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Christmas In Upminster

Back in 2013 your Residents Councillors decided to have a proper event in Upminster for the Christmas. This event has grown every year in it's popularity...

A record number of local residents attended the Christmas Lights event on Thursday 21st November. Thanks to the Upminster Bell School for allowing the fun fair rides to use their car park in St. Marys Lane. The children enjoyed the free rides and we in the Residents Association were pleased to sponsor these.



There was a variety of stalls along Station Road including our friends from the Windmill together with a nice selection of commercial stalls. Waitrose were giving away some nice minced pies.. Great to have the choir from the local Churches Together and LMT Dance School. Gemstarz Dancers and The Decibellas Girl Band all performing.

Together with The Toy Story Characters and singing from Elsa and Anna from Frozen.



Thanks must also go to Havering Street watch, local Radio Station Time FM and the Police. First Aid was provided by Primary Ambulance. We were joined by our Cranham Councillor colleagues John Tyler and Linda Van den Hende and Laurance Garrard, David Godwin and Paul Knight from the Emerson Park Residents Association.

Havering East Rotary also managed to get Santa to attend with the children enjoying meeting him.

Special thanks must go to Jacqui Best and Nicola Bowen from the Council's Communications Department for their huge input in putting the event together.

Councillors LINDA HAWTHORN RON OWER & CHRIS WILKINS

Happy New Year

We hope you have all had a great Christmas and wish you a very Happy New Year.

Firstly I would like to thank all our volunteers, who have over the past year continued to help deliver the Bulletin and collect subscriptions, and who have also yet again exceeded our expectations.

The Association would also like to extend a very warm welcome to all the new households that joined us in 2019. We are looking forward to working with and representing you in 2020. Last year was another challenging and busy year for the Residents' Association. Sadly, in March Councillor Clarence Barrett, our Group Leader, passed away. He was one of the good guys, a truly honourable man, and the Town Hall and our local community will not be the same without him. Frustratingly, we also firmly believe that the minority Conservative administration has not been taking on board the views of our local residents in Upminster and Cranham. This is clear in the way they introduced the increased parking charges, as well as the withdrawal of the 30 minutes free parking in Upminster. In addition, there has been a number of planning applications to build housing on both Upminster's Pitch and Putt and the Cranham Brickfields site. Local opposition to these proposals to build on our public spaces and green belt has rightly been very strong. Your local Resident Association's Councillors, in conjunction with local residents and businesses will continue to strongly oppose these unpopular policies and planning proposals imposed on our community by the minority Conservative administration. To end on a positive note, this year's Christmas' Lights event in Upminster was very well attended, and it was great to see so many local residents there, especially the children enjoying themselves. As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with ideas or issues you would like us to contest or celebrate on your behalf.

Here's to another productive and fruitful New Year.

Councillor CHRIS WILKINS

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Outline Planning Application on Green Belt

Over 200 residents attended a public meeting held by the Cranham Ward Councillors at the end of November to discuss the outline planning application to develop 98 properties to the rear of Kerry Drive. Details from each of the submitted reports were discussed starting with what developer proposes to develop: 18 - 2 bed houses, 30 - 3 bed houses, 12 4/5 bed houses, 21 - 2 bed flats and 17 - 1 bed flats, which would be in multiple blocks which would be 2 - 3 storey in height. The proposal suggests there would be 160 parking spaces and that the residents would not be required to open their windows due to the ventilation systems they will introduce, mitigating against the noise from the M25 and air pollution. However the increase in vehicular traffic would compound the noise and impact on air quality for existing residents, with no access to noise and air improvement options.

The site is within the green belt and the applicant suggests the special circumstances justification is through Havering's lack of delivery in housing quotas, in accordance with the Mayor of London's, London Plan. The site has seen natural growth over the years and a number of trees on the site are protected with Tree Preservation Orders. The out-line application proposes the removal of at least 9 trees that have TPO's, along with the loss of the natural environment for our local wildlife. Cranham Councillors will be keeping a close eye on the application and will update residents as and when information becomes available.

