Local Plan (a strategic guidance document that covers all aspects of planning, housing, design, infrastructure and Green Belt over the next 15 years) which will now go out for a 6-week public consultation before being submitted to the Secretary of State for examination later this year. Of particular interest in the Plan are 78 applications from developers to remove land from the Green Belt for development, which we shall be steadfastly opposing, and the housing growth target which is 17,550 over the 15 years and not the 30,000 which has been quoted elsewhere. We shall keep residents updated on this important matter through the *Bulletin* and our

website (ucra.co.uk) – please take time to have a look, your feedback to the consultation is important and very welcome.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Ardleigh Green Bridge - Response from Mayor

Following on from our article last month, the reply from the **Mayor of London** in response to our specific points lacked the substance we expected. In particular,

- It was confirmed that local residents and businesses will have to suffer another two years of disruption, pollution and huge inconvenience without a scrap of compensation.
- The initial cost of the scheme was estimated at £32m, the response provides no update as to the eventual cost or from where the overspend, which is likely to be several millions of pounds, will be met.
- It was suggested that the proposed Gallows Corner Improvement Scheme could be done at the same time as the Ardleigh Green Bridge works in a way that minimises disruption, a claim that may seem a bridge too far for many!

I don't underestimate the complexity of the project, but overspends are generally a result of unexpected events or poor planning, and even with built-in contingency funds it is probable that tax payers will have to stump up the colossal cost of this scheme. The full response can be seen on our website at www.ucra.co.uk

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Waitrose Store

Waitrose have been in touch inviting any locals who have not got a Waitrose Card to pop into the store in St. Mary's Lane and apply for one. Apart from getting a free tea or coffee with a purchase when having the card the store offers a number of discounts when using the card.

Speed Limit Changes Update

Further to the article in the July *Bulletin*. The Council's Highways Committee has agreed to reduce the speed limit on our local rural road network to predominantly 40 mph with a selected number to 30 miles per hour. These are in Upminster Ward -Aveley Road, Berwick Pond Road, Bramble Lane, Denises Lane, Fen Lane (part to 30 mph), Folkes Lane (to 30 mph), Gerpins Lane, Park Farm Road, Pea Lane (to 30 mph), St. Mary's Lane (part to 30/40 mph), Stubbers Lane and Sunnings Lane (to 30 mph), Bird Lane in Cranham to 30 mph. This followed consultation in the above roads and requests for reduced speed limits.

Your Help Please

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It would really be appreciated.

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Grand Opening

Upminster's first Indian Restaurant, the Kusoom Bugh in St. Mary's Lane established in 1978, held a grand reopening following major refurbishment which will enable them to accommodate more customers. During the evening £1600 was raised to assist victims of flooding in Bangladesh. The restaurant regularly gives cash to the flood appeal in Bangladesh. Booking details for the Kusoom Bugh are on page 13. Staff are very happy to give advice on their menu.





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Gunshot Noise

A lot of gunshot noise has recently been heard from Farmland near Parklands, this was due to a local farmer shooting vermin (culling pigeons we are told) from 9am to 8pm on several weekends. Following several complaints police have spoken to the farmer and there is nothing they can do as it is happening on private land. It's annoying that this happens of a weekend when people are trying to relax and enjoy their garden. I am left thinking that we have

some pretty stubborn pigeons that apparently fly back to the farmer every few minutes to be shot over an eleven-hour period! It's a wonder any pigeons are left in the area. The police have asked people to phone them when this occurs again on the neighbourhood watch number 07766 247222 and they will visit the farmer again.

Allotment Open Day

Stewart Avenue Allotments, Upminster are holding their Open Day & Allotment Show on Saturday 16th September 2017 from 11am - 3pm. Bring the family for a fun afternoon. Freshly harvested fruit and veg with Homemade Jams, Marmalades, Chutneys and cakes. Beekeeper Display, Al Fresco Café and Face Painting. Beer and Pimms tent, gardening info and Tours of the Site. Small entrance fee. There is also a Scarecrow Competition open to all. Entrance fee £1 per Scarecrow and Scarecrows will be voted on by visitors to the Open Day. To enter contact Jackie Whitehead stewardsaallotments@outlook.com 01708 641624.

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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 5 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.

Job Vacancy

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Upminster Ceilidh

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Lunchtime Recitals

September Thursday Lunchtime Recitals at St Laurence Church, Corbets Tey Road, Upminster 1.05pm-1.50pm(approx). Free admission (retiring collection for the ongoing music programme at St Laurence).

