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A Huge Thank You!

Cranham and Dury Falls residents voted very decisively in the recent local elections, showing that you wanted local Residents' Association councillors representing you on Havering Council. We regard it as an absolute privilege and honour to serve our community and we look forward to doing our very best for you over the next four years.

The votes cast were Cllr Gillian Ford (2,932), Cllr Clarence Barrett (2,817) and Cllr John Tyler (2,502). The next nearest candidate polled 974.

In Upminster, our colleagues were also returned by a large margin, Cllr Linda Hawthorn (3,142), Cllr Ron Ower (3,109) and Cllr Chris Wilkins (2,908). The next nearest candidate polled 1147.

While overall turnout for Havering as a rather low 36.8%, our wards recorded the highest turnouts in the borough with Cranham (43.1%) and Upminster (45.5%).

Who will Lead Havering Council?

With no one group gaining an overall majority in the local elections, the opportunity for a Residents' Association (RA) led administration has become a possibility for the first time since the formation of Havering Council in 1965. RAs and independents across the borough polled very strongly, winning 24 seats, including 9 in Cranham, Upminster and Harold Wood, and just missing out on two more, in St Andrews by 25 votes and in Emerson Park by just 4 votes.

The leadership and future of Havering Council will now come down a vote at Annual Council in late May where I have been nominated to stand for a RA led administration against a conservative nomination.

Huge challenges lie ahead, for example around funding, housing, the local economy, social care and children's services - the stakes are high, but the quality and depth of RA members is such that we can bring a kind of politics that is inclusive and reflective of the people we represent while dealing with challenges in a pragmatic, collaborative and sensible way. A fundamental principle of RAs is that we share a vision with our community, we value ideas and suggestions in tackling the issues, big and small, and we would rather listen than dictate.

History could be made on 23rd May, and we want residents to be part of that endeavour. We want to see a local council, dealing with local issues by local people, not responding to dictats laid down by a remote central political office, but responding to the mandate laid down by our local residents.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

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Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Front Lane Car Park

Residents will have noticed the many pot holes and craters in Front Lane Car Park. We have been in liaising with the Highways Department on this and, while we are pushing for a whole

resurfacing scheme, getting the pot holes filled is a minimum requirement.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Family Fun Morning

Family Fun Morning, Saturday 23rd June 10.30 am - 12.30 pm at St Laurence Church Main Hall, Corbets Tey Road, Upminster. Please join us for face painting, balloon modelling, craft activities, a teddy tombola, photo booth, homemade cakes, handmade cards, refreshments and much more. Raising funds and awareness of the work of The Children's Society. Free admission.

Sylvia Darby

Sadly Sylvia Darby, one of the borough's long standing residents, passed away in February this year. Sylvia and her husband Harry moved from the East End of London to their home in Marlborough

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Gardens, Upminster in 1955. This remained her home for 63 years.

Sylvia served the community well starting as a dinner lady at Hall Mead School in the mid 60's and then later working at a local NHS baby clinic until 1984.

After Harry died in 1993 she worked voluntarily at the St Francis Hospice shop in St Mary's Lane for over 20 years.

She was well known throughout Cranham and Upminster having got to know many residents of the area through her varied work.

community, big groups and small, with the aim of highlighting the scale of the problem, changing perceptions of victims along with prevention, support and advice. If any group would like to receive the presentation, please call me on 07863 116029.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Scam Talks

It is a real concern that nearly half of all UK adults have been targeted by scammers. These fraudsters often target the more vulnerable members of our community, but everyone is at risk as they adopt ever more sophisticated ways of stealing your money and identity. I have been working with the National Trading Standards who launched a 'Friends Against Scams' initiative and have been signed up as a regional Ambassador (or SCAMbassador). I have now given about 25 presentations to the

Green Waste Bins

Although the green waste bins are very popular, some people still rely on the green sacks for their garden waste. The sacks, which have a shelf life of approx. 12-18 months, depending on how they are stored, are completely compostable, and compost down within 30 days. I think that all readers will agree that we need to cut down on our use of plastic, and surplus packaging, but sometimes items do have to be wrapped, and I am pleased that our green sacks are not made of plastic, but it does mean that they are somewhat more fragile than desired

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Springfield Playgroup – 50th Birthday Celebrations

Springfield Playgroup, based at Upminster Baptist Church in Springfield Gardens is celebrating its 50th birthday this year.

To celebrate we will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 14 July from 11am-4pm and a celebration service on Sunday 15 July at 10.30am.

On Saturday there will be a playgroup session set up, which we hope will bring back many happy memories of your time here, craft activities, games for the whole family to take part in, an old fashioned sweet shop and plenty of tea and cake, as well as a display of photographs and memories.

