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Chapman's Farm Latest

It has recently emerged that Chapman's Farm, located on Hall Lane (opposite Bird Lane) and currently used for horse riding and stabling, has been sold by Trinity College, Cambridge University, subject to planning permission. In addition, the riding stables have been given until 31st December to vacate the premises. The farm covers an area of 1 acre and, like the adjoining fields, is situated on Green Belt land. As at going to press, no Planning Application has been received for the potential development of seven 'luxury' homes. However, any such development would be subject to planning approval which would have to consider the impact on the Green Belt. Clearly, this has caused significant concern in the community and, as soon as an application is received, we shall advise residents through this website, social media, flyers and The Bulletin. It is important that any objections/comments which are made refer to a specific planning application, otherwise a general disapproval of building on the site (without reference to a Planning Application) cannot be taken into account when the application is finally considered by the Planning Committee. Protecting our Green Belt is a top priority for the Residents' Association and we shall keep you updated on this.



Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Pay and Display

Sometimes the pay and display machines become faulty and it can be impossible to get a ticket. The Council have advised that, in such circumstances, users would be expected to see if other machines are working nearby (ie within the close vicinity). However, where All the machines have failed (eg when all machines in a car park are out of order) then you are able to park for free and should not get a ticket. Our enforcement officers have been advised and should you receive a ticket in the above circumstances, then an appeal should be lodged. The council are working with the P&D manufacturers to repair the machines asap.



Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Season's Greetings to you all and a massive thank once more to all our Bulletin deliverers and subscription collectors. This past year has seen another increase in our membership and we would like to welcome all those who have joined the Residents

Association this year - your support is vital in helping us to continue our good work in the community. Local organisations and charities have benefited again this past year from the Association's financial donations and this is a result of your generosity. Your councillors have been working hard this year on Havering Council matters affecting not just the Upminster and Cranham residents but Borough wide. As always, our Residents' Councillors continue to steadfastly serve Upminster and Cranham residents and will fight the good fight into next year and beyond. Once again thank you for your continued support and have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Roomes Furnishing Store, Church View Dental Clinic, Roomes Fashion Store, Gates Parish & Co. Station Road and in St. Marys Lane. Waitrose Supermarket and Hunter & Co Accountants. Very kind of you.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

Christmas Float Routes

Havering East Rotary Club, with the help of Upminster 41 Club, will once again be bringing joy to young and old in Upminster and Cranham. Monies raised during this period will be donated to local charities such as First Step, St Francis Hospice, Dycourts School and Riding for Disabled.

Sun 10th Dec: Elm Ave, Beech, Oak, Maple, Southview area

Mon 11th Dec: Little Gaynes, Grove, Parklands, Huntsman area

Thu 14th Dec: Deyncourt, Courtenay, Grosvenor, Marlborough, area

Fri 15th Dec: Springfield Gdns, Argyle, Ashleigh, Roxburgh area

Sun 17th Dec: Moor Ln, Heron Way, Swan, Limerick Gns area

Mon 18th Dec: Highview, Cranborne, Waldegrave Gdns, Engayne area

Wed 20th Dec: Moor Ln, Queens, Cranham Gdns, Roseberry Gdns area

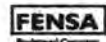
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Many households in the area will have received promotional letters from organisations such as Pharmacy2U who offer to handle repeat prescriptions and deliver them to your door, free of charge. While this may be a service which has some appeal to some, it is also worth remembering that the local chemist is as much as part of our local economy as the bakers and newsagents. Our pharmacists rely heavily on repeat prescriptions to remain economically viable. Indeed, their role is much more than

dispensing medicines, it is also about offering advice, providing emergency prescriptions and supplying the general items found in chemists. Let's support our local shops and services.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Christmas Message

"With the kids jingle belling
And everyone telling you be of good cheer
It's the most wonderful time of the year." (Andy Williams)
Are you feeling the cheer?
Christmas is an emotional time for all of us - most people seem happy and excited, but some feel rather blue. We should spend time with our loved ones - but that isn't possible for everyone. As Christians, we believe that "Love came down at Christmas". The love we celebrate at this time of year is not just our human love - it is the love of God, manifest

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Association AGM

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Marys lane. Further details next
month.

Pleased to Support

Your local Residents Association
are pleased to support again the
Christmas Tree Festival at the
Methodist Church Hall Lane.
Thanks to the pupils from Corbets
Tey School for decorating the

tree. Please see separate article
on the opening dates this month.