Cllr GILLIAN FORD

Upminster Police Update

From 4th December the Upminster SNT (Safer Neighbourhood Team) will have its full complement of officers, 2 PCs and 2 PCSO's, together with our Sgt Bargus who we share. This is good news and should mean

more visibility in the Town Centre in particular. There is some good news on motor vehicle crime with a reduction of thefts of vehicles from 31 to 15 for the same three months in 2018. The news on residential burglary is not so good with an increase from 15 to 18 in the same period in 2018. Make sure doors and windows are locked when the property is empty and with the dark evenings, lights on a timer switch are recommended. There has been an increase to 12 from 4 in robbery in the same period. Most victims and perpetrators are school children. The message is, keep mobile phones hidden as most of these crimes are opportunist. There have been some successes in the joint operations with British Transport Police, where drugs have been found and potential perpetrators warned to keep away from the area. There will be some speed gun activity over the next few weeks. In the past most of those speeding have been local, which is always disappointing. It appears that the Corbets Tey office will remain as the base for Cranham and Upminster officers for the foreseeable future, This is being kept under review.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

Filati, Upminster

We have received some nice comments on how well the Christmas Window display at Filati, the Mens Clothes shop in Station Road, looks. Well done.

Subscriptions

We have tried to reach a record number of homes this year. If we were unable to get to you and left an envelope please return it to us. Subscriptions per household are still only £2 per year. We need to raise funds to assist you our community. A warm welcome to new members.

Windmill Quiz Night

The windmill's annual quiz night will take place on Saturday 29th Feb, 2020, it's a leap year, at St. Laurences Church main hall in Corbets Tey Road. 7.30pm start, tables of 8, bring your own food and drink. Tickets are £6 each. This is always a popular event, so please book early. Contact Cllr Linda Hawthorn on lindahawthorn@hotmail.co.uk or on 01708 225451. All profits to go to our restored windmill.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

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Lower Thames Crossing Update

Archaeological Trial Trenching beginning soon

Highways England are currently undertaking a series of ground investigations and surveys at locations in Thurrock, Havering and Gravesham. Details given are: These surveys are helping us improve our proposals and develop our application for the Development Consent Order.

What are we doing?

We are digging shallow trenches to assess the archaeological features of a site.

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The noise level of these investigations is similar to a tractor or other farm machinery.

Where will the investigations take place?

The locations for the trial trenches are mainly on private farmland, on or near the proposed route alignment.

The work may be visible from nearby roads and properties.

When will work take place?

The first phase of these surveys will start in November 2019 and continue until March 2020.

Most of the work will take place Monday to Friday 8am - 6pm with the possibility of some weekend working.

Balfour Beatty will be carrying out these works on behalf of Highways England, alongside Oxford Archaeology who specialise in archaeological excavations. They will be wearing PPE which will be branded with Lower Thames Crossing, working on behalf of Highways England.

We provide further details on where and when these surveys will take place on our website, as well as a Frequently Asked Questions section.

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/archaeological-trial-trenching-and-surveys-on-the-lower-thames-crossing/>

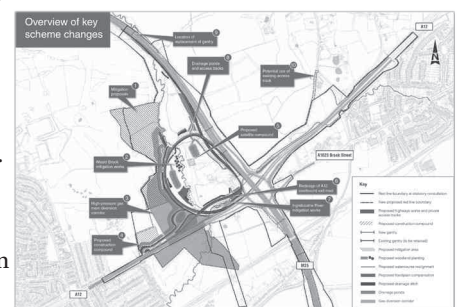
M25 Junction 28 Improvement Scheme – Supplementary Consultation

