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**UPMINSTER & CRANHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

**Vote For Your Local Residents' Candidate Linda Van Den Hende.**

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On the 9th May a by-election will be held in the Cranham Ward, this has been called due to the sad passing of Councillor Clarence Barrett, who had been a ward councillor since 2006. A former Residents' Association Councillor for Upminster Ward from 2006 to 2018, Linda Van Den Hende will be the Residents' Association candidate. Linda, a local resident, has previously served on the Licensing, Crime and Disorder and Adult Social Care committees and was Mayor of Havering for 2017/18. A retired Human Resources Director in both Local Government and Metropolitan Police, she has served as a magistrate and is a Governor at two Havering schools. A member of Upminster Police Ward Panel and Vice Chair of Havering Stop and Search Monitoring Group, Linda is a trustee of both 'First Step' and 'Havering Volunteer Centre' charities. Her fundraising activities have included trekking, abseiling, wing walking and parachuting.



We would ask you to give Linda your vote please on Thursday 9th May. We are always available not just at Election time.

**Upminster and Cranham Residents Association Executive**

**Parking Permits**

We reported last month that at the Councils Budget meeting in February the Conservatives who currently control the Council voted to take away the 30 minute free parking period from Hornchurch and Upminster Car Parks and are increasing car parking charges substantially. Your local Residents Association Councillors voted against this!

**Upminster Pitch & Putt**

The proposal to sell Upminster Pitch & Putt site was requisitioned, which meant the formal consultation to sell the land was paused. A list of fifteen grounds for requisition were presented including: 'Could you explain why there has been no public consultation on the sale of the land in respect to the residents gates leading onto the site, usage, rights of access without challenge from the local authority, afforded to them for over 20 years.' The next part of the process was for the requisition grounds to be heard at the Overview & Scrutiny Board, which was held on 2nd April, at the Town Hall. A number of local residents attended the meeting, which although open to the public, they had no speaking rights. A large number of further questions and challenges were made including: 'The Cabinet recommendation on disposal, as the site is no longer required to be held for the purpose for which the Council presently holds it, fails to consider alternatives and other community benefits. Why were no alternative provisions considered?' Unfortunately, the Conservative Members voted in unity not to uphold the requisition, and the Chair of the Board abstained, which meant the report would not go back to Cabinet

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## Parking Permits

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Please note the Conservatives also pushed through a scheme to impose residents and visitors parking permits.

What will this mean to local residents ?

To be able to park your car in your road you will need to purchase a parking permit each year. The costs of permits are currently £35 for the first vehicle, £60 for the second and any further vehicles will cost £85 each. We believe these costs are planned to be increased as well!

You may also need to purchase Visitor's Parking Permits which currently cost £13 for a book of ten 4-hour permits.

Parking permits have only increased in cost.

Having a parking permit will NOT guarantee you a parking place near your home.

The Conservatives say this will deter commuters from parking near the Stations.

However, as we know there are already a wide range of roads around Upminster Station that have parking restrictions already i.e. from 8am to 9.30am or 8am to 6pm as examples introduced to deter commuter parking.

There was extensive consultation

two years ago on the introduction of permits with several letters going out to residents and presentations in Upminster Library with the result being a resounding NO.

In fact the petitions presented to the Council were over 90 per cent against the introduction of residents or visitors permits !

We understand that another "consultation exercise " will take place in the late summer.

However you should be advised that the Conservatives have included income from the permits in their budget savings.

Having lost the free parking period and substantially paying more to park can we trust the Tories ?

## Upminster Pitch & Putt

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for further discussion, and therefore moves straight onto the consultation process.

The consultation process in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 and Town and Country Planning Act 1990, requires notices to be placed in a local newspaper circulating in the area for two consecutive weeks, which is a very short turn around and a

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very limited notification circulation. The publication date is currently unknown, but almost certainly the deadline will have passed by the time you receive your next Bulletin. Hopefully you will have found out by our other forms of communication, or by word of mouth in time to comment.

Cllr Gillian Ford  
Cllr John Tyler

## At Your Service

Your Residents Association and your local Residents Association Councillors are at your service all year round not just at election times. The Bulletin is published monthly and we back this up with special Bulletins plus our website. We work for and on behalf of the local community for its benefit.

We are continuing the fight to get the free 30 minute parking period restored.

