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Speed Limit Changes

Following pressure from your Upminster Residents' Councillors Linda Hawthorn, Ron Ower and Linda Van den Hende, the Council has as a part of this year's Transport for London funded casualty reduction programme proposals to reduce the speed limit on our local rural road network to predominantly 40 mph with a selected number proposed to be 30 mph.

These are the roads in Upminster Ward - Aveley Road, Berwick Pond Road, Bramble Lane, Dennises 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 30mph. The Council will be advising residents in these roads as part of formal consultation.



Linda with her fellow Upminster Councillors, Linda Hawthorn and Ron Ower.

Our New Mayor

Upminster Residents' Councillor Linda Van den Hende was elected unanimously at the Council Annual Meeting as the new Mayor. Linda's Consort will be her husband Laurie and she has already announced that one of her charities will be First Step.

We will be keeping you in touch with Linda's activities as we go to press she has already, with Laurie, attended numerous events. Best wishes to Linda and Laurie for the next year.

Upminster police update

There has been an increase in burglaries in the past month, although it is still 25% lower than the same month last year. There are still reports of UPVC doors not being double locked and porches left open. With the warmer weather it is important to close windows when the property is unoccupied. Motor vehicle crime has also increased with motorbikes/scooters amongst vehicles stolen. Always ensure keys are kept away from doors and windows where they can be easily taken. Shoplifting is ongoing and there are plans to reintroduce ShopWatch into Upminster Town Centre over the next few months. There have been a number of street robberies where phones/wallets have been targeted. Be aware when walking and using mobile phones as it takes seconds to snatch them. There has been a speed check in Hall Lane during May during the school run times where 8 cars were stopped exceeding the 30mph limit and warnings given.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

Restoration of Upminster Windmill

Work continues to restore Upminster's much loved windmill. Over the winter, substantial progress has been made to restore the Mill's cap which, along with the sails, was removed for repair in the millwright's workshop. Work on the main structure is now underway. The external gallery has been removed and some of the floor beams are being strengthened. Scaffolding will be erected during June and the weatherboarding will be removed to enable repairs to the main timbers. The new visitor centre is largely complete. The project is due to finish during 2018. The grounds around the new building are being landscaped as a garden by volunteers. If you would like to help, please contact Charlotte Coombes 01708 642919 or charlottethemiller@gmail.com.

Conservation Areas

We are proud here in Havering to have 11 conservation areas. The concept of conservation areas begun 50 years ago. They are intended to help groups of heritage and listed buildings by preserving the areas around them. Any new buildings within the area should enhance the area, and be in keeping. Locally we have three, covering the area around All Saints Church and the Chase, Corbets Tey and North Ockendon.

Sadly all does not go well with our conservation areas - the new build in Corbets Tey at the end of Harwood Hall Lane can hardly be described as in keeping - we voted against, but were outvoted on the then planning committee and recently an extension was allowed on a house in the 1911 exhibition estate in Gidea Park - these houses are subject to an "article 4 directive" and residents here know that very stringent rules apply to their properties - but still these are now flouted - I was the only member of the planning committee who objected. Regarding our local "conservation areas". We keep an active interest in them...In fact at Corbets Tey a Conservation Group is active with local residents and we are working on a number of projects.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

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Abigail's Column

Terror attacks



It can be hard to talk about terror attacks, it is not an easy topic. Let me tell you though that although there have

been three recent terror attacks in the UK, these are rare and the chances of you or your loved one being involved in one very low. This doesn't stop most of us worrying about them though. I believe that with things like this the best you can do is be informed so here are some things I can share with you.

Police advice is to report anything suspicious right away. This might be someone's actions or talking, a suspicious package left about or just a feeling that something is not quite right. You can report it to 999, 101 or the terrorism hotline 0800 789321.

Police advise if you are caught up in an attack is to run, hide (turning your phone on silent and non-vibrate) and tell. In any emergency make sure that you

are safe before helping others. There is an app called Citizen aid you can use to help in an emergency.

This advice is aimed at people of all ages, young people will be taken seriously if reporting things. If you are worried talk to an adult or you can call Childline 0800 1111. It is normal to be worried about things like this so don't be frightened to talk about that.

Subscriptions

Delighted to inform you that this remains at £2 per household. We are currently collecting Subs. If you are new to the area a huge welcome. We are also canvassing for new members.

