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## **UPMINSTER & CRANHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

## Upminster Pitch & Putt Urgent Update A Huge Thank You

You may have previously sent in a letter of objection for planning application **P0248.19**; the development of **48** houses and flats on the Hall Lane Upminster Pitch & Putt site. We are currently waiting to hear the final decision on this application.

Havering has just opened two further public consultations for this site:

- To '**appropriate**' the Pitch & Putt Site change what the site can be used for
- 'disposal' of the site in this case for a 48 housing development

The **two consultations** are running in parallel and the details and timetables are as follows:

- Reference: 'Hall Lane Appropriation'
- Reference: 'Hall Lane Disposal'
- Notices advertised in the Romford Recorder between 5th-12th July.
- Deadline for objections 4:00 pm on 5th August
- After the deadline, the objections for both consultations will be analysed, with a view to reporting the matter to Cabinet for a decision at the earliest possible date.

If you do not approve of, 'disposal' or 'appropriation' of the site, you will need to send in **TWO** separate letters of objection [*Further details of these letters are on page 2*], with the reference names above, using the following email or postal address:

propertyservices@onesource.co.uk

Ms Sarah Chaudhry Director of Asset Management Services, 2 River Chambers, High Street, Romford, RM1 1HR

Councillors GILLIAN FORD, JOHN TYLER, LINDA VAN DE HENDE

Several hundred people attended the public protest outside the Town Hall last month in support of our SOS campaign, Save Our Shops. We are asking for the free 30 minute parking period in Hornchurch and Upminster Shopping Centres to be reinstated. We would like to thank the tremendous turn out of retailers and residents that supported us, and the press who have been listening and publishing residents and retailers concerns. Sadly the motion put by our Hornchurch Residents' Association colleagues, to immediately assess the impact of removing the free period including evenings and overnight and on Sundays, was not agreed. Once again the Conservatives and Harold Wood Councillors voted against it. The fight goes on and we will update you on progress.

Your Upminster & Cranham Residents Association Councillors

## **Meet the Council Leader - 29th August**

The Leader of the Council, Cllr Damian White, is holding a 'Leader's Surgery' in Upminster Library from 5.30-7pm on Thursday 29th August.

No appointment is necessary.

This will be an ideal opportunity for both residents and business people to speak to Cllr White and let him know your opinions on his Administration's recent actions and policies, such as the increase in parking charges that are affecting

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our shops, businesses, library and community facilities so badly, the proposed Controlled Parking Zone in Upminster and Cranham, and the proposed sale and development of the Hall Lane Mini Golf Course. We would encourage anyone who can to join us outside the library from 5pm, even if you don't intend to speak in person to Cllr White, to once again show the strength of feeling against the abolition of the free 30-minutes parking in Upminster and Hornchurch and the new evening and Sunday parking charges across the borough.

Councillors LINDA HAWTHORN, RON OWER, CHRIS WILKINS, GILLIAN FORD, LINDA VAN DEN HENDE & JOHN TYLER

## The Two **Hall Lane** Pitch & Putt Consultations

We thought it would be helpful to provide you with some tools to help you with your letters of objection

to the two consultations currently underway for the Pitch & Putt site. Independent letters are required and both will be very similar lists, but you need to ensure you do not confuse the two letters using 'disposal' for one letter and 'appropriation' for the other. For example:

Letter No. 1 'Disposal':

Disposal of the site would not be in line with Policy 28 and the site as a heritage asset.

Letter No. 2 'Appropriation':

Appropriation of the site would not be in line with Policy 28 and the site as a heritage asset.

The Local Development Plan contains all of the planning policy areas that  $% \left( \frac{1}{2}\right) =\left( \frac{1}{2}\right) ^{2}$ have to be taken into consideration. You can judge for yourself what policies are applicable to both of the above consultations: https:// www.havering.gov.uk/download/ downloads/id/1632/core\_strategy\_ development\_control.pdf The Hall Lane Policy Area Supplementary Planning Policy document, deals with the protected status of parts of Hall Lane. The Pitch & Putt site is not protected as this is public open space and therefore theoretically protected, however the properties surrounding the site are protected. https://www.havering. gov.uk/downloads/ id/1568/hall\_lane\_policy\_area\_2009. pdf. There is also the environmental

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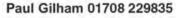
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Cranham Councillors

## **Conservatives Take Away Free Parking Period**

Back in the February Bulletin we pointed out that your local Residents Association Councillors "opposed " the taking away of the 30 minute free parking period. We also expressed deep concerns on raising parking charges in particular the New Windmill Hall Car Park. At the February Council Budget meeting your Residents Councillors proposed an alternative budget which would have kept the free period in Hornchurch and Upminster. Many local residents merely need the 30 minute free period pick up a paper or

buy a few items.

