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Shop Local for Christmas

With Christmas coming up, December is the month for promoting 'Small Business Saturdays', a national campaign which promotes and supports small and independent businesses in our community while encouraging consumers to 'Shop Local and Hire Local'. Set against the pressures of business rates, rents, car parking capacity and internet shopping, our local shops and services need our custom more than ever and are there only as long as we use them.

Let's use this season of goodwill to support our local economies by shopping with our local outlets and services thereby encouraging sustainability, local jobs and avoiding the spectrum of rows of empty shops. Our shops and parades not only provide a welcome range of choice, quality and good value, but they also promote a sense of uniqueness and identity. With many local shops relying on Christmas trade, let's support a festive 'Shop Local, Hire Local' campaign!

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Stop Press - Lower Thames Crossing

The official consultation on the proposed scheme ends on 20th December and can be accessed at lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/haveyoursay or call 0300 123 5000. There are also mobile information sessions at Thames Chase Visitor Centre (Tuesday 4th December, 2pm to 9pm); Outside Roomes Furniture Store (11th December, 10am to 2.30pm) and at Moor Lane Church (11th December, 3.30pm to 7pm). It is **important** that residents have their say on this scheme as it will impact upon our area, not only with the disruption, noise and pollution but the unwelcome prospect of a 12-lane motorway passing by Thames Chase Forest Centre.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Seasons Greetings to you all and a massive thank you once more to all our Bulletin deliverers and subscription collectors. This year, again, has seen an increase in our membership and we would like to welcome all those who have

joined the Residents' Association. In 2018, we have supported various local organisations and charities, who have benefited from the Association's financial donations and this is a result of your generosity. Also a big thank you to all of the residents, who voted for the Upminster and Cranham Residents' Association candidates in the 2018 local Council elections. Your elected councillors have been working hard on Havering Council matters since the elections, in particular issues affecting Upminster and Cranham residents. The Association's Councillors are committed to serve the residents of Upminster and Cranham and will continue to do so next year and thereafter. Once again, thank you for your continued support and have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Mon 10th Dec: Little Gaynes, Grove, Parklands, Huntsman area

Thurs 13th Dec: Deyncourt, Courtenay, Grosvenor, Marlborough, area

Fri 14th Dec: Springfield Gdns, Argyle, Ashleigh, Roxburgh area

***Sun 16th Dec:** Moor Ln, Heron Way, Swan, Limerick Gns area*

Mon 17th Dec: Waldegrave, Engayne, Highview, Boundary, Bridge Av area

Wed 19th Dec: Moor Ln, Queens, Cranham Gdns, Roseberry Gdns area

Thurs 20th Dec: Chester, Peterborough, Winchester, Rectory Gdns area

Fri 21st Dec: Park Drive, Cranston Park, Melstock Coniston area

***Sun 23rd Dec:** Gaynes Pk, Sycamore, Beech, Oak, Elm,

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***Mon 24th Dec:** Severn Drive, Fleet, Isis, Stour, Humber area*

*Float starts 4.00 pm on Sundays/Xmas Eve, otherwise 6.15pm

More information on our Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/Havering-East-Rotary-Club-156893341092632/>

www.haveringeastrotary.org

Chapman's Farm - Update

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A planning application has been lodged with the Council for the demolition of the existing livery yard and the erection of nine dwellings, made up of 4 x 3-bedroom, 3 x 4-bedroom and 2 x 5-bedroom units at Chapman's Farm, Hall Lane. At the time of going to press, the application (P1673.18) had yet to be validated by the Havering Planning Department but would now be on the Council website. The Upminster & Cranham Residents' Association share the concerns of many residents about this development of

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'unaffordable houses' on Green Belt land. It is important that any objections should relate directly to the application and not a general declaration of opposition. Similarly, objections should relate to valid planning considerations - but more on this with our website updates. Once the public consultation period is finished, the planning team will consider all comments and objections which will feed into a detailed report. This will then be considered by the Council's Planning Committee in early 2019 who make the final decision. We shall keep residents fully informed and updated on this application, please visit our website at ucra.co.uk for regular updates.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Cranham Councillor Drop in Sessions

Residents are invited to drop in to Café 4 You (Front Lane, beneath the Cranham Social Centre) on December 20th 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

Prime Cuts

The parade of shops in Avon Road, Cranham has a new business "Prime Cuts Quality Butchers" in the former Miles Butchers shop.