Old Chapel Events

Sat 1st July, 10am-5pm - Summer Craft Fair
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Wed 12th July, 10.30am - Tea and Talk, The History of Rainham Hall
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Sun 16th July, 2.00pm - 5.00pm - Local Heritage Fair

Local heritage sites will be at Old Chapel to help you plan a great day out! Free helpdesk on starting your family history research also available. Free entrance

Thu 27th July 10am-2pm - Children's Pottery Café

See how creative your little ones can be. We operate on a first come, first served basis and you pay per item you paint.

Victorian kitchen gardens of the windmill site.

Fri 28th July 11am-4pm - Archaeology Fun Day

Come and see a real excavation site and help us to uncover more history. We will have craft activities, an exhibition, do your own dig, object handling and much more. Guaranteed fun day out for the family.

For booking on the above talk contact Charlotte Coombes on 01708 642919 or at charlottethemiller@gmail.com

Council Elections

The Association will again be contesting all six seats next year, three in Cranham Ward and three in Upminster Ward.

With this in mind the Association's Executive will be holding a selection Committee to interview and recommend proposed candidates.

Official Nomination papers are available from the Association Secretary Mike Long on Tel: 01708 224107 or email mike.long1@btinternet.com

Each nomination shall signify the consent of the nominee and shall be proposed by two members of the association and seconded by another eight members of the Association.

The nominee and the proposers

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Upminster Windmill Events

Thu 20th July, 7pm - 8.30pm Archaeology Talk

Join Adam Wightman who will be talking about the Fenwick Treasure. The talk is free but booking is required.

Sat 22nd and Sunday 23rd July, 10am-4pm - Victorian Garden Dig Event

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and seconders of every nomination must have been members of the association for at least two complete calendar years prior to nomination. No person holding office in or being actively engaged in any national party political organisation for the last two years shall be eligible for nomination.

New Bulletin Delivery Manager - Chris Wilkins

Some of you may already know who I am, but for those of you who don't, my name is **Chris Wilkins**, the current chairman of the Upminster and Cranham Residents' Association. I have been a resident of Upminster for more than 25 years, with both my children attending local schools. I'm taking this opportunity to write to you all to let you know that I recently took over the role as *Bulletin* delivery manager for Upminster from Linda Van De Hende. I am sure you will all join me in thanking Linda for all her hard work during the past 8 years in the role.

As I am sure you're aware the

Bulletin is a source of local news and information that the local community find very useful and interesting. Year on year it has gone from strength to strength and presently over 9,000 copies are distributed in Upminster and Cranham every month. This would not be achieved without the help of local volunteers who deliver the *Bulletins* as well as collect it's yearly subscription of £2.00. Their dedication deserves a huge thank you from myself and the other members of the Residents' Association. Finally, I would like to ask anyone who is interested in becoming a Deliverer and Subscription Collector or an Area Controller can you please email on bulletinra@yahoo.co.uk

Disability-Friendly Meeting for Adults

Sunday 9 July - 3.00 to 4.30 pm
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Public Inquiry

There is to be a Public Inquiry on the 4th of July 2017 at 10am at the Town Hall Romford. Havering council are requesting that Footpath 198 be moved (this runs through the Old Windmill site) on to Sustran's National Cycle path 136. This is a very busy cycle route, it is used by visitors to Upminster park, school children and their parents and people going to the shops. The reason being is that they gave permission to build 22 retirement flats on the Old Windmill site, for this development to go ahead they

have to move the 100+year old right of way. In fact, they would be removing footpath 198 completely. Please attend this meeting if possible to support the local people of Upminster who are objecting to this request.

P Flavell


Moor Lane Church Building Project

As you travel up Moor Lane from the Cranham shops, Moor Lane Church is the last building on the right. Since the 1950s it has seen many come through it's doors. First used as a social hall, then as a place for Christian worship. By the time you read this, work should have started to make the building more user friendly. The plan is to centralise the front doors, with a foyer beyond leading through to the main worship/social area. A new extension will house an accessible toilet and a baby changing unit. The kitchen will be resited and refitted. When the work is complete, we hope you will come to see for yourself. Moor Lane Church members would love to welcome you for "Coffee and Cake" and a good look round.

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Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

Swing into Summer

With the summer holidays upon us, why not visit the Upminster Mini-Golf Course in Hall Lane which will be open right through the summer break. The Friends Group have been working hard throughout the year to promote and enhance the course and have brought about a number of improvements. The course is open from 10am to 6pm, £5 for adults and £3 for under 16s/concessions.