We constantly look at all Planning Applications and have fought successfully not to build on our local Green Belt countryside.

March this year saw one of the largest attendances at one of our Public Meetings where residents expressed their opposition to the Conservative Council's decision to sell off the Mini Golf Site in Hall Lane for

development of 48 houses and flats on the site. We strongly believe that Party Politics has NO place in local affairs .

## Classic Car Show

All Saints Church, Cranham and James Oglethorpe School are holding a Summer Fete & Classic Car Show on Saturday 22nd June at James Oglethorpe School, Ashvale Gardens, Cranham, RM14 3NB.

If you would like to display your classic vehicle at this event, please book your space by either:

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Once booked you will receive full details of times etc.

There is an admission charge of £1 per classic vehicle, payable at the gate, which will go towards the school and church funds.

## Meet A Councillor

The next meet the Cranham Councillor for one to one conversation, will be on 16th May 11.00-12.00 at Cafe4U, Front Lane.

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## Adapted Bike Scheme Hire

The Positive Parents Cycling for All bike scheme has a full range of adapted bikes including tandems, tricycles and wheelchair platforms as well as standard bikes enabling children and young people with disabilities and their family to all cycle together.

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## The 39 Steps

This May brings Hitchcock suspense and intrigue to Upminster as the Wesley Players present a stage production of the classic thriller "The 39 Steps". Based on the classic novel by John Buchan and the 1935 Alfred Hitchcock film, the plot finds our hero, Richard Hannay embroiled in espionage and a false accusation of murder. In a desperate attempt to

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prove his innocence, our hero escapes and finds himself on the run from dastardly murderers, double-crossing secret agents and a succession of hair raising escapades.

The stage production misses nothing from the classic film as the action includes an on stage plane crash, a death defying escape from the Flying Scotsman over the Forth Bridge, handcuffs, missing fingers and some good old fashioned romance! With only four actors playing multiple roles this is a fast paced and action packed adaptation of one of the most famous spy novels ever written.

Performances will be at the Methodist Church Hall, Hall Lane, Upminster on 16, 17 and 18 May 2019 at 8pm. Tickets are available by calling the box office on 07708 214742 or tickets@wesley-players.co.uk.

## Indoor Table Top Sale

The Coopers Parents & Friends Association are holding a Table Top Sale at Coopers Company & Coborn School, St Mary's Lane, Upminster, Essex, RM14 3HS on the 5th May. For Table Top tables supplied it costs £12 or if seller supplied £8 (up to 6ft). Sellers arrive between 7 - 8.30am and doors open at 9am.

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The We Are FSTVL runs from Friday 24th May to Sunday 26th May at Damyn's Hall Aerodrome, Aveley Road, Upminster, RM14 2TN. <https://www.wearefstvl.com>

The organisers explained some minor changes but reiterated that the event will be similar to previous years. The main points that came out from the meeting were -

- The finishing time on all three nights is now 12.30am (Last year it was 1.30am on Friday).
- There will be around 3,000 festival goers on Friday (all camping).
- There will be around 28,500 on Saturday and Sunday (which is slightly down from last year).
- A **residents hotline number (0203 7187139)** will be available between- 8am-9pm from Tuesday 14th May until Thursday 23rd 24 hours a day from 8am Friday 24th until 9pm on Monday 27th 8am-9pm from Tuesday 28th until Friday 31st
- A mobile community response team will be available to respond to any problems.
- The Bag size in the Arena has been limited .
- There will be drug searches and everyone will be scanned for knives.

Following problems last year with 'cabs' in the Waldegrave Gardens area, this road and some surrounding it will be designated 'Residents Only'

for the period of the festival. Residents of affected roads will be issued with vehicle passes (further details to be published on their website).

There will be more public toilets available at the station and signage will be improved.

### Traffic Management / Road Closures (See Website For Full Details):

#### Temporary Speed Limits

Warwick Lane, between Aveley Road and Gerpins Lane. Aveley Road, between Warwick Lane and Gerpins Lane. 30 MPH restrictions from 14/05/19 to 31/05/19.

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#### Road Closures

Access to residents and permit holders only at certain junctions.

Ashburnham Gardens, Waldegrave Gardens, Deyncourt Gardens (plus non-festival traffic), Meadowside Close, Londons Close, Harwood Hall Lane (plus festival buses), Dennises Lane, Romford Road (plus businesses, festival buses and taxis), Greenacres Close, Aveley Road.

