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Lower Thames Crossing - Update



Plans for a Lower Thames Crossing have reached the official consultation stage and we urge residents to take part. The planned 14.5mile road would connect the M2 near Rochester and the M25 by North Ockendon, includes a 2.4 mile tunnel and will cost some £6 billion.

Our original preference, which we still stand by, was constructing an additional crossing alongside the existing Dartford Bridge, however this has been dismissed by the government. We remain concerned over the destruction of green belt, loss of homes, ancient forests, wildlife habitat and the resultant air and noise pollution as it impacts on our area. We are also concerned that the new route will be a toll road (same as Dartford Crossing) and we will lobby for Havering residents to be included in a resident discount scheme, as Dartford and Thurrock are for the Dartford Crossing, but Havering is not.

There will be a consultation event held at the New Windmill Hall on Saturday 17th November (noon - 6pm) where Highways England reps will be on hand to answer your questions. Additional consultations are shown on the website with one being held on Thursday 22nd, 2pm to 9 pm at St.Mary Magdalene Church, Church Lane, North Ockendon RM114 3QH. We strongly urge you to take part in the consultation (ends 20th Dec) which can be accessed at lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/ haveyoursay or call 0300 123 5000. We shall continue to keep you updated on this important issue through the Bulletin and our website (ucra.co.uk).

Your RA Cllrs

Roadworks Stop Press

Substantial road works due to take place in Station Rd, Upminster gas mains pipework until 23rd November
Further details on our web site ucra.co.uk

Budget Proposals and Council Tax – Public Meetings

Following the recent budget consultation meetings arranged by the Council, including the Upminster session on 25th September, the Upminster & Cranham Residents' Association will be staging their own budget presentations on 7th and 8th November. It was commented that the council presentations on potential budget savings next year lacked any detail of risk, impact or actually what the savings were. In addition, it was widely commented that it was difficult to follow and simple questions went unanswered. To give residents a greater degree of understanding and involvement, the Residents' Association will be holding public meetings on:

Wednesday 7th November (7.30pm) in St Joseph's Social Club, St Mary's Lane
Thursday 8th November (7.15pm) at Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens.

We will cover:

- Background to Budget & Funding
- Why are we having these cuts
- Impact on Council Tax
- What do we know about the proposed cuts for next year
- What about the Mayor of London and the Police?
- YOUR suggestions/ideas
- Next Steps
- Q&A throughout

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Upminster Christmas Lights

We are delighted to inform you that this years Christmas Lights will go on at 5.15pm on Thursday 22nd November.

As usual there will be a range of stalls and activities. Carol Singing etc. The Mayor of Havering and your local Councillors will be present. If you wish to participate please contact me on lindahawthorn@hotmail.co.uk

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 November 22nd 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

End of Era for Oak Stores

Many residents, particularly on the Cathedral Estate, will know of the wonderful and friendly service provided by Collum and Joan Purcell who have run Oak Stores on the corner of Lichfield Terrace and Winchester Avenue for the past 37 years. However, on Saturday 29th September the shop closed its doors for the last



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Santa On His Way

We have been informed that Santa has left his North Pole home and is arriving at Roomes Stores, Station Road, Upminster on Saturday 17th November at 1pm. Santa's workshop grotto will be open at 1.30pm for children to visit.

entry during normal opening hours. Please come and take a look at the wide variety of our work.

Christmas Fair

Christmas Fair at St Mary Magdalene, Church Lane, North Ockendon. RM14 3QH. Saturday 24th November. 2pm-4pm. Come and enjoy refreshments, teas, coffees etc. Lots of stalls with things to buy, including Cakes, Tombola, Games and Raffle.

Windmill Quiz Night

I am pleased to say that the annual quiz night for the Windmill is to be held on Saturday 23rd Feb, 2019, in the main hall of St Laurence church - cost £6 per person, bring your own refreshments - this is always a popular event, so please book early on 01708 225451. All proceeds will go towards our Windmill.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

Upminster Art Society Exhibitions

The society has two forthcoming exhibitions and sale of members paintings. They will be showing in Upminster Library from Monday 5th to Saturday 17th of November and in the new exhibition space at Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch from Monday 19th November to Saturday 1st December. Free

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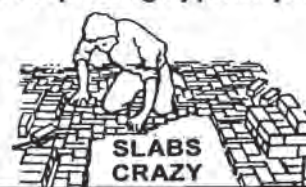


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Christmas Concert

Saturday 22nd December 2018
Holy Cross Church, 260 Hornchurch Rd, Hornchurch RM11 1PX. Programme: Popular Carols and Christmas Music accompanied by the Children of St. Mary's Primary School Choir. Ticket Prices £10/ Children £5. See www.haveringsingers.org.uk for further details.