Trees

We are really pleased on the
high number of trees we have in
our area. Several trees produce
feathering, the small branches
which grow from the base of the
tree. Sometimes this could be a
sign of disease, but either way,
they can cause a nuisance. They
grow over the pavement and
cause access problems especially
for mums with prams etc. Limes,
and some Maples are prone to
this and are checked and pruned
twice a year if necessary, but
other trees have to wait for the
whole street pruning programme.
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years, and in some circumstances,
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Since the announcement, we have been gathering information and carrying out a range of assessments and surveys to help us better understand the area. The feedback given during the consultation in 2016 continues to help us to develop the design of the route and as a result, we have made some changes.

One of the areas we've been looking at particularly closely has been the junction with the M25. We would like to thank all residents and representatives who have given their feedback on this proposed junction, which has helped our design team develop their proposals.

Below is a summary of our current thinking on the for the design of our route:

- *New junction design to cross under the M25 to reduce the visual impact*
- *Widening of a section of the M25, including Junction 29 to improve traffic flow*
- *There will be 3 lanes, rather than 2, for the route between the A13 and A2*

There is still a lot of work to be done on the design. We are gathering information and carrying out a range of assessments and surveys to help us better understand the area and provide the basis for our designs. These will help us to minimise community and environmental impacts and continue to ensure that the preferred route remains the best solution. Please note Highways England have set up the following Website www.LowerThamesCrossing.Co.Uk

We will keep you up to date on this very important project.

Clearing Paths

With the colder months now upon

us the paths outside our homes can become very slippery if rain freezes over or snow starts to melt. As someone who once slipped over badly on an icy footway I really appreciate householders who clear ice from the paths in front of their homes.

Official Government advice is that if you clear snow and ice:

- Don't use water to melt ice as it might refreeze and turn to black ice.
- Use salt if possible but don't use the salt from salting bins as this is used to keep roads clear.
- You can use sand if you don't have enough salt - it will provide grip underfoot.
- Pay extra attention when clearing steps and steep pathways - using more salt may help.

John Tyler

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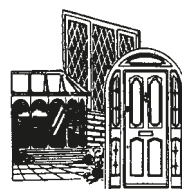
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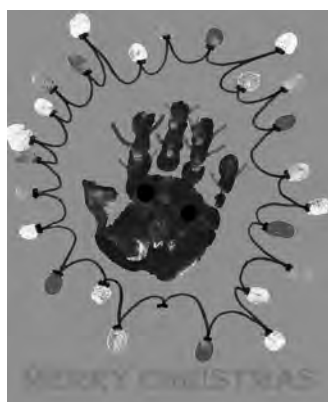
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'Design a Christmas Card' Competition at Corbets Tey School

Pinney Talfourd teamed up with local special needs school Corbets Tey School for their 'Design a Christmas Card 2017' Competition this month. Arham Pervin, aged 4, won first prize with a cute design of Rudolph surrounded by festive fairy lights. It will now be used for Pinney Talfourd's Christmas card and Arham will receive a toy of his choice at a special school assembly.

The Bulletin were also delighted to offer a prize to the runner up Sammy Ksaveriev, aged 8 for his jolly Santa. Client Services Partner, Catherine Polli, said "Thank you to everyone at the school for your time and effort. The designs we have received from the children are always fantastic and this year's entries were no different. We are also delighted that The Bulletin

has donated a prize again this year as there were so many wonderful cards. It was hard to pick just one." Pinney Talfourd will also give a donation to the school for their help in organising this annual event.



Christmas in Cranham

Cranham will be celebrating Christmas this year with two Christmas Trees donated by the Residents Association, one in Avon Road the other at the

junction of Moor Lane and Front Lane, kindly decorated by the Cranham Friends Association. The Plough in Front Lane will be holding the big Christmas light up on Saturday 2nd at 6pm in preparation for the arrival of Father Christmas who will be found in his Grotto at 3pm-7pm on Saturday 9th and 16th and from 2pm-6pm on Sunday 10th, 17th. Other events will be taking place with proceeds going to The Rainbow Trust.

Frank Rivett and Sons will be providing mulled wine and mince pies in aid of Little Havens Hospice, on Friday 8th December with the help of 'Tommy' the pony. The judging of the 2017 best decorated shop interior or window display, in Avon Road and Cranham Village will also be taking place on the 8th. We hope you all enjoy Christmas in Cranham and all that is left for me to say on behalf of the Cranham Friends Association is, Happy Christmas to you all.

