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Multiple Visits to Gerpins Lane

The East London Waste Authority (ELWA), who manage the refuse and recycling centres in Havering (Gerpins Lane), Redbridge, Barking & Dagenham and Newham have introduced a system whereby visits are restricted to 7 per month. For more frequent visits customers are asked to visit <http://eastlondonwaste.gov.uk/accepted-materials> and fill in the form or call 01708 434343. ELWA say this is to restrict the level of



commercial waste which enters the site and not designed to prevent visits from genuine customers. While we can understand that Council Tax payers shouldn't have to subsidise commercial businesses, we are concerned over the lack of communication, cost of the system, delays at the gate as some users are refused entry, equalities impact and the potential that

it simply increases fly-tipping. We have formally asked these questions and will update readers accordingly.

Your RA Cllrs

Lidl Right Turn

Following on from our article last month, a motorist who was hit with a fine for turning right into Lidl in Hornchurch appealed to the Traffic Adjudicator who reviewed the case and ruled against the appeal. The adjudicator stated that: '...I find the sign plate at this location is correctly placed on the left-hand side of the road, and that it is compliant with the regulations and that it is clear and adequate. Motorists cannot rely on previous experience at locations and must be alert to new restrictions when they come into force.' Whilst I would question the clarity of the signage, perhaps a better solution would have been to put in a yellow box junction to avoid a build-up of congestion and get around the need for visitors to undertake a complicated detour just to enter from the left side. Anyway, perhaps forewarned is forearmed in this case.



Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Dury Falls Care Home

When some of our more traditional buildings are bought for development, there is often apprehension that part of our heritage will be lost in the pursuit of maximising occupation space and a profitable return for investors. Last year the former Care Home at Dury Falls was sold for development, however any



reservations over the future of the building have been dispelled thanks to the splendid restoration of the house. Set on 0.3 of an acre, the 17th Century grade II listed building was constructed in 1595. Following restoration in 1972, it was established as a private Residential Care Home for the elderly, before closure in 2016. The restored building now looks excellent and is home to eight 1 & 2 bedroom apartments.

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Hospital Car Parking - A Tax on Sickness?

From 1st September, all parking in NHS Hospitals in Wales became free, following the example set in Scotland nearly a decade ago. Meanwhile, in England, the charges, often exorbitant, continue unabated. Last year around £174 million was raised through Hospital car parking charges, with £1.7 million from the Barking, Havering and Redbridge Hospital Trust (BHR) which includes Queen's Hospital. The Hospitals say that the income provides an important revenue stream to help support hospital and patient services. However, it is interesting to note that visitor car parking fees at Queen's Hospital don't even go back to the Hospital but go to a private funding operator. Like Scotland and Wales, systems are in place to ensure free parking is not abused and the people who use it are

the people who need it. But car parking charges are often an unfair expense on people frequently attending NHS hospitals, whether they are patients, staff or visitors, and we should follow the example of our neighbours in Wales and Scotland and end this tax on sickness.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Clayfield Close Update

In a previous Bulletin, we shared Resident Association concerns with regard to the empty properties in Clayfield Close, a new development of 10 shared ownership houses and two affordable flats to rent. Of the two affordable rent properties, one flat was occupied shortly after completion and the other flat remains vacant during adaptation works, to make the property wheelchair accessible.

We have been advised that

due to technical lease issues, there were delays with sales being finalised so marketing of the shared ownership houses could not commence until mid-February 2018. Of the 10 shared ownership properties, there are nine sales proceeding through the conveyancing process at the moment. The sale of the remaining property recently fell through and has being re-marketed.

Cllr GILLIAN FORD

Bridge Ave

About four times a year the Havering schools meet at Hornchurch Stadium for their sports days, which is of-course welcomed, but can cause chaos with the parking outside. Normally this is resolved by cones being put down the road, but this year it was not done due to funding. I have had this checked, and the cones will be replaced again in 2019.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

Cranham Councillor Drop in Sessions

Residents are invited to drop in to Café 4 You (Front Lane, beneath the Cranham Social Centre) on October 25th where at least one of us will be there to pick up on any of your concerns or ideas over a cup of tea. Simply drop in between 11am and 12 noon and we will be pleased to see you.

Cllrs BARRETT, FORD & TYLER

Guitar Concert

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.

