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UPMINSTER & CRANHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Budget Cuts Set for Charities, Libraries and Street Lighting!

The Council face a tough financial challenge over the next four years with a £37m funding gap to plug. However, proposed savings need to be thought through properly and not introduced where they have failed elsewhere or have a highly detrimental effect on our community. The conservative council have now put forward a number of suggestions to close the gap, but haven't provided any detail as to scope or risk, for example:

- Close conveniences and rely on shops/restaurants to allow public usage
- Reduce and/or close libraries
- Make voluntary organisations and charities pay business rates
- Turn off street lights during small hours
- Increase car parking charges and expand resident parking permit schemes

These are just some of the general proposals that form part of a light touch consultation which provides only a vague sense of a financial strategy. The consultation can be accessed at haverling.gov.uk/consultations. There will also be a consultation event at the New Windmill Hall on 25th September (6.30pm) which I would recommend residents attend and ask questions.

Your Residents' Association will make absolutely sure that all proposals are thoroughly scrutinised and will oppose propositions that are harmful to the community. We shall, of course, be working on an alternative financial strategy to counter the more ridiculous proposals made by the conservative administration.



Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Madam President

As previously reported we are delighted that at the local elections this area returned six Residents' Association Councillors again with the highest votes in London. We are pleased to welcome John Tyler for Cranham Ward and our Chairman Chris Wilkins for Upminster Ward.



Our President Residents' councillor Linda Hawthorn completed 28 years representing Upminster Ward and is now in her 29th year and is the longest continuously serving Councillor on Havering Council.

During this time she has served on a variety of committees including Planning which takes a huge amount of time and has been involved with a wide range of campaigns in particular fighting for inclusion into our local Green Belt countryside and dealing with thousands of local problems. Linda takes an active interest in local heritage and is a member of the friends of Upminster Windmill, Clockhouse Gardens, Upminster Park, The Old Chapel, Parklands and the Corbets Tey Conservation area. Upminster Ward is a huge ward and I was delighted to be returned to the Council in 2010 to join Linda. Outside of her councillors work, animal welfare and family tree tracing are amongst her interests, we discovered some time back our fathers were from the same street in Poplar, East London. Congratulations on the 28 years Linda, a huge achievement.

Cllr RON OWER

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A Huge Welcome

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Upminster and Cranham is represented on Havering Council by our own Residents Association Councillors.

Cranham Ward i.e. North of the Upminster to Fenchurch Street Rail line including the Dury Falls Estate is represented by Councillors Clarence Barrett, Gillian Ford and John Tyler.

Upminster Ward South of the Upminster to Fenchurch Street Rail line including the Cranham Cathedral Estate and North Ockendon is represented by Councillors Linda Hawthorn, Ron Ower and Chris Wilkins.

Contact details are on Page 22.
If you are new to the area and need any information please contact us, we have a wealth of information.

Brookmans Park

A planning application (P0719.18) has been submitted for the site Willow Tree Lodge, Brookmans Park Drive, Cranham, which is the unmade road at the end of Front Lane, adjacent to the A127. The proposal is for 'Residential caravan site, including the stationing of 12 caravans, (1 touring caravan and 11 static caravans) and the erection of stables and construction of menage' (an outdoor riding area). The land in question is green belt, which has had previous applications submitted, approved, rejected and enforced against. Objections and comments needed to be submitted by 22nd August but featured on our website which fell outside of the Bulletin publication dates. The full application is available from the link shown below and we will ensure you are advised of the outcome once the decision is made.

<http://development.havering.gov.uk/OcellaWeb/planningDetails?reference=P0719.18&from=planningSearch>

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Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

the Police launched a national four-week operation which caught 6,000 drivers using their devices while driving, with 2,000 offences committed in London. While I welcome the increased sanction, it should be more like £1,000 with an immediate three-month ban - that would surely drive home a tougher message!

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Guitar Concert in Aid of St Francis Hospice

A guitar concert by Fortissimo in aid of St Francis Hospice is being held at the Cranham Baptist Church, Severn Drive, on Saturday 20th October (5pm). Tickets at £7 please contact Frances Ridgely on 01708 227397 for bookings and further details.

Bulletin Help

If you can deliver the Bulletin in Upminster please get in touch. Please phone Cllr Chris Wilkins on 07960 059195.

Penalties for Mobile Phone Drivers Not Enough

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Saturday Talks Club

Walter Sickert and the Camden Town Group. The speaker will be Mark Banting on Saturday 13th October at 2.15pm (Doors open at 1.45pm). Cost £4 including tea and biscuits. Contact Mrs. Blake: 01708 227512 / 07788751407 or Mrs. Bland : 01689 858701 / 07951217930 for further information. Venue: Roope Hall, United Reform Church, Station Road, Upminster.