Petitions against taking away the free period from of over 10000 residents were also presented to the Council.

The Tories totally ignored these!

Sadly Conservative Councillors who currently control the Council raised parking charges and took the free period away. Taking away the free period came at a time when the council parking account had a surplus of £723,000 last year,out stripping the £573,000 surplus it made in the previous year!

Many local businesses have seen a dramatic drop in trade, one independent small shop said they are down £1300 per week. A national shop by £7000 a week.

Our Town Centre is under threat of becoming a ghost town! Shops will close, jobs will be lost and of course a huge loss of income to the Council. You only have to look at the empty parking bays in the car parks and along St. Marys Lane and Corbets Tey Road.

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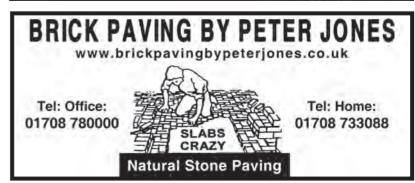
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North of the River Thames, in Essex, the Chalk becomes much deeper and is covered with Thanet Formation, Lambeth Group (generally clays with some sands and silts) and London Clay. Small pockets or larger layers of River Terrace Deposits and Alluvium are also expected to be present over these in places.

The ground investigation programme is the next step in designing the new crossing, and is not the start of construction. The findings will be published as part of the future planning application. More detail on where and when they

doing can be found on their website. https://highwaysengland.co.uk/ lower-thames-crossing-GI-works We will keep you informed of developments in the bulletin and on our website www.ucra.co.uk

are working, and what they will be

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Using the arrows above the map you can show the forecast for up to four days ahead. By typing in your location into the search box underneath the map you can see a detailed forecast for your location.

Cllr IOHN TYLER

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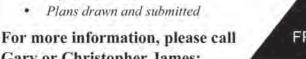
The course, which involves viewing a video then completing the course in five ten minute sections, teaches basic life-saving first aid. To see the video and decide whether you wish to take the course and register visit www. virtual-college.co.uk/prepared.

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Ken was a member of the Dorset Regiment and was appointed MBE in 2001 and was awarded the Legion d'Honneur by the French Government in 2014.

Ken was one of our original Residents Councillors elected to serve firstly on Hornchurch Council then Havering Council.

A former Justice of the Peace and for many years served on our Executive especially as treasurer.

Ken was only 18 at the invasion. During the service at Bayeux Cathedral he read out the following poem by former Juno veteran Cyril Crain who sadly passed away five years ago.

Normandy by Cyril Crain
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Cllr RON OWER

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Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

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## **Extra Police**

There have been a lot of comments about the lack of police in Havering, and Upminster, over quite a period of time. We therefore, in principle, welcome the news that the Council plan to fund 5 new officers (4 constables and one sergeant,). We do have grave concerns about the conditions these officers are being employed under and whether your money is being wisely spent. The original report was very woolly with no details as to what the officers would be used for, who would actually supervise them, where they would be employed, if they could be called elsewhere in emergencies and the list went on.

The report was called in, eg returned to be scrutinised further,

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but despite there being further unanswered questions, and the meeting had lasted less than an hour, a vote was called for in which the majority decided just to go ahead with the scheme. Items which were discussed included that of the best part of the 300K being spent on the scheme, 21 per cent would be on the officers training, uniforms etc, which seems a little excessive - we wonder what next - will our Council Tax be diverted from what it should be used for - egrepairing our roads, and restoring our 30min free car-parking, in favour of more doctors, teachers, nurses etc - we already pay for these via our Income Tax and existing grants.

> Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN Cllr CHRIS WILKINS

### Green Garden **Waste Bins**

The Councils fortnightly collection service of the "Garden Green Waste Bins " has become very successful here in Havering.

For the year 2019/20 the Council has released 24625 labels following payment. Locally Upminster ward tops the list with 1912 bins, then

Emerson Park ward at 1833 then Cranham ward at 1814. On a personal basis it has saved me a lot of trips to the Gerpins Lane tip. Our area also has a huge amount of homes that regularly also use the "Orange " bags for general recycling.