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We urgently require someone to join our small team in dealing with Bulletin advertising enquiries, renewals and invoicing while working closely with our editor and Treasurer. Previous experience not a necessity, but familiarity with IT and an enthusiastic approach desirable. If you are interested, please contact me to discuss on 07721 780372 or email bulletinra@yahoo.co.uk

Cllr RON OWER

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Revd Marion Williams

June Preston Art Exhibition

An exhibition of flower paintings by June Preston will be shown at Upminster Library from 22nd

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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.

Charity Barn Dance

3rd November 2018 in aid of Multiple Sclerosis and British Heart Foundation at Hall Mead School, RM14 1SF. 7:30-11:00pm, please bring your own drinking glasses and nibbles. Tickets £10 each, please phone Carol Vine 01708 223634.

Queens' Theatre

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Cllr RON OWER


Well Done Nick

This August Bank Holiday weekend a group of intrepid cyclists took part in the 10th Queen Eleanor Cycle Ride cycling 214 miles to raise money for a London homeless person's charity. They raised over £22,000 towards a challenging target of £25k. Nick Butler from Upminster said: "The persistent rain on Bank Holiday Sunday was chilling. It brought home how unpleasant it is for rough sleepers with no easy way out of their problems. Both the scorching summer and the Beast from the East will have made being homeless unbearable." Anybody who would like to take part in next years' cycle ride can register by visiting www.queeneleanorcycle ride.org.uk . You can donate at: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/nickbutler2>

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Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Art Exhibition

Cranham Art Society are holding an

exhibition of their members work at Hornchurch library. The exhibition will run from Monday 22nd October until Friday 2nd November. Why not come along to see what we do and for details on joining our group. Many of the paintings displayed will be for sale.

Welcome Marvel Comic Book Store

For those who have an interest in comic books such as Spider-Man, Captain America and The Hulk, Upminster is pleased to welcome 'Comic Book Heroes' to the town centre. The store can be found along the alleyway opposite Upminster Station and has a huge range of comic books, figures and collectibles for adults and children alike.

Memories At Roomes

My husband and I moved to Upminster 50 years ago. Prior to our move we would travel in from London each Saturday, where we landed up in Roomes for a cup of tea and a cream cake whilst we chatted about the properties we'd seen that day. We settled in Cranham in 1969 with very little furniture, but the 1st item we bought was a bed from Roomes. It used to slide around our room at first as we had no carpet at the time, but it was very comfortable and our first very own bed!! When our daughter was a baby I remember wheeling the pram into Roomes and 'parking' in the pram parking bay whilst shopping. The shopping experience was rather



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like a trip into the sitcom 'Are You Being Served', but thankfully minus Mrs Slocombe!! There were lovely glass topped counters with stacks of wooden draws at the back, full of neatly folded garments of every kind, and where a friendly assistant would eagerly show you. Thankfully the old staircase is still in use, and keeps a bit of the old Roomes character, and whilst over time the assistants have changed, the assistance remains the same.

You never know what you are likely to land up with at Roomes. I popped in the other day to spend a penny and came out with a £20 vase!!

Mrs C Gowland

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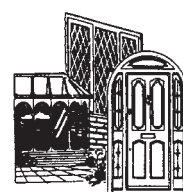
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New Beaver Colony 2nd Upminster Scout Group

There is an opportunity to open a new Beaver Colony on a Thursday evening from 6-7pm meeting in the Hurford Hall at St Laurence Church in Upminster. We will be holding taster sessions during October and the first of these sessions will be on Thursday 4th October from 6-7pm. If you have a child who is 6-8 years old and would like to know more about being a member of this amazing movement and the adventure

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CLlr CLARENCE BARRETT

Wednesday Music Evenings

Wednesday 17th October - Our Theme Tonight presented by Stephen Raindle who will explore the use of "theme music" in films and also by classical composers. Wednesday 31st October - Group Therapy presented by Harry Newman. The emphasis of this programme is more "group" than "therapy" as Harry will be playing discs by any number

of duos, trios, quartets, quintets etc. right up to full blown orchestras. Programme starts at 7.30pm ending at 9.30pm and takes place in the main meeting room 1st floor, Hornchurch Library, North Street. Buses 165, 256 & 370 stop nearby. Entrance is free of charge but a small donation will cover interval drinks. Future programmes will take place on a fortnightly basis. For more information look for items in The Bulletin or call Stephen Raindle 01708 470670 or email sraindle@aol.com