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To find out more contact Pam on 07500 724169, email heathandhaveringhope@gmail.com or write to Pam Addis, Heath and Havering HOPE Group Coordinator, Trinity Church, Station Road, Upminster, RM14 2UD.

Upminster Tithe Barn Open Days

September 8 & 9, 22 & 23 and in

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On 31 July 2018, the Commission began a three-year programme of electoral reviews of London Boroughs that it has not reviewed in the last 5 years. Havering is due to be reviewed in 2019.

Cllr GILLIAN FORD

Doggett's Corner/Dury Falls Crossing

Following the original proposal for a 'diagonal' (X) crossing at this location in November 2017, the subsequent consultation received 59 responses of which 23 were in support while the remainder were partial or full objections. As such, the diagonal (X) crossing will not proceed but crossing facilities will be improved with an additional 'All Green Man' crossing phase. Work is expected to begin on Monday 17th September and will take around 9 weeks. For further information, please call 01708 432501 or email highways@havering.gov.uk. Note - Known as Doggett's Corner from the 18th Century after Mr Doggett, a churchwarden in 1779, who also lived at Dury Falls.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Happy 130th Birthday

Mention Upminster to anyone and often they will answer, yes its at the end of the District Line, has a Windmill and of course the home of Roomes Stores. Roomes is celebrating its 130th Birthday. We are very lucky to have two Roomes Stores in our town in Station Road. On the western side the Homes and Fashion store, now owned by Morley Stores, and on the eastern side still owned by the family the magnificent furniture and interiors store.



Roomes Stores originated in Green street, Upton Park in the 1880s when James Roome, the Great Grand father of brothers Stephen and Michael Roome joint Managing Directors, opened a small drapery shop. In 1899 his daily takings book show sales of £4 to £5 on week days and on Saturdays £10 or so! Following the family moving to Engayne Gardens, Upminster in



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On the eastern side following the purchase of the Old Talbots Garage the two storey Furniture and Interiors store opened in 2001.

Many local residents will remember Stephen and Michael's Uncle David and their father John who were joint Managing

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Cllr RON OWE

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Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

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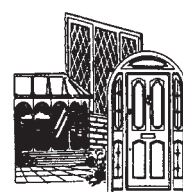
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Fee: £20. Registration and Payment: please contact Daphne Ewington on 07913052051 or at d.ewington@talktalk.net Saturday 6 October. 10am for 10:30am start. Concert 5:30pm. Trinity United Reformed Church, Station Road, Upminster, RM14 2UD.

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The Upminster and District Horticultural Society

If you want to find out more about local gardens, gardening in the Third Age or Orchid Hunting why not join us for our new season of lectures beginning next month. We also have two coach trips, Stamford & Burghley House & Gardens in September and Hyde Hall in October. We meet on the second Tuesday evening of the month in the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster. The evening begins at 7.45pm and finishes at 9.45pm. with

a tea interval. Admission is normally free to members and is £2 for non members.

You can find out more about our first lecture, Rainham Hall Gardens which is also our Charity Evening in the October issue of this Bulletin or visit our website www.upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk

Roomes Stores

Elsewhere in the Bulletin we have given details of Roomes "130th Birthday". If you have any memories on Roomes do let us know if you have worked, shopped, eaten in the restaurant etc. Please give us your memories. Email bulletinra@yahoo.co.uk

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At the Forest Centre we are developing the Community Forest's commitment to improve access for as many people as possible by adding facilities for all ages and abilities. Our programme of cycle hire including adapted bikes offered in conjunction with Positive Parents Charity and Trailnet is well established and this summer we have added an adapted bathroom. Both these projects are funded by the City Bridge Fund and help us to provide for all family members

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The monthly **guided walk**, Discovering Thames Chase, is on Friday 28th September and will explore the history and the delights of Havering Country Park. For more information see the website www.thameschase.org.uk

Shirley Ward Tours

September, Wed 26th: The Band; New musical by Gary Barlow; Matinee show; featuring songs by Take That. Cliffs Pavilion, no coach. £32 (worth £36.50) will transfer to West End.

November, Wed 7th: Strictly Ballroom Musical, Piccadilly Theatre London. £42 (NO COACH) Make Own Way to Theatre; Stall seats in Row A; Stars Matt Cardle (X Factor winner). Matinee Show. (Seats worth £72.50). Last few seats left!

Nov, 2018; Sat 10th: Lord Mayor's Show, Followed by 2 Course lunch/Thames boat trip with tea/coffee. Boat moors in Thames for Lord Mayors Firework Display at 5pm. Make own way by train, from Upminster: £41.50 inc..