Highways England have undertaken a supplementary consultation on the M25 Junction 28 Capacity Improvement scheme. This follows some design changes to the scheme following statutory consultation that was held earlier this year. The proposed scheme involves the provision of a new two-lane loop road between the M25 anti-clockwise and associated slip roads. The proposed loop road will exit the M25 to the north of the existing junction and then circle round to join the A12 eastbound. Information on the proposed scheme changes

can be found at <https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/he/m25-junction-28-supplementary-consultation/>

10 Key proposals are outlined in the consultation:

1. Mitigation proposals
2. Weald Brook mitigation works
3. High-pressure gas main diversion
4. Proposed construction compound
5. Proposed satellite compound
6. Redesign of the A12 eastbound exit road
7. Ingrebourne River mitigation works
8. Drainage ponds and access tracks
9. Location of replacement of gantry
10. Potential use of existing access track



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For further details see www.landofthefanns.org/land-fanns-100-stories/ or call 01708 642 970.

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Trees

It has been drawn to my attention that where some pavements are being refurbished, the tarmac goes right up to the base of the established trees. This is only a temporary measure and a cut out for the tree will be done later, if you know of any which have been missed, please let me know (contact details are on page 22).

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

Free Yoga/Barre Taster Sessions

A Fine Balance Studio is holding a Free taster afternoon on Sunday 19th January to encourage people to look after their health and well-being. There are three 45 minute free classes that can be attended for new customers. 1.15pm Beginners Yoga | 2.15pm Yoga Flow | 3.15pm Barre Fit. For further information and T&C see <https://www.afinebalance.me/freeclasses>

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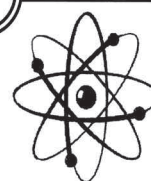


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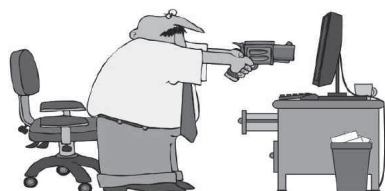
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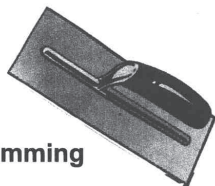
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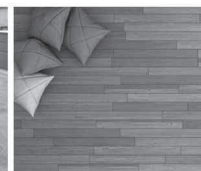
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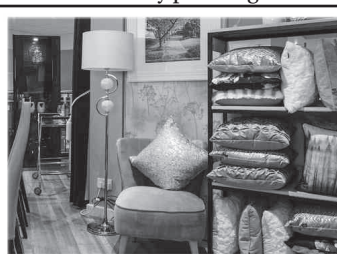


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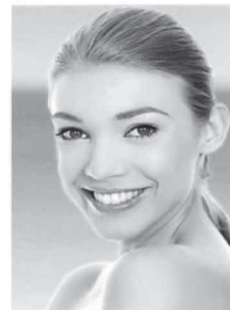
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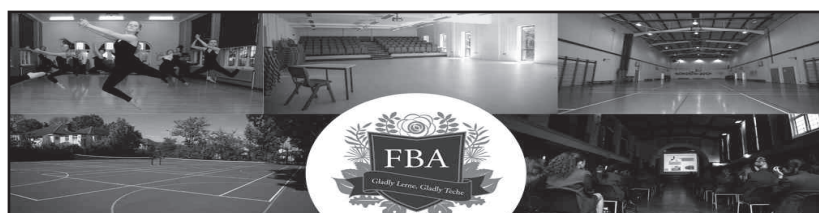
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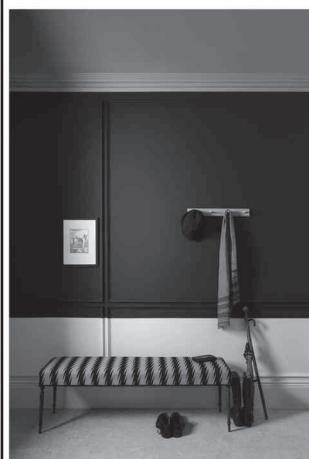
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Thursday 5th March Magic - A Kind of Queen excellent tribute to Queen. Friday 20th March to Sunday 22nd March - Greatest Show Tunes, Celebration of musicals.