The Upminster and District Horticultural Society

Our new season of lectures begins with our charity evening on Tuesday 9th October. Jesse Lock who is the community gardener at the National Trust, Rainham Hall Gardens will be speaking to us on the development of this garden. He will also tell us about the regular activities and events that take place involving the community from working on permaculture beds and building an amphitheatre, to family muck-in days. The lecture takes place in the New Windmill

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Plastic Bag Tax Set to Double

With the single use plastic bag tax set to increase to 10p, as well as applying to all shops, usage is likely to drop even further since the introduction of the tax in 2015. While this is good for the environment, an added bonus is that good causes have been benefiting from the £105m raised through the charge. However, this could be further improved on three fronts:

- 1) by making the 10p charge non-vatable, as it is in Northern Ireland, thereby releasing an additional £30 million annually to worthy charitable causes
 - 2) Include plastic bags with no handles, which are currently exempt
 - 3) limit big stores from deducting 'Admin fees', as Tesco did last year to the tune of £3.4 million
- Tackling plastic bag pollution is a priority for all of us, but let's make sure the monies raised through the tax is being used for its intended purpose.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Dovers Farm Estate, Rainham – It's a Shame

The long running campaign by residents to save a council owned open space in Rainham, adjacent to New Zealand Way, was defeated in August when the Strategic Planning Committee voted to approve the building of 30 new homes on the site. All opposition councillors on the committee, including our own Linda Hawthorn, voted against the proposals but all four Conservatives voted for them and the Conservative chairman then gave approval with his casting vote.

At the end of the day the new development won't scratch the surface in solving Havering's housing shortages but it will affect local people in that area, whose children will have one less safe area to play. Unfortunately, the current minority Conservative administration seems hell bent on filling up every space available to meet Government and London Mayoral housing targets. Their election slogan of 'Keeping Havering Special' seems sadly inappropriate. Rainham may not be on our doorstep in Cranham and Upminster but we have plenty of green spaces that could be targeted in a similar way. Your RA councillors will be sure to highlight any such proposals at an early stage and object to any inappropriate development.

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Tackling Tenancy Fraud

Havering council has been highlighted recently at national level as an example of good practice in tackling tenancy fraud. With constant pressure on council housing stock, in 2015 Havering formed a specialist team to crack down on people occupying council houses and flats

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Cllr JOHN TYLER

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All Saints' Players are looking for people to take on small speaking and non-speaking roles in their next pantomime, The Snow Queen, which will be performed on 17, 18 & 19 January 2019. If

you're aged 18 or over and have the urge to act, come along to All Saints' Church Hall, Ardleigh Green Road, Hornchurch at 8pm on Thursday 4 October to find out more. All Saints' Players are a small, friendly amateur drama group; we don't hold formal auditions and no experience is necessary. Just bring your enthusiasm! Rehearsals take place every Thursday evening. If you are not available on 4 October but would like further information please email enquiries@allsaintsplayers.org.uk

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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.

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The Friends of Upminster Park is a voluntary group which exists to help maintain and improve the park to a high standard (in liaison with Havering's Parks Department) for the benefit of all users. However, we are in desperate need of new members, without whom the Group could cease to exist with detrimental effect on the park and its users. Would you be interested in joining the Group? Contact Brian Flavell, e-mail: brianm1937@yahoo.co.uk.

Walks evening.

Friday 12th October - apple cream tea from 2.30-4.30pm (Booking essential)

Sunday 14th October - talk about bats 2-4pm. Booking £3 from the Visitor Centre.

Saturday 20th /Sunday 21st October - Apple Weekend, our annual celebration of regional diversity and country traditions, with locally grown English apples

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Friday 26th October - Spooky walks around Broadfields from 5.10 to 8.15pm. Explore the woodland at night as you follow the story of 'The Ring Quest'. Entrance strictly by ticket only. Tickets are available from the Visitor Centre, £6 each or £20 for a family of 4. The evening will also include children's activities and a magician. Spooky food and hot drinks available.

With the Forest Centre growing busier, the Trust is now seeking support with the physical management and maintenance of the site. Please contact enquiries@thameschase.org.uk or visit the website www.thameschase.org for more details on this and the activities at the Forest Centre in October.

Shirley Ward Tours

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

October 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.