Christmas Tree Festival

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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.

Christmas Fayre

Engayne Primary School, Severn Drive, Upminster are proud to present their annual Christmas Fayre. Held on Saturday 24th November, 11am - 2pm - everyone welcome. We have a BBQ, refreshments, games, market stalls, Santa's grotto, outdoor activities and lots more, please come along and bring the family.

Flower Festival

All Saints Church are holding a flower festival on 10th/11th November to commemorate 100 years since the end of WW1. If you would you like to sponsor a floral display for the flower festival or you have a family member who played a part in WW1, we would love to know your story - please contact Marion marionbubbs@aol.com or 01708 228308.

Revd Marion Williams

Table Top Sale

St Laurence Church Building Improvement Fundraising Committee are holding a Table Top sale in the Main Hall, St Laurence Church, Corbets Tey Road on Saturday 24th November 2018. 6ft table tops will be supplied for £10. Sellers arrive between 07.30 - 9.00. Buyers - doors open at 9.00am. 50p entrance fee for adults, children free. Tea / Coffee refreshments will be available from 9.00am. Sellers must book and pay in advance. Please contact St Laurence Parish Office on 01708 220696 or parish.office@upminsterparish.co.uk

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- b) New Year's Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year, when the cut off is 1am.

In addition, you can only buy fireworks (including sparklers) from registered sellers for private use on the following dates; 15 October to 10 November, 26 to 31 December, 3 days before Diwali and Chinese New Year. At other times you can only buy fireworks from licensed shops. You can be fined up to £5,000 and/or imprisoned for up to 6 months for selling or using fireworks illegally. You could also get an on-the-spot fine of £90. More information at <https://www.gov.uk/fireworks-the-law>

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

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Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

First World War Centenary - Upminster Remembers

Remembrance Sunday in Upminster is always a special event observed by residents as well as the Council, cadets, voluntary groups, local businesses, British Legion, military, scouts, cubs, local churches, and many other local groups and organisations. As we approach the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW1, it is a time for reflection and thankfulness to those who laid down their lives so that we could live in freedom.

The memorial in Corbets Tey road is the centrepiece of Remembrance Sunday, but back in 1919 there was considerable debate as to whether a monument or a memorial hall should be built. In fact, a referendum of parishioners was held to choose between the two. The outcome was split evenly, but the high cost associated with a hall meant that the monument became the preferred choice. It was not until May 1921 that the monument was eventually unveiled and, inscribed in the York stone base, are the names of 66 men with Upminster connections who lost their lives in the Great War. We will remember them.

Cllrs Linda Hawthorn, Ron Ower, Chris Wilkins, Clarence Barrett, Gillian Ford, John Tyler

Queen's Theatre Award

Congratulations to all the staff at the Queen's Theatre as the theatre has won the regional accolade of Most Welcoming Theatre in the East for the third year running! What an amazing 65th anniversary!



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Art Exhibition

Janet and Terry Doyle will be exhibiting their latest work at Upminster Library from Monday the 19th November to Saturday 1st December and at the Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch exhibition area from Monday 3rd to Saturday the 15th of December. All paintings will be for sale.

Look after the vulnerable

Unfortunately a vulnerable Cranham resident has been hoaxed into letting a conman into her home. The resident returned from shopping, tired and needing a sit down due to disability and age. The doorbell rang and the resident turned around and opened the door to a man claiming there was a gas leak and he needed to turn the gas off at the boiler. Being caught off guard she let him in. He then claimed to check the radiators in each room and due to the residents speed she could not keep up with him moving around the house. It was only when he had gone she realised all doors were open and things were missing, including bag with cards and money.

Please, make vulnerable people

aware that they should not let anyone enter their property other than family and friends or expected visitors. Get them to close the door and ring the company they claim to be from, never using the telephone number the person at the door may give you, as this could also be fake. Look the number up, or contact a neighbour, friend or family member to come around and support you. The Police Safer Neighbourhood Team are happy to visit vulnerable residents to give them advice on how to improve safety.