No Access or Festival Traffic Only at certain junctions.

Sunnings Lane, Bramble Lane, Stubbers Lane, Dennises Lane, Aveley Road

All from 0800 on 24/05/19 to 1800 on 27/05/19, although most will not be enforced on Friday and Monday, unless exceptional circumstances dictate otherwise.

#### One Way Restrictions

Harwood Hall Lane (E), Stubbers Lane (S), Dennises Lane(W), Bramble Lane(W), Aveley Road(N).

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unless exceptional circumstances dictate otherwise.

### Please Note

No restrictions on other roads, but increased traffic levels should be expected on all roads in the vicinity of the venue, and the Upminster area in general. There will be speed limits and parking restrictions on other roads, but no access restrictions. Residents of roads that are subject to a closure or travel restriction will be issued with residents vehicle passes. These do not allow vehicles through any closures, other than those stated on the vehicle pass. Each household will be issued with two passes, additional passes will be available, by request. Health workers, deliveries, etc, will be allowed through road closures where necessary.

## Dog-mess

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Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

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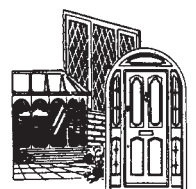


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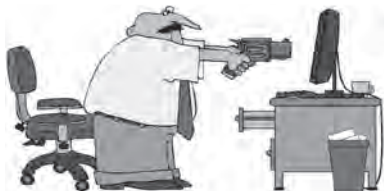
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(Health and Wellbeing initiative)

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wish to know more please contact me. No equipment is needed just suitable comfortable clothing. There will be a short walk. Jill Luff BWY dip (British Wheel of Yoga) Contact No: 01708 641718 / 07930 825383 (mob) email [pirie.ianandjill@btopenworld.com](mailto:pirie.ianandjill@btopenworld.com)

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## £10,000 Community Bid Award

Brentwood a Becket Rotary Club launches £10,000 Community Award Local charities and voluntary groups, including those in Havering, will be able to bid for an Award of £10,000 being offered by Brentwood a Becket Rotary Club. To mark the start of their 40th year the Rotary Club they will be launching a one- off Community Award on 23 April to enable local charities and voluntary organisations to apply for a single grant of £10,000 to be used to develop their services. To qualify applicants must be based in Brentwood or be based in one of the neighbouring districts, including Havering. Organisations from neighbouring districts will need to have some clients in Brentwood or want to use the money to provide services in Brentwood. The application form will be completed on line on the Club's website [www.rotarybrentwood.org](http://www.rotarybrentwood.org)

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All programmes take place in the 1st Floor Meeting Room, Hornchurch Library, North Street and commence at 7.30pm ending by 9.30pm. Admission is free but a small donation is requested to cover interval refreshments. No need to book a seat - just turn up. Should you require more information contact Stephen Raindle 01708 470670 or email [sraindle@aol.com](mailto:sraindle@aol.com).

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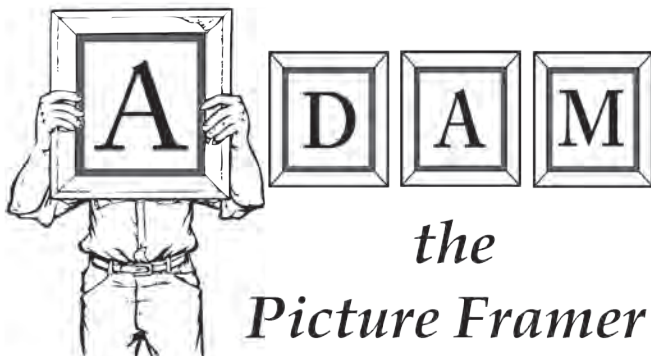
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There will be one walk in the afternoon in a Wednesday in each month, started in April, last one in August. We meet by the visitor centre at Belhus Woods Country Park and we set out at 1:30pm, returning by 4:30pm, so we are out for 3 hours.