4th - Krassimira Jones, violin and Elizabeth Mucha, piano
18th - Jonathan Allsopp, organ

Roomes Birthday

Last month we gave details of Roomes Stores 130th Birthday. If you have any memories of Roomes do let us know. You may have worked, shopped, eaten in their restaurant. Any photos would be welcome. Please give us your memories at bulletinra@yahoo.co.uk

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AFC Hornchurch

Our local team The "Urchins" are home at The Stadium, Bridge Avenue, Upminster on the following Saturdays 6th Merstham, 20th with Tonbridge Angels. 10th November with Potters Bar Town. Please go along and support the Urchins. All three matches kick off at 3pm. Please view their web site for any updates.

Holly's View

The district line ends and Upminster starts; an area that I, a seventeen year old girl, sees as a family filled people place, with a coffee morning hosted on every corner and a guaranteed familiar face on every street. Charity shops galore, I would say

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our high street could benefit from some modernisation or more clothing shops to tailor to the teenage part of society. However, this town is the self care capital, with the majority of shops being populated by tanning, nail and hair salons so even the school run can be handled with style! Walking around Upminster, my friends and I can say we feel safe knowing we live in a trusting community, especially with everyone contributing to the Upminster Facebook page to notify everyone of any trouble in the area. The transport links from Upminster are ideal and helps schools become more diverse as students can come from all over, as well as making London just half an hour away to explore.

Holly Rhodes

Vanilla Bake Club

Have you been enjoying the Great British Bake Off? If so you might want to join like minded enthusiastic bakers at Vanilla Bake Club's meet-up at 6.30pm on 29th October 2018 at the Old Chapel. We have a fun and challenging theme this month, the stories of Roald Dahl! It will be interesting to see what our bakers come up with. As usual the theme is not compulsory so don't let it put you off coming, just bake your favourite recipe.

If you haven't been to one of our events before, this is how it works: we all bake something, sweet or savoury, bring it along to share with our members. 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 joining fee or membership but we charge £5 per session to cover unlimited tea and coffee and hall hire. How better to spend a Monday evening? For more information call Jennifer on 07940828154, email vanillabakeclubupm@gmail.com, or visit our Facebook page

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LOCAL FUTURE EVENTS OCTOBER

Hornchurch & Upminster Rotary Club, every Thursday 12.30 for 1pm, The Railway Hotel, Station Road Hornchurch Tel: 01708 250855.

8 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 £3 to help cover hall hire, this includes tea, coffee and biscuits. For more information contact the Secretary Joy Emerson on 01708 440297.

9 Tuesday - Upminster and District Horticultural Society, presents Rainham Hall Gardens with Jesse Lock. The lectures are held in the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster from at 7.45pm until 9.45pm. As this is our charity evening the entrance fee is £3 per person. For more information visit www.upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk

10 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.

10 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.

10 Wednesday - Havering U3A AGM. 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

11 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.

12 Friday - RSPB Havering Local Group Indoor Meeting - A welcome return of Liz Cutting who is to present her talk, A Wildlife Tour of East Anglia. 7:30pm - 9:45pm. All meetings take place upstairs in the Meeting Room at Hornchurch Library, Hornchurch. Entrance is £3.

14 Sunday - OASIS - A 'disability-friendly' meeting at Cranham Baptist Church, Severn Drive. 3.00 to 4.30 pm. Oasis meetings are for adults with disabilities and their carers. All our meetings are accessible, friendly and informal. Contact the Oasis Team on: 01708 223551 or 07714 853545.

15 Monday - Diabetes UK - Havering Group Meetings are held at North Street Halls, 24 North Street, Hornchurch - Opposite Iceland, RM11 1QX. Normally on the third Monday of each month (except for August and January) at 8PM. Contact our secretary, Ann on 01708 935779, for more details.

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16 Tuesday - Upminster U3A Cathy Draper, "Clipper Round the World Race". 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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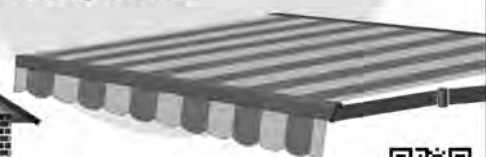
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16 Tuesday - Cranham Engayne W.I.

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.

17 Wednesday - Upminster Floral Art Society

Watch expert floral designers create beautiful floral displays. Doors open at 7pm and refreshments are available. Held on the third Wednesday of every month (except January). Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster. Cost: £7 visitors. Free for members. Contact: Margaret 01708 471977.

18 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.

19 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.