Welcome to the area and go and say hello.

Parking is free outside the shops.

Holme Road

Residents in Holme Road, Dury Falls, would have noticed the newly resurfaced footway, which is most welcome, however the white bay parking lines were not reinstated nor were residents informed of this. We have chased this up and every household will receive a letter from the Council explaining the delay and further information.

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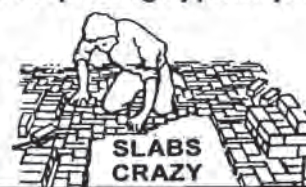
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Linda Van den Hende

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Upminster Methodist Church is getting ready for the annual Christmas Tree Festival. The theme this year is "Television" and local schools and organisations from the church and community have been invited to decorate trees using this theme. The opening times are Saturdays 10-4pm, Sundays 2-5pm and Weekdays 2-6pm. The Festival opens on Saturday 1st December at 10am and there will be refreshments available all day, closing on December 9th. In the church halls there will be a Christmas Market with craft and charity stalls selling cards, gifts, cakes and other festive goods. We welcome visits from community groups during the week. Entrance is free: donations to our chosen charities. For more details please contact the Church Office 01708222278.

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Christmas Card Design 2018

Pinney Talfourd teamed up yet again with local special needs school Corbets Tey School for their 'Design a Christmas Card 2018' Competition this month. Aiden from Willow Class won first prize with an imaginative design of a Christmas tree using pencil shavings. It has been used to create Pinney Talfourd's Christmas card and Aiden will receive a toy of his choice at a special school assembly in the last week of the school term.



The Residents' Association of Upminster and Cranham support this project every year. The Bulletin sponsored the runner up prize which went to Luca of Mango Class for his hand print and glitter picture of a Christmas tree.



Client Services Partner, Catherine Polli, said "The children's designs are always fantastic and this

year's entries were no different. Thank you to everyone at the school for their time and effort. We are also delighted that The Bulletin is involved again this year to help make it a real community project." There were so many wonderful cards that it was hard to pick just these two designs. Therefore, in true Christmas spirit, Pinney Talfourd gave a 'highly commended' prize to a child in each class as well as a cash donation to the school for their help in organising this annual event.

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The Famous Three

We have published each year details of the "famous three" from when they started at James Oglethorpe School. Please see below this new term update from them. William is at Coopers Coborn, Lily and Oliver are at Hall Mead



William Brown - I think Year 10 is going to be very different. I've picked my GCSE options and I'm looking forward to starting those. It's going to be a lot of hard work but I'm ready for the challenge.

Oliver Loveday - I'm looking forward to starting some new subjects for GCSE but not looking forward to the exams the following year.



Lily Parkinson - I'm happy to go into year 10. I've picked construction as one of my classes this year. There is only me and one other girl on the course with lots of


boys. This year looks like its going to be a challenge but I am looking forward to it.

Can we Help Your Organisation?




Each year, thanks to your generous support, we are able to make donations to local organisations, charities and individuals

who are doing good work within the community. So far this year, we have supported the Upminster South District Brownie Group, St Francis Hospice, The Oasis Disability Group, Upminster Methodist Youth Group, various Friends Groups and local schools among many others. We shall bring back to you details of the events and projects that have been supported. We are very keen to continue this practice and would be pleased to hear from any community group, organisation or individual whose work in the community could be enhanced




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Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

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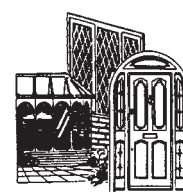
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Dick Turpin

Dick Turpin - The legend of the dandy highwayman a Pantomime by Susan Mosley. It's Panto time again and this year it's all about the legend of one of our own Essex boys Dick Turpin. Known for being a local highwayman, robbing from all in his path, with his faithful Black Bess! We present the alternate story for you to enjoy. Hiss and boo at the evil Sir John Glutton, and see Dick in his true light! Thrills, spills and song. Don't miss out on the adventures and misadventures from the legend of the dandy highway man.