We have had several people contact us with their stories and to share photos which will be on a display, there will also be a board for you to add your thoughts. Many previous staff have already acknowledged their attendance, who will you recognise? We would still like more photographs and memories or any other playgroup memorabilia for this special weekend. If you could scan or take copies of any material you would like to share and email it to springfieldpg13@gmail.com.

com or alternatively drop it into playgroup one week day morning we would be very grateful. Preferably before the end of June to allow us time to get prepared.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Caroline Kinder

Free Tennis Anyone ?

Nestled between 12 and 14 Coniston Avenue in Upminster, Cranston Park is a friendly tennis club open to all. It is thriving, with 250 active members from all walks of life. Most play for fun and fitness at a fraction of the cost of gym membership. For the more competitive, however, there are 22 teams, men's, women's and juniors', playing in leagues at all levels. Whilst there is a flourishing junior membership, many members learned to play as adults through the Beginner and Intermediate courses for non-members led by one of the Club's 3 qualified coaches. Cranston Park has 8 courts with a choice of surfaces - artificial grass or artificial clay. If you fancy yourself as the next Roger Federer or Serena Williams or just want to play for fun and relive your best shots in the Club bar after the match, contact the Club

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the Association in particular the Cranham Carnival that the CCA set up to raise funds.

Bob with Joyce ran the Carnival Queens float and were the Carnival Courts chaperones visiting many other Carnivals.

They were also active fund raisers for the Community Association and various charities. Joyce and Bob were awarded with a special service medal from the National Carnival Guild in 1984.

Bob was delighted that the Community Association acquired the former Engayne School annexe in Marlborough Gardens and the Cranham Community Centre was opened.

Bob and Joyce established and helped run the dancing and bingo clubs at the centre. Sadly in 1990 after 43 year of marriage Joyce passed away.

Bob continued his help at the centre especially with maintenance work saving the CCA thousands of pounds. He met Audrey at the Centre in 1991 and they became a couple.

Without doubt Bob put so much work into our Community especially the Cranham Community Centre.

Our Best Wishes to Bobs family. He will really be missed.

Ron Ower

Bob Harris

It is with regret that we have to inform you that long term local resident Bob Harris passed away in April.



Sadly we were unable to bring this to your attention in the May Bulletins as they had already been printed. I met Bob when he came to Fairholme

Gardens, Cranham, in 1977 with his wife Joyce and he joined the Cranham Community Association (cca) who were Fighting for a Community Centre in Cranham.

Bob worked at the Daily Mirror for 31 years when they were in Holborn a stones throw from the other dailies in Fleet Street, where he worked as an engineer.

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CLlr CLARENCE BARRETT

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CLlr CLARENCE BARRETT

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Cappella Singers Summer Concert

The Cappella Singers of Upminster are presenting their

Summer Concert on on Friday 29th June 2018 at 8.00 p.m. at The Old Chapel, St. Mary's Lane, Upminster (next to the Sacred Heart of Mary School). Tickets at £10 inclusive.

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Programmes are of recorded music played on high quality reproduction equipment and take place in the main meeting room 1st floor of Hornchurch Library. Buses 165, 256 and 370 stop nearby. Programmes commence at 7.30pm and end at 9.30pm. Entrance is free but we do ask for a nominal contribution for interval refreshments. No need to book seats, just come along. For more information call Stephen Raindle on 01708 470670 or email sraindle@aol.com

The Circus is coming to town...

Engayne School are hosting Happy's Circus, everyone welcome, Thursday 21st June

at 5pm, doors open at 4pm with food, refreshments, game stalls, face painting and lots more. Tickets £9 from www.the-epfa.com.

Guided Wildflower Walks

Belhus Woods Country Park near Aveley is full of different plants. Mary leads walks through the spring and summer, helping people to recognise plant families and hence to plant names. We meet on a Wednesday by the Visitor Centre at 1:30pm and return at 4:30pm. The Country Park charges for one session for one person (£5 last year). Car parking costs are £3.50 per car, so come in two or three if you can. Please leave your dog at home or with a friend for the afternoon. Dates for 2018 are 6th June; 4th July; 8th August. Call Mary on 01708 228921 or m.smith33gpr@gmail.com

Summer Party

Dance to 50s, 60s, and 70s music with local band Ziatika. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets £4. Conservative Club, North Street, Hornchurch. All proceeds donated to St. Francis Hospice.

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The Old Chapel Events

Weds 13 June, 10.30am - How Upminster was developed, Tony Benton

Our local historian returns to tell us how Upminster developed from the

18th Century onwards.

Talks are £2 per person and include refreshments otherwise free for Friends of the Old Chapel.

Booking is required. To book a place please contact the Heritage Officer on 01708 642919

Sunday 3 June May, 2.30pm - The Music of Cole Porter

An entertaining afternoon listening to Cole Porter's sophisticated, witty and melodic songs. He wrote over 1200 songs and each time you hear one it seems fresh and different from all the others.

