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Save Our Shops

Further to previous articles concerning the decision by the Conservative Administration to take away the 30-minute free parking period in Upminster and Hornchurch, it is obvious that it is still causing a dramatic fall in income in our local shops!

At the end of August a large number of people went to Upminster Library for a public meeting with the Leader of Havering Council, in an attempt to point out the problems we are experiencing. Sadly, he was not prepared to answer the points put to him and walked out at of the meeting early, only to report that he was in a West End theatre before the time the library meeting was due to end! You have to ask yourself whether he ever had any intention to stay and answer questions?

At the end of September, a large crowd again protested outside the Town Hall before the Full Council Meeting, to show Councillors their concerns about the parking and also the threat to local green spaces, such as the Hall Lane Pitch and Putt course.

At the meeting, clearly with an eye on a general election being called in the near future, the Council Leader said that they would be looking into the parking charges but that any changes would not be brought in until the next financial year. Waiting until then is simply not good enough and so we will continue to push for the return of the 30-minute free parking, together with a review of other parking charge increases.

With this in mind, together with our Residents' Association colleagues across most of Havering (but not Harold Wood of course – they support the Conservatives!), we have put a motion down at November's Full Council Meeting to re-introduce the free 30-minute period immediately. To leave it another five months would be disastrous.

We will keep you updated in future Bulletins.

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

School Council Alliance Anti-Bullying March

The Upminster School Council Alliance is made up of the school council representatives from a group of schools based in Upminster who unite at various times during the year to raise awareness about issues important to them. On Friday 15th November over 100 pupils from school councils in Upminster will march around the town centre to raise awareness about bullying. This event will mark the end of Anti-Bullying week with children carrying banners and placards showing their support for children and adults who are bullied or discriminated against.

Joseph Fielder
Deputy Headteacher
Branfil Primary School

Chapmans Farm Update

Planning application P1673.18 for the demolition of existing livery yard buildings and the building of nine houses at Chapmans Farm, Hall Lane, Upminster, has been refused planning permission. The restricted visibility for pedestrians and vehicles was recognised along with a substantial suburban incursion into the Green Belt, that would have a detrimental impact on the street-scene and the character of the area.

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We did it! Thank you...

We've raised £9,391 which includes £3000 from the Residents Association to get public access defibrillators in Upminster and Cranham Wards in memory of Cllr Clarence Barrett. A huge thank you to everyone who has donated and we hope that these public access defibrillators will hopefully save someone's life. We are working with London Hearts Charity to place these at locations in residential and retail areas in Upminster and Cranham, the mission of London Hearts is to ensure that every person in the UK is at all times within 100 metres of a fully functioning and available public access defibrillator, this is something if Clarence had survived would be fighting to deliver in our community. Clarence was passionate about the area he lived and supported and we are so grateful to all the donations and kind letters and messages from you, the community in Upminster and Cranham. Next month we will have finalised the locations and are very grateful to the local organisations we have approached to help us site them. We are hoping the life-saving defibrillators will go up in November and supported with training locally with London Hearts on Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and how a defibrillator works. Next month we can update you on

the locations and dates of the training that will be available.

Thank you once again.

The Barrett family



Upminster Christmas Lights

We are delighted to inform you that this years Christmas Lights event takes place on Thursday 21st November late afternoon in Station Road. As usual there will be a range of events Carol Singing, Father Christmas etc. If you wish to participate please contact Linda on lindahawthorn@hotmail.co.uk or Chris on 07960 059 195.

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Residents/Visitors Parking Permits

Further to articles in the Bulletin regarding the Council trying to introduce 'parking permits', we have been informed that Havering have launched a 'parking review consultation' in several areas including Upminster, Emerson Park, Hornchurch and Harold Wood.

The council state that '.....We are launching an online questionnaire that residents and businesses can respond to and some hard copies will also be available in libraries. At the same time the business engagement sessions are an opportunity for businesses from Hornchurch and Upminster to talk to the council about their concerns around parking in the area.....we will notify businesses and residents of the results and next steps.....either the end of this year or early next year.

We will promote this through social media, the local media, posters and word of mouth.....I know that it was mentioned that letters were going to be sent to households and businesses to notify them, but due to the size of the consultation, it will be too costly.'