£7 for Adults, £5.50 for Concessions and £3.50 for Children (under 16). As usual, Senior Citizens are admitted free to the Thursday & Friday evening shows. Tickets will be available on the door or may be booked in advance via the Box Office, email tickets@wesley-players.co.uk or text 07708 214742. Performances: are at 8.00pm on Thursday, 24th, Friday, 25th and at 2pm & 6pm on Saturday, 26th January 2019. Wesley Hall, Upminster Methodist Church, 10, Hall Lane, Upminster, Essex. RM14 1AE.

Voluntary Council Tax?

It was recently disclosed that residents of Westminster raised some £400,000 through a voluntary council tax top-up scheme. While the residents are to be commended for their charity, there is surely something wrong when the average household in Westminster will pay £711 council tax per year while the average household in Havering will pay £1,658 - for pretty much the same set of public services! While a voluntary contribution is always welcome, a fundamental reform of local council funding is more welcome.

CLlr CLARENCE BARRETT

Santathon

Dress up as Santa and run, walk or stroll the 5km course for St Francis Hospice on Sunday 9th this month. Registration at 9.30 am, run starts at 11am former West Ham Football Club legend Sir Trevor Brooking will be kicking off the festive fun run commencing at Dagenham & Redbridge Football Club RM10 7XL. £15 per adult and £8 per child under 16. You can sign up now, call 01708 771404 for further details.

Golf Day

Steve Davis is holding a Family and Friends Golf Day on Sunday 12th May at Stock Brook Golf Club in aid of local Saint Francis Hospice. Pairs Texas Scramble Tournament £250 per 2 ball. Includes breakfast roll on arrival, hospitality bag, 18 holes of golf, half way house refreshments, 3 course meal and evening presentation by Mr Steve Davis. A day for family, friends and colleagues with competition and prizes throughout. Contact maryannedonovan@sfh.org.uk or 01708771433 for bookings.

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Jack and the Beanstalk by Andrew Pollard, 28 Nov - 6 Jan. When Jack sells Pat, his beloved family cow, for magic beans, he soon discovers they open up an unexpected world of thrilling adventure. Join Jack and dotty mum Dame Trott as they scale the Beanstalk, outwit the Giant and are reunited with Jill, the girl Jack loves. Brought to you by the same team as last year's record-breaking Beauty and the Beast and 2016's Cinderella, this actor musician version of the popular panto tale is peppered with pop hits from across the decades, bundles of audience participation and hilarious slapstick. So grab your tickets today for some joyously festive family fun

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shooting of pheasants on public land. A recent opinion poll showed that 75% of Welsh people are against this so called sport. Lets hope our Government will shortly follow suit.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

Wednesday Music Evenings

Wednesday 12th December - A Programme of Seasonal Music & Readings

As always, this evening's yuletide programme will involve all our regular presenters and contain a diverse mix of seasonal items from this and other countries, a variety of music associated with Christmas as well as some poetry and prose inspired by the festive season. During an extended interval, hot punch and mince pies will be available. The programme will take place in the main meeting room, 1st floor of Hornchurch Library, North Street and will commence at 7.30pm, finishing at 9.30pm. Entrance is free of charge but a small donation is requested to cover the refreshments. No need to book, just come along but should you require more details call Stephen 01708 470670 or email sraindle@aol.com.

The music evenings will re-

commence on Wednesday 16th January and it is planned to have copies of the new programme available at our December meeting.

Fly Tipping

Fly tipping is a blight on our community and is not just a Havering problem but a national issue. Part of an overall solution is to make sure that the culprits, when they are caught, receive substantial prison sentences rather than the relative slap on the wrist they tend to get at the moment. However, one thing that we can all do which would make a difference is if anyone offers to clear your waste at knock down prices, make sure you see an authentic Waste Carrier's Licence, take a copy or a picture and check against the online register at <https://environment.data.gov.uk> (it's really easy to do), otherwise it is likely to end up in a country lane or field rather than being disposed of legitimately. I wish we had an immediate solution, but it is never as easy as simply putting up CCTV cameras (although that is part of an overall strategy), particularly when many offenders use false number plates or stolen vehicles.

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Watch Your Speed

May we remind you to watch your speed when driving locally. Police Officers from the Safety Neighbourhood Teams do make random checks. Please be careful.