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Laurance Garrard

Clarence to Run for St Francis Hospice

I shall be taking part in the London 10,000 metres on July 9th to raise funds for St Francis Hospice. I have seen how the Hospice care not only for those with life-limiting conditions, but also for the families and carers of loved ones. When the need is most, and times are tough, the service provided by St Francis Hospice is an invaluable asset to the community. It is inspiring to see how dedicated personal care,

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Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

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Fri 14th July 8-11pm - first of our summer 'Jazz in the Barn' concerts with Dave Browning's Jazz Band. Tickets £12 per person. Bring your own food and drink.

Sun 16th July 10am-3pm - Sunday Market.

Tues 25th July 10.30am-12.30pm - the beginning of the children's summer holiday programme. There will be activities on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week through the holiday. More details at the Visitor Centre and on the website.

Thu 27th July 7-8.30pm - first of the summer evenings yoga programme. £6 per session.

Fri 28th July from 10am - discovering Thames Chase guided walk exploring the Mardyke Valley.

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Clr CLARENCE BARRETT

Upminster CC v Essex CCC

The annual Benefit Match will take place at the Recreation Ground, Upminster Park on Sunday, 10 September

commencing at 1.30 pm. The game is being played in aid of the Essex Cricket Foundation.

Shirley Ward Tours

July 6th, Thu: The Mill at Sonning Theatre, Agatha Christie's The Spiders Web; next to River Thames in Converted Water Mill. £70.00 inc 2 course lunch/coach. Brian Blessed directs.

July 25th, Tue: Windsor 2 hour river cruise with Ploughman's lunch, then afternoon cream tea at Bekonscot Model Village. Adults £60; Child £52.00. Whole day out with lunch/tea inc.

August 17th, Thu: Broadstairs: Folk Week, Morris dancers, lovely beach. Adults £26; OAP £25; Under 16's £18. (2 Coaches going, one family/one Adults). Call for family prices.

August 22nd, Tue: Southwold Trip, beautiful beach, Suffolk. Price £26; Child £23.00.

November 11th Sat: Lord Mayor 's Show: watch Parade from street, then 2 course lunch; + river trip and stay onboard to watch Fireworks. No Coach. Child (3 -14 ; £32); Adult £35.

December 18th, Mon: Layer

Marnar Tower, Essex; Tower Tour, 3 course lunch, Xmas concert/candlelight in church/Dickens Reading, Mulled Wine/mince pie by coach. £72 inclusive.

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New Penalties for Mobile Phone Drivers Not Enough

From March 2017, the penalty for using a mobile phone while driving was increased to £200 along with six penalty points. At the same time, 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!

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General Election Halts Fly-Tipping Petition

Having set up a petition calling for stronger penalties and additional enforcement capacity to tackle fly-tipping, the General Election has meant that all petitions lodged with the previous government have been cancelled and we will have to start all over again with the new government. With 560 signatures, the petition was going along nicely, but please be assured that we shall launch a new petition as soon as the petitions facility reopens.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

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The **Queen's Theatre Hornchurch's** thrilling autumn season opens with a British premiere of **Ken Ludwig's** furiously paced farce, **A Fox On The Fairway (25 Aug - 16 Sep)**. This hilarious romp combines headlong humour, exuberant personalities and romantic entanglements.

TV writer **Graham Linehan's**

(*Father Ted, The IT Crowd*) adaptation of the much-loved Ealing classic, *The Ladykillers* follows from **3 - 21 Oct**. This side-splitting production mixes madcap comedy and criminal capers to hilarious effect. Finally, don't miss the breath-taking world premiere of **H.G.Wells' iconic sci-fi novella, The Invisible Man (27 Oct - 28 Nov)**. Adapted by **Clem Garritty**, it's filled with live music, illusion and adventure.

Dog Attacks

Very sadly a number of attacks have been made on smaller dogs recently by a larger dog. This is very distressing for the owners of the dogs being attacked, but all too often you read that the owners, and people watching have tried to break up the fight by hitting and punching the attacking dog. Whilst commending anyone for trying to do something and not just ignore the incident, this will only antagonise the dog. Advice has been given by the RSPCA "the best way of breaking up a dog fight is to pull up the back legs of the attacker" this prevents the dog from moving, and the attacked dog can be pulled away.

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Havering Show

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time, well worth a visit.

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Tap Room Camra Pub of Year

Congratulations go to the Upminster Tap Room for winning the title of South West Essex Camra Branch London Area Pub of the Year 2017. The Micro-Pub will now face 12 other establishments nominated by Camra branches in the next round of the competition covering the whole of London with the winner announced in August. Good luck.

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Cranham Whist Drive

Cranham Community Centre Whist Drive organisers, Linda and Harry, would like to extend a cordial invitation to all visitors who may be interested in joining our Whist Club.