December, Thu 6th: "Michael Buble Tribute" with Three course meal, entertainment: Matinee show/lunch, at

Westfield, Next to the Arcelor Mittal Orbit. Followed by visit to Orbit with Glass of Prosecco after show. By Coach £62.00. Please call Shirley Ward 01708 227884 to Book all trips.

Lunchtime Recitals

September Thursday Lunchtime Recitals at St Laurence Church, Corbets Tey Road, Upminster. 1.05pm- 1.50pm. Free admission - retiring collection in aid of the church music programme.
6th - Keenan Ngo, piano
20th - James Tett, organ

Bollards

After many complaints about parking on the pavement in Station Road, opposite the station, bollards have now been installed. The number of cars which drove over the pavement here, often only just missing pedestrians, and narrowing the pavement itself, made this necessary.

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Centre Stage - £100 per person

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70's Soiree | 7.30pm onwards

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Vanilla Bake Club

Vanilla Bake Club returns from its summer break on Monday 24th September with an 'Eastern Promise' theme. As usual the theme is not compulsory, but have a go if you want to challenge yourself. There's plenty of tea, coffee and chat with a friendly crowd of regulars and you may pick up a baking tip or recipe or two. At the end of the evening there is always lots of goodies to take home if you haven't managed to try everything. There's no fee but we charge £5 per session to cover unlimited tea and coffee and hall hire. How better to spend a Monday evening? We meet at the Old Chapel, Upminster at 6.30pm. For more information call Jennifer on 07940828154, email vanillabakeclubupm@gmail.com

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- 12 Wednesday - The Front Lane Community Association Tea Dance** at Cranham Social Hall, Front Lane, Cranham, RM14 1XN on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Doors open 2.15 p.m. Come along and make new friends, whilst dancing to music by 'John'. £3.50 inc refreshments. Pay on the door. Further details contact Val on 01708 224166.
- 12 Wednesday - Nelves 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.
- 12 Wednesday - Havering U3A** Paula Short "Sicily's Heroes and Villains". Havering U3A meets at 2:30pm on the second Wednesday of the month at St. Michael's Church Hall, Main Road, Gidea Park, Romford. www.u3asites.org.uk/havering
- 13 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. For more information please contact President Margaret Reynolds on 01708 471977.
- 13 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.
- 21 Friday - Havering Antique and Collectors Club** meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood on the third Friday of the month. Starting at 7.30 pm. Guests £4. For further details please call our Chairman Mrs Chris Lovett 07947 367258.
- 18 Tuesday - Upminster U3A** Paul Higgs, a former M.D. of the National Theatre presents "A Brief History of Jazz.". 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.
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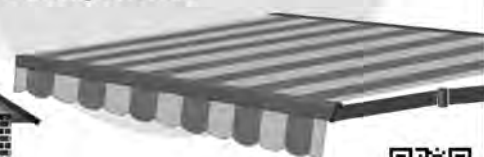
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22,23 Saturday/Sunday - Upminster Tithe Barn. Open 10:30am - 4pm. Free entry.

26 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.

26 Wednesday - Upminster and District Probud Club meet at The Cranleigh, 84 Station Road, Hornchurch, RM12 6LX. Edward Lubbock & Ms Sue Kidd - Ups and Downs of Ballooning. Contact Barry on 01708 703783 and leave a message or send an email secretary@upminsterprobud.com.

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2 Tuesday - Oglethorpe Women's Institute. "From Flanders Fields to the Tower" is the title of the talk by our Guest Speaker Richard Thomas. 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.

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. 'Problems in London Ancestry' with Michael Gandy. The Internet & Technology Group meet 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.

6,7 Saturday/Sunday - Upminster Tithe Barn. Open 10:30am - 4pm. Free entry.

8 Monday - Havering Branch Essex Wildlife Trust Illustrated talk:- TALK ON BATS with Ella from Bat Conservation. Meetings are held in the 1st floor meeting room in Hornchurch Library from 8.00 pm to 9.45 pm. Donation of £3 to help cover hall hire, this includes tea, coffee and biscuits. For more information contact the Secretary Joy Emerson on 01708 440297.



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Cranham Ward Parking Review

At the end of July the long awaited Cranham Parking Review was finally approved by the local authority. Covering four areas, the Dury Falls estate, Waldergrave/Engayne/Ashburnham Gardens, Chelmer Road, and several areas in the southern end of Cranham ward from Marlborough Gardens to Heron Way, the improvements are intended to help in two ways -

- 1) Increasing road safety by preventing parking close to junctions
 - 2) Reducing the disruption to residents and businesses caused by commuter parking.
- A final area, near to the shops in Moor Lane, is still under review but the Residents' Association councillors are pushing for this to be resolved quickly and included in the works for the main scheme.