Christmas Lights

As we go to press many homes are putting their Christmas Lights up. More and more homes locally decorate their homes. Pleased to inform you the house at the Nemes Road end of Herbert Road, Emerson Park will have their magnificent lights on. They will be collecting again for Great Ormond Street Hospital, go and have a look and please donate to the good cause.

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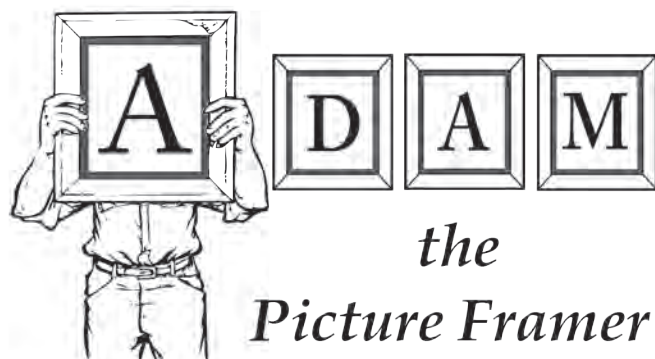


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Ellie Mullins

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Holly Rhodes

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Christmas at the Queen's

Pinney Talfourd has once again teamed up with Queen's Theatre Hornchurch to host Christmas at the Queen's on Friday 7 December. Paul Rhodes and the fabulous Dawn Chorus will be performing a range of upbeat Christmas songs including "Rocking Around the Christmas Tree" and "Winter Wonderland" as well traditional carols during this lively event. A charity raffle will be held which always includes fabulous prizes such as Christmas hampers, champagne, restaurant vouchers and

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This event is in aid of the Queen's Theatre charitable trust and Pinney Talfourd's own charity of the year, Tapestry, who are just yards from the theatre and support members of the community with care, wellbeing, health and dementia needs. Friday 7th December 2018 11am - 1pm (Doors open 10:30am) at Queen's Theatre Hornchurch, Billet Lane, RM11 1QT. Book via Queen's Theatre Box Office: 01708 443333. Group bookings via Pinney Talfourd: 01708229444

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Whilst locally we are generally considered to be in a low crime area, unfortunately this has not been the case for thefts of vehicles over the last month or so. Our local police team have confirmed that this trend is not confined to us but has been the same across Havering and other parts of London. There are three main methods being used to steal vehicles -

- Stealing the keys from inside homes by gaining entry through external doors that have not been locked properly.
- 'Fishing' vehicles keys (or door keys) through letter boxes.
- Cloning a vehicle's fob by scanning it remotely.

Remember to lock doors with a key at night and when you leave the house. Multi-locking point doors are only secure if you lift the handle and then turn and remove the key.

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Recently I was lucky enough to be in the audience for an edition of the BBC's Question Time, from Canary Wharf. The experience itself of seeing behind the scenes of this popular TV program was something that I would recommend to anyone interested in politics, particularly younger people (There were three students from Havering 6th Form College also in the audience that night).

However, the main thing I drew from the night was that there are so many different views from across the spectrum of people we have in London and some of the loudest voices are expressing completely different opinions to most I hear in our local area. My message to anyone who is not happy with how things are, whether locally or nationally, is to get involved and have your voice heard. If we don't then you can be sure that others will and we may not like what they say.

Cllr JOHN TYLER

LOCAL FUTURE EVENTS NOVEMBER

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

- Tuesday - Oglethorpe Women's Institute.** Christmas Celebration - Members only. 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.
- Friday - Scottish Country Dancing**, every Fridays at St Laurence Church Minor Hall RM14 2BB. 10.00 to 11.45 am. Beginners welcome at both groups. Further details from Fiona 07976 438950
- Sunday - OASIS** - Come and join us at OASIS for a Christmas Service. A 'disability-friendly' meeting, 3.00 to 4.30 pm at Cranham Baptist Church, Severn Drive. Oasis meetings are for adults with disabilities and their careers. All our meetings are accessible, friendly and informal. Contact the Oasis Team on: 01708 223551 or 07714 853545.
- Monday - Havering Branch Essex Wildlife Trust** A talk on Hornchurch Country Park with Mick Greenslade. 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.