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Cranham Over 60s Club

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Your Cranham Councillors

Christmas Tree Festival

Upminster Methodist Church, Hall Lane, RM14 1AE will be holding its annual Christmas Tree Festival between the 3rd and 11th of December. Local schools and organisations from the church and community have been invited

to decorate trees for this event. The Residents' Association has sponsored a tree which has been decorated by the pupils of The Corbets Tey School. The opening times are Saturdays 10-5pm, Sundays 12-5pm and Weekdays 2-6pm. The Festival opens on Saturday 3rd December at 10am and there will be refreshments available all day. Entrance is free: donations to our chosen charities. For more details, please contact the Church Office 01708 222278 or email upminstermc@gmail.com

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Mayor's Charity Variety Show

I have organised a variety show at the Queens Theatre on Tuesday 16 January 2018 at 7pm with all proceeds going to

my three nominated charities, First Step, Dementia UK and Havering Volunteer Centre. Acts will be a mixture of dance, singers, musicians and the Royal British Legion Band. This is an opportunity to showcase local talent, mainly young people and I hope you will be able to support me. Tickets are £15 and available now from the Queens Box office. www.queens-theatre.co.uk

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Christmas Market

Trinity Church in Station Road, Upminster will be holding a Christmas Market on Saturday 9th December from 10am to 2pm. Admission is free and all proceeds will be divided between Trinity Church and Great Ormond Street Hospital. Coffee and Cakes will be served from 10 to 12 and ploughman's lunches from 12 to 2. All the usual stalls, including beautiful handmade crafts and gifts.

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Christmas Concert

The Cappella Singers of Upminster are presenting their Christmas Concert on Friday 8th December 2017, at 8.00 p.m., at Trinity United Reformed Church, Station Road, Upminster. The programme includes Britten's Ceremony of Carols and Carols for the congregation. Tickets at £10 inclusive of light refreshments may be purchased

on the door or in advance from Mr. Ian Pirie (01708 641718).

Carol Service

Sunday 10th December 4pm. Grace Community Church welcomes you to join us for our Christmas Carol Service with mince pie refreshments at The Old Chapel, St Marys Lane, RM14 2QR on the grounds of Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School. A Christmas Day service will also be held at 10am at The Old Chapel. All are welcome.

Christmas Charity Fair

Friday 8th December 5pm-8pm, hosted by Grace Community Church. Free entry. Free glass of mulled wine on arrival. Come and enjoy Santa's Grotto and many stalls for crafts, gifts, food, drink, raffle, tombola and Christmas carols. Money raised at this event will be given to The Children's Society to fight child poverty in the UK. The Old Chapel, St Marys Lane, RM14 2QR on the grounds of Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School.



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Sunday 17th Dec - Christmas Market 10am - 3pm. The Forest Centre will be closed on Christmas Day. For more details please call 01708 642970.

Saturday Talks Club

Wagner and the Pre Raphaelites. The speaker is Andrew Rothwell on Saturday December 9th at 2.15pm (Doors open 1.45pm). Venue: Roope Hall, United Reform Church, Station Road, Upminster. Cost £4.00 including tea and biscuits.

Contact Mrs Blake: 01708 227512 or Mrs Bland: 01689 858701 for further information.

Thanks Mike

Mike Robins has played a significant role in the production of the Bulletin for the past 35 years. When I became Editor, he helped me turn the 4 page single edition into 3 editions of 24 pages each. The print run during that period also quadrupled.

Mike has been the invaluable link between the Association, the artwork studio and printers and has ensured that the Bulletin has been delivered on time every month.

Now their children have flown the nest, Mike and his wife are retiring to Dorset- we wish them well.

Cllr RON OWER

LOCAL FUTURE EVENTS DECEMBER

- 2-10 Upminster Christmas Tree Festival at Upminster Methodist church, Hall Lane RM14 1AE. Come and see the church filled with beautifully decorated trees. Saturdays 10-5pm, Sunday 12-5pm, Weekdays 2-6pm. Free entry.
- 3 Sunday - OASIS - A 'disability-friendly' meeting for adults at Cranham Baptist Church, Severn Drive. A traditional Sunday Service is not for everyone! Come and join us for our Christmas Carol Service. Oasis meetings are accessible, friendly and informal. If you are interested in coming please contact the Oasis Team on: 01708 223551 or 07714 853545.