Cllr RON OWER

## **Springfield Playgroup**

Springfield Playgroup are delighted to announce that at a recent Ofsted Inspection they were awarded Outstanding. Springfield Playgroup is owned by Upminster Baptist Church and last year held its 50th Anniversary. Ofsted said "Children are highly motivated and keen to learn", "placing children at the centre of practice is integral to everything staff do and a real strength of the setting" and "that parents speak highly of the excellent service we deliver". We could not be happier that finally Ofsted have seen what a great Playgroup Springfield is, we have wonderful children and very supportive parents and all the staff love what they do.

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Cold Water Shock, which can affect breathing and movement and cause heart attacks, even in the relatively young and healthy, is one of the biggest causes of drowning and can take hold when people enter cold seas, rivers, lakes and reservoirs. Anything below 15°C is defined as cold water. Average UK and Ireland sea temperatures are just 12°C, under half the temperature of an average swimming pool. Rivers such as the Thames are colder - even in the summer. For further advice visit the RNLI website - rnli.org/safety/knowthe-risks/cold-water-shock

Cllr JOHN TYLER

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Havering Council are buying back previously owned council properties and have provided the following explanation as to why.

The council are selling more properties through the Government's 'Right to Buy' policy than they we are currently able to replace and with ever-increasing demand for social housing, due to the Government's 'Homelessness' policy, changes and affordability issues in the private market, the demand for housing is higher than ever.

When properties are sold Havering council is able to keep a portion of the receipts from the sale, called 'Right to Buy' receipts, which can only be recycled into buying or building new properties. The receipts are restricted to funding 30% of the cost to build or buy the new property, cannot be mixed with Greater London Authority grant and must be used within three years of retaining the receipts. If these receipts are not used within three years they must be returned to the Government, with interest. Therefore it's in the authorities best interest to use as many of these receipts as we possibly can.

Havering council has advertised its plans to build thousands of new homes through its regeneration programme, but the land we have available to build on at an affordable rate is limited, so we also need to utilise the other option of buying back properties to try to increase the supply of housing as much as possible. Properties bought back are only let to Havering council tenants, who are unable to afford a property in the private market, and also must be local, the 'Housing' policy states that applicants must have lived in the borough for at least six years before they can be offered a council property.

Cllr GILLIAN FORD

### **Upminster Dementia Choir** has launched!

I am delighted that we have been able to set up a Dementia Choir in Upminster.

We held our first session on the 18th June where we had tea, coffee, biscuits and cakes, followed by a bit of a warm up and then the choir.

"Jean and John Barry joined us and after the session, Jean sent me the





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following email:

Thank you so much for getting the dementia choir up & running. I can't tell you how much I enjoyed it along with my husband yesterday. I felt like a different person when we left. My husband gave his usual response "I enjoyed it, but can't see the point" So, I told him I'd seen him smile, laugh, heard him sing, saw him speak to people he'd not met before, but most of all I'd seen him having fun & that was the whole point!! We will be there next week for sure. Thank you again, so much.

Are you living with or caring for somebody with Dementia and think the choir would be of interest? Come along on the 9th July, All Saints Church Hall, 10.30am-11.00am for tea and coffee with the choir starting from 11.00am-12.00. The session is £1.00 per person. We would love you to join us! If you would like any further details please contact gillian.ford@ havering.gov.uk or telephone: 01708

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In addition, there will be refreshment stalls selling tea, coffee, cakes, BBQ, beer and summer punch, plant and produce stalls, kids' activities, raffles and expert gardening information. Upminster Horticultural Society will also have a stand, where you will be

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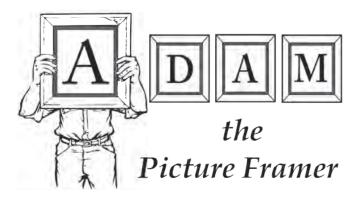
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## **Thames Chase Community Forest**

The annual Thames Chase Art and Sculpture Exhibition at the Forest Centre returns in August, with artists from across the Community Forest and surrounding areas showing examples of their works. On the theme of 'Ideas and Imagination', artists will display their interpretation of the subject in their favourite medium. The variety of artists this year will include watercolourists James Merriott, landscape artist, Beverley Hughes, metal sculptor Otis Griffiths and our Upminster based portrait artist finalist in 'Sky Arts Portrait Artist of the Year 2019, Tom Mead. The exhibition runs from 13th to 26th August and is open each day from 10am-4pm. Budding young artists are not forgotten. Running alongside the Exhibition young artists from 5-16years can submit their favourite picture or design taking

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inspiration from the title Woodland Wonders to depict creatures and animals that are found or could have once been a part of the Community Forest area into a competition judged in three age brackets. Information about contributing artists and conditions for the children's competition are on the website www. thameschase.org.uk

#### **Events at the Forest Centre in** August

Tuesday and Wednesday each week through August 10am-12noon children's activity programme based on favourite forest animals - fox, squirrel and badger. Drop-in sessions for 4-10 year olds. £3 donation per child.