Choice of clothing is important, as there may well be mud, and Brambles, and unwanted biting

insects. Strongly suggested: Wear old and tough clothes that will keep your skin protected, wear old tough trousers, wear wellies or similar, unless the weather has been dry all summer! (As it did this last summer!). Participants must be able to kneel down on the ground, and get up again, without assistance. We are on our feet for the full 3 hours, but we usually walk rather slowly. Bring some items that might be helpful: Sunhat if it is hot and sunny, skin cream if biting insects are out and about, notebook and pencil, a small hand lens (but I can lend one of mine if you don't have one). No dogs, please, as they are always trying to get to the same spot that we want to look at!!!! If you have a wild flower book, do bring it. Some folk bring a mobile phone with camera in it, but definitely not essential.

If you come by car, there is a large car park but you have to pay. Better value if you fill your car! The Park requires a small fee, usually it is about £5 per head. Dates: all Wed afternoons: 1st May; 5th June; 10th July; 7th August.

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Forest and a strategic link between woodlands. This completes the 49th site of restored green space across the 40sq miles of the Community Forest..

### Events at the Forest Centre

**Friday 3rd May - An all-ability walk** around Broadfields' site from 10am. Come and enjoy the countryside whilst exploring the surfaced paths of varying distances around the Forest Centre. Also observe our cycles for all ages and abilities, adapted bathroom and quiet room. The walk will be followed by coffee and biscuits.

**Friday 10th May - Jazz in the Cafe** with Dominic Ashworth is now fully booked. A second evening with Dominic is planned for Friday 21st June 7.30-10pm at £12.00 per person. Booking for this new date at the Visitor Centre

**Friday 17th May - Musical Cream Tea** Celebrating Chelsea Flower Show from 2.30-4.30pm. Enjoy tea, scones and cake whilst listening to live music. £9 per person (booking essential). Sunday 19th May 10am-2pm - Sunday Market with local produce and crafts.

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## Universal Credit Helpline

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## SuperHero Fun Run

The Family Superhero Fun Run Is Back! Sunday 19th May at Raphael Park, Romford will see the return of Lennox Children's Cancer Fund's family-friendly charity 5k Superhero Fun Run and Inflatables Day!

Back for its THIRD fantastic year, Raphael Park will once again play host to the 5k superhero-themed family fundraiser.

Take part as a family - bring the kids, grandparents, aunts and uncles and have a fun family day out. Dress up in your favourite superhero fancy dress and join us to raise money to support children with cancer.

Alongside the run itself, the 2019 fun day will include an even wider selection of inflatables than 2018, face-painting, food and drink stands and a visit from a very special Disney Princess with more still to be announced! There will be a fantastic DJ all day and a fun pre-run warm-up before the fun run gets going at midday. Fancy dress is encouraged, and superhero capes and masks will be on sale for runners who really want to look the part!

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Alongside the Trading Hut we will also have plotters' donations of excess vegetables, plants, seeds, jams and chutneys made from allotment produce (all according to season and subject to availability) that will be available for members of the public to purchase. This will be instead of the monthly Gate Sales that we've held for several years and will be open to members and non members. Funds raised will go to support our own and other local Allotments, so by supporting our sales you will be supporting the site to continue to improve and be relevant to today's users. Allotments are very important green spaces for the environment, biodiversity and saving on food miles as well as providing many benefits for plot holders. Keep an eye on our website and the Upminster Facebook page for details and to see what's available each week. We hope to see you soon.

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- 4 Upminster Tith Barn Museum of Nostalgia**, in Hall Lane Upminster Open (10.30am to 4pm).
- 7 Tuesday - Oglethorpe W.I.** This is when we discuss WI Resolutions on current topics. Visitors and new members are always welcome to our meetings which are held on the first Tuesday of each month at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, Cranham, RM14 1XN at 7.45 pm. Further information contact Secretary Mrs. E. Bell on 01708 251 161 or just come along on the evening.
- 8 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.
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- 8 Wednesday - Havering U3A** Lionel Bart by Geoff Bowden. Havering U3A meets at 2:30pm on the second Wednesday of the month at St. Michael's Church Hall, Main Road, Gidea Park, Romford. Interest groups run throughout the month. www.u3asites.org.uk/havering
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- 12 Sunday - Eastbury Concert Band**, Raphaels Park Bandstand Concert. www.eastburyconcertband.com
- 13 Monday - Havering Branch Essex Wildlife Trust** Alice Wickman is giving a talk about the London Dragon Fly survey. 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.
- 14 Tuesday - Upminster and District Horticultural Society** Central Royal Parks presented by Jim Buttress plus the Society's plant sale. The lectures are held in the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster. Beginning at 7.45pm until 9.45pm. Entrance is free to members and is £2 for non-members. www.upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk
- 15 Wednesday - Deyncourt Ladies Probuss Lunch Club** meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month ( except August ) and welcome new members who are retired. Meetings are held at the Masonic Centre Deyncourt Gardens Upminster. Meetings commence at 11.30 am lunch is 12.00pm and we have a speaker to follow. Please contact Julia

