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Vehicles Seized in Fly-Tipping Sting Election Candidates

Following valid community concerns over repeated incidents of industrial scale fly-tipping by criminal gangs in the area, the Council, in conjunction with neighbouring boroughs, the Environment Agency, police and HMRC officers, targeted a site in Aveley Road as part of an intelligence led operation where several vehicles and equipment, including stolen waste containers, were found. The vehicles, including a skip lorry, an articulated lorry tractor unit, a vehicle removal lorry and two cars were checked by HRMC and found to be using red diesel, which is illegal to use in these types of vehicle. The larger vehicles also had no number plates and were in varying states of road worthiness. The operation, which was carried out in late December, led at all vehicles being seized pending further enquiries and arrests into criminal activity. Fly tipping is a blight on our environment and we are committed in tackling this illegal activity. If anyone offers to clear your waste at knock down prices, make sure you see an authentic Waste Carrier's Licence, otherwise it is likely to end up in a country lane or field rather than being disposed of legitimately. Licences can be quickly and easily checked at <https://environment.data.gov.uk>.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Kindly note the Association's Executive are recommending to our AGM for Upminster Ward present Councillors Linda Hawthorn, Ron Ower and Association Chairman Chris Wilkins. For Cranham Ward (pictured below) present Councillors Clarence Barrett, Gillian Ford and Action Team member John Tyler. Upminster Ward is south of the Upminster to Fenchurch Street rail line including the Cranham Cathedral Estate and North Ockendon. Cranham Ward is north of the rail line including the Dury Falls Estate. The Council elections take place on May 3rd this year.



Cllr Clarence Barrett



Cllr Gillian Ford



John Tyler

Cllr RON OWER

Ockendon Road Kennels

As the January Bulletins were being delivered we heard from the Council that yet another planning application (P 1915.17) has been received at the "Kennels site in Ockendon Road, North Ockendon". This time for the conversion of existing kennels and associated out buildings into 17 dwellings with associated parking. We immediately informed as many local people as possible and details are on our web site.

There have been a number of applications on the site which have either been withdrawn, refused or subsequently refused following an appeal. We will keep you informed on this.

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Association AGM

Kindly note our AGM is on Monday 26th February at 7.30pm at The Old Chapel, St. Marys Lane. Following the official business Charlotte Coombes will be giving a presentation and update on the current work to restore our wonderful Windmill. It is a huge project.

Friends of Parklands

The main aim of Friends of Parklands is to maintain Parklands Open Space as a pleasant place to walk and relax, surrounded by a natural environment. Monthly working parties are held at 10am on the second Wednesday of every month, in an attempt to keep the area tidy and to control any excessive overgrowth. We also try to make other improvements; last year, for example, we established a wild flower area and installed 22 bird boxes and 2 owl boxes. If you use Parklands and support our aims please consider becoming a

member. The annual subscription is just £5 and you can join at any time. There is no obligation for members to attend the working parties although they are, of course, welcome to do so. For further information please see our website www.friendsofparklands.org.uk or phone Roy on 01708 781037. If you have yet to discover Parklands, why not pay a visit? The 370 bus stops outside the entrance in Corbets Tey Road. The car park is off the entrance in Park Farm Road.

Janet Davies

I am pleased to report that the tree, funded by the Residents Association, in memory of Janet Davies has been planted in Upminster Park. Janet was the chair of the friends of Upminster Park since its founding and did a sterling job admired by all. We were very saddened to hear of her death last year and decided that a tree planted in her memory at her park would be an apt tribute. The tree is one of her favourite species, a Eucalyptus.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

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We Are FSTVL (25-28 May 2018) are holding a residents meeting on Thursday 8th March in Upminster. More details to follow, please email residents@wearefstvl.com with any query.

28 Station Rd Upminster

The Council has received a planning application for seven flats at the rear of Costcutters, 28 Station Rd, corner of St Lawrence Rd. Planning Application Number P 1899.17. We will keep you informed on this.

Recycling

Driving around the area after the Christmas break. I was really pleased to see the high level of "orange recycled bags" being left out for collection by the Council Contractors. I counted outside one property fifteen bags was this a record? I understand that our area has the highest recycled bags in the borough!

David Harrison

Upminster Library Events

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Congratulations

Hilary, who delivers the bulletin, and Ronald Double from Upminster celebrated their 60th Diamond Wedding Anniversary on the 25th January.

Waitrose Upminster

Readers who shop in Waitrose Super Market, St.Marys Lane will be aware of their green token scheme where three local organisations are displayed, and you put your token in the one you consider most worthy. Waitrose then give out several hundred pounds a month to the various local organizations. The scheme is open to all, but Waitrose prefer local needs - so if you have any ideas, please contact them. Many local groups have benefited from this.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

Howard Road Right Turners

Back in 2016 the Council was given powers to enforce Moving

Traffic Contraventions (eg no right/left turns, no-entry, etc). For the 2017 calendar year, 844 Penalty Charge Notices have been issued for vehicles turning right out of Howard Road into Station Road, averaging about 70 per month.