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Further information can be obtained from either Linda (01708 458328) for Wednesday, or Harry (01708 227457) for Friday. Both start at 7.30pm.

LOCAL FUTURE EVENTS JULY

- 2 Sunday - **Friends of Branfil School - Country Fayre**, 12-3pm.
- 4 Tuesday - **Oglethorpe Women's Institute** The "History of Harrods" will be the subject of the talk by Guest Speaker Eve Regulous. 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.
- 5 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. Cheese and wine evening. Visitors welcome entrance is £2.50, which includes refreshments. For more details please ring Joanne on 0787 5670419.
- 10 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. 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.
- 11 Tuesday - **Upminster Camera Club - BIJOU TROPHY (PDI) & Animals & Flowers Competition (PRINTS) Judge: Roger Hance FRPS AFIAP BPE5***. Cranham Community Association, 115a Marlborough Gardens, Upminster, RM14 1SR. 7.45pm. www.upminstercameraclub.org.uk
- 12 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 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 information please contact President Margaret Reynolds on 01708 471977.
- 15 Saturday - **Stewart Allotments Gate Sale** 10 am - 12 noon selling Fresh seasonal produce, home made jams, chutneys, marmalades and cakes.
- 15 Saturday - **Upminster Tithe Barn Museum of Nostalgia**, Hall Lane, Upminster 10.30 am to 4 pm.
- 16 Sunday - **Upminster Tithe Barn Museum of Nostalgia**, Hall Lane, Upminster 10.30 am to 4 pm.
- 18 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.
- 19 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.
- 20 Thursday - **Upminster Wine and Social**

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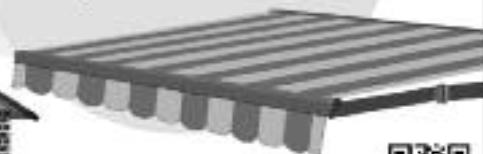
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- 21 Friday - **Having Antique and Collectors Club** meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood. The talk will start at 7.30 pm for 8 pm start. Guests £4. For further details please call our Chairman Mrs Chris Lovett 07947 367258.
- 25 Tuesday - **Upminster Camera Club** - Summer Social Evening, Cranham Community Association, 115a Marlborough Gardens, Upminster, RM14 1SR. 7.45pm.
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- 26 Wednesday - **Upminster and District Probus Club** meet at The Cranleigh, 84 Station Road, Hornchurch, RM12 6LX. Anne Garnish on the "History of Sidecar Racing". Contact Barry on 01708 703783 and leave a message or send an email secretary@upminsterprobus.com.
- 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.
- 31 Monday - **Breathe Easy - Having** 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.

AUGUST

- 1 Tuesday - **Ogthorpe Women's Institute Fashion Show** - Second Time Round. 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.
- 2 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. Visitors welcome entrance is £2.50, which includes refreshments. For more details please ring Joanne on 0787 5670419
- 5 Saturday - **The Having 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 'Film and Radio Archive for the Family Historian' with Kathy Chater. The Internet & Technology Group meet at the same venue 11am - 1pm where a Q&A session is followed by 'Family Tree Maker Under New Ownership' with Derrick Reynolds. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.
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Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

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Havering Open Gardens

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2. 26 Courtenay Gardens, Upminster, RM14 1DD this is a long garden with lovely hostas and fuchsias and lots of surprises.

£3 donation for the 1st garden, £1 for the 2nd. There will be refreshments and plants on sale. Contact Joy Emerson, secretary Havering Branch Essex Wildlife Trust 01708 440297. 8 Frank's cottages will also be open privately on Sunday 23rd July and 6th August 2017.

Family Fun Day

On Wednesday 23 August at Macon Way, Cranham, RM14 1NZ. Youth Bus, Sports Games, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Arts and Crafts, Games and much more. 10 am to 1pm.

Tom Horlock

Some of you may recognise the name Tom Horlock. Tom, dedicated his time in supporting young people in Cranham and Upminster, with youth groups and summer programmes at Hall Mead School, Cranham Community Centre and Front Lane Social Centre. Tom had been

a School Governor at Branfil School, a Labour Party supporter standing for election as a Councillor, a trustee of 'Sight Action Havering', and was given the Freedom of the Borough in 2011 for his eminent service to the Borough. Tom passed away peacefully on 11th May, 2017 at the age of 97. Charity donations to dementia charities are requested by the family. Thoughts are with his family and friends at this difficult time.

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July

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

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