- Tuesday - Upminster and District Horticultural Society**, presents The Orchid Hunter with Leif Bersweden. The lectures are held in the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster from at 7.45pm until 9.45pm. Entrance is free to members and is £2 for non-members. For more information visit www.upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk
- 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.
- 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.
- Wednesday - Havering U3A** "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas" by Eve Regelous. 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
- Wednesday - Upminster and District Probus Club** meet at The Cranleigh, 84 Station Road, Hornchurch, RM12 6LX. Peter Garner - The Antarctic,

South Falklands and Georgia. Contact Barry on 01708 703783 and leave a message or send an email secretary@upminsterprobus.com.

- 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.
- Friday - RSPB Havering - Indoor Meeting.** Our annual get-together before the Christmas rush, a time for exchanging Christmas cards, chatting, a quiz, a raffle and of course the buffet supplied by all of our members. Do come, it's a fun evening - entrance is free. Time: 8pm - 9:45pm. Free - bring some food and your own drinks. Meeting room, Hornchurch Library, 44 North Street, Hornchurch, Essex, RM11 1TB. Telephone: 01708434903. E-mail: rsbp.havering@gmail.com
- Saturday - RSPB Havering** - Ramble at RSPB Rainham Marshes. We meet in the reserve car-park, off the New Tankhill Road, Purfleet at 10:00am. Contact Mike Hughes Tel: 01708 250585 E-mail: mikeboy015@gmail.com.
- 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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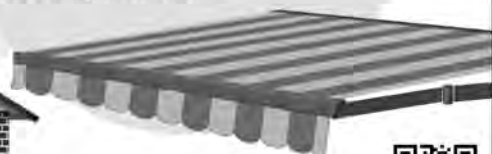
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18 Tuesday - Cranham Engayne W.I. welcomes new members and visitors. Meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2 pm to 4 pm at the Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens.

19 Wednesday - Upminster Floral Art Society. Enter our raffle on the night for a chance to take home one of his flower arrangements. His theme is "Colourful Christmas" and the demonstration starts at 7.45pm.. 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

20 Thursday - Upminster Wine and Social Club meet on the third Thursday of the month at 8 pm in the Cranham Social Hall, Front Lane, Cranham. We hold meetings every month with a variety of speakers and wine tasting. For more information contact Maureen Jasper on 01708 223956, or simply come along on the night. You will be most welcome.

21 Friday - Havering Antique and Collectors Club meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood on the third Friday of the month. Starting at 7.30 pm. Guests £4. For further details please call our Chairman Mrs Chris Lovett 07947 367258.

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.

28 Friday - Single Over Sixty lunch, last Friday of every month 12.30 for 1pm, All Saints Church, The Chase Upminster Tel: 01708 228308.

JANUARY

8 Tuesday - Oglethorpe Women's Institute. We are having a "Chinese Auction" this evening so bring along your bric-a-brac and extra presents for this fun event. 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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Louise Sinclair



As the November Bulletins were being delivered, we heard that long term local resident and our former Residents' Association Councillor

Louise Sinclair had sadly passed away aged 97 years old. Louise lived in Peterborough Avenue, Hall Lane then in Derham Gardens. She was first elected to the Council in 1968, representing the Cranham ward until she retired in 2006. During that time, she worked tirelessly for our area while serving on all Council committees, elected twice as Mayor and was leader of the Council. She was also elected as a Freeman of the Borough and an Honorary Alderman. Louise took a particular interest in Social Services and Culture and made great strides in improving these service for the whole community. Louise was a person of great integrity and always strived to do her level best for the community earning the respect of all who worked with her. Havering is a better place having had

Louise represent us.
Our sincere condolences go out to her family and friends.

Single Over Sixty

All Saints Church, Cranham, invite all Single Over Sixty (SOS) to meet for lunch from 12.30 for 1pm on Friday 14th December. If you are single divorced widow or widower you are welcome, need to know numbers and dietary needs so call Marion to secure a place on 01708 228308.

Rev'd Marion Williams

Upminster Library Events

Christmas stories, songs and craft
Tuesday 11th December

10:30am. Suitable for pre-school children. £3.00 library members / £4.50 non members. Advance booking is essential.