24 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 Friday - Single Over Sixty lunch,

last Friday of every month 12.30 for 1pm, All Saints Church, The Chase Upminster Tel: 01708 228308.

27 Saturday - RSPB Havering Local Group

Coach Outing - RSPB Titchwell NR, North Norfolk. £20 per seat contact Mike Hughes Tel: 01708 250585 E-mail: mikeboy015@gmail.com

31 Wednesday - Upminster and District

Probus Club meet at The Cranleigh, 84 Station Road, Hornchurch, RM12 6LX. Dudley Chignall - Flora, Fauna and Fun in New Zealand. Contact Barry on 01708 703783 and leave a message or send an email secretary@upminsterprobus.com.

NOVEMBER

3 Saturday - The Havering Branch of the East of London Family History Society

hold meetings on the first Saturday of every month at Trinity Church, Station Road, Upminster RM14 2SJ doors open at 1pm meeting starts at 2pm. The Election of Branch Officers is followed by 'Maps on line' with Peter Christian. The Internet & Technology Group meet at the same venue 11 am - 1pm where The Election of Officers is followed by a talk on 'Online Resources for London Family History' with Peter Christian. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.

6 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.



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We have a programme covering all aspects of painting and drawing, demonstrations by visiting professional artists, workshops, social evenings and exhibitions of members work.

We have artists of all levels and we support each other in developing as painters, so don't worry if you are out of practice or just starting out.

If you are interested in joining, why not come along for a "taster evening" and meet the members. Our current programme runs from September to the beginning of December.

Please call/text Terry Doyle on 07880770324 or email terrydoyle@sky.com

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

Sunny Open Day at Stewart Avenue Allotments

The Stewart Avenue Allotments' Open Day, held on 21st July, was a resounding success. Not only was the weather kind the show had many attractions for visitors to enjoy as well as prizes for best produce. There were a number of inspiring exhibits and the design a scarecrow child's competition was won by Gus Chuter, 6, with Dave Seman winning the adult category. The show also supported the environment by offering free tea/coffee to invited neighbours and other visitors bringing their own re-useable cups. Building on their existing good practices, which includes one plot holder, really into organic vegetables, who has built his own greenhouse out of recycled plastic bottles. Extended thanks go to Waitrose, who sponsored a Prosecco raffle, as well as to the Upminster & Cranham Residents' Association for the Allotment Show Prizes. The Association's Chairman, Councillor Chris Wilkins, was on hand to present them with the prizes.

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Jackie Whitehead receiving a prize from our Chairman Councillor Chris Wilkins.

Upminster, is hosting a quiz in the Commemoration Hall at 6.45 for a prompt 7.00pm start. Tickets cost £6, and please bring your own food, drink and glasses. There will be a raffle, and all proceeds will go to the Childhood Eye Cancer Trust. To book tickets please 'phone 01708 222189 or 01708 250842.

Police Update

Community Contact sessions where the public can meet with police officers and PCSOs to discuss any issues for October are listed below. These are for Upminster SNT, although will involve Cranham SNT officers together with PCSO Julie Andrews.

Wednesday 3rd October 12pm-1pm

Wednesday 10th October 12pm-1pm

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Tuesday 16th October 12pm-1pm
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Please also note "speed gun
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Gaynes Park Road and Corbets Tey
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As a result ten warning letters have
been sent to drivers who were
exceeding the speed limit.
These operations will continue when
resources allow.

PC Ben McIntosh

Upminster Library

Readers will remember the campaign
led by my colleague Councillor
Linda Hawthorn to stop the Council
reducing opening hours at our local
Library. In fact before this Linda
pushed the Council for substantial
improvements at the Library.
Upminster Library is hugely popular
and if you have just moved to the area
or have not been in for some time go
and visit and see what is on offer.
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Cllr RON OWER

Upminster & Cranham Bridge Club

New EBU Bridge Club beginning
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those who drew this to my attention,
so that I could check they had not
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Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

Upminster Library Events

Stories, Songs and Craft - Anansi The
Spider. Tuesday 2nd October, 1pm.
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Keepsake Boxes Craft. Wednesday
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Adults Card Workshop - Christmas
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The next **Upminster Ward**
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The next Cranham meeting on
11th October (7.15pm) is set aside
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meeting. The next **Cranham**
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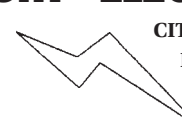
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