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Friday 16th August 2.30-4.30pm tea dance in the barn with delicious cream tea and live music. £9 per person

Sunday 18th August 10am-2pm -Sunday craft and produce market. Friday 23rd August - Jazz in the Barn 8-11pm. Dave Browning's All Star Jazz Band returns for their second visit to the Forest Centre's Essex Barn this summer. Tickets £14. Bring your own food and drink. Booking essential Saturday 31st August – Murder Mystery Evening in Broadfields Barn. Arrive 7.30pm. Tickets £18 per person

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## Rotary Club Annual Walk

Our annual sponsored walk will take place on Sunday 8 September 2019 to raise funds for the Saint Francis Hospices & First Step. Start and finish at Hornchurch Country Park, adjoining the visitors centre Squadron Approach, Suttons Avenue Hornchurch. 9.00 A.M. Parking available at the start with drinks at halfway point. Adults and children are invited to take part, children under 12 to be accompanied by an adult. The 6 mile walk will take place through Hornchurch Country Park, over Rainham Hill and returning over public footpaths.

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Cllr GILLIAN FORD

## Frankie's Classic Car Fest and Vintage Market

Frankie's Classic Car Fest and Vintage Market will be on the 1st September 2019 at Ford's Dunton Technical Centre, raising money for Saint Francis Hospice.

Calling all classic car lovers! Frankie's 8th annual Classic Car Fest has been arranged in conjunction with the 50th birthday of the iconic Ford Capri, and will host an impressive display of Ford Capris and other classics. There will be a vintage market with a variety of amazing stalls including homemade fudge, vintage clothing, memorabilia & jewelry, retro toys and model cars.

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## **Sky Blue Mondays**

Nelmes United Reformed Church, on the corner of Nelmes Road and Burntwood Avenue has a new approach to Mondays. Calling it 'Sky Blue Mondays' they have started to open up the church on a Monday Evening from 7pm to 8pm. Claire Bottone from Nelmes URC has said 'We are hoping to provide a space for our community to come and have some time of reflection and calm. We hope that people will come along and take the opportunity to light a candle if they wish, or add their name or names of a loved one to our prayer book. We also have a separate room where we will serve tea coffee and biscuits should somebody just want to come along for a chat. There is no sermon, no prayers or readings, just an open church with some gentle music and a calm atmosphere. We are hoping to reach out to the local residents in this mad world of conflicting information and high stresses for some, but extreme loneliness for others and provide a space where people can just have some quiet time, relieve their loneliness with a chat or maybe just sit for a while and recharge their batteries' Claire adds that all faiths are welcome and people may stay for 5 minutes or the whole hour.

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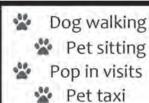
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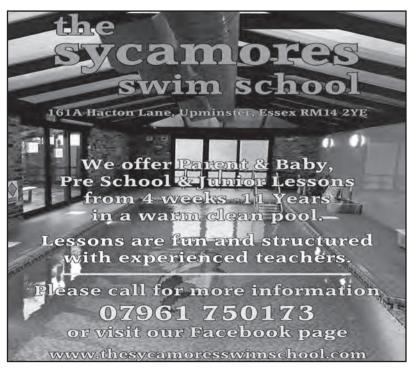


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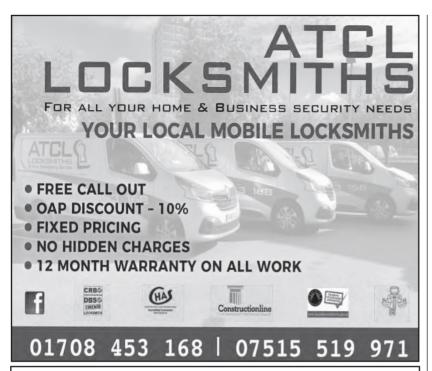
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- 9 Friday Scottish Country Dancing, every Friday at St Laurence Church Minor Hall RM14 2BB. 10.00 to 11.45 am. Beginners welcome. Further details from Fiona 07976 438950
- 11 Sunday OASIS A 'disability-friendly' meeting, 3.00 to 4.30 pm at Cranham Baptist Church, Severn Drive. Oasis meetings are for adults with disabilities and their carers. All our meetings are accessible, friendly and informal. Contact the Oasis Team on 01708 223551 or 07714 853545.
- 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 Nelmes Women's Institute meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month and welcome new members of all ages. Meetings are held at Nelmes United Reformed Church Hall (corner of Nelmes 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.
Havering U3A meets at 2:30pm
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month at St. Michael's Church
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throughout the month. www.
u3asites.org.uk/havering (No talk
in August)

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.

