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## UPMINSTER & CRANHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### Green Belt Update

In the September *Bulletin* we reported that Havering is preparing a new Local Plan which provides developers a statutory opportunity to bid to take areas out of the Green Belt for development, mainly residential. In September, 47 sites had been identified across the Borough with four in Upminster and three in Cranham. There have now been a further two sites added to the list in Upminster. The total sites under consideration now stands at 56 (see our website for details). Council officers will have to assess each application and consult widely before any decision can be made. This is a significant issue for us given our proximity to large areas of Green Belt and we are keeping in close touch with officers on this. The submission of the new Local Plan is due in spring 2016. We will continue to keep you updated on this important matter.

Cllrs LINDA HAWTHORN, RON OWER, LINDA VAN DEN HENDE,  
 CLARENCE BARRETT, GILLIAN FORD



from 4pm to 6pm. There will be free fairground rides again at the Bell - Upminster School, St Mary's Lane. Father Christmas has promised to visit to meet the children and there will be ELF hats again for the children. There will be stalls and lots of music. The Police will also be joining in the fun. T.Cribb & Sons in St.Mary's Lane will have several animals for the children to meet. This will be a great event again- please bring the children along.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

### Plastic Bag Tax Grab



As from last month, single use plastic carrier bags carry a 5p charge. The charge applies to larger stores and does not include paper bags. The proceeds, estimated at £110m a year, are to be used on initiatives to reduce litter and encourage recycling as well as supporting charitable causes. However, it has emerged that the Treasury will be charging VAT on the plastic bags, netting the Government some £19m a year. Where it has been introduced elsewhere, the initiative has seen a huge reduction in the use of plastic carrier bags. But in Northern Ireland the bags are exempt from VAT with all the revenue going towards the environment and charities, the same should apply in England. While some plastic bags are transparent, the government's policy on the charge is not quite so see-through!

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

### November Ward Meeting

We are very lucky to have the Thames Community Forest on our doorstep. Their Headquarters is at Broadfields Farm, Pike Lane, Cranham and we regularly publicise their events. We are delighted to inform you that Mary Wright from Thames Chase will be giving a presentation on their work at our Ward meeting on Wednesday 4th November 8pm at St Josephs Hall, St.Mary's Lane. This promises to be very interesting and you are all invited. The area that Thames Chase covers has grown enormously.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

### Christmas Lights

We are pleased to confirm that our Christmas Lights will be switched on at 5pm on Thursday the 26th this month by the Mayor, Residents' Councillor Brian Eagling, who will be accompanied by the Mayoress, Bunny Eagling. The celebrations in Upminster Town centre will be

Cllr RON OWER

### West Lodge Site

Elsewhere in The *Bulletin* is an article on further flats in St Mary's Lane. We received this letter regarding the recently built flats on the old West Lodge site rear of Corbets Tey Road. As we have mentioned before and reported in the *Bulletin* we **opposed** this application. Following the 2014 local elections, the make up of the planning committee has changed and subsequent applications have been refused. As we go to press, at least one application has gone to an appeal. A local resident has said: "I would just like to voice my concerns regarding the entrance/exit to the new properties on Corbets Tey Road - I can't believe this has been passed by the Council - the number of young children that whizz up and down there on bikes/scooters or just generally running down what they assume to be clear pavement on their way to school - it's an accident waiting to happen - I don't even want to think about it - all its going to take is a car whizzing out of the entrance and a small child or teenager walking along crossing the path - how on earth has this been allowed to happen? Also it appears there is only one exit/entrance, surely this isn't ideal".

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Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

## Upminster Junior School Fireworks

The Upminster Junior School PA and Upminster Infant School PTA Annual Firework Display will be taking place on the school field on Saturday 7th November. Display starts at 6:30pm with the gates opening at 5:30pm.

## Upminster Police Information



In recent months there has been an increase in the number of residential and non-residential burglaries in the area.