Cllr Gillian Ford

Wednesday Music Evenings

Wednesday 14th November - The Music Scene From Armistice Day to the "Roaring Twenties" presented by George Saddington. Celebrating the end of the First World War with an account of the music of late 1918 and the immediate post-war years. The programme will conclude by featuring some of the music from heady days of the "Roaring Twenties".

Wednesday 28th November - Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines presented by Brian Luck. A special programme celebrating

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The Upminster and District Horticultural Society

Come and join us for a lecture on 'Gardening in the Third Age' on Tuesday 13th November. Anne Luder will talk about how to make life in your garden easier and enjoyable. Until recently Anne was a lecturer at Capel Manor College where she specialised in therapeutic horticulture. Find out more about gadgets and gizmos that could help you in your garden. 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. 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

Little Havens Quiz

Quiz at the Crumpled Horn, Corbets Tey Road, on Monday 26th November. 19:30 for 20:00 start. For tables up to 8 adults costing £7 each and includes a Ploughman's Supper served during the half time break. The winning table receive a bottle of wine for each person. For further info and booking of places please contact Bob Blunden on 01708 226154.

Daphne The Dolphin

Children at Little Adventurers Nursery, 24 Severn Drive, Upminster will be getting stuck in to 'Recycle Week' with Daphne the dolphin, their new green mascot. Ginny, the nursery manager, explains, "Teaching children about caring for the planet is part of our role as early educators and our aim is to extend this understanding to our children and get them involved. We have introduced Daphne to help us with this aim."

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in their own vegetable patch in the nursery garden.
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A recent TV news report highlighted how customer demand is starting to encourage shops, restaurants and pubs to become greener by using paper straws instead of plastic ones. Following the Blue Planet II series, which highlighted the blight of plastic waste, a company in Cheshire started mass production of British straws for the first time in years. They now produce one million paper straws per week but demand is so great that many wholesalers also import them from China as well, which

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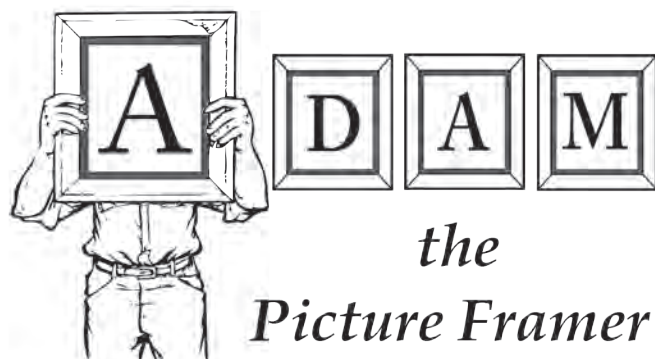


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environmentally defeats the object. The price of paper straws is presently four times that of plastic ones but parts of the service industry are still responding to consumer demand by accepting this cost. McDonald's, for instance, now only supply paper straws. The essence of the story is that the more the demand for sustainable products from consumers the more it will become financially viable for British companies to produce them in large numbers and the quicker they will become part of everyday life.

Cllr JOHN TYLER

Half Price Adventure Island Wristbands

Engayne Primary School are selling Adventure Island, Southend tickets at half the normal price. Blue bands (over 1.2m) £16, Green/Red bands (1m to 1.2m) £13 & Sealife Centre tickets £8. All tickets are valid until 31st December 2018. Please contact Lisa on 07895 024179 or Penny on 07703 676989 (collection from Upminster).

Cllr JOHN TYLER

Wesley Players Charity Event

The Wesley Players present a Murder Mystery in support of The Not Forgotten Association (a tri-service charity founded in 1920). A must for all the Super Sleuths. At 7:30pm on Saturday 10th November 2018 at Upminster Methodist Church, Hall Lane, RM14 1AE. For further details and tickets please ring Shirley on 01708 220096 or 07947 045344.

London in Bloom Awards

We were pleased to hear that two of our local public spaces have won awards at the recent London in Bloom awards. Upminster Park won a gold award in the Large Park of the Year section and South Essex Crematorium / Upminster Cemetery a gold award in the Large Cemetery section. Congratulations to both. Overall, Havering won fourteen gold and ten other awards.

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tea on Friday 16th November from 2.30-4.30pm. Booking is essential at £9 per person. Find a unique Christmas gift at the **Christmas Craft Fair** on 17th and 18th November between 10am and 4pm each day. Choose from a wide range of crafts including fused glass, useful and decorative wooden items, silver and bead jewellery, textiles, cards, Christmas decorations and lots more. Admission free. Discover more about Harold Court and Pages Wood, both managed by the Forest Commission, on a guided walk on Friday 30th November from 10am. Learn about their history and the restoration and development planned for the woods. More information from the website www.thameschase.org.uk or at the Visitor Centre.