- 17 Upminster Tithe Barn Museum of Nostalgia, in Hall Lane Upminster Open (10.30am to 4pm).
- 19 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.
- 20 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.
- 20 Tuesday Upminster Dementia Choir. All Saints Church Hall, 10.30am-11.00am for tea and coffee with the choir starting from 11.00am-12.00. Every other Tuesday. The session is £1.00 per person. We would love you to join us! If you would like any further details please contact gillian.ford@ havering.gov.uk or telephone: 01708 641317
- 20 Tuesday Upminster U3A Jeff
  Page Annie Besant and the Match
  Girl Strike. 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
- 20 Tuesday Upminster Camera Club meet Tuesdays at 7:45pm for an 8:00pm start at Cranham Community Association, Marlborough Gardens, Cranham, RM14 1SR. Monthly Projected Digital Image. www. upminstercameraclub.org.uk
- 21 Wednesday Deyncourt Ladies
  Probus 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
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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 Prvor 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 on the last Wednesday of the month. Living with the Ghosts of the Tower of London - Brian D'Arcy. 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.

#### **SEPTEMBER**

3 Tuesday - Oglethorpe W.I

"The Tower of London and its prisoners" is the talk presented by Brian D'Arcy. 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.

- Saturday **Cake Decorating Club**. Fairkytes 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.
- 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. 'County Records, J.Ps, Petty & Quarter Sessions' with Alec Tritton. The Internet & Technology Group meet at the same venue 11am where a O&A session is followed by 'Going Paperless, The Ultimate Challenge' by Alec Tritton. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.
- **Upminster Tithe Barn Museum of** Nostalgia, in Hall Lane Upminster Open (10.30am to 4pm).



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The Cranham Residents Association have held monthly evening Ward meetings for many, many years. Guest speakers have included local historians, local charities, council officers, health professionals and the bus company. This was also an opportunity to speak to the Cranham Safer Neighbourhood Police team and your Cranham Ward Councillors. Times have changed and people have many other commitments and channels where they can get local information and access to the police and Ward Councillors. Our Ĉafe4U drop-in sessions are becoming so popular that less people are coming along to the Ward meetings. We have therefore taken the decision to bring this piece of history to a close, with July being the last Cranham Ward meeting. We are however, still available via email and telephone and one hour monthly day time drop in sessions held in Cafe4U, Front Lane on the third Thursday of every month between 11:00-12:00. We will also be developing more targeted meetings, on specific issues, for example Upminster Pitch & Putt and more recently a meeting with the residents of Chipperfield Close. We do hope you have found the Ward meetings of value over the years, but we recognise the need to move with the times and would welcome your views on a possible evening hour long drop in session, for those of you who work.

Cranham Ward Chair and Cranham

## **De-Brief**

We attended the de-brief of the We Are FSTVL festival last month, where the things which did not go quiet right were discussed. Drugs still managed to find a way into the festival, despite searches. We have been assured that all staff and traders will be searched next year, and possibly there will be no camping, as searching camping equipment takes too long.
It is thought that the opening time of 4.00pm is wrong, placing a well known act on at 2.00pm might help spread the arrival times of People.

Alleviating the problem of too many arriving at the same time. There was a stampeded of people trying to enter on Saturday - caused mainly by an IT failure with people queueing for over 3 Hours. Some people fainted and lobbing in a few bottles of water into the crowd did not help.

This will be addressed next year by making the queueing area bigger, so people can sit down if necessary, and having the correct number of security staff present.

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## Christmas lights

Although early to think about Christmas, we have been discussing the event this year, and have decided to make the date Thurs 21st Nov. As it's so popular, we have decided to keep the format similar to previous years, with free rides in the school, an elfie trail, singers, dancers



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Come and play tennis in Upminster at the friendly and welcoming Cranston Park Lawn Tennis Club! New Head Coach, Lee Duncan, of the Coniston Avenue club writes, "We boast eight brand new fully floodlit tennis courts, a great clubhouse, lounge area, kitchen, changing rooms and showers. And a bar with club prices!" From absolute beginners to improvers to playing socially- and representing competitive teams - from ages four to ninety-four. There are Mini, Junior and Adult coaching programmes, holiday time camps; and Lee offers individual coaching. Lee has exciting plans to expand our programme. He said, "We also have Quiz nights, barbecues and tribute acts! Come

and get fit, enjoy playing tennis and meeting new friends at your premier local tennis club!" Membership enquiries: pennywood hall @virgin media.comAll other enquiries contact Lee at tenniscoach@hotmail.co.uk.