There appears no pattern to the locations for these crimes. Many occur during the afternoon and via the rear of the property. At the same time there has been a significant increase in theft from motor vehicles which has included power tools and number plates. As the evenings are beginning to draw in, and crime often occurs under cover of darkness, please ensure your doors and windows are securely locked, ensure your car is locked and do not leave tempting items

on show in the car which encourages opportunist crime. If a crime is in progress or someone is acting suspiciously always call 999, if the crime has occurred and you wish to report it, call 101.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

## House at Harwood Hall Lane

Many of you will have seen the eye-sore of a house under construction at the corner of Harwood Hall Lane and Corbets Tey Road, it is in the Corbets Tey Conservation Area, and is taking for ever and a day to be completed. Officially there is no action which the Council can take, but following my concerns and from local residents concerns the planning agent was contacted - unfortunately he is no longer involved - so the original applicant has been contacted - we await his comments. Your Resident Councillors were against this application. We felt

particularly that the access onto Harwood Hall Lane is dangerous.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

## Abigail's column

### Being driven out of Upminster



In the last few months Upminster has seen an increase in parking charges and now the closing down

of the Old Windmill carpark. Parking at busy times can be really difficult and stressful. A number of people are parking in restriction free side roads, maybe to avoid paying the charges. This is making more roads busy, dangerous and more difficult for residents to park outside their own houses. School run mums are making the most of the 30 minute free parking but then not staying on to do shopping or pop into the coffee shops as they once did and others are put off coming in

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altogether because they can park easier or for free elsewhere. This is not good for our local businesses. The traffic is getting worse because people are driving round in loops to find a place to park and the roads are getting more clogged up all over town as a result, with road rage and possible accidents being the only outcome.

## Another set of Flats

The flats next to the grade 2 listed building the Clockhouse in St Mary's Lane Upminster have been the subject of many local conversations. I was appalled when plans were submitted to pull down the clinic, the other side of the flats, currently being used by a building company and replace it with a block of flats with a similar design, and was pleased when the committee refused it planning permission. However, following a Planning Appeal The Government's Planning Inspectorate has granted planning permission. So now we will see two blocks of flats in St Mary's Lane, both with underground car parks.

If you would like a copy of the Government Inspector's report, get in touch with us.

Clr LINDA HAWTHORN

## Byron Mansions Planning Application

Planning applications for an additional floor, each with 4 flats, in the two blocks of Byron Mansions 1-15 and 17-31 have just been received. (P1255.15 and P1257.15). There was a previous application for additional flats on one block which was refused by the council. Whilst these applications are different they still represent a major change to the exterior of the building and impact on the Town Centre as well as adding to the already difficult parking situation for residents as no parking spaces are planned. I have called these applications in and if you have concerns I suggest you write to the Planning Department in Mercury House. We will keep you updated on this.

Clr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

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Please note the Society have on Wednesday November 18th National demonstrator David Thomson with his presentation called "Seasons Greetings," 7.15 for 8pm start at The New Windmill Hall, Upminster.

## The Jack & the Beanstalk Mobile Phone Pole

Barely a year after installing a 12.5m phone pole to replace a 10m mast at the junction of Moor Lane and Front Lane, operators Telefonica are now applying to install a 15m pole in exactly the same spot! While we all want G4 mobile phone technology, putting a 15m pole slap bang in the middle of Cranham Village is a step too far. The pole, along with all the cabinets, will detract hugely from the Village setting of Cranham. Why not put it in the car park opposite which is no more than 50m away and far less obtrusive? The first mast (10m)

was disguised as a telegraph pole and this blended into the streetscene environment reasonably well, the second pole(12.5m) is far less so and goodness knows what a 15m pole will look like. We need to stand up to this 'Jack and the Beanstalk' growth of poles and cabinets in inappropriate places, your councillors and many residents have already lodged objections and I will report back on the outcome.

Clr CLARENCE BARRETT

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on a westerly wind towards Romford. They are now relying on the lovely local community to get in touch when they find a balloon tag to tell them where it landed. All successfully landed balloons will be mapped and the owner of the balloon that travels the furthest will win a prize. Tags have been returned from the South Coast and one from France! All landed balloons will be mapped on an interactive map displayed on their website. So if you bought a balloon make sure you check to see if yours has landed yet!  
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Love gardening? Then why not join Upminster and District Horticultural Society and benefit from our gardening themed talks and outings. Our talks are held monthly from October to May (not February), with a members' plant sale at the May talk. All talks take place in the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, starting at 7.45. New members and non-members are very welcome. Entry is generally free to members, £2 to non-members with a raffle and refreshments available. Also on our programme this winter will be talks on The Garden behind the Wall by Lois Amos, 60 years in Horticulture by Jim Buttress, Wild Plants by Mary Smith and Garden History and Follies by Caroline Holmes, Plants for Difficult Places by Tim Carter and A Gardener's Year by Harry Brickwood. Our outings are held monthly, from April to October, to gardens

around the south east of England, these trips are for members only. For 2016 we have trips booked already to RHS Wisley, Barnsdale Gardens (Geoff Hamilton's Gardener's World garden) and Ickworth. The Society is over 100 years old and is looking forward to a flourishing future for Upminster and surrounding areas. We have good relationships with local garden centres, nurseries, florists and businesses to encourage all things horticultural around the area. There are even some discounts available to members at local businesses. For more information: www.upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk info@upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk Tel: Beryl 01708 228793.