Friday 3rd April Story of The Beatles. Saturday 11th April The Bachelors, this promises to be a fantastic evening with Con and Dec original voices of the band.

Further details on the Brookside Theatre Web Site of the above and many other wonderful productions. Box Office 01708 755 775.

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Electric Vehicle Charging Points Havering Rates Poorly

Recently published Government figures for the number of electric vehicle charging points per 100,000

people has shown that Havering is in the bottom 20% of local authority areas in the UK. The figures show that in the borough we have only 11 charging points.

This news is a concern to the Upminster and Cranham Residents' Association councillors, particularly as we have one of the highest rates of car use in the London area, and will be something that we will push to have significantly improved.

The Government is presently urging local authorities to apply for some of the £5 million funding available to help build up local charging infrastructure and increase access to charge points for drivers.

The Government website giving details is available via maps.dft.gov.uk/ev-charging-map/.

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Vanilla Bake Club

Vanilla Bake Club regulars will be welcoming in the New Year with their all time favourite recipes on 13th January 2020, for our evening themed "I love this". Why not bake your favourite recipe and come along? We meet at 6.30pm at the Old Chapel, Sacred Heart of St Mary School in St Marys Lane.

If you haven't been to one of our

events before, this is how it works: we all bake something in line with the theme, sweet or savoury, bring it along to share with our members. There's plenty of tea, coffee and chat with a friendly crowd of regulars and you may pick up a baking tip or recipe or two. At the end of the evening there are always lots of goodies to take home if you haven't managed to try everything. There's no joining fee or membership but we charge £5 per session to cover unlimited tea and coffee and hall hire. How better to spend a Monday evening? For more information call Jennifer on 07940828154, email vanillabakeclubupm@gmail.com, or visit our Facebook page.

Saint Francis Hospice's £50 Challenge

The concept is simple, the competitiveness is exhilarating, and the fulfilment is enormous. It's time to pit your wits against other businesses. It's time for the Saint Francis Hospice £50 Challenge 2020.

If you're looking for a way to boost staff morale during the dreaded month of January, Saint Francis Hospice has just the tonic. On 13th January next year, the Hospice will hand your business a £50 note.

Your mission: to turn that £50 into as much money as possible.

Your timeframe: 10 weeks.

The possibilities are endless: from quiz nights to bungee jumps, shaved heads and waxed legs. Whether you're a fish n' chip shop, hairdressers, builders or bank, let your creativity and entrepreneurship run amok. The winner will be decorated in a special prize-giving at the Saint Francis Hospice Business Awards in May. The Awards will also be celebrating the impact all participants have made on the Hospice.

NC Construction in Hornchurch will sponsor the 2020 Challenge. The construction company has been a major corporate supporter of Saint Francis Hospice for the past two years, raising over £11,000.

Last year, 23 business took part, collecting more than £18,000. Time FM came out on top, raising over £5,000. The Romford-based radio station encouraged listeners to

dedicate a love song to their other half on Valentine's Day — for a fee of £5. Can you out-do Time FM and get one over on your fellow businesses? Blast those January blues by making a difference to people who really need a new year's cheer.

The Challenge is open to any business in the UK, and you can sign up online <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TZ5KDVV>

For more information, please call Tom or Adam on 01708 753 319 or email the Saint Francis Hospice Corporate Partnerships team at corporatefundraising@sfn.org.uk

Good luck!

50+ Keep Fit

50+ Keep Fit restarts after the Christmas break on Tuesday 7th Jan 1.30pm at Cranham Social Centre, Front lane. RM141XN.