This review is apparently aimed at finding out what parking problems there are in parking in town centres and surrounding areas. The consultation is available online at www.havering.gov.uk/parkingreview and ends on 22 November. Emails

can also be sent to parkingreview@havering.gov.uk.

The Residents' Association have several concerns -

1. A previous consultation in Upminster, in particular on the introduction of permits, resulted in an overwhelming response of NO!
2. The leading questions in the survey appear to encourage the introduction of Controlled Parking Zones, with residents and visitors all having to pay to park on the street.
3. The lack of information for those who do not have internet access or go to the library, means that many will miss out on the opportunity to make their feelings known. This is discriminatory.
4. Residents' Association councillors were not allowed to attend the businesses meeting with the Council Leader, once again excluding us from the democratic process in Havering.

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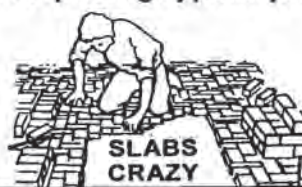
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Sunny Open Day At Allotments

The Stewart Avenue Allotments' Open Day, held on 17th August, was a resounding success. The weather was kind, the show had many attractions with a record number of visitors able to enjoy them, as well as seeing prizes awarded for best produce. There were a number of inspiring exhibits, with Russ Barnett winning Best in Show for his courgettes. Visitors also voted for their favourite scarecrow - the winner being 'Molly' by Paula and Emma Brown. The show also supported the environment by using re-useable cups and plates for refreshments and recycled plant pots for children to decorate and plant with herbs. There were also stands from Upminster Horticultural Society and Upminster Camera Club. The event was sponsored by the Upminster Tap Rooms, Sweet Rose Cakery and James Read Opticians, as well as

Upminster and Cranham Residents' Association - a big thank you for this support. The event demonstrated what a great project this is, which benefits the whole community. If you would like to find out about renting a plot please see their website www.stewartavenueallotments.org.uk or email stewardsaallotments@outlook.com. There is a Trading Hut at the allotments every Sunday from 10-12



Chris Wilkins & Jackie Whitehead
Photo: Luke Fernandez

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Christmas Fayre

Come and have fun at The EPFA Christmas Fayre on Saturday 23rd November from 11.00-14.00. There is something for all the family. Visit Santa in his grotto, arts and crafts, fun children's games, tombola, BBQ, Market Hall, Grand Prize Drawn and

lots more. See you there. Engayne School, Severn Drive, RM14 1SW.

Murder Mystery

Due to the enormous past successes of the Player's series of Murder Mystery plays & quiz evenings, they are once again inviting audiences to follow the clues and work out 'Who Dunnit?' this autumn. The Murder Mystery play evenings are mixed with observation and general knowledge quizzes with a dusting of song and laughter ensuring that a great time is had by all. This year, there is a dastardly murder at the Cedar Woods home for retired people. The usual tranquillity is disturbed by intrigue and suspicion, requiring the detective skills of those famous detectives, Inspector Long and Sergeant Short. Will you agree with their findings? Will you guess the murderer or will you, by skill of deduction beat them to it? The Retirement Home Murder written & Directed by Gerry Sweeny, will be presented at All Saints Church, Vestry Hall, The Chase, Cranham, RM14 3YB on Friday 15th & Saturday 16th November. Curtain 8pm. Tables up to 8 persons £8pp on sale now. Bring own drinks and snacks. Call Box Office 01708 221923.

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Cranham Golf Course

Havering Council have received a Planning Application Reference P 0096.19 as follows "an outline application for proposed adventure golf facility with ancillary overspill car parking associated with existing course"

The proposed course is alongside the course in St. Marys Lane, Upminster. We will keep you up to date on this.

Coopers Coborn Fireworks Display

Come along to the Coopers Coborn School Annual Fireworks Display on Saturday 9th November 2019. Gates open at 5.30 p.m. with the display due to start at 6.30 p.m. Limited free parking available on site. BBQ/ Bar and Live Music throughout the evening. Tickets on the night £6 Adults, Children £4. Cheaper Advanced tickets including a family ticket from the School Shop or Office.