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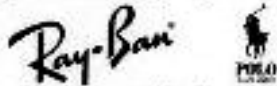
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Upminster & Cranham Residents'  
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## June Preston's Exhibition

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Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

## Ian Wilkes RIP

It is with sadness that I report that former Residents' Councillor Ian Wilkes passed away in September. Ian was a Resident Councillor for Gidea Park between 1994 and 2002 - whilst on the Council, Ian took an interest in Planning and Leisure serving on both committees. Many residents will remember before moving to Romford, he lived in Emerson Park where he was actively involved in the local Residents' Association, standing for Council and editing the local newsletter.

Before this, he was educated at Brentwood School and lived for many years in Upminster where he was chairman of Upminster &

Cranham Residents' Association for some years and was also Editor of *The Bulletin*. Ian was also active in The Havering Residents' Association and assisted Residents' Associations all over the borough. Ian was a keen supporter of the Queen's Theatre and ran a publishing company, Ian Henry Publications, specialising in local history books.

Our thoughts are with his wife Pam and their family.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

## Wednesday Music Evenings

Wednesday 4th November at 7.30 pm

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which for many years was voted by Classic FM's listeners as their No.1 in the annual Hall of Fame. The Scottish Fantasy for violin and orchestra and Kol Nidrei for 'cello and orchestra are also included but Alan has also unearthed some little-known Bruch gems which he is sure we shall all enjoy.

**Wednesday 18th November 2015 at 7.30 pm**

**Sammy Cahn presents ME AND FRANK: A Centenary Tribute to Frank Sinatra**

This evening we welcome back to Hornchurch the great songwriter Sammy Cahn (*sometimes known as actor Ronald Atkinson*) who our audience will recall gave us, two seasons ago, such a fascinating insight into the art of songwriting as well as his own music. Then Sammy stated quite categorically that Sinatra was the finest singer that he had ever written for (over 60 songs no less) and also counted him amongst his closest friends. Who better than Sammy then to pay this centenary tribute to Old Blue Eyes as he recounts some personal Sinatra anecdotes, and

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## More Scams

Yet again scams have been reported in the area. This time it was a call from a phone company who insisted that in order to continue to provide the service, they needed the bank details, PIN number and date of birth of the subscriber. The person calling was aggressive and sought to frighten the resident into giving the information. Fortunately the resident resisted the demand for information and not surprisingly continues to receive her phone service. This is yet another timely reminder that there are criminals who will stop at almost nothing to get personal information relating to bank/building society details in order to get at you cash. Remember a bank, police or

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Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE



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newly built houses on the site look very smart but many people lament the destruction of the lovely old hall and the gathering of the community that enjoyed the corny jokes, and outrageous situations that the Panto offered. With a nostalgic and sentimental nod to that production so many years ago, the Players are producing a World Premier version no less, of the old story but with a unique twist.

It is 50 years on and Cinderella is to celebrate her Golden Wedding anniversary by hosting her very own ball. Trouble is, the Ugly Sisters, wallowing in their dotage are offering to do the catering. Button's back is not what it was and the Baron and evil Stepmother should really have retired to their caravan. Hearts will be tugged at the strained and angst filled relationship growing between Button's Grandson, Velcro and Cinderella's Granddaughter, Ella. Cranham will once again be alive with the sound of song and laughter as the Players present this

brand new family Panto, written and directed by Gerry Sweeney at their current home, Vestry Hall, The Chase, Cranham, RM14 3YB on December 4th 8pm and 5th December 2pm & 7:30pm.

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## Christmas Tree Festival 2015

**28th November -6th December**

Now Autumn is with us and Christmas decorations are creeping into the shops, Upminster Methodist Church is getting ready for the annual Christmas Tree Festival. This will be the fifth year the church has arranged this and it provides a lovely introduction to the Christmas season for all ages. The theme this year is "Christmas Carols" and we have invited local schools and organisations from the church and community to decorate trees for this event using this idea.