Wednesday 2pm on 8th Jan at St Laurence Church Hall, Upminster. RM14 2AJ

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Inherited State Pension - Many missing out

The Government has urged people whose spouses died before April 2016 and before reaching State Pension age, to check whether they may be eligible for a higher State Pension due to their late spouse's National Insurance contributions. The Department of Work and Pensions have said that around 250,000 people are receiving an inherited State Pension but there are likely to be thousands more who would be eligible but are not aware.

The Pensions Advisory Service, who give free professional, independent and impartial advice, have more information via their website www.pensionsadvisoryservice.org.uk/about-pensions/the-state-pension/death-benefits. Alternatively, you can call them on 0800 0113797.

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

Havering East Rotary Club, every Tuesday 7.00 for 7.30, Upminster Golf Club, Hall Lane, Upminster. Tel 01708 224607.

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.

8 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.

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.

10 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.

12 Sunday - OASIS - A 'disability-friendly' meeting FOR ALL AGES at Cranham Baptist Church, Severn Drive. 3.00 to 4.30 pm. Oasis contact nos: 01708 223551 or 07714 853545.

13 Monday - Havering branch Essex Wildlife Trust Illustrated talk :- "The wonderful world of wildlife photography" - Peter Clayton, local wildlife photographer shows some of his wonderful wildlife photos. 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. A donation of £3.00 towards hall hire,

includes tea/coffee and biscuits. Contact Secretary Joy Emerson 01708 440297.

14 Tuesday - The Arts Society, Havering (formerly NADFAS Havering) welcomes 'A Workshop' (bring your queries). 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

14 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

14 Tuesday - Upminster Camera Club. Monthly Projected Digital Image. Every Tuesday at 7:45pm for an 8:00pm start. Cranham Community Association, Marlborough Gardens, Cranham, RM14 1SR.

14 Tuesday - Upminster & District Horticultural Society, Darren Lerigo will look at ways people garden around the world and asks if we can steal any ideas for our own patch at home. The lectures are held in the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster. Beginning at 7.45pm with our AGM followed by Lecture until 9.45pm. Entrance is free to members and is £2 for non-members. For more information visit www.upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk

Wednesday - Havering U3A. No event Jan. 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

15 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 contact Julia Deverill for further details on:- tel. 01708745788 Email:- frelia.deverill@talktalk.net

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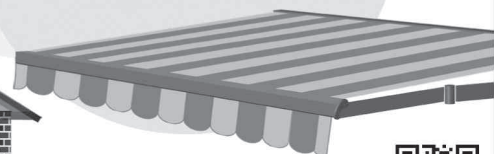
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16 Thursday - Upminster Wine and Social Club

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. Contact John Robson on 01708 744023, Margaret Murray on 01708470240 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. 7.30 for 8.00 - Guests £5. Charlie Haylock - History Of Spoken English - Part Two.. Chairman Mrs Chris Lovett 0794 7367258. Annual Membership only £30.

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

Ian Davidson - Cyber Fraud and Home Security. 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. P Jones - How to do Everything and be Happy. 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.

FEBRUARY

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. 'Kings of Essex' by Julian Whybra. The Internet & Technology Group meet at the same venue 11am-1pm where a Q&A session is followed by a 'A Workshop' (bring your queries). Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.

1 Saturday - Cake Decorating and Sugarcraft Club.

(not July or August) at Royal British Legion, 205 High St, Hornchurch, RM11 3XT. 1.30 to 4pm. A very friendly club and beginners are welcome. Cost £8 includes refreshments. Details from Joy 01708 767145.

4 Tuesday - Oglethorpe W.I

Jewellery Making with Sharon Gould. 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.