All Saints Church Quiz

There is a Quiz at All Saints Church, The Chase, Cranham on Saturday 10th February at 7.30pm. Tables Of 8 Tickets £6, coffee included. Contact Helene on 01708 225629.

Christmas Tree festival raised £1400

In December, a Christmas tree festival was held at the Methodist church with thirty-two trees all beautifully decorated on the theme of, "All Creatures Great and Small." This is becoming an Upminster Community event and so we were pleased that this year, Springfield Playgroup, Stewart Avenue Allotments, Upminster

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Childminders and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School and Oglethorpe Primary School were able to take part.

I think everyone who visited would agree how hard it was to choose a favourite tree, as they all were so beautiful. St Joseph's Primary School was declared the overall winner of the Festival Cup, voted for by visitors to the festival, with runners up Oakfield Montessori School and Upminster Infant School. The 'Best in the Fest,' which is awarded by the organisers went to the French Group's tree entitled "Noel in the Countryside" with the 3rd Upminster (Wesley) Cubs as the runner up.

Our thanks go to the local Primary school choirs who came to sing during the week and all the many visitors who came, making it so successful. And of course, we thank the sponsors of the trees, and all the decorators for their imaginative ideas. The tree festival raised £1400 in donations, which will be shared between our chosen charities "Methodist Homes" and "First Step". We thank the Residents Association for their support and for publicising the event, and for the lovely comments printed in the January Bulletin.

Photos of the festival are on the church website www.upminstermethodistchurch.org

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are subject to a comprehensive review to ensure they are fit for purpose and will be replaced if necessary. For further information please call 01708 432787 [option2/option1] where an officer will be on hand to deal with any queries

The general guidance if any machine is out of order is that users should see if there is another machine that is working in close vicinity. Close vicinity is defined as within the range of vision from the first machine. If that machine is also out of order (for example if all three units failed in Aldi Car Park) then no enforcement will be undertaken. As all machine failures are recorded centrally through a database, should anyone receive a penalty charge notice having followed the above guidance they should appeal asap.

The continual failure of the machines has been most unhelpful to residents and local shops alike. I am pleased that our efforts to rectify the situation have been met with a purposeful plan and expect the new machines to be soon in place.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

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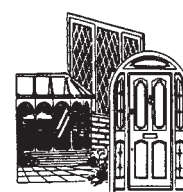
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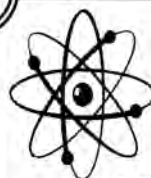
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Wednesday 14th February

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Wednesday 28th February

Second Thoughts: Some Programme Postscripts
This evening Alan takes the opportunity to put things right and play the pieces of music previously pruned from his programmes over the past years. The Music Evenings take place in the 1st Floor Meeting Room at Hornchurch Library, North Street commencing at 7.30pm and ending at 9.30pm. Admission is free of charge but we do request a nominal donation for the interval refreshments. No need to pre-book - just turn up. For more information call Stephen Raindle 01708 470670 or email sraindle@aol.com

Kindertransport Stories

Did you experience the Kindertransport 80 years ago? Was your relative one of the thousands of children rescued through the Kindertransport before the outbreak of World War II? If so, and you're local to Essex / East London, the Queen's Theatre Hornchurch wants to hear from you. To mark the 80th anniversary of the Kindertransport, the Queen's Theatre Hornchurch is bringing this rich piece of history to the stage. It is estimated that 10,000 children were evacuated from Europe into the UK through the Kindertransport to escape the threat of World War II. The train came through Harwich to London Liverpool Street with many children being rehomed in Essex. To share your experience with the theatre please call Rachel as soon as possible on 01708 462376 or email rachel@queens-theatre.co.uk and she will be happy to answer any further questions. Kindertransport runs at the Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch from 8 - 24 March. To book tickets visit queens-theatre.co.uk or call the Box Office on 01708 443333.

First Step Quiz Night

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Christmas Lights

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Rotary Big Band Night

Once again Hornchurch & Upminster Rotary Club are holding their popular annual St. Georges Day Big Band Concert at the Windmill Hall in Upminster, this time on Saturday April 21st. 2018. Featuring the popular Ken

Turner 17-piece Big Band with singer/compere Mark Stratford, the theme will include music from the Glen Miller and Count Basie era. Tickets will be £20 per person, including a Fish or Chicken & Chips supper. The charity FIRST STEP of Hornchurch will be the main beneficiaries from funds raised from this event, with support also going to other Rotary activities in the local area. For ticket reservations please phone either. Brian Taffs (01708 250855) or Jim Haines (01708 226717).

Haverling Antique Collectors Club

Judith Miller, best known for her regular appearances on the BBC Antiques Roadshow, makes a welcome return to Haverling Antique Collectors Club in March. As a regular speaker for us, her talk this time will be "Treasure or Trash", providing specialist advice on hidden gems. Whether a long standing or new collector this talk will give key advice to help you become an expert on how to spot that rare piece. Friday 16th March 7.30 for 8.00. Guests £7 - The Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane. Buses 294 and 256 stop outside. Ample car parking.