The opening times are:

Saturdays 10-4pm

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The Festival opens on Saturday 28th November at 10am and there will be refreshments available all day. In the church halls there will be a Christmas Market with craft and charity stalls selling cards, gifts, cakes and other festive goods. Charities are invited to have a stall for their organisation on that day.

We welcome visits from community groups during the week to see the trees. Entrance is free: donations to our chosen charities.

For more details please contact the Church Office 01708222278 or email [upmethodistchurch@btinternet.com](mailto:upmethodistchurch@btinternet.com)

## Friends of Upminster Mini Golf Meeting

The next meeting of the Upminster Mini-Golf Course will take place on Thursday 19th November (7.15pm) at the Cranham Community Centre (room 8). For further information

call Cllr Clarence Barrett on 07863 116029. All very welcome.

## Coffee Morning

Please note Moor Lane Church, Cranham have a coffee morning on Saturday the 7th November at 10am. They will be having a home-made cake sale as well.

## British Sugarcraft Guild

The local Hornchurch and Upminster Branch have a craft demonstration on Saturday 28th November, 12pm - 4pm. Admission by ticket only, £12, includes a 2 course Christmas lunch. At Gwillcoo, Brookdale Ave, Upminster. Please note venue. Demonstration is: Christmas Lace and Run Outs, by Alison Henderson. Further information and tickets from: Joy Rasbash (01708) 767 145.

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It's that time again, when we can all enjoy fireworks - I loved them as a child but can I please ask readers to remember their pets, who might not be as keen on the noise as we are, and also watch out for stray fireworks, which can damage property if caught up in

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## The Cappella Singers of Upminster Christmas Concert

The Cappella Singers are presenting their **Christmas Concert on Friday 11th December 2015**, at 8.00 p.m., at Trinity United Reformed Church, Station Road, Upminster. The programme includes 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).

## Havering Hockey Club

The Club would like to invite 7-12 year olds to attend training on Sunday mornings from 10am- 12 noon. At Champion School,

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- 9 Monday - **Essex Wildlife Trust Havering present** an illustrated talk "Bees or not Bees" by Tony Gunton, Warden of Cranham Marsh Nature Reserve. 7.45 pm in Hornchurch Library. This is a talk about pollinating insects. Requested donation £2, light refreshments. More information from Joy Emerson on 01708 440297.
- 10 Tuesday - **NADFAS (Havering)** welcomes back Dr Claire Walsh giving a talk on 'Charles Dickens and The Imagery of Christmas'. Lecture at 10.45 am. Coffee from 10 am. Visitors welcome at £6. Meetings are held at the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster, RM14 2QH. Further details

can be found at  
haveringdfas.org.uk.

- 10 Tuesday - **Upminster Horticultural Society** Lecture on **The Garden Behind the Wall** by Lois Amos. The talk will take place in the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster from 7.45 pm to 9.45 pm doors open at 7.15 pm. Entrance is free to members, non-members very welcome for a fee of £2.00. For further information on Upminster Horticultural Society see our website  
www.upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk or  
info@upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk.
- 13 Friday - **RSPB Havering Local Group** present an illustrated talk "Birds and Wildlife of Mersea Island" by Dougal Urquhart, the Ranger at Cudmore Grove. 7.30 pm in Hornchurch Library. Meeting fee £3. More information from Janet Silver on 01708 452171.
- 20 Friday - **Havering Antique and Collectors Club** meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood, 7.30 pm for 8 pm start. Guest Speaker Christopher Proudfoot on 'Phonographs & Gramophones' (please bring any records along).
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- 28 Saturday - **Christmas Bazaar** at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Church Lane, North Ockendon, RM14 2QH from 12 noon to 3.00 pm. Light lunches. Christmas gifts and stocking fillers, tombola, raffle, toys, books and games. Church open for viewing.
- 28 Saturday - **Christmas Tree Festival Concert** by Thurrock Male Voice Choir, 7.30pm at Upminster Methodist church. Soloist Joanna-Marie Skillett. Tickets £10- available from 01708 226 091.
- 30 Monday - **Breathe Easy - Havering** In aid of British Lung Foundation, have guest speakers every month held at St. Andrews Church, Hornchurch, 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm. Cost £2 including light refreshments. For further information please ring Joyce 01708 226696 or Elaine 01708 509127.