Thank You

Upminster Golf Club would like to extend a massive thank you to all the local and neighbouring businesses who kindly donated towards the charity day, Romford Snooker Club,

Café Bloom, Floral Affair, Crondon Park Golf Club, Osteria Due Amici, M & Co, Philomina T/A Fashion Quarter, Playgolf Colchester, Queen's Theatre, Vapoever, UGC Pro Shop, Aura Health and Beauty, Fishy Business, Orin Richards, Nick Rose of Crowlands Gold Club, Cannons Brook, Bells Blinds, Sorrento Italiano Restaurant, Thorndon Park Golf Club, Filati Mens Clothing, Roomes Stores, Colne Valley, The Tea Cosy, Kushoom Bugh Restaurant, Paint Emporium, Studio Florists, Spec Savers, Waitrose, Sweet Rose Cakery, Upminster Jewellers, Bently GC, Salon 52, Table 19, James Read Optician, Diss GC, Jodie Dartford of Upminster GC, Chris Jenkins of Crowlands GC. Captains Ken Rhodes along with Lady Captain Margaret Osborne would also like to thank all the members and guests who kindly donated money on the day. All proceeds being divided equally to go to both the Alzheimer's plus the Essex and Harts air ambulance charity's. Captain Ken would personally like to thank golf professional Chris Jenkins from Crowlands Golf Club for introducing two of Essex top major PJA professionals Simon Khan plus Robbie Coles who both kindly donated their services.

So far this year throughout the summer months Upminster golf and Bowls club has had numerous event days there was a very successful all day fun packed family day with a live band in the evening numerous guest days plus an abundance of entertainment evenings. If you are a male or female or a junior golfer that may be interested in joining, new membership's are currently available. Social memberships are also available which allow you to enjoy the benefits of both bar along with our fine À la cart restaurant. To become member of probably the friendliest club in

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St Andrews Christmas Market

Please note the church hall hosts the Christmas Market from 10am to 3pm on Saturday 23rd November. Stalls include Tombolas, Books, Toys, Gifts, Cakes, China Smash and refreshments.

Havering Literary Festival

Havering Literary Festival will be running again this year from 04-22 November. There will be children's authors and illustrators, workshops, panels and more. Many familiar names will be appearing, including the following - Martina Cole (best-selling crime author), Dorothy Koomson (award-winning novelist), Dan Cruickshank (art historian), Alice Roberts (BBC

Anthropologist), Adele Parks (Author) and Simon Clader (travel expert). Events will be taking place in the borough's libraries and you can now purchase tickets online at www.haveringliteraryfestival.eventbrite.co.uk or at any library.

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Festive Flower Evening

If you are looking for Christmas inspiration or just a relaxing evening out, Upminster Floral Art Society have just the ticket. Come along on Wednesday 20th November to see floral designer Kathryn Stangaard create some wonderful festive flower arrangements as she entertains you with floral tales and tips. Kathy is a very popular local east London demonstrator with great style and flair. This will be our end-of-year event with refreshments provided from 6.45pm. We welcome visitors to all our monthly events every third Wednesday of the month in the New Windmill Hall. This year we celebrate 65 years of our Society providing floral fun and friendship. Contact: Margaret 01708 471977.

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Havering Singers Events

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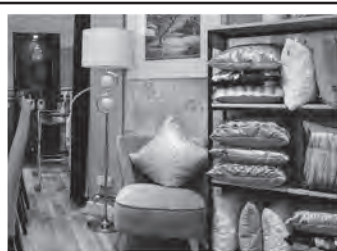
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Events for the beginning of the festive season include:

Celebrate the 'Good old Days' in music and song at a delicious cream tea on Friday 15h November from 2.30-4.30pm at the Forest Centre. Booking is essential at £9 per person. Find a unique Christmas gift at the Christmas Craft Fair on 16th and 17th November between 10am and 4pm each day at the Forest Centre. 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.

Test your general knowledge at our Xmas Cracker Quiz Evening on Friday 22nd November from 7pm at the Old Chapel, Upminster. Play in tables of 8 with tickets £6 per person from the Forest Centre.