Christmas Craft

Thursday 13th December
4:15pm. Suitable for children aged 5 years plus. £3.00 library members / £4.50 non members. Advance booking is essential

Christmas Story Time

Monday 10th December 11:00 am
Wednesday 12th December 9:30am

Saturday 15th December 11:30am
FREE

Contact 01708 434933

Join the Staff at Upminster Library for coffee and a mince pie
Saturday 15th December
10:30-12:00.

The Snow Queen

All Saints Players present "The Snow Queen" a pantomime at All Saints Church Hall, Ardleigh Green Road, RM11 2LG on Thursday, Friday, Saturday 17/18/19 January 2019 at 8pm with a matinee performance on the Saturday at 2.30pm. Details from 01708 607855 or boxoffice@allsaintsplayers.org.uk

German Advent & Christmas Carol Service

For the 4th year now, Trinity URC (Station Rd, Upminster) will host a German Carol Service - carols will be sung in German, while the rest of the service is conducted in English. Please join us if you are German or have an interest in the German language. Saturday, 8th December 2018, 5pm. German Christmas refreshments will be provided after the service. For more information, please contact RevDorothee@t-online.de or 01708 228489.

Christmas with Kings Church

You are warmly invited to our two main Christmas Sunday Services, for all the family:

Carols by Candlelight : Sunday 16 December, 10.30am, with carols, readings, fresh coffee, mince pies, etc.

Unplugged Christmas : Sunday 23 December, 10.30am, with Christmas music, video, fun and nice refreshments.

Please join our great family any Sunday for lively worship, and teaching for adults, youth and children - meeting in Gaynes School, Upminster, RM14 3UX. 01708 251265, www.kcu.org.uk

Christmas Concert

The Kingsley Choral Group's Christmas Concert will take place on Friday 21st December at Trinity Church, Station Road, Upminster at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are still only £7-50 which include seasonal refreshments. There will be a raffle and all proceeds from the evening will be divided between Trinity Church and First Step Opportunity Playgroup. Tickets available at the door or ring 01708 222189.



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The Upminster and District Horticultural Society

For our last lecture of this year, we have the first botanist to hunt down every one of Britain's 52 wild orchids, Leif Bersweden a modern plant hunter presents his lecture 'The Orchid Hunter' on Tuesday 11th December. In the summer of 2013 after leaving school, Leif sets out to fulfil a childhood dream - to find every species of orchid native to the British Isles. He has just a few months to complete his quest - no one has ever done it before within one growing season - and it will require ingenuity, stamina and a large dose of luck. The lecture takes place in the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster. The evening begins at 7.45pm and finishes at 9.45pm. with an interval for tea and a mince pie. Entrance is free to members and is £2 for non-members.

You can find out more about our society by visiting our website www.upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk

Your Help Please

We need a volunteer please to drop off Bulletins to several of our deliverers please. Also as we are splitting Deliveries. If you can assist delivering The Bulletin please get in touch with me. Your support and assistance is much appreciated. Please contact me on 07960 059195.

Chris Wilkins

Saturday Talks Club

Annie Besant and the Match

Girls Strike: Speaker is Jef Page on Saturday January 12th 2019 at 2.15pm (doors open 1.45pm)

Venue Roope Hall, United Reform Church, Station Road Upminster. Cost £4.00 including tea and biscuits. For further information contact Mrs G Blake 01708 227512 / 07788751407 or Mrs B Bland 01689 858701 / 07951217930.

Ashvale Gardens Allotments

There are a couple of spare plots available if anyone is interested in growing their own fruit and veg whilst keeping Fit. Gardening is really good exercise and you get the additional benefit, satisfaction and value of doing it yourself. Advice is always available if required. We are a very friendly group who meet regularly for social events or just a coffee and chat. Contact Mike Willcocks 01708 501505 or mike@willcocks.me.uk

A Big Thank You

Upminster and District Horticultural Society would like to say a huge thank you to members and guests for raising £420 for our chosen charity Rainham Hall Gardens. £92 was raised from our plant sale at the May lecture, the rest came from the entrance fee to our charity lecture in October. We hope that we will see you at our forthcoming lectures. More details are on our website www.upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk

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DIARY - DECEMBER

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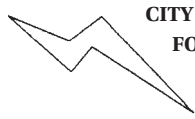
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