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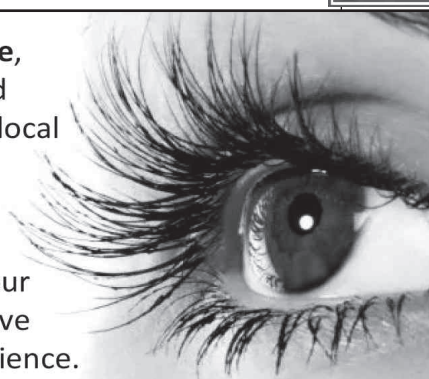
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room, Cheeky Cockle Cranham, Preston's Bakery Cranham, Sweet Rose Cakery, The Station Pantry, Lefke Restaurant and Bar, Boo's Boutique Cranham, The Boutique Hair Salon Upminster. Look out for the signs in the windows, and let any vulnerable person you know, what sign to look out for.

Cllr GILLIAN FORD



Healthwatch Havering's Friends Network

Healthwatch Havering are a small group of part-time workers and volunteers who help shape healthcare services across the borough, from hospital trusts to GP surgeries and care homes. To increase the work they are able to do, they recently launched

a 'Friends Network'. The 'Friends Network' are a group of residents and other people with a connection to Havering, who volunteer to take surveys and pass on their experiences of healthcare across the borough. If you would like to know more about Healthwatch Havering or join their Friends Network e-mail: enquires@healthwatchhaverling.co.uk, ring 01708 303300 or visit www.healthwatchhaverling.co.uk/

All Saints Players

All Saints Players present "Sinbad the Sailor His 8th Voyage" a pantomime by Alan P Frayn at All Saints Church Hall, Ardleigh Green Road, RM11 2LG on Thursday, Friday, Saturday 16/17/18 January 2020 at 8pm with a matinee performance at 2.30pm on the Saturday, tickets £7.50. Details from 01708 456683 or boxoffice@allsaintsplayers.org.uk After adventures aplenty on his previous 7 voyages, Sinbad returns home for good. But, when the Persian Pearl of Peace mysteriously disappears, Sinbad must set out on an epic adventure to clear his name and rescue the Caliph's beautiful daughter

- Princess Miranda. Will Evilena and the wicked Old Man of the Sea win the day? Or will Fortuna show Sinbad the way?

Local Police Twitter Accounts

Links to the Cranham and Upminster Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams official Twitter pages are now available via our website (www.ucra.co.uk). See the 'Upminster Police' and 'Cranham Police' links on the right hand side of every page. These Twitter accounts are updated regularly and give a useful idea of what our local officers have been doing.

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Deliverers Needed

We need several volunteers in Upminster Ward (South of Upminster railway station) to deliver Bulletins each month around 40 copies. Sometimes we need help for when a regular deliverer is on holiday etc. We also need a car owner that can drop off Bulletins to around 4/5 deliverers each month. If you could assist please contact Chris on 07960 059195. Many thanks.

The Upminster & District Horticultural Society

14th January 2020 - What do I do with this Space? - Darren Lerigo Plus the Society's AGM

Darren is a topiary artist and gardener. You may have seen some of his topiary work on the TV, in Country Life magazine and the Guardian. His talk tonight looks at how to reduce maintenance in the garden, how people garden in places like Scandinavia, Japan and by the sea, and asks can we steal any of these ideas for our own patch at home. We start with our AGM at 7.45pm followed by our lecture and finishing at 9.45pm. There will be an interval for tea and biscuits. Entrance is free to members and is £2 for non-members. You can find out more about our society by visiting our website www.upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk

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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.mnynmembership@gmail.com

The senior team are also on the lookout for new members, if anyone is feeling the urge to take to the field and look as 'buff' and finely honed as our coaching staff!

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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: 2020 - 16th Jan, 20th Feb, 19th Mar, 16th Apr & 21st May.

Upminster Ward Meeting Dates

Our January Surgery will be at the Huntsman and Hounds on Mon 13th Jan 2020, from 11.00am till noon - why not pop in and have a chat, let us have your opinion on local events and hear what's going on - if you need to contact us before then out details are to the left.

No ward meetings

Please note there are no ward meetings this month.

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