- 30 Monday - Harold Court School Christmas Fair. Starts after school.
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## Rotary Christmas Float

Once again Havering East Rotary Club, with the help of Upminster 41 Club, will be bringing their Christmas Float around the streets of Upminster and Cranham, spreading cheer and collecting monies for local good causes such as First Step, St Francis Hospice and Ravensbourne School. Many, many thanks for your continued support of the Float which is now in its 38th year and a local seasonal tradition. Full details of routes and dates will appear in the December *Bulletin*.

## Christmas Bookings

The Alishan Indian Restaurant in Station Road, Upminster, has informed us they will be closed on the 25th and 26th December. However, they are open on the rest of the Christmas/ New Year period. Bookings are now being taken on 01708 220 131. The staff are very willing to help and assist with any questions on their dishes. A great time to meet up with family or friends.

## Macmillan Coffee Day

We held a Coffee Morning Friday 25th September at T.Cribb Funeral Directors, Cranham. It was extremely successful, indeed with cakes donated by local residents and raffle prizes also donated by both residents and a few local stores including Fags and Mags, Bliss Flowers and Tesco Express. I was serving all day long and had a constant flow of people. We also had an important guest of Tommy our Shetland pony who was very much loved by all the local children and especially the local nursery!

I was amazed at the sum of £233 which was brilliant which will go to a Charity that does so much hard work.

Jan Nash

## Christmas Bazaar

The Upminster Infant & Junior School Christmas Bazaar is on Saturday 5th December from 11am - 2pm.

We will have games for the children, face painting and nail painting as well as stalls for the

adults. There will also be a BBQ, and mince pies and mulled wine available.

## Winter Market

St Andrew's Church in Hornchurch will be holding their annual Winter Market in the church halls on Saturday 28th November between 10 and 3pm. After the grand opening by Mayor Residents' Councillor Brian Eagling, there will be time to look round over 15 stalls selling a variety of goods or have a go at some of the raffles available. There'll be a chance to visit Father Christmas in his grotto and a special children's craft room for the younger ones, plus, refreshments will be served all day as well as light lunches from 12pm. So please come and join us.

## Engayne's Christmas Fayre

Engayne Primary School Friends Association will be holding its annual Christmas Fayre & Market on 21st November from 11am to

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2pm. Bring your children to meet Father Christmas in his grotto; choose from a range of traditional fun school fayre games; enjoy a range of delicious refreshments including hot food from our bbq; take part in our raffle with great prizes; and browse our Christmas Market stalls to help with those Christmas lists. Entry is 50p (children are free). Please come along to Engayne Primary School, Severn Drive for a great seasonal family day out not to be missed.

## Adventure Island Wristbands

I am selling wristband vouchers on behalf of Engayne Primary School Friends Association for £15.50 each. These vouchers can be exchanged for all sizes of wristbands. Please call me on 07895 024179. I sell these all year round and messages can be left on my answerphone. If I am unavailable, I will get back to you asap. These are still fantastic value as prices have now gone up at the park. So buy now and save money.

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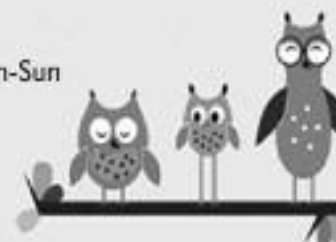
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5 Saturday - **The Havering Branch of the East of London Family History Society** hold meetings first Saturday of every month at Trinity Church, Station Road, Upminster RM14 2SJ doors open at 1pm meeting starts at 2pm. This month the talk is **'History of Stained Glass Windows'** with Chris Parkinson. The Computer Group meets at the same venue 11am - 1pm where a Q&A session is followed by 3 short talks by Charlie Mead, John Goodwin and Steve Cordery. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either

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9 Wednesday - **Upminster Townswomen's Guild** have guest speaker John Whitehead talking on **"Laughter on the Air"**. Come along and

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11 Friday - **Coffee & Conversation** are having **Coffee & Mince pies and Entertainment by Engayne School** singing Carols at Cranham Social Hall, Front Lane. 10.30 am - 12.30 pm £2.

14 Monday - **Romford & District Historical Society** meet at myplace, 343 Dagnam Park Drive, Harold Hill, Romford, RM3 9EN. Access from 7.30 pm - Meeting 8.00 pm to 9.30 pm.

18 Friday - **Havering Antique and Collectors Club** meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood, 7.30 pm for 8 pm start are holding their **Christmas Party** - with Peter King Singer / Comedian. (Members and Guest Only).

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

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