We welcome: on vocals Daphne Ewington and Jill Luff, Keyboard Mike Ewington and Ian Pirie - and explore the richness of this repertoire.

There are songs from his musical theatre hits such as, Kiss Me Kate, High Society, Anything Goes and others. Hits including I've got you under my skin, Night and Day, Let's Do it etc.

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The grants programme is open to schools, community groups, residents associations, scout groups, friends groups and social clubs within and surrounding the Land of the Fanns project area, for projects that compliment the wider scheme and meet some of our main objectives and vision.

You may be thinking of planting an orchard or hedgerow, making bird boxes, creating an exhibition about your local heritage, researching or restoring an old building. You may be planning on producing an interpretation leaflet, holding a heritage themed event, digging a wildlife pond or creating a wildlife habitat. Perhaps your group wants to build a bird hide, board walk or

do an archaeological dig. If you're a school, you may want to create a school wildlife garden or you may be a group that wants to receive training or equipment to help restore, manage or engage with your local environment and heritage, or even organize heritage themed arts and drama events. Whatever your idea, we want to hear from you.

£15,000 will be available through each round of the Community Action Fund to deliver projects of up to £5,000. There will be five rounds between now and 2021. The current round closes on 31st July, so there's still plenty of time to get your application in. If you miss it, there'll be another round starting in September! For more information on the Community Action Fund and how to apply, head to the community grants page at <http://www.landofthefanns.org>

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Funeral Services marks Half Century

A local funeral home has marked its 50 year anniversary in Harold Wood by unveiling new handpainted signage by Gidea Park's Michael Parperis (www.traditionalsignwriting.org). Directors at Harold Wood Funeral Services are offering an extra £50 discount on funeral plans with a copy of the Bulletin. Please call 01708 343286 for more information.

Queen's Theatre

Anyone for Demis Roussos? Mike Leigh's classic play Abigail's Party comes to the Queens Theatre at the end of August.

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Cranham Community Centre Donation

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Tapestry is based in Havering and supports adults in leading a positive, fulfilling life with a particular focus on people living with dementia. They have helped over 350,000 people in their 68 years and remain focused on care in the local community to this day. Tapestry aim to open a sensory room in each of their centres in 2018 and will be building a new sensory garden at their HOPWA House centre in early 2019. These ambitious projects do not come cheap and they are aiming to raise over £90,000 in the next twelve months.

Pinney Talfourd's staff have already agreed to a number of fundraising activities including quiz nights, dress down days, curry nights and half marathons. Clients can contribute too by completing a satisfaction questionnaire at the end of their case. £1 is donated for every completed questionnaire. If you would like to find out more about this partnership please call 01708 229444 or visit pinneytalfourd.co.uk

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Little Adventurers Nursery

Little Adventurers Nursery in Upminster has much to celebrate as they reach their 3rd birthday this month. This individual and family run setting is proud of their new Award which places them in the top 20 out of 1,959 nurseries in London. The top twenty nurseries in the region received an award from the leading day nurseries review site, daynurseries.co.uk, with the award based on the nursery's reviews from the children's families and carers. This relatively young nursery is also one of the first nurseries to achieve their Bronze Healthy Early Years London Award (an initiative being rolled out across London to encourage healthy living for children) and are fast on track to achieving

Silver. Havering College recently awarded them the Apprentice Employer of the Year and they have been featured for best practice by both Early Excellence (established leader of Early Years Pedagogy, provision and practice) and the national publication Nursery World (19th March 2018 issue). <http://www.littleadventurersnursery.co.uk>

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Control Areas and nuisance bonfires can be found on the London Borough of Havering website - www.havering.gov.uk.

John Tyler

LOCAL FUTURE EVENTS JUNE

- 10 Sunday - **OASIS** - A 'disability-friendly' meeting for adults at Cranham Baptist Church, Severn Drive. A traditional Sunday Service is not for everyone. Oasis meetings are accessible, friendly and informal. If you are interested in coming please contact the Oasis Team on: 01708 223551 or 07714 853545. 3.00 to 4.30 pm.
- 12 Tuesday - **NADFAS** (Havering) welcomes Diana Davies with a talk entitled 'Splendour of Colours - Painted Vessels of the Maya'. Lecture 10.45am. Coffee from 10.00am. Visitors welcome at £8. Meetings are held at The New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster RM14 2QH. Further details of forthcoming lectures and events can be found at www.haveringdfas.org.uk
- 13 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.
- 13 Wednesday - **Nelmes Women's Institute** meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month and welcome new members of
- 13 Wednesday - **Havering U3A** Mihaly Saary on "Hungary 1943-1956". 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
- 14 Thursday - **Upminster and Cranham W.I.** are looking for new members. We meet in the St. Laurence Hall (next to the Library) in Upminster on the second Thursday in the month. Doors open at 1.30 pm for a 2 pm start till 4 pm. We have talks on a wide range of subjects. We have lunches, afternoon teas, Outings and more. Why not come along and give us a try and meet new friends. For more information please contact President Margaret Reynolds on 01708 471977.
- 19 Tuesday - **Upminster U3A A.G.M.** University of the Third Age - meets at 1pm on the third Tuesday monthly in the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster. Doors open at 12.30pm. For further information about membership and current interest groups, come along to a meeting for free or check out our website www.u3asites.org.uk/upminster.
- 19 Tuesday - **Cranham Engayne W.I.** welcomes new members and visitors. Meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2 pm to 4 pm at the Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough