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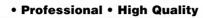
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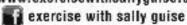
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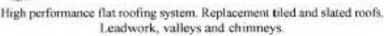
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Dartford Crossing Taking its Toll

News that the Severn Bridge Toll is to be scrapped by the end of 2018 evokes an instant comparison with the continued charge to use the Dartford Crossing. The original toll was used to pay for the construction of the Crossing and was fully met in 2002, thereafter the toll became a congestion charge. The irony of charging vehicles a congestion charge to cause congestion has not been lost on millions of motorists over the years. Since the cashless system was introduced, the passage into Kent from Essex has improved, but the passage into Essex through the tunnels is worse than ever. Vehicle Excise Duty, about £6.5bn a year, is more than enough to pay for the road network without the need to impose a supplementary levy through a so-called congestion charge. If the Severn Bridge Toll can be scrapped then why not the Dartford Toll?

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pot of tea. 2:30-4:30pm, £9 per person (booking essential). Sat 16th September - Songs from the American Songbook if you enjoy the jazz standards made famous by singers such as Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Peggy Lee and Michael Bublé then this is an opportunity to join our group of friendly jazz musicians and perform the song you have always wanted to do with the Thames Chase Players. Booking is essential as places are limited. To Book (Ask for Jill's contact details to discuss songs etc.). 1-5:30pm, £18 per participant, £6 for audience. Sun 17th September - Sunday **Market** these are held on the third Sunday each month and focus on local produce and local crafts. (All crafts are handmade). We aim to help the local economy by offering the freshest local produce at affordable prices. Held in the Barn, our markets stage a fine selection of local produce, with crafts stalls on view, giving you the opportunity to buy exquisite pieces of art and craft and help local craftsmen. Sat 24th September - Guitar **Workshop** Thames Chase Players

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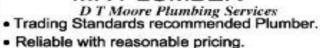


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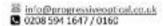
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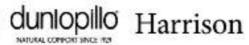


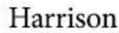














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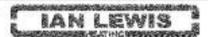
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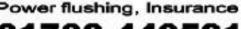






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Residents may be aware of the national interest generated by a UKIP motion to Havering Council that the borough leave the Greater London Authority (GLA) and form a Unitary Authority (ie a standalone council). The motion contained no research, no evidence that residents would be better off nor any suggestion of any consultation. A

cursory look at the consequences undertaken by the Residents' Association revealed that such a proposition would require an Act of Parliament as well as a loss of 49,000 Freedom Passes, London Weighting, Met Police, London Fire Brigade and numerous other services. While not all is perfect with the GLA, it was pointed out that the £280 precept we pay in our Council Tax only forms a small part of the Mayor of London's £12 billion budget (7%), with the rest coming from fares, fees and charges (53%) along with government grant and business rates (40%). Some readers may be reminded of the 1949 comedy film 'Passport to Pimlico', what we don't want is a sequel entitled 'Passport to Havering'. The motion was rejected by 27 votes to 10.

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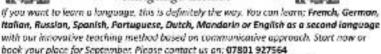
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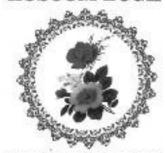
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A Quiz organised by the Upminster & Hornchurch Fundraising Group in aid of the Little Havens Children's Hospice in Thundersley will be held at the Crumpled Horn in Corbets Tey Road on Monday the 11th Sep. 19:30 for 20:00 start with tables up to a maximum of eight people. £6 each person which includes a ploughman's at the interval break. The members of the winning table receive a prize of a bottle of wine each. Bookings and any further info can be made by calling 01708 226154. A Quiz night is being held at St

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Tickets at £15 each may be obtained from Ray Hare (01708 223218).

Vanilla Bake Club

Vanilla Bake Club returns from its summer break on 18th September 2017 with a Mediterranean themed event! As usual we meet at the Old Chapel, Upminster at 6.30pm, bring your bake and join our friendly group for sharing and chat. For more information check our Facebook page, email vanillabakeclubupm@gmail.com or call Jennifer on 07940828154.

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Last year the concert was really well received and many people asked the band to make it an

annual event. Over 160 people attended raising in excess of £1000. This year the band hope to increase this figure while the Hospice are organising a corporate sponsor who will double the amount the band raises. Photos of the band and the audience from last year are attached.