Discover more about Thorndon Country Park on a guided walk on Saturday 30th November from 10am. Learn about this historic landscape and the restoration of the parkland. If you wish to support the incredible work that the Community Forest has achieved in the last 30 years in re-greening this part of East London and South West Essex you can join our Thames Chase Trust Supporters Scheme to help us into the next 30 years.

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Havering Singers Concert

November 16, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm. This will be a special evening. With Jonathan Rathbone at the helm, we will perform Brahms German Requiem accompanied by two excellent pianists at the same piano keyboard. Described as four hand piano accompaniment we are delighted that Tim Smith and Leo Nicholson will be undertaking this exciting performance. It will challenge your preconceptions about how this work should go. The venue for this concert will be Holy Cross Church, Hornchurch Rd, Hornchurch RM11 1PX.

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Look forward to hearing from you,
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Junk For Saint Francis Hospice

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Doreen has been volunteering at our Harold Hill retail store for 18 years, turning one person's junk into another person's treasure. You name it, Doreen makes it: aprons, peg bags, jewellery, baby blankets and soft toys — all from odds and ends, sometimes broken. As summer winds down and the nights draw in, it's time for falling leaves, crisp air, pumpkin in everything, and bugs to crawl back to where they came from. It's also when Doreen's cosy comfort blankets and cuddly rag dolls are in high demand. This autumn, we're appealing for you to drop what you would usually throw in the bin to your local store for Doreen to work her wonders on. She needs your beads, gems, curtains, cloth, broken jewellery, and torn clothes. Now 75, Doreen doesn't miss a trick. She's still got her finger on the fashion pulse and moves with the times to deliver the latest trends. If you'd like to donate your old rags

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Doreen and her husband, Kelvin

Charity Ball

Home-Start Havering a local charity based in Havering supporting families either practically or emotionally with at least one child under 5 are holding their first fundraising Charity Ball on Saturday 30th November at Upminster Masonic Hall, Deyncourt Gardens. Prosecco on arrival, 3 course meal, wine on table, live music along with auction and raffles. Arrival time 6.15pm, Dinner 7pm, Carriages 12pm. Ticket price £40.

If you would like to come and support us please contact Lorraine 01708 455551.

Rugby Youth Section

Old Cooperians R.F.C. Mini and Youth Section officially start back at The Pavilion, Coopers Co. and Coburn School, Upminster on Sundays, 1015hrs for a 1030hrs start. We are very keen to continue growing the club and saving children from a life of Xbox and drudgery. We would appreciate your assistance in telling everyone how wonderful we are and bringing along friends, family and neighbours especially U5's (Reception), U6's (Y1) and U7's (Y2). For further details contact the Old Cooperians R.F.C. Membership Secretary - Margaret Persaud; 07745 133342, ocrfc.mnymembership@gmail.com

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- 11 Monday - Havering branch Essex Wildlife Trust** illustrated talk by Mary Smith on Orchids of Britain and abroad. Meetings held on the 1st floor, Hornchurch Library, 44 North Street, RM 11 1TB, Parking at rear, Lift to 1st floor, 8.00 -9.45pm.
- 12 Tuesday - The Arts Society, Havering** (formally NADFAS Havering) welcomes Mr James Bolton with a talk on 'Repton and the Picturesque'. Lecture 10.45am Coffee from 10.00am. Visitors welcome at £8. Meetings are held at The New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster RM14 2QH. Further details of forthcoming lectures and events can be found at www.tashavering.org.uk
- 12 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@haverling.gov.uk or telephone: 01708 641317
- 12 Tuesday - Upminster Camera Club**. Safari Evening Judging. Every Tuesday at 7:45pm for an 8:00pm start. Cranham Community
- Association, Marlborough Gardens, Cranham, RM14 1SR.
- 13 Wednesday - Havering U3A**. "Reflections of Post War London" by Bernard Lockett. 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
- 13 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.
- 13 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.
- 15 Friday - Havering Antique Collectors Club** meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood. 7.30 for 8.00 - Guests £5. Art Deco Silver & Jewellery. Chairman Mrs Chris Lovett 0794 7367258. Annual Membership only £30.
- 18 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.
- 19 Tuesday - Cranham Engayne W.I.** welcomes new members and visitors. Meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2 pm to 4 pm at the Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens.
- 19 Tuesday - Upminster U3A** Nick Dobson London: A City in Turmoil. 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