- 5 Tuesday - Oglethorpe Women's Institute Christmas Celebration. Members only for this meeting. Our meetings are held at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, RM14 1XL on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.45 pm. Contact Secretary Mrs. E. Bell on 01708 251161 or just come along on the evening.
- 8 Friday - RSPB Havering Local Group Indoor Meeting - Christmas Social. Our annual get-together before the Christmas rush, a time for exchanging Christmas cards, chatting, a quiz, a raffle and of course the buffet supplied by all of our members. Do come, it's a fun evening - entrance is free. 7.30pm - 9.45pm. All meetings take place upstairs in the Meeting Room at Hornchurch Library, Hornchurch.
- 9 Saturday - RSPB Havering Local Group Christmas Ramble - RSPB Rainham Marshes NR. Come and join us for a gentle stroll around our local RSPB reserve to enjoy the views, fresh air and see some good birds at the same time. Our local reserve with its modern visitor centre which has a café, gift shop and toilets. We meet in the reserve car-park, off the New Tankhill Road, Purfleet at 10:00am.
- 11 Monday - Havering Branch Essex Wildlife Trust Meetings are held in the 1st floor meeting room in Hornchurch Library from 8.00 pm to 9.45 pm. An illustrated talk by Andrew Sidders (Education Officer at Chafford Gorges) will talk about the history, geology, wildlife and orchids to be found at Chafford Gorges. 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.
- 12 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. 'Growing Organic Vegetables' by Brian Carline. Admission is normally free to members and £2 to non-members.

- 12 Tuesday - NADFAS (Havering) welcomes Dr Janet Robson with a Christmas talk 'Will the real Santa Claus please stand up!'. Lecture 10.45am Coffee from 10.00am. Visitors welcome at £8. Meetings are held at The New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster RM14 2QH. Further details of forthcoming lectures and events can be found at www.haveringdfas.org.uk
- 12 Tuesday - Upminster Camera Club - Christmas Social Evening. Cranham Community Association, 115a Marlborough Gardens, Upminster, RM14 1SR. 7.45pm. www.upminstercameraclub.org.uk
- 13 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.
- 13 Wednesday - Upminster and District Probosc Club meet at The Cranleigh, 84 Station Road, Hornchurch, RM12 6LX. Brian Carline "Tripe and Trotters". Contact Barry on 01708 703783 and leave a message or send an email secretary@upminsterprobosc.com.
- 14 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

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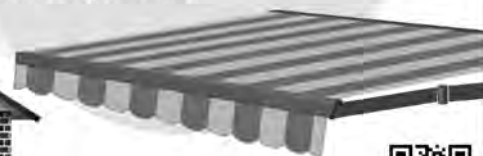
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19 Tuesday - Upminster U3A Christmas Cracker Concert with music and fun. University of the Third Age - meets at 1pm on the third Tuesday monthly in the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster. Doors open at 12.30pm. For further information about membership and current interest groups, come along to a meeting for free or check out our website www.u3asites.org.uk/upminster.

19 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.

20 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.

21 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.

18 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

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27 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.

JANUARY

3 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 speaker is Marion Pettet on "Behind the scenes at Chelmsford ballet". Visitors welcome entrance is £4.50, which includes refreshments. For more details please ring Joanne on 0787 5670419.

6 Saturday - The Havering Branch of the East of London Family History Society hold meetings on the first Saturday of every month at Trinity Church, Station Road, Upminster RM14 2SJ doors open at 1pm meeting starts at 2pm. The talk is 'History of Surnames' with Charlie Haylock. The Internet & Technology Group meet at the same venue 11am - 1pm where a Q&A session is followed by 'Had you thought of Looking at Unusual Sources' with Hilary Blanford. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.

9 Tuesday - Oglethorpe Women's Institute Please note our Social Evening has been changed from 2nd January to the 9th January. Visitors and new members are always welcome to join us. 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.



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e-mail: brianm1937@yahoo.co.uk. It is your park so please help if you can.

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Thank You

The Residents' Association organised an evening in November to say thank you to all those involved in the distribution of the bulletin. A live band provided the entertainment together with food and drinks laid on by the Association. Upminster Bulletin Organiser Chris Wilkins



gave a speech of thanks at the start of the event. A cheque for £1000 was also presented to the



Mayor of Havering and Resident Association councillor Linda Van den Hende by Association



Chairman, Chris Wilkins, for the Mayors charity on behalf of the Residents' Association.

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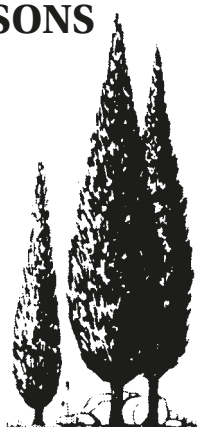
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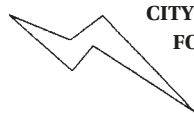
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