Big Knit for Age UK

Home Instead Upminster support local people to remain in the comfort of their own home by offering a home help and companionship service. We are supporting Age UK to raise vital funds to support local and national winter projects to help older people keep warm and well in winter through befriending visits, emergency cold weather support, warm meals and other vital services. Jan pictured here (courtesy of Alf from the Upminster Camera Club) along with Home Instead Director of Care (Claire) and Recruiter (Lorraine) has been busy making

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us take for granted: water and sanitation. I'm now taking part in the Government's International Citizen Service programme through Raleigh International to help address these issues. I'll be working for three months in a village in Tanzania, living with a local family. Although I have some concerns about 'hole in the floor' toilets and 'bucket' showers, I'm most scared about being without my phone for 3 months! Jokes aside, this is a great opportunity for all 18-25 year olds to make a real difference; it's government funded, but volunteers have fund raising targets. If anyone would like to donate you can do so by texting FSTZ97 to 70070 with your amount. Thanks in advance! Francesca

Burglary Prevention Advice

As a former Police Crime Prevention Officer, I spent years giving home security advice to local residents. At this time of year one of the most important measures you can take is to use a timer switch attached to a light if you are likely to be out when it gets dark. The Met Police give lots of crime prevention advice on their website www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/. As well as a timer switches, their advice on what to do before you go out is printed below:

- Close and lock all your doors and windows, even if you're only going out for a few minutes
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- Make sure that any valuables are out of sight
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- Never leave car documents or ID in obvious places such as kitchens or hallways
- In the evening, shut the curtains and leave lights on
- Set your burglar alarm if you have one
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- 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** - A 'disability-friendly' meeting, 3.00 to 4.30 pm at Cranham Baptist Church, Severn Drive. Oasis meetings are for adults with disabilities

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13 Tuesday - Upminster and District Horticultural Society, presents Gardening in the Third Age with Anne Luder. 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

14 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.

14 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.

14 Wednesday - Havering U3A "Forbidden Love and Broken Hearts" by Georgina Green. 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

15 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.

15 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.

16 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.

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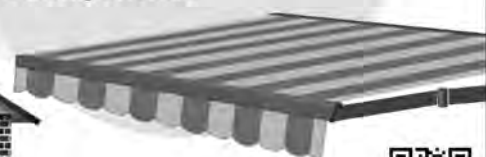
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21 Wednesday - Upminster Floral Art Society Entertaining evening with floral designer David Thomson. Enter our raffle on the night for a chance to take home one of his flower arrangements. His theme is 'Colourful Christmas' and the demonstration starts 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

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28 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 Wednesday - Upminster and District Probus Club meet at The Cranleigh, 84 Station Road, Hornchurch, RM12 6LX. Mark Lewis - Customs of the City of London. Contact Barry on 01708 703783 and leave a message or send an email secretary@upminsterprobus.com.

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

DECEMBER

1 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. 'A Christmas Carol' with Mike Wade (Mr Wade will play Charles Dickens). The Internet & Technology Group meet at the same venue 11am - 1pm 'The A-Z of Christmas'. (An illustrated Historic Tour through the Alphabet in terms of Christmas) with Eric Probert. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.

4 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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Stewart Avenue Allotments - Christmas Event

Stewart Avenue Allotments are holding their Christmas Event from 11am - 2pm on December 15th.

Single Over Sixty

All Saints Church, Cranham, invite all Single Over Sixty (SOS) to meet for lunch from 12.30 for 1pm on Friday 23rd November and Friday 14th December. If you are single divorced widow or widower you are welcome, need to know numbers and dietary needs so call or text Marion to secure a place on 01708 228308.

Rev'd Marion Williams

Upminster Library Events

Meet the Makers

Each Saturday a local crafter will be selling their products in the foyer of the Library. 10:30-3:30.

Stories, Songs and Crafts - Peppa Pig

Tuesday 13th November. 10:30am
Suitable for pre-school children
£3.00 library members £4.50 non members.

Card making workshop for adults

Christmas Paper Crafts
Tuesday 20th November. 9:30-11:00.
£7.00 library members.