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 Tuesday Upminster Camera Club Member's Evening "Tribute to Peter Crane & Golden Oldies Prints from Members". Cranham Community Association, 115a Marlborough Gardens, Upminster, RM14 1SR. 7.45pm. www.upminstercameraclub.org.uk
 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

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Friday - Havering Antique and Collectors Club meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood. Ann Wilmore - Antiques Quiz with items to identify. Starting at 7.30 pm for 8 pm start. Guests £4. For further details please call our Chairman Mrs Chris Lovett 07947 367258.

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Tuesday - Upminster U3A Isla Johns, Senior Innovation Manager, Save the Children. "The Work of Save the Children in the U.K." 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.

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.

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. 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.

Monday - Breathe Easy - Havering meet at St Andrews Church, Hornchurch, in aid of the British Lung Foundation on the last Monday of the month. The meetings run from 1.30 - 3pm, £3 donation is appreciated. We are a support group for people with COPD, Asthma or other Breathing Difficulties. For details please ring loyce on 01708 226966 or Elaine on 01708 509127.

Wednesday - Upminster Park Towns Womens Guild meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month of the month. The meetings run from 1.30 - 3pm, £3 donation is appreciated. We are a support group for people with COPD, Asthma or other Breathing Difficulties. For details please ring loyce on 01708 226696 or Elaine on 01708 509127

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speaker will be Joanne Hunt. Our meetings are held at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, RM14 1XL on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.45 pm. Visitors are always welcome. 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. 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.

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Lower Thames Crossing- Stop Press

Upminster Councillors Linda Hawthorn and Ron Ower have met up with Highways England (Councillor Linda Van den Hende was unable to attend due to Mayoral duties) several times. On the 31st July, a number of residents from North Ockendon also joined them to discuss Highways England proposals and look at alternatives, in particular from local residents. Sadly, accommodation was limited and we could only have around eight local residents. With this in mind as we go to press, Highways England are looking to have a drop- in session in North Ockendon We will advise residents of this and also on our web site. We have also asked Highways England to have a drop- in session in **Upminster**.

Abigail's Column



holidavs The national news has been reporting about a school that has

shortened the summer break and added the week to the October half term instead. This has been done to help book cheaper holidays. It is with good intent but it is not a great idea.

Holiday companies will soon catch on and increase prices then too, if schools stagger the break it makes for more expensive holidays at more times during the year not just the summer. Half terms are already more expensive so it will make little difference. It will also not help if other children are at school that stick to the original 6 week break and 1 week half terms.

My main thought though is why is a school arranging holiday time around cost of holidays rather than the best educational interests of the children. What is wrong with our world that money comes first. Leave the school holidays alone unless it helps education to have them moved.

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Well Done Ken Hay

Well done to Upminster resident Ken Hay who scooped £6,000 in the St Francis Hospice summer raffle just a few days before his 92nd birthday. Even more impressive is that Ken is a Normandy veteran and served in the Dorset Regiment. A long-time supporter of the Hospice, we wish Ken a happy 92nd birthday!

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Murder Mystery Evening

The Friends of Upminster Windmill are pleased to advise that they will be holding a "Murder Mystery Evening" performed by the Ad Hoc players entitled "Death on Delivery". Sat. 21st October 2017, North Street Halls, Hornchurch starting at 7.30pm. Tickets £10-00 each from

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Talk on Local Plan

The Cranham Residents' Association meeting for September will feature an update on the Local Plan, the consultation process, how it impacts on the Green Belt, the number of houses to be built and all planning considerations for the next 15 years. The meeting will be held at the Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens on Thursday 14th September (7.15pm). All welcome.

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Here to Help Your Organisation?

With your generous support, we are pleased to be able to help numerous local organisations and voluntary groups this year with some financial support. We are still very keen to continue this practice and would be pleased to hear from any community group, organisation or individual whose

work in the community could be enhanced through some additional funding. At our AGM next year, we will be dedicating the meeting to the many volunteers and organisations who do such great work in the community of Upminster and Cranham. Should you wish to enquire about a funding application, please contact any of your councillors.

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DIARY

September

6 Wednesday **Upminster Ward Meeting** at Joseph's Social Centre at 7.30 pm

14 Thursday **Cranham Ward Meeting** at Cranham Community
Centre, Marlborough Gardens at
7.15 pm

Coach Outing

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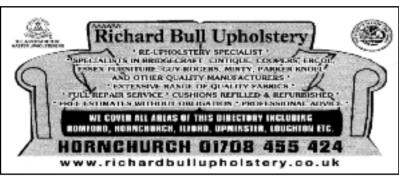


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