## Adult **Badminton**

The Hall Mead Friends Association are looking for new adult badminton members for their "pay as you play" sessions at Hall Mead School, Marlborough Gardens, Cranham on a Monday evening in Hall Mead Sports Hall. Monday evenings 7:30pm to 9:30pm (term time only), £4 a session. For more details please email jhand@ hallmeadschool.com

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### Windmill AGM

Your Upminster Councillors were pleased to attend the Windmill's AGM, along with many Volunteers. After an interesting up-date of the progress of the repairs to the mill, which is on schedule to open in the Spring next year, a talk about the fantastic garden, which has been designed from scratch, was given. We were then able to tour the mill itself and see the garden first hand. Socialising with a cheese and wine did give us an opportunity to talk to the volunteers and get to know everyone. It was a useful and educational evening

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN Cllr RON OWER Cllr CHRIS WILKINS

# **Upminster Cricket Club v Essex CCC**

The Annual Benefit Match will be played at the Recreation Ground on Sunday, 8 September next from 1.30 pm onwards. Funds raised from the fixture will be devoted to The Essex Cricket Foundation, a charity formed for the continuing development of cricket within the County.

## Planning Application Refusal

Further to the article in a recent Bulletin on this Planning Application as below for 180-182 Exchange House, St Marys Lane..
Conversion and extension of existing office building to provide 7 no. 2 Bedroom flats including extension at third floor level. Construction of two-storey building providing 2 no. 2 Bedroom flats in the rear (south) of the plot. Associated car parking provision, hard & soft landscaping.

The council decided to refuse the application.

Cllr RON OWER

## Clean up - Hall Lane Playing Fields

2nd Cranham cubs carried out a litter pick. They set off from their Scout hut picking rubbish along the way. They continued to find and collect rubbish



Lane playing fields. In total they collected an incredible three and a half large sacks of rubbish. Not only did this action help the community, it also went towards a number of the Cubs badges. The Cubs leaders would like to Havering Council for providing the equipment and disposing of the collected rubbish and to Councillor Gillian Ford for organising.

David and Corrine Dutch 2nd Cranham Cubs

## **Help Wanted**

The Residents Association require volunteers to deliver the Bulletin to local shops and business in Upminster. Please contact Chris on 07960 059195 if you can assist.

## Firework Display

The Upminster School Annual Firework Display will be taking place on their school field on Saturday 2nd November. The display starts at 6.30pm with the gates opening at 5pm and closing at 6.20pm. Entry to the event can be gained via the school entrance at the side of the Crumpled Horn pub. There will be a barbecue and refreshments. Tickets will be on sale outside the school entrance next to Superdrug on Saturday 26th October (between 10am and 2pm) and from Monday 29th October from 3pm to 3.30pm in the school playgrounds (outside both the infant hall and the school office). Tickets are priced at £6 for adults, £4 for children (4 and over) and £1 for pre-school children. A family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) is also available

Tickets will also be on sale on Saturday 2nd November outside the school entrance next to Superdrug (between 10am and 2pm) or on the gate (subject to availability) from 5pm. The ticket price on the day is £7 for adults and £5 for children and £1 for pre-school children. A family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) is also available at £22. Please do try and get your tickets early to avoid disappointment. If you have any questions please contact pa@upminsterschoolsparents.co.uk"

## Cranham Ward Meeting Dates

If you wish to meet your Cranham Councillors to discuss a concern in person, you can do so on the following: **Thursdays at Cafe4You, 99 Front Lane, Cranham** (below the Cranham Social Hall) between **11am-12 noon** on: **2019** 19th Sep, 17th Oct, 21st Nov & 19th Dec. **2020** - 16th Jan, 20th Feb, 19th Mar, 16th Apr & 21st May.

## **Upminster Ward Meeting Dates**

Please note that the August surgery for Upminster will be held on Mon 12th August, from 10-11.00am, at the smaller Costa's, on the Eastern side of Station Road. Our contact details are to the left, if you need to contact us before then.

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