Christmas Wreath Workshop

Thursday 29th November. 4:15pm.
Suitable for children aged 5 years plus
£3.00 library members £4.50 non members.

Havering Literary Festival

5-24 November
Information and tickets are available from your local library.
Advance Booking is Essential 01708 434933

New Badminton Club

The Hall Mead Friends Association are looking for new badminton members for their pay as you play sessions at Hall Mead School, Marlborough Gardens on a Monday evening in the Sports Hall. 7.30pm - 9.30 pm term times only. £4 a session. Further details please email jhand@hallmeadschool.com



Upminster Library

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Moor Lane Church Coffee Mornings

Moor Lane Church, Upminster is open on the 3rd November and 1st December, 10am-12. Home made cakes and a warm welcome awaits!

Festive Market

Festive Market at Trinity Church, Station Road, Upminster on Saturday 17th November from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. There will be beautiful hand-crafted gifts and stocking-fillers, together with the usual stalls, and also beauty treatments by Richa at £5.00 each. Refreshments (including savouries) will be available throughout the day. All proceeds divided between Trinity Church and its charity for 2018, the Childhood Eye Cancer Trust.

Quiz Night

Quiz night at the New Windmill Hall, Upminster. This hall is one of Upminster's great assets, run by a small group of committed volunteers. Please help us to develop our facilities by coming to our Quiz Night on Saturday 10th November, 7 for 7.30pm. Come as an individual or group (tables of 6-10), at £5 per head. Info & tickets: dancingrita@hotmail.co.uk



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Hedges & Shrubs

We have been chasing the Council again to cut back a number of road side shrubs and hedges. As this is being written the Council are cutting back in Maple Avenue and Wingletye Lane. Thanks also to those residents who have been cutting and looking after the hedges and shrubs close to their properties. We receive a number of nice comments on the road side shrubs etc especially from visitors.

Welcome Maa Eyecare

The former Greengrocers in Avon Road, Cranham is now home to Maa Eyecare go and say hello.

Upminster - The Place To Be

- Aldis in St. Marys Lane open after major refurbishment.
- Jack Bunneys Gentlemans Outfitters has arrived at 23 Station Road.
- Filati opposite has a wide range of Mens clothes and shoes and has just celebrated their third birthday in Upminster.
- Holland and Barrett - health and food shop in the former Lloyds Bank building at Bell Corner now open.
- Marvel Comic Book Store up and running at the end of the alley opposite Upminster Station well worth a visit.
- Ace Coffee & Bagels opening at Bell Corner.

Let us know if you are opening a shop etc locally.
We hear that there is a lot of interest expressed in any empty units locally.

Christmas Shop Now Open

The S&A Wedding and Party Shop at the rear of High House Garden Centre is a fantastic place for all your party needs. Their Christmas Shop is now open, bursting with goodies ...Christmas Lights, decorations you name it they have it. It's like an Aladdins Cave. Please see their advert on Page 10 for further details.

Saturday Talks Club

Monet and Debussy: Speaker is Andrew Rothwell on Saturday December 8th 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

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Christmas Bazaar

Come along and support Upminster Infant and Junior schools Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 1st December from 11am - 2 pm. We have many exciting stalls with great things to buy for Christmas. Lots of games to play and items to win! We will have a Santa's Grotto with a special appearance from Santa's Unicorn! There will be Christmas crafts and toys to buy. If you're feeling hungry there will be a BBQ, homemade cakes, mulled wine and mince pies to help you feel festive or if you're feeling energetic we will have Zorbing! All welcome, please come along and support your local school.

Holland & Barrett Opens

Holland & Barrett has opened a new store in Upminster, which showcases the latest concepts in specialist food, ethical beauty and sports nutrition. The store opened its doors on Wednesday 10th October and has created five new jobs. Holland & Barrett's Upminster Store Manager,



Lorraine Holt, said: "This is an exciting time for Upminster and we look forward to welcoming existing and new customers in store to share the latest products and concepts in the health food, beauty and sports categories." Holland & Barrett also stocks a wide variety of chilled and frozen foods for dietary requirements including vegetarians, vegans and coeliac.

DIARY - OCTOBER

The next **Upminster Ward** meeting is on Wednesday 7th November, 7.30pm at St. Josephs Hall, St. Marys Lane.
The next **Cranham Ward** meeting is on Thursday 8th November, 7.15 pm at Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens.



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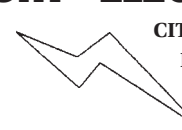
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