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- 20 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.
- 16,17 Saturday/Sunday - Upminster Tithe Barn.** Open 10:30am - 4pm. Free entry.
- 25 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.
- 26 Tuesday - Upminster Camera Club** Essex Reptile Encounters "Reptile Photography" - Bring your camera. Cranham Community Association, 115a Marlborough Gardens, Upminster, RM14 1SR. 7.45pm. www.upminstercameraclub.org.uk
- 27 Wednesday - Upminster Park Towns Womens Guild** meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 2 pm to 4 pm in Derham Hall (behind Upminster Library), Upminster. Afternoon tea, talks and outings amongst a friendly group of ladies, all most welcome. For more information contact Deborah Pryor on 01708 226127 or Ann Monk on 01708

226305 or simply come along.

- 27 Wednesday - Upminster and District Probos Club** meet at The Cranleigh, 84 Station Road, Hornchurch, RM12 6LX. Richard Dodd - Sunlight Soap. Contact Barry on 01708 703783 and leave a message or send an email secretary@upminsterprobus.com.

JULY

- 1 Saturday - Sugar Craft - Venue, Fairkytes Art Centre, Billet Lane Hornchurch, Time 1.30 - 3.30pm, Entry Price now £7, includes Tea and Cake.**
- 3 Tuesday - Oglethorpe Women's Institute.** Our Guest Speaker will be Captain Adrian McCourt whose talk is entitled - The Trinity House Story. 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.
- 4 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. Visit from our local Police. Visitors welcome entrance is £4.50, which includes refreshments. For more details please ring Joanne on 0787 5670419.
- 7 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. 'History of the Dagenham Girl Pipers' with Linda Rhodes. The Internet & Technology Group meet at the same venue 11am - 1pm where a Q&A session is followed by 'Computer Maintenance' with John Goodwin. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.



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Contact details are on Page 22. Our Councillors have a wealth of knowledge on local matters, etc. Please feel free to contact them.

Pond Walk

The pond at Pond walk off Front Lane is now full of water thanks to work put in by The Council to repair the drainage.

My colleague Ron Ower and I paid a visit to Pond Walk off St. Marys Lane to see the magnificent pond several weeks ago and met a council officer to discuss further work at this fabulous local community feature. We were

very impressed, with the way the pond is maintained by local resident Bob Orriss who for many years has worked on the pond and the surrounding area. Bob has planted trees, bulbs and does general maintenance. The Council assisted on clearing the trees that had been uprooted and were in a dangerous position and could have ended up in Front Lane The Pond is one of our gems, and we were very pleased to see Bob's work acknowledged by way of a Civic award, given by the Mayor, Cllr Linda Van den Hende.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

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Rev'd Marion Williams

Vanilla Bake Club

Vanilla Bake Club's event on 25th June has a theme of "Across the Pond" so our bakers will be

focusing on all things American and Canadian. If you haven't been to one of our events before why not come along for half price, £2.50, for an evening of friendly chat, unlimited tea and coffee and tasting our delicious bakes. 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 vanillabake-clubupm@gmail.com, or visit our Facebook page.

Lunchtime Recitals

April 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.

14th - Felicity Hayward (Soprano)
28th - Natalia Letiuk (Organ)

Clock House Bowls Club

At Clock House Bowls Club we are gearing up for the new outdoor season. We would welcome new members, either existing bowlers or beginners. We are situated in Clockhouse Gardens, St Mary's

Lane, Upminster (close to Waitrose). We are in competitive leagues for both men and women. There are also friendly matches with other local clubs and, if you prefer, social bowling with other Clock House members. You will find us a friendly social club who will make you very welcome. If you or interested please contact either Mike Long 01708 224107, or alternatively, just turn up at one of the open sessions.

School Summer Fun Day

Upminster Infant and Junior School Summer Fun Day will be on the 7th July 11am - 2pm.

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DIARY - JUNE

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14 Thursday - **Cranham Ward** meeting at Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens at 7.15pm.

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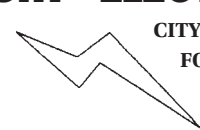
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