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Pinney Talfourd once again teamed up with Queen's Theatre Hornchurch and Dawn Chorus for a Christmas concert and raised over £2,000 for charity! The fantastic local choir Dawn Chorus, led by Paul Rhodes, joined us to please the crowd with a series of upbeat Christmas songs including "Let It Snow" and "Merry Christmas Everyone" before enjoying tea and mince pies with the Mayor of Havering, Cllr Linda Van Den Hende. Thank you as always to the Queen's Theatre Club volunteers who helped to serve refreshments. This year also saw the Year 5 and 6 Choir of Benhurst Primary School join in on the festivities, belting out a number of merry songs which got the entire audience up on their feet and singing along. The charity raffle raised an incredible £2,284.32 in aid of the Queen's Theatre charitable trust and Pinney Talfourd's own charity of the year, SNAP (Special Needs

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Finally, everybody at Pinney Talfourd would like to wish you all a happy new year.

Shirley Ward Tours

Shirley Ward would like to thank all supported her fund raising in 2017 by coming along on her coach trips and short break holidays. Recently £1,000 was donated to the following causes: Making a total of £5,000 donated. James Oglethorpe Infants and Junior School, Engayne Infants and Junior School, Hall Mead Senior School, All Saints Church, All Saints Scouts (1st Cranham) Please join me on a future trip. For a FULL list of trips please email shirley@shirleytours.co.uk or tel 01708 227884 for details/to book:

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LOCAL FUTURE EVENTS FEBRUARY

- 6 Tuesday - **Oglethorpe Women's Institute** Talk on The History of Music in Motion Pictures with Keith Nott. 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.
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- 9 Friday - **RSPB Havering Local Group** Indoor Meeting - Members Film Night. As in previous years we are looking forward to a relaxed fun evening where our members show their own photographs. 7.30pm - 9.45pm. All meetings take place upstairs in the Meeting Room at Hornchurch Library, Hornchurch. Entrance is £3.
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- 13 Tuesday - **NADFAS** (Havering) welcomes Dr Caroline Shenton with a talk on 'Votes for Women! - Art, Suffragettes and Female

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- 13 Tuesday - **Upminster Camera Club** Monthly Projected Digital Image. Cranham Community Association, 115a Marlborough Gardens, Upminster, RM14 1SR. 7.45pm. www.upminstercameraclub.org.uk
- 14 Wednesday - **Nelmes Women's Institute** meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month and welcome new members of all ages. Meetings are held at Nelves United Reformed Church Hall (corner of Nelves 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.
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- 15 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.

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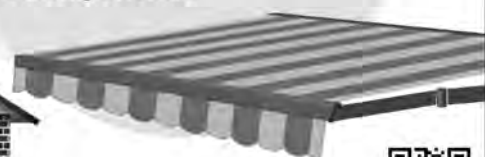
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20 Tuesday - Upminster U3A Dudley Chignall,

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20 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.

21 Wednesday - Hornchurch Harmonies W.I.,

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24 Saturday - RSPB Havering Local Group Couch

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26 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 Joyce on 01708 226696 or Elaine on 01708 509127.

28 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.

MARCH

3 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 Sinking of the Titanic and the Inquiry that followed' is the talk by Stephen Lister. The Internet & Technology Group meet at the same venue 11am - 1pm where a Q&A session is followed by 'Using DNA Techniques for Tracing Family History' - Follow Up with Dr Maurice Gleeson. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.

3 Saturday - Sugar Craft - Demonstration on

"Easter Surprise" by Linda Garnham. Venue, Fairkytes Art Centre, Billet Lane Hornchurch, Time 1.30 - 3.30pm, Entry Price now £7, includes Tea and Cake.

6 Tuesday - Oglethorpe Women's Institute

Guest Speaker Kate Cole will give a talk about Essex Witches. 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.



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- Leave a few lights on. Use a timer if you are on holiday.
- Keep a radio or TV on.
- Get some outside lighting, sensor ones are good.
- Don't let anyone in the house. If they have an ID badge phone their company up to double check first.
- Don't leave valuables in sight.
- Keep keys out of sight and the lock.
- Don't hide spare keys outside, i.e. under plant pots.
- Use a door chain and a spy

hole.

- Fit fake alarm boxes and cameras.
- Keep doors double locked.
- Lock side gates and garages.

The best way however to avoid burglars and other crimes in the area is for everyone to be vigilant, take notice of anything going on and report anything suspicious. It is better to watch out as a community, all looking out for one another leaving no room for their activity. There are neighbourhood watch groups established in the area so why not join and help stop the crimes.

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Colin Coe - Havering East Rotary Club

DIARY

FEBRUARY

7 Wednesday - **Upminster Ward Meeting** at St Joseph's Social Centre at 7.30pm.

8 Thursday - **Cranham Ward Meeting** at Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens at 7.15pm.

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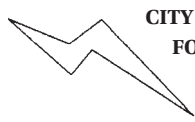
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