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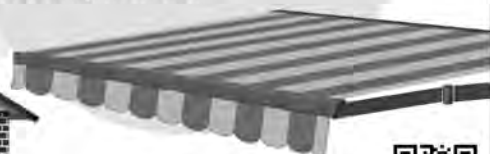
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**16 Thursday - Upminster Wine and Social Club** meet on the third Thursday of the month at 8 pm in the Cranham Social Hall, Front Lane, Cranham. We hold meetings every month with a variety of speakers and wine tasting. For more information contact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

**17 Friday - Havering Antique Collectors Club** meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood. Guest Speaker Peter Addison - Coins of England since 100 B.C. 7.30 for 8.00 - Guests £4. Chairman Mrs Chris Lovett 0794 7367258.

**18 Upminster Tithe Barn Museum of Nostalgia**, in Hall Lane Upminster Open (10.30am to 4pm).

**20 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.

**21 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.

**21 Tuesday - Upminster U3A** Mick Casson. Yeoman Warder on his experiences at the Tower of London, Sally Miller - Street Watch. New Windmill Hall in Upminster. Doors open at 12.30pm for a 1pm start. 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

**22 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.

**29 Wednesday - Upminster and District Probus Club** meet at The Cranleigh, 84 Station Road, Hornchurch, RM12 6LX on the last Wednesday of the month. Brian Luck - Hooray for Hollywood - The Greatest Film Themes of Tinseltown. Contact Barry on 01708 703783 and leave a message or send an email secretary@upminsterprobus.com.

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

**JUNE**

**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. 'Delinquents & those who tried to reform them' with Kath Chater. **The Internet & Technology Group** meet at the same venue 11am - where a Q&A session is followed by 'A Workshop'. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.

**1 Saturday - Cake Decorating Club.** Fairkyles Arts Centre, Billet Lane, Hornchurch RM11 1AX. Doors open at 1.15 for 1.30 start to 3.30pm. Visitors pay £7, inc tea and cake. We are a very friendly group and there is no need to book. We meet on the first Saturday in the month. Further details from Joy 01708 767145.

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**1 Upminster Tithe Barn Museum of Nostalgia**, in Hall Lane Upminster Open (10.30am to 4pm).

**4 Tuesday - Oglethorpe W.I.** "Second time round Fashion Show". Visitors and new members are always welcome to our meetings which are held on the first Tuesday of each month at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, Cranham, RM14 1XN at 7.45 pm. Further information contact Secretary Mrs. E. Bell on 01708 251161 or just come along on the evening.

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Cllr CHRIS WILKINS

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Produced by Cranham's own award-winning Oglethorpe Players with all profits donated to the beautiful All Saint's Spire refurbishment fund. Please contact 01708 221923 for details and bookings. Friday 7th and Saturday 8th June at 8pm Vestry Hall, All Saints Church, The Chase, Cranham RM14 3YB. Tickets £10 per person payable prior to performances. Tables of eight, food supplied please bring own drinks.

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Linda Van den Hende

## Mini Golf Course

Further to the article from our Residents Councillors Gillian Ford and John Tyler on the front page regarding the requisition of the Conservative Controlled Cabinet decision to dispose of the land at the Pitch and Putt Mini Golf Course in Hall Lane where there has been a Planning Application for 48 houses and flats.

There was no pre consultation with local residents and the ward Councillors.

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## DIARY - May

**Upminster Ward Meeting**  
Owing to the By-election in Cranham, the Upminster Ward meeting, scheduled in May has been cancelled - the next ward meeting will be in June, and details of any speaker will be given in June's Bulletin.

**Cranham Meeting**

The next meet the Cranham Councillor for one to one conversation, will be on 16th May 11.00-12.00 Cafe4U, Front Lane.

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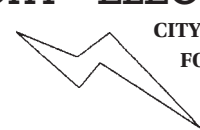
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