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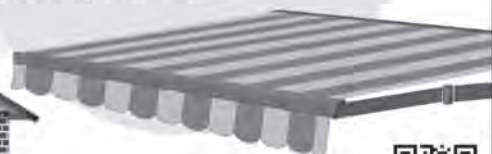
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at 11.30 am lunch is 12.00pm and
we have a speaker to follow. Please
contact Julia Deverill for further
details on:- tel. 01708745788
Email:- frelia.deverill@talktalk.net

20 Wednesday - Upminster Floral
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Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane,
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01708 471977.

21 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. Contact
John Robson on 01708 744023,
Margaret Murray on 01708470240
or simply come along on the night.
You will be most welcome.

27 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),
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For more information contact
Deborah Pryor on 01708 226127
or Ann Monk on 01708 226305 or
simply come along.

27 Wednesday - Upminster and
District Probus Club meet at
The Cranleigh, 84 Station Road,
Hornchurch, RM12 6LX on the
last Wednesday of the month.
Dave Wilcox - London Through
the Lens. Contact Barry on 01708
703783 and leave a message
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upminsterprobus.com.

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

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3 Tuesday - Oglethorpe W.I Our
Christmas Celebration. Members
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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.

7 Saturday - Cake Decorating and
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Details from Joy 01708 767145.

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Christmas Tree Festival

Now Autumn is with us and Christmas decorations are creeping into the shops, Upminster Methodist Church is getting ready for the annual Christmas Tree Festival. This will be the ninth year the church has arranged this and it provides a lovely introduction for all ages to the Christmas season.

The theme this year is "Space-Out of this World" and we have invited local schools and organisations from the church and community to decorate trees for this event using this idea. The opening times are Saturdays 10-4pm, Sundays 2-5pm, Weekdays 2-6pm.

The Festival opens on Saturday 30th November at 10am and there will be refreshments available all day. 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 to see the trees. Entrance is free: donations to our chosen charities.

For more details please contact the Church Office 01708222278 or email upminstertreefest@outlook.com

the many well known composers whose name begins with the letter R and will include, among others, music by Rimsky-Korsakov, Rodrigo, Ravel, Respighi and quite possibly Sigmund Romberg and Richard Rogers.

27th November - 1939 in Music & Song - presented by Brian Luck. Despite the storm clouds of World War 2 looming there was some wonderful music during the year that brought us the films *Gone With the Wind* and *Wizard of Oz* plus shows by Ivor Novello and Jerome Kern while Glen Miller made some of his most famous recordings. Local musician Brian Luck will have spent much time sifting through musical material from 1939 to present a nostalgic and memorable programme.

Admission to all programmes is free but we do ask for a nominal contribution to interval refreshments. All the music is from recordings played on high quality sound equipment. The programmes commence at 7.30pm ending by 9.30pm and are held in the 1st Floor main meeting room, Hornchurch Library, North Street (buses 165, 256 & 370 stop nearby). For any further information contact Stephen Raindle 01708 470670 or email sraindle@aol.com

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 30th November 2019. 6ft table tops will be supplied for £10. Sellers arrive between 07.30 - 9.00.

Wednesday Music Evenings

13th November - Just Say 'R' - presented by Stephen Raindle. Not a programme about going to see the doctor but a celebration of a few of

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However one certainty has been Westway Travel supporting the High Street and the local community. Joining us from the Tui shop is

local girl Becky Hitchins and we are pleased to announce that we have just sponsored local football team Havering Borough. It was sad to hear about Thomas Cook but Trevor Prior reports that none of Westway clients lost a holiday or money. He said "we have always offered caring service in difficult times and now or in the future will be no different. Local people support us and we in turn want to support them whenever we can"

Lexington Way

Parking in Lexington Way has been a concern for some time. We have all received concerns from residents on this matter. There were previous proposals to have restrictions on parking on both sides of the road for the entire length. This was not pursued given the concern about the lack of parking spaces in the areas overnight and at weekends. We are aware that commercial vehicles park in the bays which are half on and off the pavement. Following checks with the Highways department, we can confirm that there are no restrictions on what type of vehicle can use and park in Lexington Way. If these commercial vehicles park outside the marked bays, this can be reported to the Council on 01708 432787. It is appreciated these vehicles can cause some concern, but having investigated the issue, we are told they are not doing anything unlawful.