Cllr JOHN TYLER

Christmas Lights

We are delighted to inform you that this years Upminster Christmas Lights will go on at 5.15pm on Thursday 22nd November.

As usual there will be a range of stalls. The Mayor of Havering and your local councillors will be present

If you wish to participate please contact me at lindahawthorn@hotmail.co.uk further details next month.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

Grove Court

Havering Council has refused "Planning Permission to build an additional floor to both existing buildings that are on the corner of Little Gaynes Lane and The Grove to provide 8 one bed room flats with bicycle parking and bin storage and two car parking spaces"

The Council received over 250 objections! We delivered an urgent Bulletin in the area and placed on our web site ucra.co.uk the news. The Council felt that the proposed development would, by reason of its excessive width, scale, bulk, mass, siting, materials and fenestration, combined with its prominent siting, appear disproportionate with the existing buildings and appear incongruous, dominant and visually intrusive in the street scene harmful to the character and appearance of the surrounding area.

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surrounding streets. Many thanks to all of you who wrote in. We will keep you advised if the applicants appeal against the Councils' decision.

Cllrs LINDA HAWTHORN RON
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been borrowed for a considerable time, going back to as long ago as 2004.

We hope you enjoy its new home and give it time to settle in. We have already had many positive comments so please come along and find out for yourself. 01708 220941.

Cranham Community Centre

Cranham Community Centre Library

Cranham Community Centre
Library - 01708 220941

The much awaited reopening of the library took place on 4th July. We had not realised that re locating the library was such a monumental task, but it has turned out to be. It has enabled us to overhaul and streamline the system which had not been done for a long while. We have now removed many books that had not

Heritage Open Day - St Laurence Church

St Laurence Church will be participating in the national Heritage Open Days on Saturday 8th September, between 9.30-12 noon and 2-4.30pm. There will be a display of current and historical information, a children's trail, organ music and possibly the opportunity



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for bell ringing between 11-12. All are welcome, the same time a team from St Laurence will also be visiting other churches in Essex/London as part of the annual 'Ride & Stride' event to raise money for the upkeep of historic churches.

If you would like to know more about the Heritage Open Day, or Ride & Stride, please contact St Laurence Parish Office on 01708 220696 or parish.office@upminsterparish.co.uk. The church is open daily 9am-5pm and visitors are always welcome.

What it is like to be a New Councillor

It has now been just over three months since the local elections and recently I was asked what it was like being a newly elected councillor. To sum it up, it has been very busy, with a very varied role. Following the election campaign, and a long election night, where we stayed until 7:30 in morning after a number of recounts, things have been moving at a pace. There have been numerous training sessions and it has been challenging to find a balance between family life and the work demands as a local councillor. The work load is very different, from spending time in various committees, attending community events and of course dealing with day to day enquires from local residents. However, serving your community is a privilege and very rewarding.

If you would like to help the Residents' Association and have a positive influence on your local community, please contact one of your local councillors. We have a number of roles that may interest you within the Association, ranging from helping with The Bulletin, to being an Area Controller, where you manage a team of deliverers, to being a member of the Upminster and Cranham

Residents' Association's Executive Committee, or you may even wish to stand for election in four years' time. Again if you would like to know about the Association do not hesitate to contact one of your Councillors.

Cllr CHRIS WILKINS

Ockendon Kennels

Kindly note at the end of July the Council published details of a further Planning Application number P 0862.18 for "part demolition ,extensions and alterations to the existing kennels and out buildings to form 14 dwellings with associated parking,private amenity space and boundary treatment at Ockendon Kennels,Ockendon Road,North Ockendon.

We alerted a number of residents in the area and featured on our web site ucra.co.uk.

This follows previous applications for 30 dwellings then 22 dwellings which were refused by the Council and subsequently on appeal by the Planning Inspector .The reasons given were the height of the proposed buildings the intensity of the proposals layout the extent of the development compared to the existing development and the significant adverse impact on the openness of the Green Belt. Readers may remember when the first application was submitted we held a public meeting in North Ockendon which was very well attended. We will keep you up to date on this.

Cllr RON OWER

DIARY - SEPTEMBER

The next **Upminster Ward** meeting is on Wednesday 5th September, 7.30pm at St.Josephs Hall, St.Marys Lane.

The next **Cranham Ward** meeting is on Thursday 13th September, 7.15 pm at Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens.

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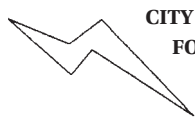
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