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Upminster CC v Essex CCC

The Annual Benefit Match was held at The Recreation Ground on 8 September last. The event was blessed with fine weather and was well attended by the Upminster public. Essex sent a strong side comprising the majority of their First X1 and not surprisingly won the match convincingly. Nevertheless it was good experience for the young Upminster players. A cheque for £3,500 was presented to the Essex Captain, Simon Harmer in aid of the Essex Cricket Foundation, a Charity formed for the development of cricket in all forms within Essex. All remaining funds generated by the Club will be devoted to the promotion of their Youth Section. The Club extends its' gratitude to all the residents that attended the game and for their generous support.

David Parish

Police Update

At the recent Upminster ward Panel meeting the police informed us that given the increase in robberies and shop lifting in the area, joint operations with the British Transport Police were being undertaken. The Station is an access point used and officers will be there identify and deter those who maybe planning crimes in the area. These joint operations will take place at unspecified times. There has been an increase over the summer of theft from Sheds and we are all reminded to keep sheds locked. Work is continuing with shopkeepers giving advice on the prevention of thefts. Thefts from and of motor vehicles is still significant and we are reminded not to keep things on display in our vehicles and to ensure, when left, they are securely locked. The future of the Corbets Tey office is still uncertain but it will be open until at least the end of November.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

Street Lighting

We were asked recently why three columns had the lamps taken out and were taped up. Please see reply from the Council:
"Thank you for your enquiry concerning lighting in The Shrubbery and Meadow Way. I have been informed by Highways, Traffic and Parking that three columns were cut down, as they were structurally un-safe. Orders have been raised to replace them and it is anticipated that these works will be completed before 9th November 2019." In fact the lights were up and running in October.

Cllrs LINDA HAWTHORN,
RON OWER, CHRIS WILKINS

Trees

Further to my colleague Linda Hawthorn 's article in last months Bulletin regarding the replacement of the six dead or diseased trees in Springfield Gardens, Upminster. They will be replaced by flowering

cherries. We have received confirmation from the Council that the tree, that was also diseased, outside the Holland & Barrett shop at Bell Corner will also be replaced in the forthcoming planting season which runs from this month to March 2020. Linda has been very successful in getting trees replaced and new locations planted in Upminster.

Cllr RON OWER

Cranham Police SNT Drop-in Dates

Below are the dates for the Cranham Police Safer Neighbourhood Team drop-in sessions, for the rest of the year. All are to be held at **St Luke's Church**, Front Lane, 12 noon to 1pm.
Nov - Wed 13th, Wed 20th, Tue 26th
Dec - Mon 9th, Wed 18th, Mon 30th

New Trees in Front Lane

A few months ago a local resident contacted me to suggest that extra trees be planted on the grass along Front Lane, Cranham, in the area near to Griffin Avenue and the flats in Gadsden Close, to brighten up the area further and help absorb carbon dioxide. This seemed like a very good idea and so I approached Havering Council. Having considered the matter, the council have now agreed to plant an additional five trees along this stretch of grass during the next planting season (November to March). It is nice to see that something positive can come out of a simple suggestion and I look forward to seeing the trees in place.

Cllr JOHN TYLER

Cranham Ward Meeting Dates

Do you have an issue or concern you would like to raise with a Cranham Ward Councillor? Why not come along to, Cafe4You, 99 Front Lane, Cranham (below the Cranham Social Centre) between 11am-12 noon on:
2019 - 21st Nov and 19th Dec.
2020 - 16th Jan, 20th Feb, 19th Mar, 16th Apr & 21st May.

Upminster Ward Meeting Dates

Please note there is no Upminster Ward meeting this month. Next month on the 4th December we will be at St. Joseph's Hall, St. Marys Lane at 7.30pm. Our November surgery will be at Costa Coffee on the eastern side of Station Road on Monday 11th from 10am to 11am. Our contact details are on page 22 if you need to contact us before then..

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